

RESOLUTION NO. 5539

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHANDLER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO SHARE COSTS FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF BARTLETT DAM MODIFICATION ALTERNATIVES AMONG VARIOUS PARTICIPATING ENTITIES AND SALT RIVER AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 5533 AUTHORIZING A PREVIOUS VERSION OF THE AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Chandler receives a portion of its water supply from the Salt River Federal Reclamation Project (the "Project"), which includes Bartlett and Horseshoe reservoirs on the Verde River (the "Verde Reservoirs"); and

WHEREAS, the Salt River Agricultural Improvement District (Salt River Project or "SRP") operates the Project under an agreement with the United States Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation ("Reclamation"); and

WHEREAS, Reclamation and SRP conducted a Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Study to investigate options to restore capacity lost in the Verde Reservoirs due to sediment accumulation; and

WHEREAS, Reclamation has issued a report recommending that it initiate a feasibility study to determine the technical, environmental, economic, and financial feasibility of implementing modifications to Bartlett Dam; and

WHEREAS, if implemented, the proposed modifications to Bartlett Dam may benefit Chandler and other entities utilizing water from the Project by improving management of the water supplies of the Verde River, reducing reliance on groundwater, and improving central Arizona's ability to manage extended droughts and shortages created by climate change impacts on the Colorado, Salt, and Verde River watersheds; and

WHEREAS, Chandler, along with the cities of Phoenix, Avondale, Buckeye, El Mirage, Glendale, Goodyear, Mesa, Peoria, Scottsdale, Surprise, Tempe, the Towns of Gilbert and Queen Creek, Arizona Water Company, EPCOR USA, Inc., Apache Junction Water District, Buckeye Water Conservation and Drainage District, Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District, Roosevelt Water Conservation District, and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (the "Participating Entities") has been asked to enter into a cost sharing agreement with SRP to cover the estimated \$5 million nonfederal cost share for the feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, Chandler's share of the cost of the study would be \$100,000 per year for four years, which may enable Chandler to benefit from any modifications to Bartlett Dam that are implemented after the study; and

WHEREAS, the Chandler City Council adopted Resolution 5533 at its regular meeting on December 9, 2021, authorizing the City to enter an Agreement to Share Costs for the Feasibility Study of Bartlett Dam Modification Alternatives Among Various Participating Entities and Salt River Agricultural Improvement and Power District (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2021, SRP notified the City of a change to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, due to the change in the Agreement after approval by the City Council on December 9, 2021, it is necessary to repeal Resolution 5533 and adopt a new resolution authorizing the Agreement as modified by SRP on December 10, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. Resolution 5533 adopted by the City Council on December 9, 2021, is repealed.

Section 2. The City of Chandler is authorized to enter into the Agreement to Share Costs for the Feasibility Study of Bartlett Dam Modification Alternatives Among Various Participating Entities and Salt River Agricultural Improvement and Power District in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "Revised Agreement").

Section 3. The Mayor is authorized to sign this Resolution directing the Director of Public Works & Utilities to execute the Revised Agreement on behalf of the City of Chandler and any other documents necessary to carry out the purposes of the Revised Agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Chandler, Arizona, this ____ day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Resolution No. ____ was duly passed and adopted by the Chandler City Council at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of January, 2022, at which a quorum was present.

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY



Exhibit "A"

(Revised) Agreement to Share Costs for the Feasibility Study of Bartlett Dam Modification
Alternatives Among Various Participating Entities and
Salt River Agricultural Improvement and Power District