

**NOTICE OF JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE TOWN OF CAREFREE, AZ UTILITIES COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT  
AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CAREFREE WATER COMPANY, INC.**

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022

**WHERE:** CAREFREE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
33 EASY STREET, CAREFREE, AZ 85377

**LIVESTREAM:** [HTTPS://ZOOM.US/](https://zoom.us/)  
MEETING ID 322 972 9660  
PASSCODE 12345

**TIME:** 4:30 P.M.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 10-822, notice is hereby given of the time, place and purposes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Town of Carefree Utilities Community Facilities District and the Board of Directors of the Carefree Water Company, Inc., an Arizona corporation.

*Members of the Board of Directors are participating by technological means or methods pursuant to A.R.S. §10-708.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

**SILENT ROLL CALL**

**AGENDA**

- ITEM #1** Review, discussion, and possible action to approve Resolution 2022-04, authorizing the General Manager of the Carefree Water Company to enter into an “Agreement to Share Costs for the Feasibility Study of Bartlett Dam Modification Alternatives.”
- ITEM #2** Review, discussion, and possible action to approve Resolution 2022-05 authorizing the General Manager of the Carefree Water Company to enter into a “Memorandum of Understanding to Support the Planning, Design, Permitting, Construction, and Operation of the SRP-CAP Interconnection Facility.”
- ITEM #3** Adjournment.

DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

TOWN OF CAREFREE

BY: *Kandace French Contreras*

Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Items may be taken out of sequence

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**CAREFREE WATER COMPANY, INC. AND  
UTILITIES COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT**

**BOARD COMMUNICATION**

TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: GREG CROSSMAN, GENERAL MANAGER GC

DATE: JUNE 29, 2022

SUBJECT: JULY 5, 2022, BOARD MEETING - AGENDA ITEM NOS. 1 AND 2  
BARTLETT DAM COST SHARING AGREEMENT  
SRP-CAP INTERCONNECTION FACILITY (SCIF) MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

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The above referenced July 5<sup>th</sup> agenda items address participation in regional water projects that have the potential to provide future water resource planning tools and water supply benefits for Carefree. These projects were presented to the Board at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting by representatives from Salt River Project (SRP) and are discussed in more detail as follows:

- Agenda Item #1 – Resolution 2022-04 – Authorizes the Carefree Water Company to enter into a Cost Sharing Agreement for a Feasibility Study that addresses modification alternatives for Bartlett Dam.

Discussion: As presented at the June 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, SRP, in conjunction with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and other stakeholders, are investigating the possibility of increasing the storage capacity at Bartlett Dam. This would address natural sedimentation issues that have progressed over the years on the Verde River system and has the potential of developing new water supplies from flood waters that would normally be released into the Verde River.

The Cost Sharing Agreement that would be approved under this Resolution has already been approved and entered into by 21 entities. The Carefree Water Company has requested inclusion in the Cost Sharing Agreement as a Non-Voting Member of the Steering Committee as directed by the Board at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting (letter attached). This level of participation has a cost of \$30,000 per year for 4 years which is a non-binding amount (participation can be withdrawn at any time within the 4 year period if desired).

Participation in the Steering Committee under the Cost Sharing Agreement must be approved by the current Voting Members of the Steering Committee. Carefree's request for participation is anticipated to be considered by the Steering Committee in late July or August. A condition of participation is Carefree's ratification of the Cost Sharing Agreement. Staff is recommending approval of Resolution 2022-04, which would allow us to expeditiously enter into the Cost Sharing Agreement and start participation in the Bartlett Dam Feasibility Study if approved by the Steering Committee.

- Agenda Item #2 – Resolution 2022-05 – Authorizes the Carefree Water Company to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the SRP-CAP Interconnection Facility (SCIF).

Discussion: An overview of the SCIF Project was also presented to the Board at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. SRP, in conjunction with the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) and other entities, are investigating the design and construction of an interconnection facility that would allow water to be delivered from the SRP canal system into the CAP canal system. Currently, only the reverse is available – CAP water can only be delivered to the SRP canal system.

From Carefree's perspective, having the ability to deliver water from the SRP canal system into the CAP canal system would be beneficial if the Bartlett Dam process proves to be a viable water supply alternative. If so, then this water supply could be delivered from the Verde River into the SRP canal system, then into the CAP canal system. Once in the CAP canal system, the water could be directed to either of our two neighboring communities that we have Treatment and Transportation Agreements with - Scottsdale and Cave Creek – for ultimate delivery as potable water to Carefree.

This MOU is a non-binding method of supporting the planning, design, permitting construction and operation of the SCIF. Currently, 14 entities, including SRP and CAWCD, are considering entering into the MOU. There is no financial commitment necessary at this time for participation in the MOU; however, as the project progresses, there are likely to be milestones where a financial commitment is necessary in order to continue in the process.

Please contact Greg Crossman (480-488-9100; [greg@carefreewaterco.com](mailto:greg@carefreewaterco.com)) with any questions.





June 16, 2022

Bruce Hallin, Director, Water Supply  
Salt River Project  
P.O. Box 52025  
Phoenix, AZ 85072-2025

Re: Carefree Water Company Steering Committee Participation - Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Hallin:

On June 7, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Carefree Water Company, who also serve as the Carefree Town Council, voted unanimously to seek participation as a Nonvoting Member in the above referenced Steering Committee. First year participation funding (\$30,000) was included in our FY 22-23 budget which was also approved on June 7<sup>th</sup>. These funds become available on July 1, 2022.

In accordance with Section 11.3 of the "Agreement to Share Costs for the Feasibility Study of Bartlett Dam Modification Alternatives Among Cost-Share Partners and Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District" (the "Cost Sharing Agreement"), we respectfully request that our participation be scheduled for a vote by the current Steering Committee members at your earliest convenience. We understand that, if accepted for membership, the Carefree Water Company will be required to ratify the Cost Sharing Agreement. This will be scheduled for formal Board action at the next available Board meeting if membership is approved by the Steering Committee.

As one of the closest communities to Bartlett Dam, the Town of Carefree is excited to participate in the discussions on the water supply, recreation, and economic opportunities posed by a potential Bartlett Dam modification.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help facilitate the Steering Committee's consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Crossman".

Greg Crossman  
General Manager

cc: Ron Klawitter, Senior Principal, Salt River Project

# CAREFREE WATER COMPANY

## RESOLUTION 2022-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CAREFREE WATER COMPANY, INC., AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CAREFREE WATER COMPANY TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT TO SHARE COSTS FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF BARTLETT DAM MODIFICATION ALTERNATIVES AMONG COST SHARE PARTNERS AND SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT (“COST SHARING AGREEMENT”).**

**WHEREAS**, a long-term sustainable water supply is a strategic resource necessary to meet current and future water demands of Carefree residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Reclamation, in partnership with Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (SRP), conducted the Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Study to investigate options to restore capacity lost in SRP’s Verde River reservoirs due to sediment accumulation, which impacts critical water supplies for central Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, 21 entities, including SRP, have joined in the Cost Sharing Agreement in order to fund the next step of the process which is a Feasibility Study; and

**WHEREAS**, these 21 entities are both Voting and Non-Voting members of the Steering Committee that has been formed as part of the Cost Sharing Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated June 16, 2022, the Carefree Water Company requested to be included in the Cost Sharing Agreement as a Non-Voting Member as recommended by the Board of Directors at the June 7, 2022, meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, finalization of membership as a Non-Voting member of the Steering Committee, if approved by the current Steering Committee membership, requires ratification of the Cost Sharing Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CAREFREE WATER COMPANY, INC., THE FOLLOWING:**

**Section 1.** The Agreement to Share Costs for the Feasibility of Bartlett Dam Modification Alternatives Among Cost-Share Partners and Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (“Cost Sharing Agreement”), as attached hereto, is hereby approved; and

**Section 2.** The General Manager of the Carefree Water Company is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to enter into the Cost Sharing Agreement, or similar Agreement that is in substantial conformance to the attachment, in accordance with its terms and intent; and

**Section 3.** This Resolution is effective immediately.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Carefree Water Company, Inc. this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

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Les Peterson, President, Carefree Water Company

ATTEST:

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Kandace French Contreras, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Michael W. Wright, Water Company Attorney

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Carefree Water Company, Inc. at a regular meeting held on July 5, 2022, and that a quorum was present thereat and that the vote thereon was \_\_\_\_\_ ayes and \_\_\_\_\_ nays; \_\_\_\_\_ did not vote or were absent.

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Kandace French Contreras, Secretary

**ATTACHMENT:**

**Agreement to Share Costs for the Feasibility of Bartlett Dam Modification Alternatives Among Cost-Share Partners and Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District**



**AGREEMENT TO SHARE COSTS FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF BARTLETT DAM  
MODIFICATION ALTERNATIVES  
AMONG COST-SHARE PARTNERS  
AND  
SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT**

**1. PARTIES:**

This Agreement to Share Costs for the Feasibility Study of Bartlett Dam Modification Alternatives (“Agreement”), entered into this 14th day of December, 2021 is by and among those entities listed in Exhibit A (“Cost-Share Partners”) and the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (“SRP”). SRP and the Cost-Share Partners are referred to collectively as “Parties” and individually as “Party”.

