

# RESOLUTION

of the

## ARIZONA WATER BANKING AUTHORITY

In Appreciation of the Contributions of

### VIRGINIA O'CONNELL

WHEREAS, the Arizona Water Banking Authority is of critical importance to all users of Arizona's Colorado River water; and,

WHEREAS, the Arizona Water Banking Authority has played a pivotal role in assisting the State of Arizona in maximizing the use of its Colorado River entitlement; and,

WHEREAS, the Arizona Water Banking Authority is engaged in activities that allow the Authority to meet the State of Arizona's obligations under Indian water rights settlements and interstate water banking agreements; and,

WHEREAS, the success of the Arizona Water Banking Authority is due in part to the dedication and diligence of all the Authority's past and present commission members and staff; and,

WHEREAS, Virginia O'Connell was instrumental in leading the legislative change in 2014 allowing the Arizona Water Banking Authority to purchase long-term storage credits in order to supplement water storage, representing the Arizona Water Banking Authority on both the Arizona Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan Steering Committee and the Arizona Reconsultation Committee, meeting the Authority's first-ever Tribal firming obligation in 2022, coordinating the Authority's activities and staff, and performing her duties with a deep respect for the integrity and abilities of the Commission members, staff and other interested parties with whom she was associated in the affairs of the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Arizona Water Banking Authority acknowledge the outstanding service rendered by Ms. O'Connell to the Arizona Water Banking Authority and the people of the State of Arizona in contributing to the continuing success of the Arizona Water Banking Authority, and further express their gratitude and appreciation to Ms. O'Connell for the knowledge and expertise she has so generously shared with the Authority and staff throughout her years of service, and wish Ms. O'Connell and her family the best of health, happiness and prosperity in all future endeavors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Arizona Water Banking Authority is hereby directed to send this Resolution to Ms. O'Connell and her family.

APPROVED, by unanimous action of the Arizona Water Banking Authority this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

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Thomas Buschatzke, Chair

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Mark Clark, Vice-Chair

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Alexandra Arboleda, Secretary

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Eric Braun, Commissioner

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Joseph Olsen, Commissioner

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Nicole Klobas, ADWR Chief Counsel