# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION Central Valley Project, California

### CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES

### <u>AND</u>

### **CITY OF COALINGA**

## PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE SAN LUIS UNIT AND DELTA DIVISION AND FACILITIES REPAYMENT

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1	THIS CONTRACT, made this day of, 20XX, in
2	pursuance generally of the Act of June 17, 1902, (32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory thereof or
3	supplementary thereto, including but not limited to, the Acts of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844),
4	as amended and supplemented, August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), as amended and supplemented,
5	July 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 483), June 3 1960 (74 Stat. 156), June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68), October 12,
6	1982 (96 Stat. 1263), October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050), as amended, Title XXXIV of the Act of
7	October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706), as amended, and the Water Infrastructure Improvements for
8	the Nation Act (Public Law (Pub. L.) 114-322, 130 Stat. 1628), Section 4011 (a-d) and (f)
9	("WIIN Act"), all collectively hereinafter referred to as Federal Reclamation law, between the
10	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter referred to as the United States, represented by
11	the officer executing this Contract, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Officer, and CITY
12	OF COALINGA, hereinafter referred to as the Contractor, a public agency of the State of
13	California, duly organized, existing, and acting pursuant to the laws thereof;
14	WITNESSETH, That:

### EXPLANATORY RECITALS

16	[1st] WHEREAS, the United States has constructed and is operating the
17	California Central Valley Project (Project), for diversion, storage, carriage, distribution, and
18	beneficial use, for flood control, irrigation, municipal, domestic, industrial, fish and
19	wildlife mitigation, protection and restoration, generation and distribution of electric energy,
20	salinity control, navigation, and other beneficial uses, of waters of the Sacramento River,
21	the American River, the Trinity River, and the San Joaquin River and their tributaries;
22	and
23	[2 <sup>nd</sup> ] WHEREAS, the United States constructed the Delta Division Facilities,
24	including the San Luis Unit facilities (which include the San Luis Canal, the Coalinga
25	Canal, the Pleasant Valley Pumping Plant, and the Dos Amigos Pumping Plant), which
26	will be used in part for the furnishing of water to the Contractor pursuant to the terms of
27	this Contract; and
28	[3 <sup>rd</sup> ] WHEREAS, the rights to Project Water were acquired by the United
29	States pursuant to California law for operation of the Project; and
30	[4 <sup>th</sup> ] WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractor entered into
31	Contract No. 14-06-200-4173A, as amended, which provided the Contractor, Project Water
32	from the Project facilities from October 28, 1968, to December 31, 2008; and
33	[5 <sup>th</sup> ] WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractor have pursuant to
34	Subsection 3404(c)(3) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA),
35	subsequently entered into binding agreements identified as Binding Agreement No. 14-
36	06-200-4173A-BA, which sets out the terms pursuant to which the Contractor agreed to

renew its contract before the expiration date after completion of the Programmatic 37 Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) and other appropriate environmental 38 documentation and negotiation of a renewal contract; and which also sets out the 39 consequences of a subsequent decision not to renew; and 40 [6<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractor entered into Delta 41 Division and San Luis Unit Contract Number 14-06-200-4173A-IR1 and subsequent Interim 42 Renewal Contracts 14-06-200-4173A-IR2 through 14-06-200-4173A-IR6, the last of which is 43 hereinafter referred to as the "Existing Contract", which established terms for the delivery of 44 Project Water to the Contractor from the Delta Division and San Luis Unit, and which was in 45 effect the date the WIIN Act was enacted; and 46 WHEREAS, on December 16, 2016, the 114th Congress of the United [7<sup>th</sup>] 47 States of America enacted the WIIN Act; and 48 [8<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, Section 4011(a)(1) provides that "upon request of the 49 contractor, the Secretary of the Interior shall convert any water service contract in effect on the 50 date of enactment of this subtitle and between the United States and a water users' association 51 [Contractor] to allow for prepayment of the repayment contract pursuant to paragraph (2) under 52 mutually agreeable terms and conditions."; and 53 [9<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, Section 4011(a)(1) further provides that "the manner of 54 conversion under this paragraph shall be as follows: (A) Water service contracts that were 55 56 entered into under section (e) of the Act of August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1196), to be converted under this section shall be converted to repayment contracts under section 9(d) of that Act (53 Stat. 57 1195)"; and "(B) Water service contracts that were entered under subsection (c)(2) of section 9 58

of the Act of August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1194), to be converted under this section shall be 59 converted to a contract under subsection (c)(1) of section 9 of that Act (53 Stat. 1195)."; and 60 [10<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, Section 4011(a)(4)(C) further provides all contracts entered 61 into pursuant to Section 4011(a)(1), (2), and (3) shall "not modify other water service, 62 repayment, exchange and transfer contractual rights between the water users' association 63 64 [Contractor], and the Bureau of Reclamation, or any rights, obligations, or relationships of the water users' association [Contractor] and their landowners as provided under State law."; and 65 [11<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, Section 4011(d)(3) and (4) of the WIIN Act provides that 66 "implementation of the provisions of this subtitle shall not alter...(3) the priority of a water 67 service or repayment contractor to receive water; or (4) except as expressly provided in this 68 section, any obligations under the Federal Reclamation law, including the continuation of 69 Restoration Fund charges pursuant to section 3407(d) (Pub. L. 102-575), of the water service and 70 repayment contractors making prepayments pursuant to this section."; and 71 [12<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, upon the request of the Contractor, the WIIN Act directs the 72 Secretary to convert irrigation water service contracts and municipal and industrial (M&I) water 73 service contracts into repayment contracts, amend existing repayment contracts, and allow 74 75 contractors to prepay their construction cost obligations pursuant to applicable Federal Reclamation law; and 76 [13<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the United States has determined that the Contractor 77 78 has fulfilled all of its obligations under the Existing Contract; and [14<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the Contractor has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the 79 Contracting Officer that the Contractor has utilized the Project Water supplies available 80

to it for reasonable and beneficial use and expects to utilize fully for reasonable and 81 beneficial use the quantity of Project Water to be made available to it pursuant to this 82 83 Contract; and [15<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, water obtained from the Project has been relied upon by 84 urban and agricultural areas within California for more than 50 years, and is considered 85 86 by the Contractor as an essential portion of its water supply; and [16<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, at the time of execution of this Contract, the United States is 87 the sole source of water supply to the Contractor]; and 88 [17<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the economies of regions within the Project, including the 89 Contractor's, depend upon the continued availability of water, including water service 90 from the Project; and 91 [18<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the Secretary intends through coordination, cooperation, and 92 partnerships to pursue measures to improve water supply, water quality, and reliability of the 93 94 Project for all Project purposes; and [19<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the mutual goals of the United States and the Contractor 95 include: to provide for reliable Project Water supplies; to control costs of those supplies; 96 to achieve repayment of the Project as required by law; to guard reasonably against Project 97 Water shortages; to achieve a reasonable balance among competing demands for use of 98 Project Water; and to comply with all applicable environmental statutes, all consistent with 99 100 the legal obligations of the United States relative to the Project; and [20<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the parties intend by this Contract to maintain a cooperative 101 relationship in order to achieve their mutual goals; and 102

