

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF RICK GILMORE, FORMER GENERAL MANAGER OF BYRON-BETHANY IRRIGATION 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 RICK GILMORE following his retirement as General Manager of Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (“BBID”), and untimely death in May 2023; and

WHEREAS, Rick was born in Paragould, Arkansas, grew up in Tracy, California, and graduated from Tracy High School in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Rick joined BBID as a ditch tender in 1983, and over the years, rose through the ranks of BBID, until in 1999, he became BBID’s General Manager; and

WHEREAS, Rick first joined the Water Authority Board as an Alternate in December 2001, became a Director in February 2009, and ultimately served on the Board in these capacities for over 21 years; and

WHEREAS, Rick joined the Water Authority Finance and Administration Committee as a Member in January 2009, and served as Chair of that Committee from 2018 until 2022; and

WHEREAS, Rick’s humility, sharp intellect, vast field experience, and dedication to service facilitated his laudable contributions and commitment to the California water community; and

WHEREAS, with his tenacious spirit, Rick led an unprecedented challenge to the State Water Resource Control Board’s (“State Board”) water rights enforcement process that ultimately led to the first known instance of the State Board hearing unit issuing an order in favor of a water purveyor and against its own staff’s findings, as well as litigation creating appellate precedent regarding pre-1914 water rights; and

WHEREAS, Rick was instrumental in the Legislature’s creation of the Administrative Hearings Office within the State Board, which separated the State Board’s hearing function from its prosecution function; and

WHEREAS, Rick worked closely with other Central Valley Project (“CVP”) contractors on issues, projects, and programs related to CVP operations to enhance water supply reliability to CVP contractors; and

WHEREAS, widely respected throughout the water services community, Rick’s quick wit, warm smile, and generosity were regularly on display at the various hosted industry events; and

WHEREAS, Rick garnered great admiration from both his Board colleagues and Water Authority staff with his exceptional leadership and dedication to collaboration on a host of 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 RICK GILMORE for his contributions to the Water Authority, BBID, and the communities they serve throughout his more than 20 years of service on the Water Authority Board.

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 BBID, on behalf of RICK GILMORE 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 posthumously award to RICK GILMORE Golden Bucket Award No. 35.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2023, 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

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2023- 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 June, 2023.

Federico Barajas, Secretary