

# Resolution

## **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT HONORING *CHRISTOPHER “CHRIS” HARRIS* UPON HIS COMPLETION OF SERVICE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER BOARD**

***WHEREAS***, the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District thank their colleague, Colorado River Board Executive Director Chris Harris, for his dedication and service to the Board during 24 years of service; and

***WHEREAS***, Chris, a Coast Guard veteran, graduated from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in 1984. He worked for the Arizona Department of Water Resources as a Water Resources Specialist, Supervisor, and Program Manager from 1986-2000; and

***WHEREAS***, Chris started his service with the Colorado River Board in 2000 as an Environmental Program Manager, then became Deputy Director in 2004, and served as acting Executive Director from 2013 to 2014. He was appointed Executive Director in March 2017; and

***WHEREAS***, Chris' unwavering dedication to the Colorado River Board, where he tirelessly worked collaboratively with parties from other Basin States parties in managing and protecting California's rights and interests in its Colorado River water and hydropower supplies, is commendable; and

***WHEREAS***, Chris' work at the Colorado River Board was extensive and impactful on legacy issues on the River, including drought contingency planning, binational negotiations with Mexico, and discussions and negotiations with Basin States. His efforts were instrumental in the implementation of the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program, and the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program; and

***WHEREAS***, Chris has demonstrated outstanding leadership and unwavering dedication to Western water. As he embarks on the next chapter of his journey, we reflect on the significant impact he has made during his tenure as Executive Director; and

***NOW, BE IT RESOLVED*** that on this 13th day of August 2024, the Coachella Valley Water District Board of Directors applaud Executive Director Chris Harris for a job well done and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

***PASSED AND ADOPTED*** on this 13th day of August 2024, at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District, by the following vote:

AYES: TBD

NOES: TBD

ABSENT: TBD

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*John Powell, Jr.*  
*Board President*  
*Coachella Valley Water District*