

RESOLUTION NO. R25-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ENTERING INTO OF AN AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SYSTEM CONSERVATION IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT (SCIA) WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND THE CENTRAL ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (CAWCD) TO EXTEND THE LOWER COLORADO CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENCY PROGRAM (LC CONSERVATION PROGRAM).

WHEREAS, the LC Conservation Program's purpose is to increase system conservation and efficiency opportunities to address the unprecedented drought in the Lower Colorado River Basin, and is part of the commitment made by the Department on August 16, 2022, to address the drought crisis with prompt and responsive actions and investment to ensure the entire Colorado River Basin can function and support all who rely on it. Funded partly by the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, the program allocates \$4 billion for water management and conservation in the Colorado River Basin and other areas facing long-term drought; and

WHEREAS, Glendale has a history of working with the United States, CAWCD, and others in calendar year 2022 by entering into an agreement to help mitigate the impacts of the drought by conserving water in Lake Mead as system water in exchange for financial compensation, and holds a CAP water entitlement for a maximum of 17,236 acre-feet per year of CAP water under Subcontract No. 07-XX-30-W0493, dated May 25, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2023, the City entered into a System Conservation Implementation Agreement (SCIA) with the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) to implement the Lower Colorado Conservation and Efficiency Program (LC Conservation Program) to modify its operations to reduce its scheduled delivery of water from the Central Arizona Project (CAP) by up to 7,000 acre-feet for each calendar year 2023, 2024, and 2025 under a set fixed price of \$400.00 per acre-foot allowing such volume to remain in Lake Mead in exchange for financial compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the SCIA whereby Glendale agrees to modify its operations to reduce its scheduled delivery volume by up to 7,000 acre-feet of water from its CAP water delivery schedule in calendar year 2026 with the same terms and conditions as in calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025, and allow such volume to remain in Lake Mead in exchange for financial compensation.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE as follows:

SECTION 1. That it is deemed in the best interest of the City of Glendale and the citizens thereof for the City of Glendale to enter into the nonbinding Amendment No. 1 to the System Conservation Implementation Agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation and CAWCD to extend the Lower Colorado Conservation and Efficiency Program.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager or designee and the City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents necessary to effectuate said System Conservation Implementation Agreement on behalf of the City of Glendale.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Glendale, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 11th day of February, 2025.

Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

ATTEST:

Julie K. Bower, City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael D. Bailey, City Attorney

REVIEWED BY:

Kevin R. Phelps, City Manager