

**RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
April 14, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.
8805 Independence Way
Alamosa, CO 81101
And By Zoom Teleconference**

Present: Greg Higel, President; Armando Valdez, Vice-President; Zeke Ward, Secretary/Treasurer; Elliott Salazar, Director; Sheldon Rockey, Director; Kim Cooley, Director; and Dale Hazard, Director.

Absent: Mark Deacon, Director and Doug Gunnels, Director.

Staff and Consultants: David Robbins and Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Amber Pacheco, Deputy General Manager; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Quinton Norris, Program Manager; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant; and, Michael Carson, Database Administrator.

Guests: Chris Lopez, Deb Sarason, William Myers, Patrick Ortiz, Michelle Lanzoni, and Larry Brown.

CALL TO ORDER

President Greg Higel called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. There was a quorum present for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF AND GUESTS

President Higel welcomed all those present and asked for introductions.

APPROVE AGENDA

President Higel asked for amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Elliott Salazar to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Zeke Ward and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Higel asked for public comment. There was none.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 1 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN

President Higel asked for the review and consideration of the following action items:

Quinton Norris provided an overview of the Subdistrict No. 1 2026 Annual Replacement Plan (ARP). He went over the surface water deliveries, recharge, projected groundwater withdrawals, net groundwater consumptive use and total depletions. Mr. Norris highlighted the replacement water sources, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Subdistrict No. 5 and the MOU with the Great Sand Dunes National Park. He went over the post-plan depletions and explained why the Subdistrict is requesting the District to act as a financial guarantor for post-plan depletions.

- ***Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 1 to use a portion of the Closed Basin Project for the replacement of injurious depletions***

A motion was made by Sheldon Rockey to approve the Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 1 to use 1,903 acre-feet of Closed Bason Project water for replacement of injurious depletions as presented. The motion was seconded by Elliott Salazar and unanimously approved.

- ***Resolution for Approval of the 2026 Annual Replacement Plan***

A motion was made by Sheldon Rockey to approve the Resolution for Approval of the Subdistrict No. 1 2026 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Elliott Salazar and unanimously approved.

- ***Consideration of the RGWCD acting as a financial guarantor for post-plan depletions***

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to approve RGWCD to act as financial guarantor for post-plan depletions for Subdistrict No. 1. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey and unanimously approved.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 2 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN

President Higel asked for the review and consideration of the following action items:

Angelo Bellah provided an overview of the Subdistrict No. 2 2026 Annual Replacement Plan (ARP). He reported on the projected NRCS forecast, number of Subdistrict wells, groundwater withdrawals, net groundwater consumptive use and the post-plan depletions. He also highlighted the remedy sources to cover the depletions.

- ***Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 2 to use a portion of the Closed Basin Project for the replacement of injurious depletions***

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to approve the Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 2 to use 1,169.91 acre-feet of Closed Basin Project water for replacement of injurious depletions as presented. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey and unanimously approved.

- ***Resolution for Approval of the 2026 Annual Replacement Plan***

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to approve the Resolution for Approval of the Subdistrict No. 2 2026 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Elliott Salazar and unanimously approved.

- ***Consideration of the RGWCD acting as a financial guarantor for post-plan depletions***

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to approve RGWCD to act as financial guarantor for post-plan depletions for Subdistrict No. 2. The motion was seconded by Kim Cooley and unanimously approved.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 3 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN

President Higel asked for review and consideration of the following action items:

Angelo Bellah presented a summary of the Subdistrict No. 3 ARP. He went over the projected NRCS forecast, groundwater consumptive use, total impacts and total post-plan depletions. He presented a graph showing the stream depletions, reported on the number of secured forbearance agreements and highlighted the remedy sources.

- ***Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 3 to use a portion of the Closed Basin Project for the replacement of injurious depletions***

A motion was made by Elliott Salazar to approve the Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 3 to use 1,644.64 acre-feet of Closed Basin Project water for the replacement of injurious depletions as presented. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey and unanimously approved.

