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Resolution of Appreciation

To

Michael J. DeVries

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WHEREAS, Michael J. DeVries has dedicated 25 years of his career to the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy, beginning as an Operator, serving as the District's first Information Systems Technician, and progressing to Information System Manager, Assistant General Manager/Information System Manager, and ultimately the District's General Manager from September 2017 until his retirement in June 2023; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. DeVries was instrumental in organizing and developing the District's Information Services Department, including developing a District-wide Process Control/Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system, developing a District-wide PC/S system master plan, and developing PC/S design engineering guidelines used throughout District projects;

WHEREAS, Michael J. DeVries is uniquely people-focused and known for his consistent and enduring optimism and patience, creating a positive and supportive work environment for District Staff; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. DeVries was intimately involved in the negotiation of a long-term Warren Act Contract for the storage of ODT water in Deer Creek Reservoir; negotiation of a water exchange and purchase agreement with Weber Basin Water Conservancy District and Provo Reservoir Water Users Company; preparation of a comprehensive hazard mitigation plan and the 2020 master plan, which emphasizes planning for management of aging infrastructure; updating the District's Emergency Plan; procuring funding for and construction of the managed aquifer recovery project; maintaining the District's AA+ rating; focusing on alternative funding mechanisms, such as BRIC and ARPA grants, to support the District; assisting in the property tax revenue analysis studies; and initiating planning and right of way acquisition for the Cottonwoods Connection project; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. DeVries's leadership was essential to maintaining reliable, high quality water service to the District's member cities and supporting Staff during the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, among other activities, Michael J. DeVries served as a member of the Board of Directors of Provo River Water Users Association and President of Utah Lake Water Users Association; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy hereby expresses its deepest gratitude to Michael J. DeVries for his many contributions to the District, and for his unselfish dedication with excellence to its goals and purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees places great value and esteem on its professional association with Michael J. DeVries and hereby expresses its most sincere appreciation for his many years of service to the District and to the State of Utah.

ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees, this ____ day of April, 2023.

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SALT LAKE & SANDY

Chair

Attest: _____
Secretary