103	[21st] WHEREAS, in the CALFED Programmatic Record of Decision, dated
104	August 28, 2000, the United States and the State of California adopted a general target of
105	continuously improving Delta water quality for all uses. The CALFED Agencies' target for
106	providing safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water in a cost-effective way, is to achieve
107	either: (a) average concentrations at Clifton Forebay and other southern and central Delta
108	drinking water intakes of 50 ug/L bromide and 3.0 mg/L total organic carbon, or (b) an
109	equivalent level of public health protection using a cost-effective combination of alternative
110	source waters, source control and treatment technologies; and
111	[22 <sup>nd</sup> ] WHEREAS, the Contractor has utilized or may utilize transfers, contract
112	assignments, rescheduling, and conveyance of Project Water and non-Project water under this
113	Contract as tools to minimize the impacts of a Condition of Shortage and to maximize the
114	beneficial use of water; and
115	[23 <sup>rd</sup> ] WHEREAS, the parties desire and intend that this Contract not provide a
116	disincentive to the Contractor in continuing to carry out the beneficial activities set out in
117	the Explanatory Recital immediately above; and
118	[24 <sup>th</sup> ] WHEREAS, the Contracting Officer and the Contractor agree that this
119	Contract complies with Section 4011 of the WIIN Act; and
120	[25 <sup>th</sup> ] WHEREAS, the Contracting Officer and the Contractor agree to amend
121	and convert the Existing Contract pursuant to Section 4011 of the WIIN Act and other Federal
122	Reclamation law on the terms and conditions set forth below;
123	NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and dependent covenants
124	herein contained, it is hereby mutually agreed by the parties hereto as follows:

**DEFINITIONS** 125 1. When used herein unless otherwise distinctly expressed, or manifestly 126 incompatible with the intent of the parties as expressed in this Contract, the term: 127 "Additional Capital Obligation" shall mean construction costs or other (a) 128 129 capitalized costs incurred after the Effective Date or not reflected in the Existing Capital Obligation as defined herein and in accordance with Section 4011, subsection (a)(2)(B) and 130 (a)(3)(B) of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (Pub. L. 114-322, 130 131 Stat. 1628) ("WIIN Act"); 132 "Calendar Year" shall mean the period January 1 through December 31, (b) 133 both dates inclusive; 134 "Charges" shall mean the payments required by Federal Reclamation law (c) 135 in addition to the Rates and Tiered Pricing Component specified in this Contract as 136 determined annually by the Contracting Officer pursuant to this Contract; 137 "Condition of Shortage" shall mean a condition respecting the Project (d) 138 during any Year such that the Contracting Officer is unable to deliver sufficient water to meet the 139 140 Contract; "Contracting Officer" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior's duly (e) 141 authorized representative acting pursuant to this Contract or applicable Federal Reclamation law 142 or regulation; 143 (f) "Contract Total" shall mean the maximum amount of water to which the 144 Contractor is entitled under subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract; 145

146	(g) "Contractor's Service Area" shall mean the area to which the Contractor is
147	permitted to provide Project Water under this Contract as described in Exhibit "A"
148	attached hereto, which may be modified from time to time in accordance with Article 31
149	of this Contract without amendment of this Contract;
150	(h) "CVPIA" shall mean the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Title
151	XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706);
152	(i) "Delta Division Facilities" shall mean those existing and future Project
153	facilities in and south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers Delta, including, but not
154	limited to, the C.W. "Bill" Jones Pumping Plant, the O'Neill Forebay, the O'Neill
155	Pumping/Generating Plant, and the San Luis Reservoir, used to divert, store, and convey
156	water to those Project Contractors entitled to receive water conveyed through the Delta-
157	Mendota Canal;
158	(j) Omitted

(k) Omitted

(l) "Existing Capital Obligation" shall mean the remaining amount of construction costs or other capitalized costs allocable to the Contractor as described in Section 4011, subsections (a)(2)(A) and (a)(3)(A) of the WIIN Act, and as identified in the Central Valley Project Irrigation Water Rates and/or Municipal and Industrial Water Rates, respectively, dated Month/Day/Year [specify ratebook year for all contractors.] [contractor specific to address the intertie], as adjusted to reflect payments not reflected in such schedule. The Contracting Officer has computed the Existing Capital Obligation and such amount is set forth in Exhibit "C", which is incorporated herein by reference;

168	(m) "Full Cost Rate" shall mean an annual rate, as determined by the
169	Contracting Officer that shall amortize the expenditures for construction properly
170	allocable to the Project irrigation or M&I functions, as appropriate, of facilities in
171	service including all O&M deficits funded, less payments, over such periods as may be
172	required under Federal Reclamation law, or applicable contract provisions. Interest will
173	accrue on both the construction expenditures and funded O&M deficits from October 12
174	1982, on costs outstanding at that date, or from the date incurred in the case of costs
175	arising subsequent to October 12 1982, and shall be calculated in accordance with
176	subsections 202(3)(B) and (3)(C) of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982. The Full Cost
177	Rate includes actual operation, maintenance, and replacement costs consistent with
178	Section 426.2 of the Rules and Regulations for the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982;
179	(n) Omitted
180	(o) Omitted
181 182 183	(p) "Irrigation Water" shall mean the use of Project Water to irrigate lands primarily for the production of commercial agricultural crops or livestock, and domestic and other uses that are incidental thereto;
184	(q) Omitted
185 186 187 188	(r) "Municipal and Industrial (M&I) Water" shall mean the use of Project Water for municipal, industrial, and miscellaneous other purposes not falling under the definition of "Irrigation Water" or within another category of water use under an applicable Federal authority;
189	(s) "M&I Full Cost Water Rate" shall mean the Full Cost Rate

applicable to the delivery of M&I Water;