- ***Resolution for approval of the 2026 Annual Replacement Plan***

A motion was made by Elliott Salazar to approve the Resolution for Approval of the Subdistrict No. 3 2026 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey and unanimously approved.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 6 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN

President Higel asked for review and consideration of the following action items:

Angelo Bellah reported on the water savings from the Pumping Reduction Program (PRP). He provided the number of wells covered in the ARP and reported on a CPW well to be used as an alternate point of diversion projected groundwater withdrawals. He also highlighted monthly stream depletions, post-plan depletions, and the remedy sources. Mr. Bellah presented a list of forbearance agreements.

- ***Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 6 to use a portion of the Closed Basin Project for the replacement of injurious depletions***

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to approve the Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 6 to use 3,805.62 acre-feet of Closed Basin Project water for the replacement of injurious depletions as presented. The motion was seconded by Elliott Salazar and unanimously approved.

- ***Resolution for Approval of the 2026 Annual Replacement Plan***

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to approve the Resolution for Approval of the Subdistrict No. 6 2026 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Elliott Salazar and unanimously approved.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 4 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN

President Higel asked for review and consideration of the following action items:

Chris Ivers provided the number of wells included in the ARP, the projected groundwater withdrawals, irrigation season and post-plan depletions. He also highlighted the contracts with Tim Lovato and the Town of Saguache. Mr. Ivers reported on the Well Injury Payment (WIP) agreements and MOU with Subdistrict Nos 1, 4, and 5.

- ***Resolution for Approval of the 2026 Annual Replacement Plan***

A motion was made by Sheldon Rockey to approve the Resolution for Approval of the Subdistrict No. 4 2026 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Armando Valdez and unanimously approved.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 5 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN

President Higel asked for review and consideration of the following action items:

Chris Ivers highlighted the number of wells and augmentation wells included in the ARP. He provided the 2026 groundwater allocation percent, projected groundwater withdrawals, depletions and post-plan depletions. Mr. Ivers reported on the contract with the Town of Saguache and described the MOU with Subdistrict Nos. 1 and 4. He reported the Subdistrict would be requesting 150 acre-feet from the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

- ***Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 5 to use a portion of the Closed Basin Project for the replacement of injurious depletions***

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to approve the Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 5 to use 188 acre-feet of Closed Basin Project water for the replacement of injurious depletions as presented. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey and unanimously approved.

- ***Resolution for Approval of the 2026 Annual Replacement Plan***

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to approve the Resolution for Approval of the Subdistrict No. 5 2026 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Elliott Salazar and unanimously approved.

Armando Valdez commented on the contributions, unity and efforts of the Board of Managers and asked staff to extend that out to them. Sheldon Rockey thanked staff for their efforts as well. Elliott Salazar acknowledged Jason Lorenz's expertise and his efforts in helping with the understanding of sustainability.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION-MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TRINCHERA SUBDISTRICT

President Higel asked for the review and possible action on the Memo of Understanding (MOU) with Trinchera Subdistrict.

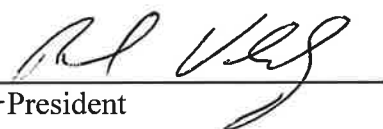
Amber Pacheco explained how the MOU came about and was drafted by Trinchera's legal counsel. She described the Trinchera Subdistrict's unique situation with dry up on reach three (3) of the Rio Grande and a possible solution to utilize the Closed Basin Project water to exchange one for one. David Robbins described the District and its authority with the decree for the Closed Basin Project. Pete Ampe commented on the physical capability to accomplish the solution.

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to approve the MOU with the Trinchera Subdistrict. The motion was seconded by Elliott Salazar and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2026.


Vice-President


Secretary/Treasurer

**RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**TO ALLOW SUBDISTRICT NO. 1 TO USE A PORTION OF THE CLOSED BASIN
PROJECT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF INJURIOUS DEPLETIONS UNDER THE
2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 14, 2026, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 1 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 1”) was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage in the unconfined aquifer of the Closed Basin for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 1; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 1 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan (“ARP”) showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well pumping and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

WHEREAS, the production from the Closed Basin Project can and should be used as a source of water to remedy injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well Pumping.