**2. RECITALS:**

This Agreement is made with regard to the following:

- 2.1. The Salt River Valley Water Users’ Association (“Association”) and Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (“District”) operate the Salt River Federal Reclamation Project, including Bartlett and Horseshoe reservoirs on Verde River, and have rights to storage of waters of the Verde River. The City of Phoenix has a stored water right resulting from construction of spillway gates at Horseshoe Dam. As of 2012, SRP estimates that Horseshoe Reservoir had lost 45,749 AF of conservation capacity to sedimentation that is shared between the Association and District and the City of Phoenix.
- 2.2. The United States Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Reclamation (“Reclamation”), in partnership with SRP, conducted the Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Study to investigate options to restore capacity lost in SRP’s Verde River reservoirs due to sediment accumulation, which impacts critical water supplies for central Arizona.
- 2.3. Reclamation issued a draft Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Study Appraisal Report (“Draft Appraisal Report”) in May 2021 recommending that Reclamation:
  - 2.3.1. Seek/confirm authority to initiate a feasibility study to determine the technical, environmental, economic, and financial feasibility of implementing one of two Bartlett Dam modification alternatives to enable

central Arizona to adapt water management to changing climate conditions (“Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study”);

- 2.3.2. Address topics identified in the Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Study during the feasibility study process; and
- 2.3.3. Develop cost-share agreements between Reclamation and potential beneficiaries for completing the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study.
- 2.4. The Parties support Reclamation’s recommendations in the Draft Appraisal Report and the initiation of the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study to further evaluate alternatives for modification of Bartlett Dam to improve management of water supplies of the Verde River, reduce reliance on groundwater, and help position central Arizona to manage extended droughts and shortages created by climate change impacts on the Colorado, Salt, and Verde River watersheds.
- 2.5. SRP and various participating entities signed a memorandum of understanding (“SRP-Participating Entities MOU”) attached hereto as Exhibit B to describe the cooperative efforts and roles and responsibilities of those parties related to supporting Reclamation in completing the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study including the development and execution of a cost-share agreement and the formation of a steering committee (“Steering Committee,” as described in Paragraph 10) to provide timely and effective feedback and guidance to support Reclamation in achieving the milestones necessary to complete the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study. This Agreement is the cost-share agreement described in Paragraph 5 of the MOU.
- 2.6. SRP and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation signed a memorandum of understanding (“SRP-FMYN MOU”) attached hereto as Exhibit C to describe the cooperative efforts and roles and responsibilities of SRP and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation related to supporting Reclamation in completing the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study including the development and execution of a cost-share agreement and participation in the Steering Committee to provide timely and effective feedback and guidance to support Reclamation in achieving the milestones necessary to complete the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study.
- 2.7. SRP and Reclamation have signed or will sign a cost-share agreement (“SRP-Reclamation Cost-Share Agreement”) as a mechanism to provide the non-federal cost share required for completing the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility

Study, including the funds collected under this Agreement, for completing the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study.

**3. AGREEMENT:**

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein set forth and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

**4. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS:**

The recitals listed above are hereby incorporated into and expressly made part of this Agreement.

**5. SCOPE:**

This Agreement sets terms and conditions for (1) the estimated annual costs the Parties expect to pay in support of the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study, (2) how the costs will be shared among the Parties, (3) the process to remit payment, (4) the process for formation of and participation in the Steering Committee, and (5) the process for voluntary departure, removal, and addition of Cost-Share Partners and Steering Committee Members.

**6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM OF AGREEMENT:**

6.1. For SRP and City of Phoenix, this Agreement is effective and binding upon the execution by SRP and City of Phoenix. For any Party other than SRP and City of Phoenix, this Agreement is effective and binding upon execution by that Party. This Agreement remains effective until terminated as provided in Subparagraphs 6.2 or 6.3.

6.2. This Agreement terminates when both of the following have occurred: (1) a final Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study is issued by Reclamation, and (2) when all funds required to be transferred under this agreement are transferred from the Cost-Share Partners to SRP or refunded to the Cost-Share Partners as provided in Paragraph 12.

6.3. This Agreement may terminate as provided in this Subparagraph 6.3 in the event that Reclamation determines it will not proceed with the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study. In such an event, SRP shall meet and confer with the Cost-Share Partners on such determination and whether the Parties have

exhausted their reasonable options to support Reclamation in proceeding with a Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study. After such meeting, SRP may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to the Cost-Share Partners of such termination. In such an event, this Agreement will terminate when both of the following have occurred: (1) SRP sends the written notice of termination under this Subparagraph 6.3 and (2) all appropriate payments and refunds have been issued.

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPRESENTATIVES:**

Within thirty (30) calendar days after execution of this Agreement, each Party shall designate in writing to the other Parties or by electronic mail with read receipt to the other Parties, an Administrative Representative and an Administrative Alternate to administer this Agreement on behalf of the designating Party. Written notice of a change of an Administrative Representative or Administrative Alternate shall be provided within thirty (30) calendar days of such change. The Administrative Alternate shall act only in the absence of the Administrative Representative. Neither the Administrative Representatives nor the Administrative Alternates shall have authority to amend, modify, or supplement this Agreement. Decisions of the Administrative Representatives pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by them.

**8. ESTIMATED COSTS:**

- 8.1. The Parties plan to contribute funding towards the estimated nonfederal share of costs ("Nonfederal Cost-Share Estimate") for the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study. The initial Nonfederal Cost-Share Estimate is \$5,000,000. The Nonfederal Cost-Share Estimate may increase or decrease based on federal appropriations and as project plans are developed.
- 8.2. With respect to issues related to the estimated costs for funding the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study the Parties shall convene the Steering Committee on an annual basis ("Annual Cost Assessment Meeting") to discuss and assess such issues. At the Annual Cost Assessment Meeting, the Parties shall make determinations on issues including but not limited to: (1) adjustment of the Nonfederal Cost-Share Estimate, (2) identification of federal funding availability, and (3) the annual contribution level of each Party ("Annual Contribution Level"). SRP will notify the Steering Committee of any identified change in total project cost that exceeds ten percent of the then-budgeted project cost at the next scheduled Steering Committee meeting.

- 8.3. At the Annual Cost Assessment Meeting, SRP shall present updates to the Steering Committee regarding: (1) information relevant to the Nonfederal Cost-Share Estimate, (2) availability of federal funding, and (3) anticipated adjustments to the Annual Contribution Level of each Party. These updates will be provided based on information and analysis developed by SRP in consultation with Reclamation. Prior to the Annual Cost Assessment Meeting, SRP shall develop and send for approval of the Steering Committee a report for the Annual Cost Assessment Meeting (“Annual Cost Assessment Report”). The Annual Cost Assessment Report will include: (1) the proposed Nonfederal Cost-Share Estimate and (2) the proposed Annual Contribution Levels of each Party for the following year. Consistent with Subparagraph 9.5, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and Buckeye Water Conservation and Drainage District will not be required to contribute any funding under this Agreement. The Steering Committee may vote on such approval of the Annual Cost Assessment Report at the Annual Cost Assessment Meeting but shall do so no later than thirty (30) calendar days after such Annual Cost Assessment Meeting.
- 8.4. Each Party shall contribute an annual amount equal to its Annual Contribution Level and remit payment for its Annual Contribution Level as described in Paragraph 12. The Annual Contribution Level as defined in this Agreement includes the option for a Party to elect to budget and appropriate the full amount of \$400,000 to participate in this Agreement as a Voting Member at the time of the Effective Date of the Agreement for that Party. Payment will be made pursuant to Section 12 of this Agreement. The Parties’ Annual Contribution Levels are summarized in Exhibit D. The Steering Committee shall update Exhibit D in accordance with the Annual Cost Assessment Report upon approval of the Annual Cost Assessment Report by the Steering Committee. In the event that the Nonfederal Cost-Share increases above a total of \$1,250,000 in any one year, or is projected to be above a total of \$5,000,000 for the entire study, the Parties shall discuss whether to incur such increased costs at the next Annual Cost Assessment Meeting. If the Steering Committee agrees to incur such increased costs, each Party will seek any necessary spending authority or appropriations for any increase in its then-current Annual Contribution Level. In the event that spending authority is not granted, or funds are not appropriated beyond the amounts necessary to fulfill a Party’s then-current Annual Contribution Level, a Party has the right to terminate this Agreement without obligation for the increased Annual Contribution Level. However, the terminating Party shall comply with Subparagraph 11.1 with regard to its then-current Annual Contribution Level.

**9. PARTIES' COST SHARE CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- 9.1. SRP's initial Annual Contribution Level shall be \$250,000.
- 9.2. City of Phoenix's initial Annual Contribution Level shall be \$150,000.
- 9.3. The initial Annual Contribution Levels are identified in Exhibit D. Unless otherwise stated in Exhibit D, a Party with an initial Annual Contribution Level of \$100,000 or greater will be a voting member of the Steering Committee ("Voting Member") with respect to decisions that the Steering Committee makes related to the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study. Voting Members commit to supporting the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study to completion at the Annual Contribution Level identified in Exhibit D but not to exceed a period of four years. If the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study exceeds four years, the Parties shall convene the Steering Committee to discuss contribution towards the nonfederal portion of funding required for completion. The Annual Contribution Level as defined in this Agreement includes the option for a Party to elect to budget and appropriate the full amount of \$400,000 to participate in this Agreement as a Voting Member at the time of the Effective Date of the Agreement for that Party. Payment will be made pursuant to Section 12 of this Agreement.
- 9.4. Unless otherwise stated in Exhibit D, a Party with an initial Annual Contribution Level of \$30,000 will be a nonvoting member of the Steering Committee ("Nonvoting Member").
- 9.5. The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, as a federally recognized tribe with a direct interest in water stored in Bartlett Reservoir, will be a Voting Member of the Steering Committee irrespective of its Annual Contribution Level. Buckeye Water Conservation and Drainage District will be a Voting Member of the Steering Committee irrespective of its Annual Contribution Level due to its interest under the stipulation between Buckeye Irrigation Company and Salt River Valley Water Users' Association entered September 7, 1944.
- 9.6. As described in Subparagraph 8.2, Annual Contribution Levels may be adjusted at the Annual Cost Assessment Meeting based on the Nonfederal Cost-Share Estimate as described in Subparagraph 8.1. Adjustments to Annual Contribution Levels will be made in proportion to the initial Annual Contribution Levels and will increase or decrease in proportion to the Nonfederal Cost-Share Estimate. Except as provided under circumstances noted in Subparagraph 11.3, the standing of each Party as a Voting Member or Nonvoting Member of the Steering Committee

is established by each Party's initial Annual Contribution Level, as described in Subparagraphs 9.3 and 9.4, and will not be impacted by adjustments made under Subparagraph 8.2, Subparagraph 8.4, or this Subparagraph 9.6.