191	(t) "Operation and Maintenance" or "O&M" shall mean normal and
192	reasonable care, control, operation, repair, replacement (other than capital replacement),
193	and maintenance of Project facilities;
194	(u) "Operating Non-Federal Entity" shall mean the entity(ies), its (their)
195	successors or assigns, which has (have) the obligation to operate and maintain all or a
196	portion of the Delta Division Facilities pursuant to written agreement(s) with the United
197	States. When this Contract was entered into, the Operating Non-Federal Entities were the
198	San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and, with respect to San Luis Unit facilities,
199	the California Department of Water Resources, and Westlands Water District;
200	(v) "Project" shall mean the Central Valley Project owned by the United
201	States and managed by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation;
202	(w) "Project Contractors" shall mean all parties who have contracts for
203	water service for Project Water from the Project with the United States pursuant to Federal
204	Reclamation law;
205	(x) "Project Water" shall mean all water that is developed, diverted,
206	stored, or delivered by the Secretary in accordance with the statutes authorizing the
207	Project and in accordance with the terms and conditions of water rights acquired
208	pursuant to California law;
209	(y) "Rates" shall mean the payments determined annually by the
210	Contracting Officer in accordance with the then-current applicable water ratesetting
211	policies for the Project, as described in subdivision (a) of Article 7 of this Contract;
212	(z) Omitted

213	(aa) "Repayment Obligation" for Water Delivered as Irrigation Water shall
214	mean the Existing Capital Obligation discounted by ½ of the Treasury rate, which shall be the
215	amount due and payable to the United States, pursuant to Section 4011(a)(2)(A) of the WIIN
216	Act; and for Water Delivered as M&I Water shall mean the amount due and payable to the
217	United States, pursuant to Section 4011(a)(3)(A) of the WIIN Act;
218	(bb) "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior, a duly appointed
219	successor, or an authorized representative acting pursuant to any authority of the
220	Secretary and through any agency of the Department of the Interior;
221	(cc) "Tiered Pricing Component" shall be the incremental amount to be
222	paid for each acre-foot of Water Delivered as described in Article 7 of this Contract and
223	as provided for in Exhibit "B";
224	(dd) "Water Delivered" or "Delivered Water" shall mean Project Water
225	diverted for use by the Contractor at the point(s) of delivery approved by the Contracting
226	Officer;
227	(ee) "Water Made Available" shall mean the estimated amount of
228	Project Water that can be delivered to the Contractor for the upcoming Year as declared
229	by the Contracting Officer, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Article 4 of this Contract;
230	(ff) "Water Scheduled" shall mean Project Water made available to the
231	Contractor for which times and quantities for delivery have been established by the
232	Contractor and Contracting Officer, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract;
233	and

"Year" shall mean the period from and including March 1 of each 234 (gg)Calendar Year through the last day of February of the following Calendar Year. 235 TERM OF CONTRACT – RIGHT TO USE OF WATER 236 2. This Contract shall be effective [Effective Date], hereinafter known as the (a) 237 238 "Effective Date", and shall continue so long as the Contractor pays applicable Rates and Charges under this Contract, consistent with Section 9(d) or 9(c)(1) of the Act of August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 239 1195) as applicable, and applicable law; 240 (1) Provided, That the Contracting Officer shall not seek to terminate 241 this Contract for failure to fully or timely pay applicable Rates and Charges by the Contactor, 242 unless the Contracting Officer has first provided at least sixty (60) calendar days written notice 243 to the Contractor of such failure to pay and the Contractor has failed to cure such failure to pay, 244 or to diligently commence and maintain full curative payments satisfactory to the Contracting 245 Officer within the sixty (60) calendar days' notice period; 246 (2) Provided, further, That the Contracting Officer shall not seek to 247 suspend making water available or declaring Water Made Available pursuant to this Contract for 248 non-compliance by the Contractor with the terms of this Contract or Federal law, unless the 249

suspend making water available or declaring Water Made Available pursuant to this Contract for non-compliance by the Contractor with the terms of this Contract or Federal law, unless the Contracting Officer has first provided at least thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Contractor and the Contractor has failed to cure such non-compliance, or to diligently commence curative actions satisfactory to the Contracting Officer for a non-compliance that cannot be fully cured within the thirty (30) calendar days' notice period. If the Contracting Officer has suspended making water available pursuant to this paragraph, upon cure of such non-compliance

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- satisfactory to the to the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer shall resume making water available and declaring Water Made Available pursuant to this Contract;
- (3) <u>Provided, further,</u> That this Contract may be terminated at any time by mutual consent of the parties hereto.

- (b) Upon complete payment of the Repayment Obligation by the Contractor, and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, the acreage limitations, reporting, and Full Cost pricing provisions of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 shall no longer be applicable to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract.
- (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this Contract, the Contractor reserves and shall have all rights and benefits under the Act of June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68), to the extent allowed by law.

### WATER TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AND DELIVERED TO THE CONTRACTOR

- 3. (a) During each Year, consistent with all applicable State water rights permits, and licenses, Federal law, and subject to the provisions set forth in Articles 11 and 12 of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall make available for delivery to the Contractor 10,000 acre-feet of Project Water for M&I purposes. Water Delivered to the Contractor in accordance with this subdivision shall be scheduled and paid for pursuant to the provisions of Articles 4 and 7 of this Contract.
- (b) Because the capacity of the Project to deliver Project Water has been constrained in recent years and may be constrained in the future due to many factors including hydrologic conditions and implementation of Federal and State laws, the likelihood of the Contractor actually receiving the amount of Project Water set out in

subdivision (a) of this Article in any given Year is uncertain. The Contracting Officer's modeling referenced in the PEIS projected that the Contract Total set forth in this Contract will not be available to the Contractor in many years. Nothing in this subdivision (b) of this Article shall affect the rights and obligations of the parties under any provision of this Contract.