R E S O L U T I O N

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District that:

1. The District anticipates that the vast majority of this Project Water will be used to replace non-irrigation season depletions from October 31 through March 31. There may be circumstances during the irrigation season when Subdistrict No. 1 cannot deliver water to the Rio Grande below the Chicago Ditch due to intervening dry stream reaches or excessive losses in deliveries. In those circumstances, the District believes Project Water is an appropriate replacement source, but intends that its use during the irrigation season be minimized.

2. The inclusion of 1,903 acre-feet of water from the production of the Closed Basin Project as a source of supply in the Subdistrict No. 1 2026 Annual Replacement Plan (“2026 ARP”) and the use of said water under the 2025 ARP to remedy injurious depletions is approved.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: *Zeke Ward*
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

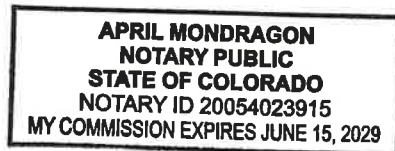
By: *Greg Higel*
Greg Higel
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
) ss
STATE OF COLORADO)

Subscribed and sworn to me this 14th day of April, 2026, by Greg Higel, President,
Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

Witness my hand and seal.

My commission expires: 6-15-29



April Mondragon
Notary Public

**RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**APPROVING THE 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 14, 2026, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 1 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District ("Subdistrict No. 1") was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage in the unconfined aquifer of the Closed Basin for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users with the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 1; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 1 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions.

RESOLUTION

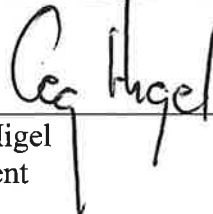
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District that:

1. The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District hereby accepts and approves the 2026 Annual Replacement Plan of Special Improvement District No. 1 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

ATTEST:

By: 
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

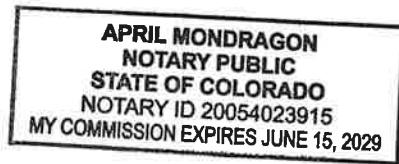
By: 
Greg Higel
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
) ss
STATE OF COLORADO)

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April Mondragon
Notary Public

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

April 14, 2026

RESOLUTION FOR THE DISTRICT TO ACT AS FINANCIAL GUARANTOR OF THE REPLACEMENT OBLIGATIONS OF SUBDISTRICT NO. 1

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“District”) does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 1 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 1”) was created to ensure remedy of injurious stream depletions to senior water rights resulting from the withdrawal of groundwater from wells in Subdistrict No. 1 and to conserve and stabilize the water supply and amount of groundwater in storage for irrigation and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 1; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 1 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan (“ARP”) showing, among other things, the predicted injurious stream depletions caused by Subdistrict Well pumping and the manner in which Subdistrict No. 1 will remedy those stream depletions; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 1 continues to work diligently to obtain permanent and/or renewable supplies to remedy future stream depletions caused by present or future groundwater withdrawals by Subdistrict No. 1 wells, and

WHEREAS, at the present time it is impossible for Subdistrict No. 1 to acquire a sufficient quantity of water as a permanent supply to cover total post-plan injurious stream depletions after this Plan Year.

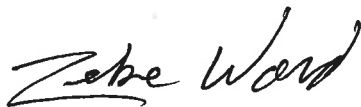
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District on the 14th day of April, 2026 that:

1. In order to address the issue identified above, the District, which is created by statute and has a mill levee which provides an annual and consistent stream of monies, will act as a financial guarantor itself if Subdistrict No. 1 were to fail or otherwise be unable to replace injurious stream depletions caused by the lagged effects of past and present groundwater withdrawals by Subdistrict No. 1 wells.

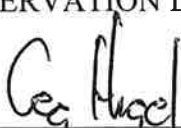
2. The District will provide funds to acquire water or compensate parties directly to ensure injured parties are kept whole. This mechanism will act as a temporary measure to assure future replacement of injurious stream depletions until Subdistrict No. 1 is able to obtain permanent and/or renewable supplies to remedy future stream depletions caused by present or future groundwater withdrawals.