**10. STEERING COMMITTEE:**

- 10.1. Within thirty (30) calendar days after execution of this Agreement, each Party shall designate in writing or electronic mail with read receipt to SRP a representative to serve on the Steering Committee ("Steering Committee Representative") and an alternate to serve on the Steering Committee ("Steering Committee Alternate"). Written notice of a change of a Steering Committee Representative or Steering Committee Alternate shall be provided within thirty (30) calendar days of such change. The Steering Committee Alternate shall act only in the absence of the Steering Committee Representative. Unless otherwise authorized by the Steering Committee, each Party shall ensure that only its Steering Committee Representative or Steering Committee Alternate participates in meetings of the Steering Committee. Steering Committee Representatives and Steering Committee Alternates are expected to be individuals with senior positions within the organizational structure of each Party, such as director-level positions, and may be the same or different from the Administrative Representatives and Administrative Alternates identified in Paragraph 7.
- 10.2. The Parties shall convene the Steering Committee within thirty (30) calendar days after this Agreement is effective as provided in Subparagraph 6.1 and develop roles, responsibilities, meeting schedules, and other guidelines to govern the Steering Committee within sixty (60) calendar days after this Agreement is effective as provided in Subparagraph 6.1.
- 10.3. The Steering Committee shall be responsible for developing criteria for assessing the need of any potential beneficiary to obtain a right to use a portion of the water to be stored in the new conservation storage capacity created from the modifications at Bartlett Dam. The new conservation storage capacity includes the volume of water above the combined original constructed capacity of both Horseshoe and Bartlett Reservoirs including the capacity added by installation of the Horseshoe Dam spillway gates ("New Conservation Capacity"). The criteria shall be developed and approved by the Steering Committee during development of feasibility cost estimates and designs of dam facilities required for the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study and may be similar to those identified in Exhibit E.



- 10.4. The Steering Committee shall be responsible for developing the preferred allocation of available New Conservation Capacity among potential project beneficiaries using the criteria for assessing need identified in Subparagraph 10.3 to provide to Reclamation for study purposes.
- 10.5. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as to (1) create any right to new or existing capacity in Bartlett or Horseshoe Reservoirs or (2) alter any existing rights to water stored in Bartlett or Horseshoe Reservoirs in a modified Bartlett Dam if a project to modify Bartlett Dam is constructed.
- 10.6. SRP shall chair the Steering Committee and all Steering Committee decisions will be made by majority vote of the Voting Members described in Subparagraph 9.3 with the exception of issues identified in Subparagraph 11.2. The votes of all Voting Members will be of equal weight. In the event of an even split during a Steering Committee vote, SRP shall act as the tie-breaking vote.

**11. VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE; REMOVAL; AND ADDITION OF PARTIES, COST SHARE PARTNERS, AND STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- 11.1. A Party that no longer wishes to be a Party to this Agreement and participate in the Steering Committee may leave by giving the other Parties thirty (30) calendar days written notice under Paragraph 15 ("Voluntary Departure"). Parties that voluntarily depart this Agreement and Steering Committee under this Subparagraph 11.1 shall not be refunded any previous financial contributions. Any Voting Member that voluntarily departs this Agreement and Steering Committee shall pay the remaining balance that would be due based on that Voting Member's Annual Contribution Level for the period of time required to support completion of the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study but not to exceed a period of four years. The remaining balance will be based on the number of months projected to remain on the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study, multiplied by the Party's initial Annual Contribution Level, not to exceed a total of four years from the start of the non-federal contributions for the feasibility study. Upon the Voluntary Departure of a Party to this Agreement under this Subparagraph 11.1, the SRP shall update Exhibits A, D, and F accordingly.
- 11.2. The Steering Committee may remove a Party from the Agreement and membership on the Steering Committee if the Voting Members of the Steering Committee determine by a vote of at least 2/3 of Voting Members that the Party is not acting in good faith or otherwise unnecessarily interfering with making progress towards completion of the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study.

Any Party that is removed from the Agreement and the Steering Committee under this Subparagraph 11.2 shall not be refunded any previous financial contributions. Upon removing a Party to this Agreement under this Subparagraph 11.2, the SRP shall update Exhibits A, D, and F accordingly.

- 11.3. The Steering Committee, by majority vote of the Steering Committee, may add a Party to the Agreement as a Voting or Nonvoting member of the Steering Committee upon request from an entity to support the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study. Prior to adding a Party to the Agreement and Steering Committee, the Steering Committee shall determine the Annual Contribution Level of the entity to be added in a manner consistent with Paragraphs 8 and 9, provided that, the Steering Committee will not unreasonably withhold a participant's ability to join the Steering Committee if that participant is willing to work in good faith and bring appropriate resources in support of the goals of the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study. Upon adding a Party to this Agreement under this Subparagraph 11.3, the SRP shall update Exhibits A, D, and F accordingly. Should a Party be added to the Steering Committee as a Voting Member, that Party shall pay the Annual Contribution Level identified in Subparagraph 9.3 for the time period between the Steering Committee's inception and the Party's addition. Should an existing Nonvoting Member become a Voting Member, that Party will be responsible for paying the difference between their actual contributions and the Annual Contribution Level identified in 9.3 for the time period between the Steering Committee's inception and the Party becoming a Voting Member. Any new Voting Member or Nonvoting Member becoming a Voting Member will be subject to all conditions as outlined in Subparagraph 11.1

## **12. PAYMENT:**

- 12.1. SRP shall invoice each Party at its initial Annual Contribution Level as identified in Exhibit D within 90 days of execution of this Agreement.
- 12.2. Following approval of the Annual Cost Assessment Report by the Steering Committee, SRP shall invoice the Cost-Share Partners in the amounts identified in the Annual Cost Assessment Report. The Cost-Share Partners shall pay such invoices within thirty (30) calendar days after SRP sends such invoices. SRP shall remit payments made under Paragraph 12 to Reclamation or consultants as contributions towards the nonfederal portion of costs for the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study under the SRP-Reclamation Cost-Share Agreement. In the event that funds paid to SRP will not be remitted to Reclamation or

consultants, SRP shall refund the Cost-Share Partners for any amount paid to SRP under Paragraph 12 that will not be remitted to Reclamation or consultants.

- 12.3. Any invoices not paid when due shall be delinquent and shall bear interest at the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate, on the date the invoice was due plus 5% (Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus 5%) per annum from the date when the bill was due until the bill is paid in full (including any accrued interest). In the event the Wall Street Journal no longer publishes the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate, a majority of the Administrative Representatives shall select an appropriate substitute.
- 12.4. In the event any portion of any bill is disputed, to the extent the disputing Party has the legal authority to pay, the disputed amount shall be paid under protest when due and shall be accompanied by a written statement indicating the basis for the protest. If the protest is found to be valid, the Cost-Share Partners shall be refunded any overpayment plus interest, accrued at the rate set forth in Subparagraph 12.3, prorated by days from the date payment was credited to the Cost-Share Partners to the date the refund check is mailed.
- 12.5. In the event that this Agreement is terminated under Subparagraph 6.3, SRP shall refund the Cost-Share Partners for any amount paid to SRP under Paragraph 12 that will not be remitted to Reclamation or consultants for services approved prior to termination of this Agreement.

**13. DISPUTE RESOLUTION; RECORDS INSPECTION; CHOICE OF LAW:**

- 13.1. Any dispute under this Agreement shall first be submitted to the Steering Committee for resolution. The Steering Committee shall make all reasonable efforts to resolve the dispute. If the matter cannot be resolved by the Parties' authorized representatives, any Party may submit the matter to the SRP General Manager and the Party's chief operating officer. If the matter cannot be resolved by the SRP General Manager and the Party's chief operating officer, any Party may bring suit upon the matter, provided however, that it is expressly agreed that the venue shall only be in Maricopa County Superior Court or its successor court.
- 13.2. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Arizona and any applicable federal law. In the event a dispute arises wherein the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation is a party, the Parties agree the venue will be in a court of competent jurisdiction other than Tribal court. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to constitute a waiver of any aspect or

portion of sovereign immunity of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, and/or its affiliates, departments, programs, enterprises, or subdivisions.

13.3. In the event of any future dispute or action arising under this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred therein, including expert witness fees.

13.4. Pending the resolution of a dispute, the Parties shall proceed, to the extent legally permissible, in a manner consistent with this Agreement, and shall make payments required in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement. Amounts paid by a Party under Paragraph 12 during the pendency of such dispute shall be subject to refund and adjustment upon a final resolution of any dispute involving an amount due.

**14. UNCONTROLLABLE FORCES:**

No Party shall be considered to be in default in the performance of any of its obligations hereunder if failure of performance is due to an uncontrollable force. The term "uncontrollable force" shall mean any cause beyond the control of the party affected, including but not limited to failure of facilities, flood, earthquake, tornado, storm, fire, lightning, epidemic, war, riot, civil disturbance or disobedience, labor dispute, and action or nonaction by or failure to obtain the necessary authorizations or approvals from any governmental agency or authority or the electorate, labor or material shortage, sabotage and restraint by court order or public authority, which by exercise of due diligence and foresight such party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid and which by exercise of due diligence it shall be unable to overcome. Nothing herein shall be construed so as to require any Party to settle any strike or labor dispute in which it is involved. Any party rendered able to fulfill any obligation hereunder by reason of an uncontrollable force shall exercise due diligence to remove such inability.

**15. NOTICE; CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS:**

15.1. All notices, requests, demands, and other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing or by electronic mail with read receipt and shall be deemed to have been received either when delivered or on the fifth business day following mailing, by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, whichever is earlier, addressed as set forth in Exhibit F.

15.2. Any Party may change the addressee or address to which communications or copies are to be sent by giving notice of such change under Subparagraph 15.1.

**16. SEVERABILITY:**

Should any part of this Agreement be declared, in a final decision by a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction, to be unconstitutional, invalid, or beyond the authority of a Party to enter into or carry out, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect and reformed, provided that the remainder of this Agreement, absent the excised portion, can be reasonably interpreted to give effect to the intentions of the Parties.

**17. WAIVER:**

The failure of any Party to insist on any one or more instances upon strict performance of any of the obligations of the other pursuant to this Agreement or to take advantage of any of its rights hereunder shall not be construed as a waiver of the performance of any such obligation or the relinquishment of any such rights for the future, but the same shall continue and remain in full force and effect.

**18. BINDING AGREEMENT:**

All of the provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the Parties and their heirs, successors and assigns; provided, however, that no Party shall assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement to another entity without the written consent of the other Parties. Such consent to assignment shall not, however, be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed.

**19. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES:**

This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Parties and does not create nor shall it be construed to create rights to any third party. No third party may enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**20. NO PARTNERSHIP AND NO JOINT VENTURE:**

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a partnership or joint venture between the Parties hereto. The covenants, obligations, and liabilities contained in this Agreement are intended to be several and not joint or collective, and nothing contained herein shall be construed to create an association, joint venture, agency, trust, or partnership, or to impose a trust or partnership covenant, obligation, fiduciary duty, or liability between the Parties. Each Party shall be individually responsible for its own covenants, obligations, and liabilities as provided herein.