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- (c) The Contractor shall utilize the Project Water in accordance with all applicable legal requirements.
- The Contractor shall make reasonable and beneficial use of all water (d) furnished pursuant to this Contract. Groundwater recharge programs (direct, indirect, or in lieu), groundwater banking programs, surface water storage programs, and other similar programs utilizing Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract conducted within the Contractor's Service Area which are consistent with applicable State law and result in use consistent with Federal Reclamation law will be allowed; *Provided*, *That* any direct recharge program(s) is (are) described in the Contractor's water conservation plan submitted pursuant to Article 22 of this Contract; Provided, further, That such water conservation plan demonstrates sufficient lawful uses exist in the Contractor's Service Area so that using a long-term average, the quantity of Delivered Water is demonstrated to be reasonable for such uses and in compliance with Federal Reclamation law. Groundwater recharge programs, groundwater banking programs, surface water storage programs, and other similar programs utilizing Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract conducted outside the Contractor's Service Area may be permitted upon written approval of the Contracting Officer, which approval will be based upon environmental documentation, Project Water

rights, and Project operational concerns. The Contracting Officer will address such concerns in regulations, policies, or guidelines.

- (e) The Contractor shall comply with requirements applicable to the Contractor in biological opinion(s) prepared as a result of a consultation regarding the execution of any water service contract between the Contracting Officer and the Contractor in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date undertaken pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended, that are within the Contractor's legal authority to implement. The Existing Contract, which evidences in excess of 40 years of diversions for irrigation and/or M&I purposes of the quantities of Project Water provided in subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract, will be considered in developing an appropriate baseline for any required biological assessment(s) prepared pursuant to the ESA, and any other needed environmental review. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the Contractor from challenging or seeking judicial relief in a court of competent jurisdiction with respect to any biological opinion or other environmental documentation referred to in this Article.
- (f) Following the declaration of Water Made Available under Article 4 of this Contract, the Contracting Officer will make a determination whether Project Water, or other water available to the Project, can be made available to the Contractor in addition to the Contract Total under this Article during the Year without adversely impacting other Project Contractors. At the request of the Contractor, the Contracting Officer will consult with the Contractor prior to making such a determination. If the Contracting Officer determines that Project Water, or other water available to the Project, can be made available to the Contractor, the Contracting Officer will announce the availability of

officer will thereafter meet with the Contractor and other Project Contractors capable of taking such water to determine the most equitable and efficient allocation of such water. If the Contractor requests the delivery of any quantity of such water, the Contracting Officer shall make such water available to the Contractor in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines, and policies. Subject to existing long-term contractual commitments, water rights and operational constraints, long-term Project Contractors shall have a first right to acquire such water, including Project Water made available pursuant to Section 215 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982.

- (g) The Contractor may request permission to reschedule for use during the subsequent Year some or all of the Water Made Available to the Contractor during the current Year, referred to as "rescheduled water." The Contractor may request permission to use during the current Year a quantity of Project Water which may be made available by the United States to the Contractor during the subsequent Year referred to as "preuse." The Contracting Officer's written approval may permit such uses in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines, and policies.
- (h) The Contractor's right pursuant to Federal Reclamation law and applicable State law to the reasonable and beneficial use of the Water Delivered pursuant to this Contract shall not be disturbed, and this Contract shall continue so long as the Contractor pays applicable Rates and Charges under this Contract consistent with Section 9(d) or 9(c)(1) of the Act of August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1195) as applicable, and applicable

law. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall affect the Contracting Officer's ability to impose shortages under Article 11 or subdivision (b) of Article 11 of this Contract.

- (i) Project Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract may be delivered for purposes other than those described in subdivision (r) of Article 1 of this Contract upon written approval by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the terms and conditions of such approval.
- water rights necessary for the Project and to provide the water available under this Contract. The Contracting Officer shall not object to participation by the Contractor, in the capacity and to the extent permitted by law, in administrative proceedings related to the Project Water rights; *Provided, That* the Contracting Officer retains the right to object to the substance of the Contractor's position in such a proceeding; *Provided, further, That* in such proceedings the Contracting Officer shall recognize the Contractor has a legal right under the terms of this Contract to use Project Water.

### TIME FOR DELIVERY OF WATER

4. (a) On or about February 20 each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall announce the Contracting Officer's expected declaration of the Water Made Available. Such declaration will be expressed in terms of Water Made Available and will be updated monthly, and more frequently if necessary, based on the then-current operational and hydrologic conditions and a new declaration with changes, if any, to the Water Made Available will be made. The Contracting Officer shall provide forecasts of

Project operations and the basis of the estimate, with relevant supporting information, upon the written request of the Contractor.

- (b) On or before each March 1 and at such other times as necessary, the Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer a written schedule, satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, showing the monthly quantities of Project Water to be delivered by the United States to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract for the Year commencing on such March 1. The Contracting Officer shall use all reasonable means to deliver Project Water according to the approved schedule for the Year commencing on such March 1.
- (c) The Contractor shall not schedule Project Water in excess of the quantity of Project Water the Contractor intends to put to reasonable and beneficial use within the Contractor's Service Area or to sell, transfer, or exchange pursuant to Article 8 of this Contract during any Year.
- (d) Subject to the conditions set forth in subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract, the United States shall deliver Project Water to the Contractor in accordance with the initial schedule submitted by the Contractor pursuant to subdivision (b) of this Article, or any written revision(s) thereto satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, submitted within a reasonable time prior to the date(s) on which the requested change(s) is/are to be implemented.

### POINT OF DIVERSION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF WATER

5. (a) Project Water scheduled pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract shall be delivered to the Contractor at Project facilities and any additional point or

points of delivery either on Project facilities or another location or locations mutually agreed to in writing by the Contracting Officer and the Contractor.

- (b) The Contracting Officer, either directly or indirectly through its written agreements(s) with the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), shall make all reasonable efforts to maintain sufficient flows and levels of water in the Project facilities to deliver Project Water to the Contractor at the point or points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article.
- (c) The Contractor shall not deliver Project Water to land outside the Contractor's Service Area unless approved in advance by the Contracting Officer.
- d) All Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be measured and recorded with equipment furnished, installed, operated, and maintained by the Contracting Officer either directly or indirectly through its written agreements(s) with the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), unless undertaken by the Contractor with the consent of the Contracting Officer at the point or points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article. Upon the request of either party to this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall investigate, or cause to be investigated by the appropriate Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), the accuracy of such measurements and shall take any necessary steps to adjust any errors appearing therein. For any period of time when accurate measurements have not been made, the Contracting Officer shall consult with the Contractor and the appropriate Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), if any, prior to making a final determination of the quantity delivered for that period of time.