3. If Subdistrict No. 1 were to fail, the individual well owners of the former Subdistrict No. 1 would have to obtain plans for augmentation or take other measures to comply with rules and regulations governing existing groundwater withdrawals. Presumably, those plans would be required to replace these post-pumping stream depletions into the future. In the interim, the District would protect senior surface rights as explained in this Resolution.

ATTEST:

By: 
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

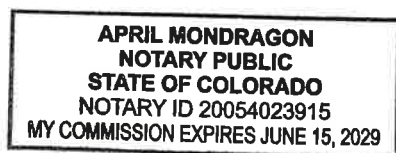
By: 
Greg Higel
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
) ss
STATE OF COLORADO)

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Witness my hand and seal.

My commission expires: 6.15.29




Notary Public

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

April 14, 2026

RESOLUTION FOR THE DISTRICT TO ACT AS FINANCIAL GUARANTOR OF THE REPLACEMENT OBLIGATIONS OF SUBDISTRICT NO. 2

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District ("District") does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 2 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District ("Subdistrict No. 2") was created to ensure remedy of injurious stream depletions to senior water rights resulting from the withdrawal of groundwater from wells in Subdistrict No. 2 and to conserve and stabilize the water supply and amount of groundwater in storage for irrigation and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 2; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 2 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan ("ARP") showing, among other things, the predicted injurious stream depletions caused by Subdistrict Well pumping and the manner in which Subdistrict No. 2 will remedy those stream depletions; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 2 continues to work diligently to obtain permanent and/or renewable supplies to remedy future stream depletions caused by present or future groundwater withdrawals by Subdistrict No. 2 wells, and

WHEREAS, at the present time it is impossible for Subdistrict No. 2 to acquire a sufficient quantity of water as a permanent supply to cover total post-plan injurious stream depletions after this Plan Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District on the 14th day of April, 2026 that:

1. In order to address the issue identified above, the District, which is created by statute and has a mill levee which provides an annual and consistent stream of monies, will act as a financial guarantor itself if Subdistrict No. 2 were to fail or otherwise be unable to replace injurious stream depletions caused by the lagged effects of past and present groundwater withdrawals by Subdistrict No. 2 wells.

2. The District will provide funds to acquire water or compensate parties directly to ensure injured parties are kept whole. This mechanism will act as a temporary measure to assure future replacement of injurious stream depletions until Subdistrict No. 2 is able to obtain permanent and/or renewable supplies to remedy future stream depletions caused by present or future groundwater withdrawals.

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**RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**TO ALLOW SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 TO USE A PORTION OF
THE PRODUCTION OF THE CLOSED BASIN PROJECT FOR THE REPLACEMENT
OF INJURIOUS DEPLETIONS UNDER ITS 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 14, 2026, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 2 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 2”) was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 2 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 2 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan (“ARP”) showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

WHEREAS, the production from the Closed Basin Project can and should be used as a source of water to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from wells included in the Subdistrict’s 2026 ARP.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District that:

1. The District anticipates that the vast majority of this Project Water will be used to replace non-irrigation season depletions from November 1 through March 31. There may be circumstances during the irrigation season when Subdistrict No. 2 cannot deliver water to the Rio Grande below the Chicago Ditch due to intervening dry stream reaches or excessive losses in deliveries. In those circumstances, the District believes Project Water is an appropriate replacement source, but intends that its use during the irrigation season be minimized.

2. The inclusion of 1,169.91 acre-feet of water from the production of the Closed Basin Project as a source of supply in the Subdistrict No. 2 2026 Annual Replacement Plan and the use of said water under the 2026 ARP to remedy injurious stream depletions is approved.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: *Zeke Ward*
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

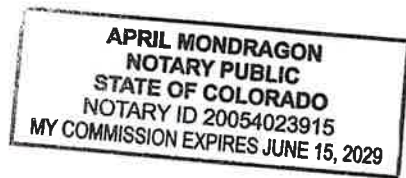
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

April 14, 2026

**APPROVING 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District ("District") at a special meeting held on April 14, 2026, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 2 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District ("Subdistrict No. 2") was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 2 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 2 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District on the 14th day of April, 2026 that:

The District hereby accepts and approves the Subdistrict No. 2 2026 Annual Replacement Plan.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