**21. AUTHORITY:**

The undersigned representative of each Party certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the Party whom he or she represents to enter into the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to legally bind the Party to it.

**22. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-511, a Party who is a political subdivision of the State may cancel this Agreement, without penalty or further obligation, if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting or creating this Agreement on behalf of a Party is, at any time while this Agreement is in effect, an employee of another Party in any capacity, or a consultant to another Party with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. The cancellation shall be effective when written notice is received unless the notice specifies a later time.

**23. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; MODIFICATION; COUNTERPARTS:**

The terms, covenants and conditions of this Agreement constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties, and no understandings or obligations not herein expressly set forth shall be binding upon them. This Agreement may not be modified or amended in any manner unless in writing and signed by the Parties. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[signatures on the following pages]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement was executed by the Parties and is effective on the date described in Subparagraph 6.1 of this Agreement.

**SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL  
IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT**

By: David C. Roberts  
Name: David C. Roberts  
Title: Associate General Manager  
Water Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Patrick B. Sigl  
Name: Patrick B. Sigl  
Title: Principal Managing Attorney, Water,  
Land & Environment




**ARIZONA WATER COMPANY**

By:   
Name: Fredrick K. Schneider  
Title: President


**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

By:   
Name: E. Robert Spear  
Title: Vice-President and General Counsel

APACHE JUNCTION WATER UTILITY  
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT

By:  11-17-21  
Name: MICHAEL LOGGINS  
Title: WATER DISTRICT DIRECTOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:  11-16-21  
Name: RICHARD JOEL STERN  
Title: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

**CITY OF AVONDALE**

*Cherlene Penilla*  
Cherlene Penilla (Dec 17, 2021 12:23 MST)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: for Charles A. Montoya  
Title: City Manager

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

*Nicholle Harris*  
By: Nicholle Harris (Dec 20, 2021 07:35 MST)


Name: Nicholle Harris  
Title: City Attorney

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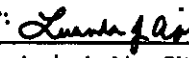
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CITY OF BUCKEYE

By:   
Eric Orsborn, Mayor

ATTEST

By:   
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By:   
Shiela B. Schmidt, City Attorney


**BUCKEYE WATER CONSERVATION AND  
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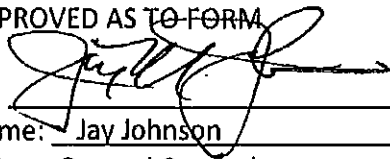
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Name: Noel Carter  
Title: General Manager

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By: Michael J. Pearce  
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Title: Attorney for Buckeye Water Conservation &  
Drainage District

**CENTRAL ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT (FOR CENTRAL ARIZONA  
GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT)**

By:   
Name: Theodore C. Cooke  
Title: General Manager

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By:   
Name: Jay Johnson  
Title: General Counsel

CITY OF CHANDLER

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: John Knudson

Title: Public Works & Utilities Director

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Jenny J. Winkler JW

Title: Asst. City Attorney

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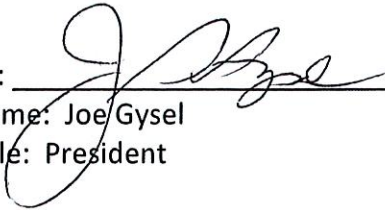
CITY OF EL MIRAGE

By: JC Dyches  
Name: J. Crystal Dyches  
Title: City Manager


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By: Justin Pierce  
Name: Justin Pierce  
Title: City Attorney

**EPCOR, USA, INC.**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Joe Gysel  
Title: President

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Dan Holwerda  
Title: Associate General Counsel

**FORT MCDOWELL YAVAPAI NATION**

By: Bernadine Burnette  
Name: Bernadine Burnette  
Title: President

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By: Di D. Benally  
Name: Diandra D. Benally  
Title: General Counsel

**TOWN OF GILBERT**

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By: Brigitte Peterson  
Name: C6599DB39B4D4DA... Brigitte Peterson  
Title: Mayor  
12-14-2021

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Name: 609C1924D5B2428... Chaveli Herrera  
Title: Town Clerk

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By: Chris Payne  
Name: AFDA351617E04AA... Chris Payne  
Title: Town Attorney

**CITY OF GOODYEAR, ARIZONA,**  
an Arizona municipal corporation

By: 

Julie Karins  
City Manager

Date: January 10, 2022

ATTEST:



By: 

Darcie McCracken  
City Clerk

Date: January 10, 2022

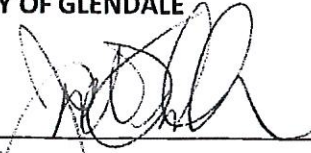
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City Attorney

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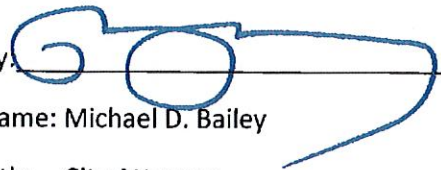
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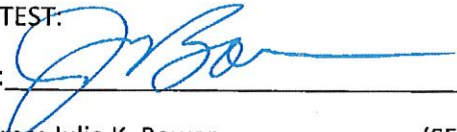
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By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Michael D. Bailey

Title: City Attorney

**ATTEST:**


By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Julie K. Bower


(SEAL)

Title: City Clerk

CITY OF MESA

By:   
Name: Christopher V. Boney  
Title: City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:   
Name: Wv Taebel  
Title: Asst City Atty III



CITY OF PEORIA

By: Cathy Carlat  
Name: CATHY CARLAT  
Title: MAYOR

ATTEST

By: Loi D...  
Name: Loi D...  
Title: Deputy City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Vanessa P. Hickman  
Name: Vanessa P. Hickman  
Title: City Attorney



ATTEST:

CITY OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA,  
a municipal corporation

JEFFREY BARTON, City Manager

*Deivise AschliSeld*

City Clerk, City of Phoenix Dec 14, 2021

By: *Troy Hayes*  
Troy Hayes (Dec 9, 2021 16:04 MST)

Troy Hayes  
Director, Water Services Department


APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
CRIS MEYER, City Attorney

By: *Patricia Boland*  
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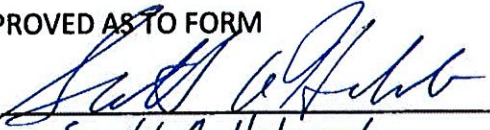
Name: Patricia Boland  
Title: Acting Chief Counsel

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**TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK**

By:   
Name: GAIL BARNEY  
Title: MAYOR

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

By:   
Name: Scott A. Holcomb  
Title: Town Attorney

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE

By: [Signature]  
Name: BRIAN K. BIESEMEYER  
Title: WATER RESOURCES EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR


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By: [Signature]  
Name: Janis L. Bladine  
Title: Sr Assistant City Attorney

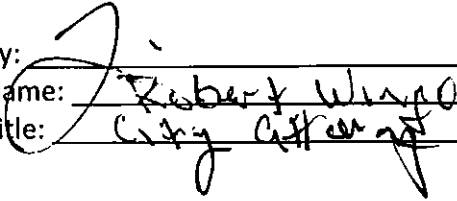
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Ben Lane, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF SURPRISE**

By:   
Name: SKIP HALL  
Title: Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

By:   
Name: Robert Wingo  
Title: City Attorney

CITY OF TEMPE

By: Terrance Piekarz  
Name: Terry Piekarz  
Title: Municipal Utilities Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Judith R. Baumann / by MRN  
Name: Judith R. Baumann  
Title: City Attorney

**AGREEMENT TO SHARE COSTS FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF BARTLETT DAM  
 MODIFICATION ALTERNATIVES  
 AMONG COST-SHARE PARTNERS  
 AND  
 SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT**

**EXHIBIT A**

**COST-SHARE PARTNERS**

Arizona Water Company	City Goodyear
Water Utility Community Facilities District (dba Apache Junction Water District	City of Glendale
City of Avondale	City of Mesa
City of Buckeye	City Peoria
Buckeye Water Conservation and Drainage District	City of Phoenix
Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District	Town of Queen Creek
City of Chandler	City of Scottsdale
City of El Mirage	City of Surprise
EPCOR, USA, Inc.	City of Tempe
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	
Town of Gilbert	

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**EXHIBIT B**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO SUPPORT THE BARTLETT DAM MODIFICATION  
FEASIBILITY STUDY AMONG VARIOUS PARTICIPATING ENTITIES AND SALT RIVER PROJECT  
AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT**



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**TO SUPPORT THE BARTLETT DAM MODIFICATION FEASIBILITY STUDY**  
**AMONG VARIOUS PARTICIPATING ENTITIES,**  
**SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION,**  
**AND**  
**SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT**

August 31, 2021

**1. PARTIES:**

This nonbinding memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) to support the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study is entered into by those entities listed in the Contact List of Exhibit A (“Participating Entities”), the Salt River Valley Water Users’ Association (“Association”), and the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (“District”). The Association and District are referred to collectively as “SRP.” SRP and the Participating Entities are referred to collectively as “Parties.”

**2. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:**

- a. The United States Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Reclamation (“Reclamation”), in partnership with SRP, conducted an appraisal level investigation called the Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Study to evaluate options to restore capacity lost in SRP’s Verde River reservoirs due to sediment accumulation, which impacts critical water supplies for central Arizona.
- b. Reclamation issued a draft report entitled “Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Study Appraisal Report” in May 2021 (“Draft Appraisal Report”) recommending that Reclamation:
  - i. Seek/confirm authority to initiate a feasibility study to determine the technical, environmental, economic, and financial feasibility of implementing one of two Bartlett Dam modification alternatives to enable central Arizona to adapt water management to changing climate conditions (“Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study”);

- ii. Address topics identified in the Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Study during the feasibility study process; and
  - iii. Develop cost-share agreements necessary to support the successful completion of the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study.
- c. Reclamation is expected to release a final appraisal report by the end of calendar year 2021. The Parties support Reclamation's recommendations as identified in Subparagraph 2(b) and the initiation of the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study to further evaluate alternatives for modification of Bartlett Dam to improve management of water supplies of the Verde River, reduce the reliance on groundwater, and help position central Arizona to manage extended droughts and shortages created by climate change impacts on the Colorado, Salt, and Verde River watersheds.
- d. The purpose of this MOU is to describe the cooperative efforts and roles and responsibilities of the Parties related to supporting Reclamation in completing the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study as recommended in the Draft Appraisal Report. As described below, included in those cooperative efforts is the formation and participation in a steering committee as described in Paragraph 5(d) ("Steering Committee"), and development of the following agreements: (1) a cost-share agreement among the Participating Entities and SRP as described in Paragraph 5(a) ("Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement"), and (2) the development of a cost-share agreement among SRP and Reclamation as described in Paragraph 4(b)(i) ("SRP-Reclamation Cost-Share Agreement").