Absent a separate contrary written agreement with the Contractor, (e) neither the Contracting Officer nor any Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) shall be responsible for the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract beyond the point or points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article. The Contractor shall indemnify the United States, its officers, employees, agents, and assigns on account of damage or claim of damage of any nature whatsoever for which there is legal responsibility, including property damage, personal injury, or death arising out of or connected with the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of such Water Delivered beyond such point or points of delivery except for any damage or claim arising out of: (i) acts or omissions of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, and assigns, including any responsible Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) with the intent of creating the situation resulting in any damage or claim; (ii) willful misconduct of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, and assigns, including any responsible Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies); (iii) negligence of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, and assigns, including the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies); (iv) damage or claims resulting from a malfunction of facilities owned and/or operated by the United States or responsible Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies). MEASUREMENT OF WATER WITHIN THE CONTRACTOR'S SERVICE AREA

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6. (a) The Contractor has established a measuring program satisfactory to the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall ensure that, unless the Contractor establishes an alternative measurement program satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, all surface

water delivered for M&I purposes is measured at each M&I service connection. The water measuring devices or water measuring methods of comparable effectiveness must be acceptable to the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall be responsible for installing, operating, maintaining, and repairing all such measuring devices and implementing all such water measuring methods at no cost to the United States. The Contractor shall use the information obtained from such water measuring devices or water measuring methods to ensure its proper management of the water; to bill water users for water delivered by the Contractor; and, if applicable, to record water delivered for M&I purposes by customer class as defined in the Contractor's water conservation plan provided for in Article 22 of this Contract. Nothing herein contained, however, shall preclude the Contractor from establishing and collecting any charges, assessments, or other revenues authorized by California law. The Contractor shall include a summary of all its annual surface water deliveries in the annual report described in subdivision (c) of Article 22 of this Contract.

(b) To the extent the information has not otherwise been provided, upon execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall provide to the Contracting Officer a written report describing the measurement devices or water measuring methods being used or to be used to implement subdivision (a) of this Article and identifying M&I service connections or alternative measurement programs approved by the Contracting Officer, at which such measurement devices or water measuring methods are being used, and, if applicable, identifying the locations at which such devices and/or methods are not yet being used including a time schedule for implementation at such locations. The

Contracting Officer shall advise the Contractor in writing within 60 days as to the
adequacy and necessary modifications, if any, of the measuring devices or water
measuring methods identified in the Contractor's report and if the Contracting Officer
does not respond in such time, they shall be deemed adequate. If the Contracting
Officer notifies the Contractor that the measuring devices or methods are inadequate, the
parties shall within 60 days following the Contracting Officer's response, negotiate in good
faith the earliest practicable date by which the Contractor shall modify said measuring
devices and/or measuring methods as required by the Contracting Officer to ensure
compliance with subdivision (a) of this Article.

- (c) All new surface water delivery systems installed within the Contractor's Service Area after the Effective Date shall also comply with the measurement provisions described in subdivision (a) of this Article.
- (d) The Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer and the State of California in writing by April 30 of each Year of the monthly volume of surface water delivered within the Contractor's Service Area during the previous Year.
- (e) The Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer and the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> calendar day of each month of the quantity of M&I Water taken during the preceding month.

### RATES, METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR WATER AND ACCELERATED REPAYMENT OF FACILITIES

7. (a) Notwithstanding the Contractor's full prepayment of the Repayment Obligation pursuant to Section 4011, subsection (a)(2)(A) and subsection

(a)(3)(A) of the WIIN Act, as set forth in Exhibit "C", and any payments required pursuant to Section 4011, subsection (b) of the WIIN Act, to reflect the adjustment for the final cost allocation as described in this Article, subsection (b), the Contractor's Project construction and other obligations shall be determined in accordance with: (i) the Secretary's then-existing ratesetting policy for M&I Water, consistent with the WIIN Act; and such ratesetting policies shall be amended, modified, or superseded only through a public notice and comment procedure; (ii) applicable Federal Reclamation law and associated rules and regulations, or policies, and (iii) other applicable provisions of this Contract. Payments shall be made by cash transaction, electronic funds transfers, or any other mechanism as may be agreed to in writing by the Contractor and the Contracting Officer. The Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component applicable to the Contractor upon execution of this Contract are set forth in Exhibit "B", as may be revised annually.

(1) The Contractor shall pay the United States as provided for in this

Article of this Contract for all Delivered Water at Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing

Component in accordance with policies for M&I Water. The Contractor's Rates shall be

established to recover its estimated reimbursable costs included in the operation and maintenance

component of the Rate and amounts established to recover deficits and other charges, if any, including construction costs as identified in the following subdivisions.

- (2) In accordance with the WIIN Act, the Contractor's allocable share of Project construction costs will be repaid pursuant to the provisions of this Contract.
- (A) The amount due and payable to the United States, pursuant to the WIIN Act, shall be the Repayment Obligation. The Repayment Obligation has been computed by the Contracting Officer in a manner consistent with the WIIN Act and is set forth as a lump sum payment for M&I as set forth in Exhibit "C". The Repayment Obligation is due in lump sum by [Month, Day, Year] as provided by the WIIN Act. Notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, receipt of the Contractor's payment of the Repayment Obligation to the United States shall fully and permanently satisfy the Existing Capital Obligation.
- (B) Additional Capital Obligations that are not reflected in, the schedules referenced in Exhibit "C" and properly assignable to the Contractor, shall be repaid as prescribed by the WIIN Act without interest except as required by law. Consistent with Federal Reclamation law, interest shall continue to accrue on the M&I portion of the Additional Capital Obligation assigned to the Contractor until such costs are paid. Increases or decreases in the Additional Capital Obligation assigned to the Contractor caused solely by annual adjustment of the Additional Capital Obligation assigned to each Project contractor by the Secretary shall not be considered in determining the amounts to be paid pursuant to this subdivision (a)(2)(B), however, will be considered under subdivision (b) of this Article. A separate agreement shall be established by the Contractor and the Contracting Officer to accomplish repayment of the

Additional Capital Obligation assigned to the Contractor within the timeframe prescribed by the WIIN Act, subject to the following:

