

ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

BILL NO. R-25-14

1 RESOLUTION

2 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
3 THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT (MRGCD) FOR THE EXCHANGE
4 OF SAN JUAN-CHAMA PROJECT (SJCP) WATER

5 WHEREAS, the MRGCD has an annual allocation of 20,900 acre-feet of SJCP
6 surface water under its contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation);
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8 WHEREAS, more consistent release of MRGCD SJCP water into the Middle Rio
9 Grande benefits farmers and maintains consistent river flows at the Central Avenue
10 stream flow gage in the Rio Grande through the duration of MRGCD SJCP releases
11 from Abiquiu Reservoir; and

12 WHEREAS, more consistent flows in the Rio Grande help promote better
13 utilization of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority's (Water
14 Authority) SJCP allocations for service to its customers; and

15 WHEREAS, Reclamation quantifies the monthly SJCP surface water in Heron
16 Reservoir to be distributed to the Water Authority and MRGCD on the 1st of each month
17 in the proportion of contracted water and based on available water for allocation, and
18 effectuates delivery of that amount to each, respectively, on the 15th of each month; and

19 WHEREAS, Reclamation maintains an accounting model (URGWOM) that tracks
20 daily releases and transfers of water in Heron Reservoir, which will be utilized by the
21 Water Authority and MRGCD to track the quantify of water exchanged between the two
22 parties; and

23 WHEREAS, MRGCD anticipates needing early access to its May 15, 2025 Heron
24 delivery in order to promote consistent and efficient water releases and enhance
25 operational flexibility in response to hydrologic conditions; and

26 WHEREAS, the Water Authority has SJCP surface water stored in Heron
27 Reservoir that has not yet been released to Abiquiu Reservoir, stored under waiver with

1 Reclamation, that can be made available for MRGCD through exchange in advance and
2 in anticipation of MRGCD's May 2025 Heron Delivery to advance mutual goals; now

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WATER AUTHORITY

4 SECTION 1. The Executive Director is authorized to enter an Agreement
5 whereby the Water Authority provides an advance of MRGCD's May 2025 Heron
6 Delivery through a one-to-one exchange, to be paid on or before June 15, 2025, in
7 Heron Reservoir in order to promote consistent and efficient water releases in the
8 Middle Rio Grande and to advance mutual goal.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 2025
2 BY A VOTE OF: 5 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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5 Yes: B. Baca, F. Baca, Lewis, Peña, Sanchez

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7 Excused: Olivas, Sengel

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21 Mark S. Sanchez, Executive Director

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