### **3. TERM AND TERMINATION:**

- a. This MOU will become effective upon execution by the Parties and, unless terminated under Subparagraph 3(b), will remain in effect until Reclamation issues a final report for the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study.
- b. This MOU will terminate in the event that Reclamation issues a final Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Study Appraisal Report that does not include a recommendation to study the feasibility of Bartlett Dam modification alternatives.
- c. This MOU and the provisions of this MOU may only be modified upon mutual written consent of the Parties.

#### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES:

##### a. Mutual Responsibilities:

- i. The Parties will work cooperatively to develop the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement.
- ii. The Parties will work cooperatively to form and participate in the Steering Committee that is identified in Subparagraph 5(d) and will be further described by the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement.
- iii. The Parties will support and assist Reclamation to conduct the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study in the event that Reclamation has/obtains authority to conduct this study as identified in the recommendations noted in Subparagraph 2(b). This support and assistance is expected to include funding of the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study by some or all of the Participating Entities, as will be specified by the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement. The Parties will provide data and information relevant to analyses that may include but are not limited to assessments of hydrology and climate change, demand for use of water supplies, environmental and cultural resources, economics, engineering, dam safety and flood control, and recreation.

##### b. SRP Responsibilities:

- i. SRP will work with Reclamation to develop the SRP-Reclamation Cost-Share Agreement as a mechanism for SRP to pay the nonfederal cost-share required for completing the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study in the event that Reclamation has/obtains authority to conduct this study, including the funds collected under the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement, for completing the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study.
- ii. SRP will consult with the Participating Entities on substantive decisions related to Reclamation developing a plan of study for the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study while it finalizes the Draft Appraisal Report.

SRP will be the single point of contact with Reclamation on behalf of the Parties and will lead communications with Reclamation related to the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study until the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement is executed.

iii. SRP will serve as chair of the Steering Committee.

c. Participating Entities Responsibilities:

i. Participating Entities will provide relevant data, information, opinions, and analyses related to the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study as reasonably requested by SRP or Reclamation in the event that Reclamation has/obtains authority to conduct the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study.

ii. Participating Entities will serve on the Steering Committee as appropriate to engage in collaboration and coordination with SRP to support Reclamation's completion of the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study as will be further defined in the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement.

iii. Participating Entities will coordinate and collaborate with SRP in efforts to communicate information related to the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study with elected officials and other relevant stakeholders on the project.

**5. DEVELOPMENT OF THE NONFEDERAL PARTICIPATING ENTITIES COST-SHARE AGREEMENT:**

a. The Parties will collaborate to develop the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement with a goal of execution in Fall 2021. The Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement will describe how nonfederal costs will be allocated among SRP and any Participating Entities agreeing to share those costs to provide nonfederal funding to Reclamation and any appropriate contractors to conduct the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study in the event that Reclamation has/obtains authority to conduct this study.

- b. As part of the process to develop the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement, SRP and any Participating Entities agreeing to share the nonfederal costs will collaborate to determine the relative shares of the non-federal cost contribution in support of the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study in the event that Reclamation has/obtains authority to conduct this study as recommended in the Draft Appraisal Report. The Parties understand that any cost-share contribution under the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement does not guarantee capacity in a future Modified Bartlett Dam in the event such a facility is constructed.
- c. The Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement will be among SRP and any Participating Entities agreeing to share the nonfederal costs and will require those Participating Entities to submit funds to SRP for SRP to remit such funds to any necessary contractors or to Reclamation through the separate Reclamation-SRP Cost-Share Agreement.
- d. As part of the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement, the Parties will establish the Steering Committee chaired by SRP to provide timely and effective feedback and guidance to support Reclamation and any necessary contractors in achieving the milestones necessary to complete the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study in the event that Reclamation has/obtains authority to conduct this study and to facilitate coordination in communications with elected officials and other relevant stakeholders.

**6. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES:**

Within thirty (30) days after execution of this MOU, SRP and each Participating Entity shall designate in writing to the other Parties an Authorized Representative and an Alternate to administer this MOU on behalf of the designating party. Written notice of a change of an Authorized Representative or Alternate shall be provided within thirty (30) days of such change. The Alternate shall act only in the absence of the Authorized Representative. Neither the Authorized Representatives nor the Alternates shall have authority to amend, modify, or supplement this MOU. Agreements of the Authorized Representatives pursuant to this MOU shall be in writing and signed by them.

**7. ADDITION AND WITHDRAWAL OF PARTICIPATING ENTITIES:**

- a. Any Participating Entity may voluntarily withdraw from this MOU by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the other Parties as provided in Paragraph 8.
- b. Additional Participating Entities may be added to this MOU by the Steering Committee. Such additional Participating Entities may or may not (1) be parties to the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement, or (2) participate in the Steering Committee.

**8. ADDRESSES FOR COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. All notices and communications under this MOU shall be addressed to the contacts set forth in Exhibit A. In the event Participating Entities are added to this MOU by the Steering Committee as described in Subparagraph 7(b), the Authorized Representatives shall update Exhibit A accordingly and distribute the updated Exhibit A to all of the Parties.
- b. The Parties may change the addressee or address to which communications or copies are to be sent by giving notice of such change of addressee.

[signatures on the following pages]

9. SIGNATURES:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this MOU was executed by the Parties on the date first hereinabove written.

**SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS'  
ASSOCIATION**

By: David C. Roberts

Name: David C. Roberts

Title: Associate General Manager  
Water Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Patrick B. Sigl

Name: Patrick B. Sigl

Title: Supervising Attorney, Environment, Land  
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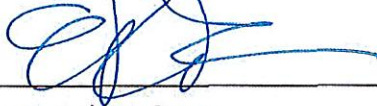
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**ARIZONA WATER COMPANY**

By:   
Name: Fredrick K. Schneider      DA000792  
Title: President

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

By:   
Name: E. Robert Spear  
Title: Vice President and General Counsel




**CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION**

By: 

Name: Michael Loggins

Title: Water District Director

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

By:  8-19-21

Name: R. Joel Stern

Title: District Counsel

[PARTICIPATING ENTITY]

*Cherlene Penilla*

By: Cherlene Penilla (Aug 5, 2021 10:41 PDT)

Name: for Charles A. Montoya

Title: City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM

*Nicholle Harris*

By: Nicholle Harris (Aug 4, 2021 17:46 PDT)

Name: Nicholle Harris

Title: City Attorney

ATTEST: *Linda Mendenhall*  
Linda Mendenhall (Aug 5, 2021 10:44 PDT)



**CITY OF BUCKEYE, an Arizona municipal  
Corporation,**

By: 

Name: Eric W. Orsborn

Title: Mayor

ATTEST

By: 

Name: Lucinda J. Aja

Title: City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Shiela B. Schmidt*

Name: Shiela B. Schmidt

Title: City Attorney

**BUCKEYE WATER CONSERVATION AND  
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By: Noel Carter

Name: Noel Carter

Title: General Manager


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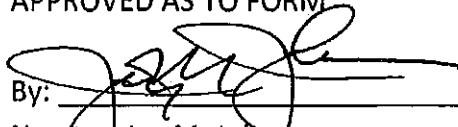
By: Michael Pearce

Name: Michael Pearce

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**CENTRAL ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION  
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**CITY OF CHANDLER**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

John Khudson

Director, Public Works & Utilities

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By: \_\_\_\_\_ *gw*

Jenny J. Winkler

Assistant City Attorney

CITY OF EL MIRAGE

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Alexis Hermosillo

Title: Mayor

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Name: Justin Pierce

Title: City Attorney

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By: J. D. Gysel

Name: Joe Gysel

Title: President

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By: D. Holwerda

Name: Dan Holwerda

Title: Associate General Counsel



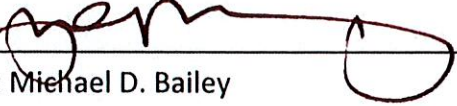
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Name: Kevin R. Phelps

Title: City Manager

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Name: Michael D. Bailey

Title: City Attorney

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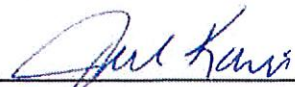
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Name: Julie K. Bower


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Title: City Clerk

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Name: Julie Karins  
Title: City Manager

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By:   
Name: Roric Massey  
Title: City Attorney

**CITY OF MESA**

By: 

**Name: Jake West**

**Title: Water Resources Department Director**

CITY OF PEORIA

By: [Signature]  
Name: Katie Gregory  
Title: Deputy City Manager

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Name: Vanessa Hickman  
Title: City Attorney

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By: [Signature]  
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Title: City Clerk



**City of Phoenix**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Cynthia Campbell \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Water Resources Management Advisor

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK**

By:   
By: John Kross (Aug 9, 2021 08:40 PDT)

Name: John Kross

Title: Town Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM

  
By: Scott A. Holcomb (Aug 10, 2021 10:13 PDT)

Name: Scott Holcomb

Title: Town Attorney

**Roosevelt Water Conservation District**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Shane M. Leonard

Title: General Manager

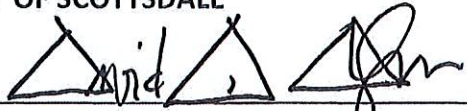
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By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: DAVID D. ORTEGA

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Name: Janis L. Bladine

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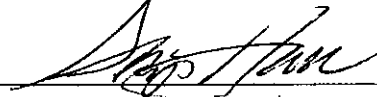
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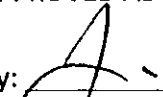
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By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: *STEVE HALL*

Title: *MAYOR*

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: *Robert Wings*

Title: *City attorney*

**CITY OF TEMPE**

By: 

Name: Corey D. Woods

Title: Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

By: 