- (1) If the collective Additional Capital Obligation properly assignable to the contractors exercising conversion under Section 4011 of the WIIN Act is less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000), then the portion of such costs properly assignable to the Contractor shall be repaid not more than five (5)-years after the Contracting Officer notifies the Contractor of the Additional Capital Obligation; *Provided, That* the reference to the amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall not be a precedent in any other context.
- properly assignable to the contractors exercising conversion under Section 4011 of the WIIN Act is equal to or greater than five million dollars (\$5,000,000), then the portion of such costs properly assignable to the Contractor shall be repaid as provided by applicable Federal Reclamation law and Project ratesetting policy; *Provided*, *That* the reference to the amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall not be a precedent in any other context.
- (b) In the event that the final cost allocation referenced in Section 4011(b) of the WIIN Act determines that the costs properly assignable to the Contractor are greater than what has been paid by the Contractor, the Contractor shall be obligated to pay the remaining allocated costs. The term of such additional repayment contract shall be not less than one (1) year and not more than ten (10) years, however, mutually agreeable provisions regarding the rate of repayment of such amount may be developed by the Contractor and Contracting Officer. In the event that the final cost allocation indicates that the costs properly assignable to the Contractor are less than what the Contractor has paid, the Contracting Officer shall credit such

overpayment as an offset against any outstanding or future obligations of the Contractor, with the exception of Restoration Fund charges pursuant to Section 3407(d) of Pub. L. 102-575.

- (c) The Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor of the Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component as follows:
- provide the Contractor an estimate of the Charges for Project Water that will be applied to the period October 1, of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and the basis for such estimate. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two months to review and comment on such estimates. On or before September 15 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor in writing of the Charges to be in effect during the period October 1 of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit "B".
- shall make available to the Contractor an estimate of the Rates and Tiered Pricing Component for Project Water for the following Year and the computations and cost allocations upon which those Rates are based. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two months to review and comment on such computations and cost allocations. By December 31 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractor with the final Rates and Tiered Pricing Component to be in effect for the upcoming Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit "B".
- (d) At the time the Contractor submits the initial schedule for the delivery of Project Water for each Year pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract, the

Contractor shall make an advance payment to the United States equal to the total amount payable pursuant to the applicable Rate(s) set under subdivision (a) of this Article, for the Project Water scheduled to be delivered pursuant to this Contract during the first two calendar months of the Year. Before the end of the first month and before the end of each calendar month thereafter, the Contractor shall make an advance payment to the United States, at the Rate(s) set under subdivision (a) of this Article, for the Water Scheduled to be delivered pursuant to this Contract during the second month immediately following. Adjustments between advance payments for Water Scheduled and payments at Rates due for Water Delivered shall be made before the end of the following month; *Provided, That* any revised schedule submitted by the Contractor pursuant to Article 4 of this Contract which increases the amount of Water Delivered pursuant to this Contract during any month shall be accompanied with appropriate advance payment, at the Rates then in effect, to assure that Project Water is not delivered to the Contractor in advance of such payment. In any month in which the quantity of Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract equals the quantity of Water Scheduled and paid for by the Contractor, no additional Project Water shall be delivered to the Contractor unless and until an advance payment at the Rates then in effect for such additional Project Water is made. Final adjustment between the advance payments for the Water Scheduled and payments for the quantities of Water Delivered during each Year pursuant to this Contract shall be made as soon as practicable but no later than April 30th of the following Year, or 60 days after the delivery of Project Water rescheduled under subdivision (g) of Article 3 of this Contract

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- (e) The Contractor shall also make a payment in addition to the Rate(s) in subdivision (d) of this Article to the United States for Water Delivered, at the Charges and the appropriated Tiered Pricing Component then in effect, before the end of the month of delivery. The payments shall be consistent with the quantities of M&I Water Delivered as shown in the water delivery report for the subject month prepared by the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) or, if there is no Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), by the Contracting Officer. The water delivery report shall be deemed a bill for the payment of Charges and the applicable Tiered Pricing Component for Water Delivered. Adjustment for overpayment or underpayment of Charges shall be made through the adjustment of payments due to the United States for Charges for the next month. Any amount to be paid for past due payment of Charges and Tiered Pricing Component shall be computed pursuant to Article 17 of this Contract.
- (f) The Contractor shall pay for any Water Delivered under subdivision (a), (f), or (g) of Article 3 of this Contract as determined by the Contracting Officer pursuant to applicable statutes, associated regulations, any applicable provisions of guidelines or ratesetting policies; *Provided*, *That* the Rate for Water Delivered under subdivision (f) of Article 3 of this Contract shall be no more than the otherwise applicable Rate for M&I Water under subdivision (a) of this Article.
- (g) Payments to be made by the Contractor to the United States under this Contract may be paid from any revenues available to the Contractor.
- (h) All revenues received by the United States from the Contractor relating to the delivery of Project Water or the delivery of non-Project water through

Project facilities shall be allocated and applied in accordance with Federal Reclamation law and the associated rules or regulations, and the then-current Project ratesetting policies for M&I Water.

- (i) The Contracting Officer shall keep its accounts pertaining to the administration of the financial terms and conditions of its long-term contracts, in accordance with applicable Federal standards, so as to reflect the application of Project costs and revenues. The Contracting Officer shall, each Year upon request of the Contractor, provide to the Contractor a detailed accounting of all Project and Contractor expense allocations, the disposition of all Project and Contractor revenues, and a summary of all water delivery information. The Contracting Officer and the Contractor shall enter into good faith negotiations to resolve any discrepancies or disputes relating to accountings, reports, or information.
- (j) The parties acknowledge and agree that the efficient administration of this Contract is their mutual goal. Recognizing that experience has demonstrated that mechanisms, policies, and procedures used for establishing Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component, and/or for making and allocating payments, other than those set forth in this Article may be in the mutual best interest of the parties, it is expressly agreed that the parties may enter into agreements to modify the mechanisms, policies, and procedures for any of those purposes while this Contract is in effect without amending this Contract.
- (k) (1) Beginning at such time as deliveries of Project Water in a Year exceed 80 percent of the Contract Total, then before the end of the month following the month of delivery the Contractor shall make an additional payment to the United States equal to the

applicable Tiered Pricing Component. The Tiered Pricing Component for the amount of Water Delivered in excess of 80 percent of the Contract Total, but less than or equal to 90 percent of the Contract Total, shall equal one-half of the difference between the Rate established under subdivision (a) of this Article and the Irrigation Full Cost Water Rate or M&I Full Cost Water Rate. The Tiered Pricing Component for the amount of Water Delivered which exceeds 90 percent of the Contract Total shall equal the difference between (i) the Rate established under subdivision (a) of this Article and (ii) the Irrigation Full Cost Water Rate or M&I Full Cost Water Rate.