By: _____

Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

By: _____

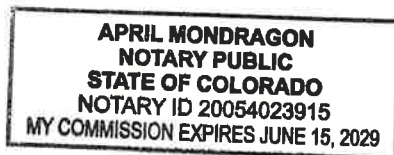
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**RESOLUTION
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**TO ALLOW SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 6 TO USE A PORTION OF
THE PRODUCTION OF THE CLOSED BASIN PROJECT FOR THE REPLACEMENT
OF INJURIOUS DEPLETIONS UNDER ITS 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 14, 2026, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 6 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District ("Subdistrict No. 6") was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 6 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 6 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan ("ARP") showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

WHEREAS, the production from the Closed Basin Project can and should be used as a source of water to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from wells included in the Subdistrict's 2026 ARP.

R E S O L U T I O N

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District that:

1. The District anticipates that the vast majority of this Project Water will be used to replace non-irrigation season depletions from November 1 through March 31. There may be circumstances during the irrigation season when Subdistrict No. 6 cannot deliver water to the Rio Grande below the Chicago Ditch due to intervening dry stream reaches or excessive losses in deliveries. In those circumstances, the District believes Project Water is an appropriate replacement source, but intends that its use during the irrigation season be minimized.

2. The inclusion of 3,805.62 acre-feet of water from the production of the Closed Basin Project as a source of supply in the Subdistrict No. 6 2026 Annual Replacement Plan and the use of said water under the 2026 ARP to remedy injurious stream depletions is approved.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: *Zeke Ward*
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

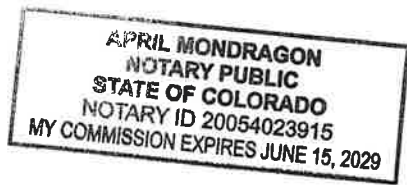
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

April 14, 2026

**APPROVING 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 6
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 6 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District ("Subdistrict No. 6") was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 6 and remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 6 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions, and the status of the sustainability of the Confined Aquifer underlying Subdistrict No. 6; and

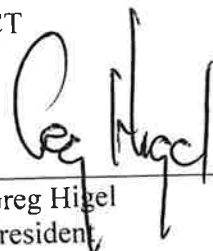
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District on the 14th day of April, 2026, that:

The District hereby accepts and approves the Subdistrict No. 6 2026 Annual Replacement Plan to run from May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

By: 
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

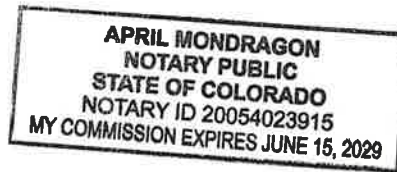
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) ss
STATE OF COLORADO)

Subscribed and sworn to me this 14th day of April, 2026, by Greg Higel, President,
Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District

Witness my hand and seal.

My commission expires: 6.15.29



April Mondragon
Notary Public

**RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**TO ALLOW SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 TO USE A PORTION OF
THE PRODUCTION OF THE CLOSED BASIN PROJECT FOR THE REPLACEMENT
OF INJURIOUS DEPLETIONS UNDER ITS 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 14, 2026, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 3 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 3”) was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 3 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 3 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan (“ARP”) showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

WHEREAS, the production from the Closed Basin Project can and should be used as a source of water to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from wells included in the Subdistrict’s 2026 ARP.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District that:

1. The District anticipates that the vast majority of this Project Water will be used to replace non-irrigation season depletions from November 1 through March 31. There may be circumstances during the irrigation season when Subdistrict No. 3 cannot deliver water to the Rio Grande below the Chicago Ditch due to intervening dry stream reaches or excessive losses in deliveries. In those circumstances, the District believes Project Water is an appropriate replacement source, but intends that its use during the irrigation season be minimized.