Name: Judith R. Baumann

Title: City Attorney

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**TO SUPPORT THE BARTLETT DAM MODIFICATION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**AMONG VARIOUS PARTICIPATING ENTITIES,**

**SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION,**

**AND**

**SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT**

**Exhibit A**

**Parties Contact List**

**Table 1 – Parties**

Arizona Water Company	City of Glendale
City of Apache Junction	City of Mesa
City of Avondale	City of Peoria
City of Buckeye	City of Phoenix
Buckeye Water Conservation and Drainage District	Town of Queen Creek
Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District	Roosevelt Water Conservation District
City of Chandler	Salt River Valley Water Users' Association
City of El Mirage	Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District
EPCOR, USA, Inc.	City of Surprise
Town of Gilbert	City of Tempe
City of Goodyear	

**Table 2 – Contacts**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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City of Avondale	
City of Buckeye	Alisha Solano, Water Resources Director 21749 W. Yuma Road, Suite 107 Buckeye, AZ 85326  <b><u>Copy to:</u></b>  Sheila B. Schmidt, City Attorney Gust Rosenfeld 1 East Washington, Suite 1600 Phoenix, AZ 85004 sschmidt@gustlaw.com

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Buckeye Water Conservation and Drainage District	
Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District	<p>Theodore C. Cooke, General Manager            Central Arizona Water Conservation District            P.O. Box 43020            Phoenix, AZ 85080-3020</p> <p><b><u>Copy to:</u></b></p> <p>Chris Brooks, Senior Analyst            Laura Grignano, Manager            Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District            P.O. Box 43020            Phoenix, AZ 85080-3020</p>
City of Chandler	<p>John Knudson, Director, Public Works &amp; Utilities            City of Chandler            P.O. Box 4008, MS 403            Chandler, AZ 85244-4008</p> <p><b><u>Copy to:</u></b></p> <p>Kelly Schwab, City Attorney            City of Chandler            P.O. Box 4008, MS 602            Chandler, AZ 85244-4008</p>
City of El Mirage	

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EPCOR USA, Inc.	EPCOR USA, Inc c/o Joe Gysel President 2355 W. Pinnacle Peak Road, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85027  <b><u>Copy to:</u></b>  EPCOR USA, Inc c/o General Counsel 2355 W. Pinnacle Peak Road, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85027
Town of Gilbert	
City of Goodyear	
City of Glendale	City of Glendale c/o City Clerk-Julie K. Bower 5850 W. Glendale Ave. Glendale, AZ 85301  <b><u>Copy to:</u></b>  City of Glendale Drew Swieczkowski 7070 W. Northern Ave. Glendale, AZ 85303

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City of Peoria	
City of Phoenix	
Town of Queen Creek	John Kross Paul Gardner 22358 S. Ellsworth Road Queen Creek, AZ 85142
Roosevelt Water Conservation District	

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Salt River Valley Water Users' Association And Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District	Salt River Project c/o Corporate Secretary P.O. Box 52025 Phoenix, AZ 85072-2205  <b><u>Copy to:</u></b>  Ronald J. Klawitter Water System Projects Principal Salt River Project P.O. Box 52025 Phoenix, AZ 85072-2205
City of Scottsdale	City of Scottsdale – Scottsdale Water c/o Executive Director 9312 N. 94 <sup>th</sup> Street Scottsdale, AZ 85258  <b><u>Copy to:</u></b> City of Scottsdale – City Attorney 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd. Scottsdale, AZ 85251
City of Surprise	
City of Tempe	



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**EXHIBIT C**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO SUPPORT THE BARTLETT DAM MODIFICATION  
FEASIBILITY STUDY AMONG THE FORT MCDOWELL YAVAPAI NATION AND SALT RIVER  
PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**TO SUPPORT THE BARTLETT DAM MODIFICATION FEASIBILITY STUDY**  
**BETWEEN FORT MCDOWELL YAVAPAI NATION,**  
**SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION,**  
**AND**  
**SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT**

October 12, 2021

**1. PARTIES:**

This nonbinding memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) to support the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study is entered into by the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (“Nation”), the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association (“Association”), and the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (“District”). The Association and District are referred to collectively as “SRP.” SRP and the Nation are referred to collectively as “Parties.”

**2. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:**

- a. The United States Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Reclamation (“Reclamation”), in partnership with SRP, conducted an appraisal level investigation called the Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Study to evaluate options to restore capacity lost in SRP’s Verde River reservoirs due to sediment accumulation, which impacts critical water supplies for central Arizona.
- b. Reclamation issued a draft report entitled “Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Study Appraisal Report” in May 2021 (“Draft Appraisal Report”), the Executive Summary is attached to this MOU as Exhibit A, recommending that Reclamation:
  - i. Seek/confirm authority to initiate a feasibility study to determine the technical, environmental, economic, and financial feasibility of implementing one of two Bartlett Dam modification alternatives to enable central Arizona to adapt water management to changing climate conditions (“Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study”);

- ii. Address topics identified in the Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Study during the feasibility study process; and
  - iii. Develop cost-share agreements necessary to support the successful completion of the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study.
- c. Reclamation is expected to release a final appraisal report by the end of calendar year 2021. The Parties support Reclamation's recommendations as identified in Subparagraph 2(b) and the initiation of the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study to further evaluate alternatives for modification of Bartlett Dam to improve management of water supplies of the Verde River, reduce the reliance on groundwater, and help position central Arizona to manage extended droughts and shortages created by climate change impacts on the Colorado, Salt, and Verde River watersheds.
- d. The purpose of this MOU is to describe the cooperative efforts and roles and responsibilities of the Parties related to supporting Reclamation in completing the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study as recommended in the Draft Appraisal Report. As described below, included in those cooperative efforts is the formation and participation in a steering committee as described in Paragraph 5(d) ("Steering Committee"), and development of the following agreements: (1) a cost-share agreement as described in Paragraph 5(a) ("Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement"), and (2) a cost-share agreement among SRP and Reclamation as described in Paragraph 4(b)(i) ("SRP-Reclamation Cost-Share Agreement").
- e. SRP has executed, or will be executing, a similar nonbinding MOU to Support the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study with some or all of the following entities: Arizona Water Company, Buckeye Water Conservation and Drainage District, Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District, City of Apache Junction, City of Avondale, City of Buckeye, City of Chandler, Town of Gilbert, City of El Mirage, City of Glendale, City of Goodyear, City of Mesa, City of Peoria, City of Phoenix, City of Scottsdale, City of Surprise, City of Tempe, EPCOR, Roosevelt Water Conservation District and Town of Queen Creek. The listed entities will be referred to as ("Participating Entities").

**3. TERM AND TERMINATION:**

- a. This MOU will become effective upon execution by the Parties and, unless terminated under Subparagraph 3(b), will remain in effect until Reclamation issues a final report for the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study.
- b. This MOU will terminate in the event that Reclamation issues a final Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Study Appraisal Report that does not include a recommendation to study the feasibility of Bartlett Dam modification alternatives.
- c. This MOU and the provisions of this MOU may only be modified upon mutual written consent of the Parties.

**4. RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- a. Mutual Responsibilities:
  - i. The Nation will work cooperatively together with the Participating Entities and SRP to develop the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement although the Parties agree that the Nation will not be required to contribute any funding towards the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study.
  - ii. The Nation will work cooperatively with the Participating Entities and SRP to form and participate in the Steering Committee that is identified in Subparagraph 5(d) and will be further described by the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement.
  - iii. The Parties will support and assist Reclamation to conduct the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study in the event that Reclamation has/obtains authority to conduct this study as identified in the recommendations noted in Subparagraph 2(b). This support and assistance is expected to include funding of the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study by some or all of the Participating Entities, as will be specified by the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement. The Parties may provide data and information relevant to analyses that may include but are not limited to assessments of hydrology and climate change, demand for use of water supplies, environmental and cultural

resources, economics, engineering, dam safety and flood control, and recreation.

b. SRP Responsibilities:

- i. SRP will work with Reclamation to develop the SRP-Reclamation Cost-Share Agreement as a mechanism for SRP to pay the nonfederal cost-share required for completing the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study in the event that Reclamation has/obtains authority to conduct this study, including the funds collected under the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement, for completing the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study.
- ii. SRP will communicate with the Nation on a regular basis on all substantive decisions related to Reclamation developing a plan of study for the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study while it finalizes the Draft Appraisal Report.
- iii. SRP will serve as chair of the Steering Committee.

c. The Nation's Responsibilities:

- i. The Nation may provide relevant data, information, opinions, and analyses related to the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study as reasonably requested by SRP or Reclamation in the event that Reclamation has/obtains authority to conduct the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study.
- ii. The Nation will serve on the Steering Committee as appropriate to engage in collaboration and coordination with SRP to support Reclamation's completion of the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study as will be further defined in the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement.
- iii. The Nation may coordinate and collaborate with SRP in efforts to communicate information related to the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study with elected officials and other relevant stakeholders on the project.

- iv. Nothing in this MOU prevents the Nation from consulting with Reclamation on a formal or informal basis on any matter, including regarding the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study.

**5. DEVELOPMENT OF THE NONFEDERAL PARTICIPATING ENTITIES COST-SHARE AGREEMENT:**

- a. The Nation will collaborate with the other Participating Entities and SRP to develop the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement with a goal of execution in Fall 2021. The Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement will describe how nonfederal costs will be allocated among SRP and any entities agreeing to share those costs to provide nonfederal funding to Reclamation and any appropriate contractors to conduct the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study in the event that Reclamation has/obtains authority to conduct this study.
- b. As part of the process to develop the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement, SRP and any entities agreeing to share the nonfederal costs will collaborate to determine the relative shares of the non-federal cost contribution in support of the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study in the event that Reclamation has/obtains authority to conduct this study as recommended in the Draft Appraisal Report. The Parties understand that any cost-share contribution under the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement does not guarantee capacity in a future Modified Bartlett Dam in the event such a facility is constructed.
- c. The Nation recognizes that the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement will be among SRP and any entity agreeing to share the nonfederal costs and will require those entities to submit funds to SRP for SRP to remit such funds to any necessary contractors or to Reclamation through the separate Reclamation-SRP Cost-Share Agreement.
- d. As part of the Nonfederal Participating Entities Cost-Share Agreement, the Participating Entities and the Parties will establish the Steering Committee chaired by SRP to provide timely and effective feedback and guidance to support Reclamation and any necessary contractors in achieving the milestones necessary to complete the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study in the event that

Reclamation has/obtains authority to conduct this study and to facilitate coordination in communications with elected officials and other relevant stakeholders.

