

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S
FUNDING REQUEST TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the Heber Public Utility District recognizes the importance of conserving Colorado River water supplies for local beneficial use, via use of best management practices and operational efficiency;

WHEREAS, the District acknowledges that Imperial Irrigation District (IID) has long been committed to supporting efficiency in water conservation and water accounting efforts; and

WHEREAS, it has come to District's attention that IID is pursuing through the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, a funding opportunity under the recently announced Small Surface and Groundwater Storage Program (Program); and

WHEREAS, IID is preparing a funding proposal under the Program for a new operational reservoir that would be located upstream of IID's water distribution system in the southeastern Imperial Valley (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Project would be constructed for the operational management of up to 1,000 acre-feet per day of water (reservoir capacity of 2,100 acre-feet) with anticipated annual conservation yields of up to 15,000 acre-feet or approximately 4.9 billion gallons of water; and

WHEREAS, District board members were presented, at its November 17, 2022 regularly scheduled board meeting, with an opportunity to support the Project, as stakeholders and users of IID's sole Colorado River water supply; and

WHEREAS, the District wholeheartedly supports IID's efforts to augment local water supplies by maximizing water management efficiency via the proposed Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT that it supports IID's funding proposal to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for an operational storage reservoir under the Small Storage Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Heber Public Utility District on this 17th day of November, 2022 by the following vote.

AYES: Garcia, Sandoval, Diaz-Molina, Tabarez

NOES:

ABSENT: *metus*

Kaine Garcia, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Moises Cardenas, Clerk of the Board

APPROVE AS TO FORM:

Steven M. Walker, General Counsel

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL)
HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY)
DISTRICT)

I, MOISES CARDENAS, Clerk of the Board of the Heber Public Utility District, County of Imperial, State of California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was dully passed, approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Heber Public Utility District at its regularly scheduled meeting held on the 17th day of November, 2022.

By

Moises Cardenas, Clerk of the Board