(2) Omitted.

- (3) For purposes of determining the applicability of the Tiered Pricing Component pursuant to this Article, Water Delivered shall include Project Water that the Contractor transfers to others but shall not include Project Water transferred to the Contractor, nor shall it include the additional water provided to the Contractor under the provisions of subdivision (f) of Article 3 of this Contract.
- (4) The Tiered Pricing Component does not apply to Los Vaqueros Water Rights Water.
- (1) For the term of this Contract, Rates applied under the respective ratesetting policies will be established to recover only reimbursable O&M (including any deficits) and capital costs of the Project, as those terms are used in the then-current Project ratesetting policies, and interest, where appropriate, except in instances where a minimum Rate is applicable in accordance with the relevant Project ratesetting policy. Changes of significance in practices which implement the Contracting Officer's ratesetting policies will

not be implemented until the Contracting Officer has provided the Contractor an opportunity to discuss the nature, need, and impact of the proposed change.

(m) Except as provided in subsections 3405(a)(1)(B) and 3405(f) of the CVPIA, the Rates for Project Water transferred by the Contractor shall be the Contractor's Rates, in accordance with the applicable Project ratesetting policy, adjusted upward or downward to reflect the changed costs, if any, incurred by the Contracting Officer in the delivery of the transferred Project Water to the transferree's point of delivery.

(n-o) Omitted

### SALES, TRANSFERS, OR EXCHANGES OF WATER

- 8. (a) The right to receive Project Water provided for in this Contract may be sold, transferred, or exchanged to others for reasonable and beneficial uses within the State of California if such sale, transfer, or exchange is authorized by applicable Federal and State laws, and applicable guidelines or regulations then in effect. No sale, transfer, or exchange of Project Water under this Contract may take place without the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer, except as provided for in subdivision (b) of this Article, and no such sales, transfers, or exchanges shall be approved absent all appropriate environmental documentation, including, but not limited to, documents prepared pursuant to the NEPA and ESA. Such environmental documentation should include, as appropriate, an analysis of groundwater impacts and economic and social effects, including environmental justice, of the proposed water transfers on both the transferor and transferee.
  - (b) In order to facilitate efficient water management by means of water

transfers of the type historically carried out among Project Contractors located within the same geographical area and to allow the Contractor to participate in an accelerated water transfer program during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall prepare, as appropriate, all necessary environmental documentation, including, but not limited to, documents prepared pursuant to the NEPA and ESA, analyzing annual transfers within such geographical areas and the Contracting Officer shall determine whether such transfers comply with applicable law. Following the completion of the environmental documentation, such transfers addressed in such documentation shall be conducted with advance notice to the Contracting Officer, but shall not require prior written approval by the Contracting Officer. Such environmental documentation and the Contracting Officer's compliance determination shall be reviewed every five years and updated, as necessary, prior to the expiration of the then existing five (5)-year period. All subsequent environmental documentation shall include an alternative to evaluate not less than the quantity of Project Water historically transferred within the same geographical area.

(c) For a water transfer to qualify under subdivision (b) of this Article, such water transfer must: (i) be for irrigation purposes for lands irrigated within the previous three years, for M&I use, groundwater recharge, groundwater banking, or similar groundwater activities, surface water storage, or fish and wildlife resources; not lead to land conversion; and be delivered to established cropland, wildlife refuges, groundwater basins, or M&I use; (ii) occur within a single Year; (iii) occur between a willing seller and a willing buyer; (iv) convey water through existing facilities with no new construction or modifications to facilities and be between existing Project Contractors and/or the Contractor

and the United States, Department of the Interior; and (v) comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local or tribal laws and requirements imposed for protection of the environment and Indian Trust Assets, as defined under Federal law.

### APPLICATION OF PAYMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

- 9. (a) The amount of any overpayment by the Contractor of the Contractor's O&M, capital, and deficit (if any) obligations for the Year shall be applied first to any current liabilities of the Contractor arising out of this Contract then due and payable.

  Overpayments of more than \$1,000 shall be refunded at the Contractor's request. In lieu of a refund, any amount of such overpayment, at the option of the Contractor, may be credited against amounts to become due to the United States by the Contractor. With respect to overpayment, such refund or adjustment shall constitute the sole remedy of the Contractor or anyone having or claiming to have the right to the use of any of the Project Water supply provided for in this Contract. All credits and refunds of overpayments shall be made within 30 days of the Contracting Officer obtaining direction as to how to credit or refund such overpayment in response to the notice to the Contractor that it has finalized the accounts for the Year in which the overpayment was made.
- (b) All advances for miscellaneous costs incurred for work requested by the Contractor pursuant to Article 21 of this Contract shall be adjusted to reflect the actual costs when the work has been completed. If the advances exceed the actual costs incurred, the difference will be refunded to the Contractor. If the actual costs exceed the Contractor's advances, the Contractor will be billed for the additional costs pursuant to Article 21 of this Contract.

### TEMPORARY REDUCTIONS – RETURN FLOWS

- 10. (a) Subject to: (i) the authorized purposes and priorities of the Project and the requirements of Federal law, and (ii) the obligations of the United States under existing contracts, or renewals thereof, providing for water deliveries from the Project, the Contracting Officer shall make all reasonable efforts to optimize Project Water deliveries to the Contractor as provided in this Contract.
- temporarily discontinue or reduce the quantity of Water Delivered to the Contractor as herein provided for the purposes of investigation, inspection, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any of the Project facilities or any part thereof necessary for the delivery of Project Water to the Contractor, but so far as feasible the Contracting Officer or Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) will give the Contractor due notice in advance of such temporary discontinuance or reduction, except in case of emergency, in which case no notice need be given; *Provided*, *That* the United States shall use its best efforts to avoid any discontinuance or reduction in such service. Upon resumption of service after such discontinuance or reduction, and if requested by the Contractor, the United States will, if possible, deliver the quantity of Project Water which would have been delivered hereunder in the absence of such discontinuance or reduction.
- (c) The United States reserves the right to all seepage and return flow water derived from Water Delivered to the Contractor hereunder which escapes or is discharged beyond the Contractor's Service Area; <u>Provided</u>, <u>That</u> this shall not be construed as claiming for the United States any right to seepage or return flow being put to

reasonable and beneficial use pursuant to this Contract within the Contractor's Service

Area by the Contractor or those claiming by, through, or under the Contractor.