- e. The Nation reserves the right to consult with Reclamation regarding cost-sharing for the Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study.

**6. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES**

Within thirty (30) days after execution of this MOU, SRP and the Nation shall designate in writing an Authorized Representative and an Alternate to administer this MOU on behalf of the designating party. Written notice of a change of an Authorized Representative or Alternate shall be provided within thirty (30) days of such change. The Alternate shall act only in the absence of the Authorized Representative. Neither the Authorized Representatives nor the Alternates shall have authority to amend, modify, or supplement this MOU. Agreements of the Authorized Representatives pursuant to this MOU shall be in writing and signed by them.

**7. ADDITION AND WITHDRAWAL OF PARTICIPATING ENTITIES:**

- a. SRP or the Nation may voluntarily withdraw from this MOU by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party as provided in Paragraph 8.

**8. ADDRESSES FOR COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. All notices and communications under this MOU shall be addressed to the following addresses:

If to SRP:

Salt River Project  
c/o Corporate Secretary  
P.O. Box 52025  
Phoenix, AZ 85072-2205

with a copy to:

Ronald J. Klawitter  
Water System Projects Principal

Salt River Project  
P.O. Box 52025  
Phoenix, AZ 85072-2205

If to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation:

Fort McDowell Yavapai nation  
c/o Office of the President  
PO Box 17779  
Fountain Hills, AZ 85269

with a copy to:

Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation  
Office of General Counsel  
PO Box 17779  
Fountain Hills, AZ 85269

- b. The Parties may change the addressee or address to which communications or copies are to be sent by giving notice of such change of addressee.

[signatures on the following pages]



**9. SIGNATURES:**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this MOU was executed by the Parties on the date first hereinabove written.

**SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION**

By: David C. Roberts

Name: David C. Roberts

Title: Associate General Manager  
Water Resources

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By: Patrick B. Sigl

Name: Patrick B. Sigl

Title: Supervising Attorney, Environment, Land  
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**SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT**

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**FORT MCDOWELL YAVAPAI NATION**

By: *Bernadine Burnette*

Name: Bernadine Burnette

Title: President

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

By: *Diandra D. Benally*

Name: Diandra D. Benally

Title: General Counsel

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**EXHIBIT D  
ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION LEVELS\***

<b>Party</b>	<b>Annual Contribution to Nonfederal Cost-Share 2022</b>	<b>Annual Contribution to Nonfederal Cost-Share 2023</b>	<b>Annual Contribution to Nonfederal Cost-Share 2024</b>	<b>Annual Contribution to Nonfederal Cost-Share 2025</b>
Arizona Water Company	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Water Utility Community Facilities District (Apache Junction Water District)	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
City of Avondale	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
City of Buckeye	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Buckeye Water Conservation and Drainage District**				
Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
City of Chandler	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
City of El Mirage	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
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Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation**				
Town of Gilbert	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
City of Glendale	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
City of Goodyear	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
City of Mesa	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
City of Peoria	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
City of Phoenix	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Town of Queen Creek	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
City of Scottsdale	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
SRP	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
City of Surprise	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
City of Tempe	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00

\* The Annual Contribution Level as defined in this Agreement includes the option for a Party to elect to budget and appropriate the full amount of \$400,000 to participate in this Agreement as a Voting Member at the time of the Effective Date of the Agreement for that Party. Payment will be made pursuant to Section 12 of this Agreement.

\*\* These Parties are Voting Members of the Steering Committee irrespective of their Annual Contribution Levels.

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**EXHIBIT E**

**POTENTIAL CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING NEED FOR WATER**

The parties (“Parties”) to the Agreement to Share Costs Associated with the Feasibility Study of Bartlett Dam Modification Alternatives Among Cost-Share Partners and Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (“Agreement”) will work together to develop criteria for evaluating the need of interested parties in gaining access to new conservation storage capacity and associated water supplies made possible by construction of a modified Bartlett Dam. The steering committee established by the Agreement (“Steering Committee”) will develop the evaluation criteria that will be used to determine a beneficiary’s extent and urgency of need. The following provides examples of the type of information and criteria that the Steering Committee may consider when developing the criteria.

**The Steering Committee may consider criteria similar to the following to evaluate if a beneficiary should be recommended for gaining access to water supplies provided by any new conservation storage space added on the Verde River as a result of potential modifications to Bartlett Dam:**

- Whether a reduction in non-renewable groundwater use would result from access to the supplies
- Whether access to the supplies would result in increase in the physical availability of water in areas without current access to renewable water supplies
- Whether a beneficiary interested in gaining access to supplies is able to demonstrate or outline a plan (with reasonable investment, agreement, or exchange) to directly use, store and recover, or replenish groundwater with the supplies in a manner consistent with water management goals of the AMA in which the beneficiary operates and existing law
- Whether access to water supplies made possible aids in meeting demands of existing water providers on an identified time horizon to-be determined by the Steering Committee
- Whether access to water supplies aids in mitigating effects of shortages from other supplies in causing service disruptions to existing customers
- Whether access to water supplies would help resolve an immediate, short term or long-term need.

**Information that may be Considered to Evaluate Participant’s Need:**

- Applicable ADWR approved Designations of Assured Water Supply, ADWR approved groundwater modeling in support of a Physical Availability Determination, and ADWR approved Certificates of Assured Water Supply
- Annual Water Withdrawal and Use Reports
- Community Water System Annual Reports
- System Water Plans/Water, Wastewater, Water Resource Master Plans modeled and completed by each MOU Partner within identified time horizon during the feasibility study process to-be determined by Steering Committee
- Other data and information as identified by the Steering Committee

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**EXHIBIT F**

**CONTACT LIST**

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City of Buckeye	Alisha Solano, Water Resources Director 21749 W. Yuma Road, Suite 107 Buckeye, AZ 85326  <u><b>Copy to:</b></u>  Sheila B. Schmidt, City Attorney Gust Rosenfeld 1 East Washington, Suite 1600 Phoenix, AZ 85004 sschmidt@gustlaw.com
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Party	Contact
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## CAREFREE WATER COMPANY

### RESOLUTION 2022-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CAREFREE WATER COMPANY, INC., AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CAREFREE WATER COMPANY TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO SUPPORT THE PLANNING, DESIGN, PERMITTING, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF THE SRP-CAP INTERCONNECTION FACILITY AMONG SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION, SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT, CENTRAL ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, AND PARTICIPATING ENTITIES ("MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING").**

**WHEREAS**, a long-term sustainable water supply is a strategic resource necessary to meet current and future water demands of Carefree residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association and the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (collectively, "SRP") in collaboration with the Central Arizona Water Conservation District ("CAWCD"), have begun the planning to design, permit, and construct the SRP-CAP Interconnection Facility ("SCIF"); and

**WHEREAS**, the SCIF would connect the SRP water delivery system to the CAP Canal and provide the infrastructure to facilitate the transportation of water from the SRP water delivery system to the CAP Canal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carefree Water Company could potentially benefit from this facility if a water supply on the Salt or Verde River watersheds were obtained in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Understanding does not yet commit the Carefree Water Company any monetary contribution to this effort.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CAREFREE WATER COMPANY, INC., THE FOLLOWING:**

**Section 1.** The Memorandum of Understanding to Support the Planning, Design, Permitting, Construction, and Operation of the SRP-CAP Interconnection Facility Among Salt River Valley Water Users' Association, Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, Central Arizona Water Conservation District, and Participating Entities ("Memorandum of Understanding"), as attached hereto, is hereby approved; and

**Section 2.** The General Manager of the Carefree Water Company is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding, or similar Memorandum that is in substantial conformance to the attachment, in accordance with its terms and intent; and

**Section 3.** This Resolution is effective immediately.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Carefree Water Company, Inc. this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

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Les Peterson, President, Carefree Water Company

ATTEST:

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Kandace French Contreras, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Michael W. Wright, Water Company Attorney

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Carefree Water Company, Inc. at a regular meeting held on July 5, 2022, and that a quorum was present thereat and that the vote thereon was \_\_\_\_\_ ayes and \_\_\_\_\_ nays; \_\_\_\_\_ did not vote or were absent.

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Kandace French Contreras, Secretary

**ATTACHMENT:**

Memorandum of Understanding to Support the Planning, Design, Permitting, Construction, and Operation of the SRP-CAP Interconnection Facility Among Salt River Valley Water Users' Association, Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, Central Arizona Water Conservation District, and Participating Entities

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO SUPPORT THE  
PLANNING, DESIGN, PERMITTING, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION  
OF THE SRP-CAP INTERCONNECTION FACILITY  
AMONG  
SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION,  
SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT,  
CENTRAL ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,  
AND PARTICIPATING ENTITIES**

June \_\_, 2022

**1. PARTIES:**

This nonbinding memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) to support the planning, design, permitting, construction, and operation of the SRP-CAP Interconnection Facility (“SCIF”), is entered into by the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association (“Association”), Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (“District”), Central Arizona Water Conservation District (“CAWCD”), and the entities listed as “Participating Entities” in Exhibit A. The Association and District are referred to collectively as “SRP.” SRP, CAWCD, and the Participating Entities are referred to collectively as “Parties.”

**2. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:**

2.1. The CAWCD is responsible for the care, operation, maintenance, and replacement of the Central Arizona Project (“CAP”), including the water delivery works of the CAP (herein “CAP Canal”). CAWCD also has certain groundwater replenishment authorities and responsibilities pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 48-3771, et. seq., commonly referred to as the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District.

2.2. SRP is responsible for the care, operation, and maintenance of the Salt River Federal Reclamation Project, including the SRP water delivery system and the CAP/SRP Interconnection Facility (“CSIF”) located adjacent to the Granite Reef

Diversion Dam, which provides SRP and CAWCD the ability to transport water from the CAP Canal to the SRP water delivery system.

