

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOMAS W. BIRMINGHAM, GENERAL MANAGER OF WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (the “Board” and the “Water Authority,” respectively) seeks to recognize the outstanding contributions of THOMAS W. BIRMINGHAM upon his upcoming retirement as General Manager of Westlands Water District (“WWD”); and

**WHEREAS**, Tom is originally from Yreka; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1977, with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government, and then obtained his Juris Doctor, with distinction, from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, in 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom was admitted to the California State Bar in 1983, and worked in private practice until 2000, including as a Shareholder at the Sacramento law firm of Kronick Moskowitz Tiedemann and Girard, where he practiced water law, including as outside counsel for WWD beginning in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom joined WWD in 2000 as its General Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom first joined the Water Authority Board as a Director in 2000, and has served on the Board for 22 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom has served as the Chairman of the Authority’s Water Resources Committee since 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom, throughout his career, has provided many contributions to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in its management of the CVP and to the State of California in its management of the water resources of the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his tenure with WWD, Tom has worked closely with other CVP contractors on issues, projects, and programs related to operations of the CVP with the potential to restore water deliveries to CVP contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom is respected for his keen intellect, sharp wit, and fierce dedication to water management in California; and

**WHEREAS**, most recently, Tom played an instrumental role in the negotiations of amendments to the Coordinated Operations Agreement, the reinitiation of consultation on long-term operations of the CVP and SWP, the efforts to obtain passage of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nations Act, and worked hand-in-hand with the staff of the Water Authority and its member agencies on key water policy matters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The facts stated in the recitals above are true and correct, and the Board so finds and determines.

**Section 2.** The Board hereby formally recognizes THOMAS W. BIRMINGHAM for his achievements and contributions to the management of water resources in the State of California.

**Section 3.** Water Authority Chairman CANNON MICHAEL is hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the Water Authority to formally present a certified copy of this Resolution to THOMAS W. BIRMINGHAM as a token of the esteem of the Water Authority.

**Section 4.** Water Authority Chairman CANNON MICHAEL is hereby further authorized and directed on behalf of the Water Authority to formally present to THOMAS W. BIRMINGHAM Golden Bucket Award No. 34.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 8th day of December, 2022, by the Board of Directors of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority.

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Cannon Michael, Chairman  
San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

Attest:

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Federico Barajas, Secretary

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2022-   was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority at the meeting thereof held on the 8th day of December, 2022.

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Federico Barajas, Secretary

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