2. The inclusion of 1,644.64 acre-feet of water from the production of the Closed Basin Project as a source of supply in the Subdistrict No. 3 2026 Annual Replacement Plan and the use of said water under the 2026 ARP to remedy injurious stream depletions is approved.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: *Zeke Ward*
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

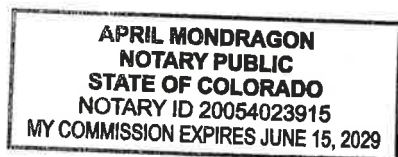
By: *Greg Higel*
Greg Higel
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
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STATE OF COLORADO)

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Notary Public

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

April 14, 2026

**APPROVING 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District ("District") at a special meeting held on April 14, 2026, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 3 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District ("Subdistrict No. 3") was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 3 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 3 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District on the 14th day of April, 2026 that:

The District hereby accepts and approves the Subdistrict No. 3 2026 Annual Replacement Plan.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

By: _____

Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

By: _____

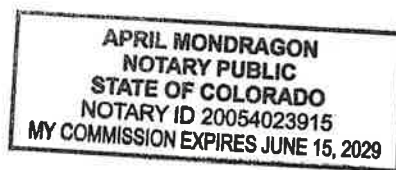
Greg Higel,
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
) ss
STATE OF COLORADO)

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My commission expires: 6.15.29



April Mondragon
Notary Public

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

April 14, 2026

**APPROVING 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District ("District") at a special meeting held on April 14, 2026, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 4 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District ("Subdistrict No. 4") was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 4 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 4 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District on the 14th day of April, 2026, that:

The District hereby accepts and approves the Subdistrict No. 4 2026 Annual Replacement Plan.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

By: _____

Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

By: _____

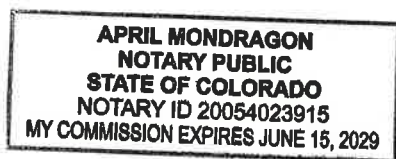
Greg Higel
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
) ss
STATE OF COLORADO)

Subscribed and sworn to me this 14th day of April, 2026, by Greg Higel, President, Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District

Witness my hand and seal.

My commission expires: 10-15-29



April Mondragon
Notary Public

**RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

APRIL 14, 2026

**TO ALLOW SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 5 TO USE A PORTION OF
THE PRODUCTION OF THE CLOSED BASIN PROJECT FOR THE REPLACEMENT
OF INJURIOUS DEPLETIONS UNDER ITS 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 14, 2026, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 5 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 5”) was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 5 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 5 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan (“ARP”) showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

WHEREAS, the production from the Closed Basin Project can and should be used as a source of water to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from wells included in the Subdistrict’s 2026 ARP.

R E S O L U T I O N

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District that:

1. The District anticipates that this Project Water will be used to replace depletions from May 1st, 2026 – April 30th, 2027, on the Rio Grande.

2. The inclusion of 188 acre-feet of water from the production of the Closed Basin Project as a source of supply in the Subdistrict No. 5 2026 Annual Replacement Plan and the use of said water under the 2026 ARP to remedy injurious stream depletions is approved.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: *Zeke Ward*
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

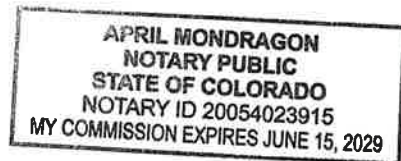
By: *Greg Higel*
Greg Higel
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
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STATE OF COLORADO)

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My commission expires: 6.15.29



April Mondragon
Notary Public

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

April 14, 2026

**APPROVING 2026 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 5
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District ("District") at a special meeting held on April 14th, 2026, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 5 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District ("Subdistrict No. 5") was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 5 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 5 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

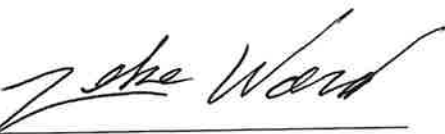
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District on the 14th day of April, 2026 that:

The District hereby accepts and approves the Subdistrict No. 5 2026 Annual Replacement Plan.

ATTEST:

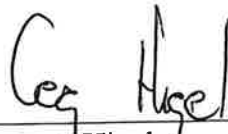
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

By:



Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

By:



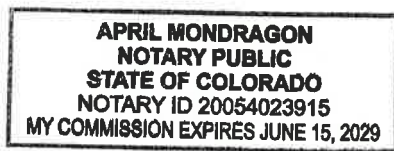
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COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
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STATE OF COLORADO)

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Notary Public