- 2.3. SRP, in collaboration with CAWCD, has begun planning to design, permit, and construct the SCIF, which would connect the SRP water delivery system to the CAP Canal and provide the infrastructure to facilitate the transportation of water from the SRP water delivery system to the CAP Canal.
- 2.4. The Parties are considering participating in the planning, design, permitting, construction, and operation of the SCIF and potentially obtaining capacity in the SCIF to assist in managing their water resources.
- 2.5. The purpose of this MOU is to generally describe: (1) the phases the Parties believe will be necessary to plan, design, permit, and construct the SCIF and (2) the cooperative efforts and roles and responsibilities of the Parties in each of those phases. As described below, included in those cooperative efforts is supporting the formation of steering committees to facilitate collaboration and timely decision making and developing cost share agreements to fund the necessary work to complete the planning, design, permitting, construction, and operation of the SCIF.

**3. TERM AND TERMINATION:**

- 3.1. This MOU shall become effective upon execution by the Parties and, unless terminated under Subparagraph 3.2, will remain in effect until the construction of the SCIF is complete.
- 3.2. This MOU may be terminated upon mutual written agreement of the Parties.
- 3.3. This MOU and the provisions of the MOU may only be modified upon mutual written agreement of the Parties.
- 3.4. Any Participating Entity may terminate its participation in this MOU upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other Parties of its intention to do so.

**4. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES:**



Within thirty (30) days after execution of this MOU, each Party shall designate in writing to the other Parties an Authorized Representative and an alternate to administer this MOU on behalf of the designating Party. Written notice of a change of an Authorized Representative or alternate shall be provided within thirty (30) days of such change. The alternate shall act only in the absence of the Authorized Representative. Neither the Authorized Representatives nor the alternates shall have authority to amend or modify this MOU, except as provided in Paragraph 7. Agreements of the Authorized Representatives pursuant to this MOU shall be in writing and signed by them.

**5. DESCRIPTION OF PHASES FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, PERMITTING, AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCIF:**

5.1. PHASE ONE: SELECTING A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

SRP and CAWCD retained HDR Engineering, Inc. ("HDR") to produce a preliminary design report, dated March 29, 2021, and additional supplemental analysis ("HDR Technical Reports"), wherein SRP and CAWCD developed conceptual design and cost estimates for several alternative configurations and alignments for the SCIF. The Parties shall review the SCIF HDR Technical Reports and select a preferred alternative for the configuration and alignment of the SCIF. If after reviewing the HDR Technical Reports, the Parties determine that additional technical work is necessary to select a preferred alternative, SRP, CAWCD, and the Participating Entities interested in funding additional work shall negotiate and enter into a cost share agreement to fund additional technical work (herein "Phase One Cost Share Agreement"). The Phase One Cost Share Agreement shall provide for the formation of a steering committee to direct the additional technical work. Once the additional technical work is completed, the Parties shall select a preferred alternative for the configuration and alignment of the SCIF. In the event the preferred alternative is identified through the additional technical work, the cost of the additional technical work shall be eligible for reimbursement during Phase Two. SRP shall collaborate, as necessary, with the Bureau of Reclamation ("Reclamation") to complete Phase One.

5.2. PHASE TWO: DESIGN AND PERMITTING

SRP, in collaboration with CAWCD, Reclamation and other federal agencies, shall complete all design and permitting work necessary for the construction of the

preferred alternative selected in Phase One. This work includes but is not limited to preparing design plans, obtaining necessary approvals of such design plans from Reclamation, and seeking environmental compliance and necessary permits under the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and the National Historical Preservation Act. SRP, CAWCD, and the Participating Entities interested in funding the design and permitting work shall negotiate and enter into an agreement to share the costs for the design and permitting work (including the technical work previously completed by HDR for the SCIF HDR Technical Reports and the additional technical work described in Paragraph 5.1, if applicable) (herein "Phase Two Cost Share Agreement"). Participation in the Phase Two Cost Share Agreement is required for Participating Entities that wish to obtain capacity in the SCIF, unless approved by the Phase Two Cost Share Agreement participants. The Phase Two Cost Share Agreement shall provide for the formation of a steering committee to facilitate collaboration, review of technical work, and decision-making related to the design and permitting of the SCIF. Such decision making shall include determining the total capacity of the SCIF and relative shares of such capacity for the Parties that wish to obtain capacity in the SCIF. SRP shall collaborate, as necessary, with Reclamation, United States Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE"), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("FWS"), United States Forest Service ("USFS"), and other federal agencies (herein collectively "Federal Agencies") for such environmental compliance and permitting. SRP will also, as necessary, negotiate and enter into reimbursement agreements with the Federal Agencies to fund their review and approval of design and permitting work and issuance of permits, approvals, and permissions to construct and operate the SCIF. Such reimbursement agreements shall account for the federal cost share in the event Reclamation desires federal capacity in the SCIF.

### 5.3. PHASE THREE: CONSTRUCTION

SRP, in collaboration with CAWCD and Reclamation, shall complete all activities to construct the preferred alternative designed and permitted in Phase Two. SRP, CAWCD, and the Participating Entities that wish to obtain capacity in the SCIF shall negotiate and enter into an agreement to share the costs related to constructing the SCIF (herein "Phase Three Cost Share Agreement"). The Phase Three Cost Share Agreement shall provide for the formation of a steering committee to facilitate collaboration and decision making in the construction process. SRP shall collaborate and enter into reimbursement agreements, as

necessary, with Federal Agencies to review and approve construction work. Such reimbursement agreements shall account for the federal cost share in the event Reclamation desires federal capacity in the SCIF.

5.4. PHASE FOUR: OPERATION

SRP shall operate the SCIF, in collaboration with CAWCD, Reclamation and the Participating Entities that acquire capacity in the SCIF. SRP, CAWCD, Reclamation, and the Participating Entities that acquire capacity in the SCIF shall negotiate and enter into an operating agreement outlining the procedures for how SRP will operate the SCIF (herein "Operating Agreement").

6. **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

6.1. MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

6.1.1. The appropriate Parties will work cooperatively to develop the cost share agreements described in Subparagraph 5.1 to 5.3 and the Operating Agreement described in Subparagraph 5.4.

6.1.2. The appropriate Parties will work cooperatively to form and participate in the steering committees identified in Subparagraph 5.1 to 5.3 and will be further described in the cost share agreements.

6.1.3. The appropriate Parties will support the planning, design, permitting, construction, and operation of the SCIF. This support is expected to include funding for the planning, design, permitting, construction, and operation of the SCIF by some or all of the Parties to this MOU, as will be specified by the cost share agreements and operating agreement described in Paragraph 5. The Parties will also provide to each other data and information relevant to the planning, design, permitting, construction, and operation of the SCIF.

6.2. SRP & CAWCD RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 6.2.1. SRP, in collaboration with CAWCD, shall be responsible for completing, managing, and directing all work associated with the planning, design, permitting, construction, and operation of the SCIF.
- 6.2.2. SRP, in collaboration with CAWCD and Federal Agencies, shall be responsible for retaining, managing, and directing all consultants, contractors, or others, as needed, to complete work associated with the planning, design, permitting, construction, and operation of the SCIF.
- 6.2.3. SRP, in collaboration with CAWCD, shall be responsible for collaborating and entering into reimbursement agreements with Federal Agencies to reimburse the Federal Agencies for costs incurred to review and approve design, permitting, and construction work and issue permits, approvals, and permissions to construct and operate the SCIF.
- 6.2.4. SRP, in collaboration with CAWCD, will be the point of contact with Reclamation and other Federal Agencies on behalf of Parties and will lead communications with Reclamation and other Federal Agencies related to the planning, design, permitting, construction, and operation of the SCIF.
- 6.2.5. SRP shall serve as chair of the steering committees described in Paragraph 5 which will include communication and sharing relevant information regarding the planning, design, permitting, and construction of the SCIF with appropriate Parties.

6.3. PARTICIPATING ENTITIES RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 6.3.1. Appropriate Participating Entities will provide relevant data, information, opinions, and analyses related to the planning, design, permitting, construction, and operation of the SCIF as reasonably requested by SRP or CAWCD.
- 6.3.2. Participating Entities will serve on the steering committees described in Paragraph 5 as appropriate to engage in collaboration and coordination with SRP and CAWCD to support the planning, design, permitting, construction, and operation of the SCIF, as will be further defined in the relevant cost share agreements.

6.3.3. Participating Entities will coordinate and collaborate with SRP and CAWCD in efforts to communicate information related to the planning, design, permitting, construction, and operation of the SCIF with elected officials and other relevant stakeholders on the project.

**7. ADDITION AND WITHDRAWAL OF PARTICIPATING ENTITY:**

- 7.1. Any Participating Entity may voluntarily withdraw from this MOU by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the other Parties as provided in Paragraph 8.
- 7.2. Additional Participating Entities may be added to this MOU by the written mutual agreement of the Parties' Authorized Representatives.
- 7.3. A Participating Entity may be a party to the cost share agreements described in Paragraph 5 which will include independent obligations including provisions for addition and withdrawal of parties to such agreements.

**8. ADDRESSES FOR COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 8.1. All notices and communications under this MOU shall be addressed to the contacts set forth in Exhibit B. Electronic communication is acceptable for notices and communications under this MOU. In the event a Participating Entity is added to this MOU pursuant to Subparagraph 7.2, the Parties' Authorized Representatives shall update Exhibit B accordingly and distribute the updated exhibit to the Parties.
- 8.2. The Parties may change the address to which communications or copies are to be sent by giving written notice of such change of address to each Party.

[signatures on the following pages]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the dates set forth below.

**SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL  
IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

Approved as to Form:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Patrick Sigl

Title: Principal Managing Attorney, Water, Land and Environment

Date:

**SALT RIVER VALLEY  
WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

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**CITY OF TEMPE**

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**CAREFREE WATER COMPANY**

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**WATER UTILITIES COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT APACHE JUNCTION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY OF PHOENIX**

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**TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK**

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Date:

**EXHIBIT A  
PARTICIPATING ENTITIES**

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City of Peoria  Contact: Brett Fleck	City of Glendale  Contact: Drew Swieczkowski
Carefree Water Company  Contact: Greg Crossman	Water Utilities Community Facilities District Apache Junction Contact: Mike Loggins
CAWCD  Contact: Ken Seasholes Contact: Jason Sversvold	City of Phoenix  Contact: Erin Andres Contact: Darren Sversvold
Town of Queen Creek  Contact: Paul Gardner Contact: Doug Toy Contact: Keith DeVore	

**EXHIBIT B**  
**MAILING ADDRESS & EMAIL ADDRESS FOR COMMUNICATIONS**

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