## A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01**

## APPROVING ONE-YEAR WATER TRANSFER FROM PRINCETON-CODORAGLENN IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

AS A BASIS AND PREMISE for this resolution, the Board of Directors of ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT finds:

- 1. Orland-Artois Water District ("OAWD") and Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District ("PCGID") each has contractual entitlements to Central Valley Project ("CVP") water pursuant to the districts' respective contracts with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation ("Reclamation").
- 2. Under PCGID's Sacramento River Water Rights Settlement Contract (SRSC) and section 3405(a)(1)(M) of the CVP Improvement Act ("CVPIA", Title 34 of P.L. 102-575), PCGID is authorized to transfer a portion of PCGID's Project Water supply to another CVP Contractor within a county, watershed or other area of origin. Article 9 of the OAWD CVP Water Service Contract (CVP Contract) acknowledges the fact that OAWD is within a county, watershed or other area of origin.
- 3. In 2014, 2015, 2021, and 2022 OAWD received a "zero" allocation of CVP water under its CVP Contract. Consequently, OAWD water users had to rely more heavily than usual on groundwater resources in the area.
- 4. For 2024, OAWD has received an 75% allocation, but due to the 0% allocation in 2022, the District anticipates it will not be able to meet all the needs of OAWD's water users, who would then turn to groundwater resources to supplement their supplies of CVP water.

- 5. In 2024, PCGID is entitled to divert at least 75% of its CVP Project Water under its SRSC, but that quantity will exceed the needs of PCGID's water users, and the excess could be made available to OAWD to supplement OAWD's CVP water allocation and to assist in replenishing the groundwater resources in the area, without adversely affecting PCGID's water users or the resources in PCGID's area.
- 6. A water transfer between PCGID and OAWD will serve the goal of promoting agricultural water use efficiency and water transfers from areas of surplus to areas of need.
- 7. OAWD and PCGID have determined that the water transfer provided for in this Agreement is in the best interests of each district and its respective water users.
- 8. PCGID is willing to transfer to OAWD a portion of PCGID's 2024 CVP Project Water supply on the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- 9. A transfer of CVP Project Water to OAWD from PCGID is exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 15261(a) and 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines. Reclamation, as the lead federal agency for environmental compliance pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, will make any necessary findings and determinations regarding the deliveries of water transferred by PCGID to OAWD under this Agreement.

## NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, ADJUDGED and ORDAINED as follows:

- 1. All of the foregoing Recitals are true and correct.
- 2. The form of Agreement Between Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District and Orland-Artois Water District for the Transfer of CVP Water ("Transfer Agreement"), a draft of which has been presented to the Board today, is hereby approved.
- 3. The General Manager is authorized and directed to execute The Transfer Agreement so long as the PCGID Board of Directors approves it in substantially the same form.
- 4. The General Manager is authorized and directed to cooperate with PCGID in obtaining the approval of the Bureau of Reclamation and any other governmental entities having jurisdiction of the Transfer Agreement, and is authorized and directed to take such further actions

as are necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution and of the Transfer Agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Orland-Artois Water District on March 19, 2024 by the following vote:

M. DERESCHAGUN B. Ericleson, J. Janes AYES: C. Schonauson; S. Conlos

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President: Mike Vereschagin

ATTEST:

General Manager: Justin Dahl