



**RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

KUYLER CROCKER  
District One  
PETE VANDER POEL  
District Two  
AMY SHUKLIAN  
District Three  
EDDIE VALERO  
District Four  
DENNIS TOWNSEND  
District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** August 4, 2020 – REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez    PHONE: (559) 624-7010		

**SUBJECT:** Agreement between Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District and the County of Tulare for the Transfer and Conveyance of Water

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an Agreement with the Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District and County of Tulare, for the transfer and conveyance of 1,062 acre feet of water for an amount not to exceed \$371,700, retroactive from July 8, 2020 through February 28, 2021. This agreement is retroactive due to delays in obtaining authorized signatures from all parties; and
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 8, 2020, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date; and
3. Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement; and
4. Authorize the Resource Management Agency and Dennis R. Keller to take necessary actions to comply with the provisions of the Agreement.

**SUMMARY:**

On February 25, 2020, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to execute Interim Renewal Contract Number 14-06-200-8293A-IR18 with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) (Tulare County Agreement Number 29578). That contract allowed the County's Cross Valley Canal (CVC) subcontractors to participate in receiving any available contract water.

Keller Wegley Engineering (The County's watermaster services contractor) has indicated that Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District wishes to purchase

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up to 1,062 acre-feet of water from the County of Tulare. As authorized by the Board (Agreement No. 18088) Keller Wegley has negotiated a transfer agreement on the County's behalf. The subject agreements provide for the necessary legal documentation of these transactions.

On November 10, 1975, the County of Tulare entered into a "Contract between the United States, State of California and the County of Tulare, providing for water service from the Central Valley Project." This contract expired on December 31, 1995 and was initially extended for two months under an Amendatory Contract. Upon the expiration of the Amendatory Contract, the County entered into a series of interim renewal agreements, which extended water service from the Central Valley Project (CVP). The purpose of these agreements is to allow the County to receive CVP water, in its role as Cross Valley Canal Contractor, on behalf of County subcontractors. The County is intended to be a pass-through agency for these subcontractors. All costs and expenses associated with this water service are to be paid by the subcontractors based on their individual agreements with the County.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

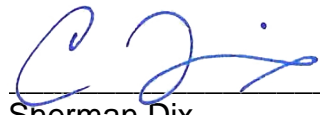
No Net County Cost.

All expenses for administration of the CVC contract incurred by County staff and consultant are received through the billing of the water charges to the subcontractors.

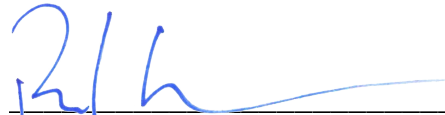
**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

Economic well-being. The approval of this agreement will promote economic development opportunities in the County.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



Sherman Dix  
Assistant Director—Fiscal Services



Reed Schenke, P.E.  
Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Attachment A – Agreement

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT )  
BETWEEN WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT AND THE ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY OF TULARE FOR THE )  
TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE OF )  
WATER )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 4,  
2020, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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