

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF CURTIS CREEL,
GENERAL MANAGER OF KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (the “Board” and the “Water Authority,” respectively) seek to recognize the outstanding contributions of CURTIS CREEL upon his upcoming retirement in December 2019 as General Manager of the Kern County Water Agency (“KCWA”);

WHEREAS, Curtis is originally from Lakeview, Oregon, grew up in Redding, California, and graduated from Humboldt State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental resources engineering;

WHEREAS, prior to joining KCWA, Curtis worked for the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) for 19 years, ending that tenure as Chief of the State Water Project (“SWP”) Operations Planning Branch, where he oversaw planning for the water supply operations of the SWP;

WHEREAS, Curtis joined KCWA in 2005 as the Manager of the Water Resources Department, and was promoted in 2013 to the Assistant General Manager position, before becoming General Manager in 2016;

WHEREAS, KCWA is the second largest participant in the SWP, and Curtis has provided many contributions to the State of California in its management of the SWP and the water resources of the State in his work as General Manager;

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure with DWR and KCWA, Curtis has worked closely with Central Valley Project (“CVP”) contractors on issues, projects, and programs related to operations of the CVP and SWP with the potential to restore water deliveries to both projects, and has been a strong advocate for fostering cooperative, collaborative relations among water agencies that receive water from the CVP and SWP and operators of the projects; and

WHEREAS, Curtis 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, and 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 these 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 CURTIS CREEEL for his achievements and contributions to the management of water resources in the State of California.

Section 3. Executive Director FEDERICO BARAJAS is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Water Authority to formally present a certified copy of this Resolution to Curtis as a token of the esteem and appreciation of the Water Authority.

Section 4. Executive Director FEDERICO BARAJAS is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Water Authority to formally present to Curtis the “Golden Bucket Award No. 32.”

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of November, 2019, by the Board of Directors of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority.

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

Attest:

FEDERICO BARAJAS, Secretary

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2019- 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 7th day of November, 2019.

Federico Barajas, Secretary