#### CONSTRAINTS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER

- 11. (a) In its operation of the Project, the Contracting Officer will use all reasonable means to guard against a Condition of Shortage in the quantity of Project Water to be made available to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract. In the event the Contracting Officer determines that a Condition of Shortage appears probable, the Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor of said determination as soon as practicable.
- (b) If there is a Condition of Shortage because of inaccurate runoff forecasting or other similar operational errors affecting the Project; drought and other physical or natural causes beyond the control of the Contracting Officer; or actions taken by the Contracting Officer to meet current and future legal obligations, then, except as provided in subdivision (a) of Article 15 of this Contract, no liability shall accrue against the United States or any of its officers, agents, or employees for any damage, direct or indirect, arising therefrom.
- (c) Project Water furnished under this Contract will be allocated in accordance with the then-existing Project M&I Water Shortage Policy. Such policy shall be amended, modified, or superseded only through a public notice and comment procedure.
- rights or remedies it may have to file or participate in any administrative or judicial proceeding contesting: (i) the sufficiency of the Project M&I Water Shortage Policy; (ii) the substance of such a policy; (iii) the applicability of such a policy; or (iv) the manner in which such policy is implemented in order to allocate Project Water between M&I and irrigation purposes; *Provided*, *That* the Contractor has commenced any such judicial challenge or any administrative procedures necessary to institute any judicial challenge within six months of the policy becoming final. By agreeing to the foregoing, the Contracting Officer does not waive any legal defenses or remedies that it may have to assert in such a proceeding. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted to validate or

758 invalidate the Project M&I Water Shortage Policy.

#### RULES, REGULATIONS, AND DETERMINATIONS

- 12. (a) The parties agree that the delivery of Project Water or the use of Federal facilities pursuant to this Contract is subject to Federal Reclamation law, as amended and supplemented, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under Federal Reclamation law.
  - (b) The Contracting Officer shall have the right to make determinations necessary to administer this Contract that are consistent with its expressed and implied provisions, the laws of the United States and the State of California, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior. Such determinations shall be made in consultation with the Contractor.

#### PROTECTION OF WATER AND AIR QUALITY

13. (a) Omitted

- (b) The United States will care for, operate and maintain reserved works in a manner that preserves the quality of the water at the highest level possible as determined by the Contracting Officer. The United States does not warrant the quality of the water delivered to the Contractor and is under no obligation to furnish or construct water treatment facilities to maintain or improve the quality of water delivered to the Contractor.
- (c) The Contractor will comply with all applicable water and air pollution laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California; and will obtain all required permits or licenses from the appropriate Federal, State, or local authorities necessary for the delivery of water by the Contractor; and shall be responsible for compliance with all Federal, State, and local water quality standards applicable to surface and subsurface drainage and/or discharges generated through the use of Federal or Contractor facilities or Project Water provided by the Contractor within its Service Area.
- 783 (d) This Article shall not affect or alter any legal obligations of the Secretary 784 to provide drainage or other discharge services.

### WATER ACQUIRED BY THE CONTRACTOR OTHER THAN FROM THE UNITED STATES

- 787 14. (a) Omitted
- 788 (b) Water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the
- 789 Contractor, other than from the United States may be stored, conveyed, and/or diverted

through Project facilities, subject to the completion of appropriate environmental documentation, with the approval of the Contracting Officer and the execution of any contract determined by the Contracting Officer to be necessary, consistent with the following provisions:

- (1) The Contractor may introduce non-Project water into Project facilities and deliver said water to lands within the Contractor's Service Area, subject to payment to the United States and/or to any applicable Operating Non-Federal Entity of an appropriate rate as determined by the applicable Project ratesetting policy, the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, each as amended, modified, or superseded from time to time. In addition, if electrical power is required to pump non-Project water through the facilities, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining the necessary power and paying the necessary charges therefore.
- (2) Delivery of such non-Project water in and through Project facilities shall only be allowed to the extent such deliveries do not: (i) interfere with other Project purposes as determined by the Contracting Officer; (ii) reduce the quantity or quality of water available to other Project Contractors; (iii) interfere with the delivery of contractual water entitlements to any other Project Contractors; or (iv) interfere with the physical maintenance of the Project facilities.
- (3) Neither the United States nor the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) shall be responsible for control, care, or distribution of the non-Project water before it is introduced into or after it is delivered from the Project facilities. The Contractor hereby releases and agrees to defend and indemnify the United States and the

Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), and their respective officers, agents, and employees, from any claim for damage to persons or property, direct or indirect, resulting from the act(s) of the Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or assigns, in (i) extracting or diverting non-Project water from any source, or (ii) diverting such non-Project water into Project facilities.

- (4) Diversion of such non-Project water into Project facilities shall be consistent with all applicable laws, and if involving groundwater, consistent with any applicable groundwater management plan for the area from which it was extracted.
- Contracting Officer, the United States and Project Contractors entitled to Project Water from Delta Division Facilities shall share priority to utilize the remaining capacity of the facilities declared to be available by the Contracting Officer for conveyance and transportation of non-Project water prior to any such remaining capacity being made available to non-Project contractors. Other Project Contractors shall have a second priority to any remaining capacity of facilities declared to be available by the Contracting Officer for conveyance and transportation of non-Project water prior to any such remaining capacity being made available to non-Project contractors.

#### **OPINIONS AND DETERMINATIONS**

15. (a) Where the terms of this Contract provide for actions to be based upon the opinion or determination of either party to this Contract, said terms shall not be construed as permitting such action to be predicated upon arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinions or determinations. Both parties, notwithstanding any other

provisions of this Contract, expressly reserve the right to seek relief from and appropriate adjustment for any such arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinion or determination. Each opinion or determination by either party shall be provided in a timely manner.

Nothing in this subdivision (a) of this Article is intended to or shall affect or alter the standard of judicial review applicable under Federal law to any opinion or determination implementing a specific provision of Federal law embodied in statute or regulation.

(b) The Contracting Officer shall have the right to make determinations necessary to administer this Contract that are consistent with the provisions of this Contract, the laws of the United States and of the State of California, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary. Such determinations shall be made in consultation with the Contractor to the extent reasonably practicable.

#### **COORDINATION AND COOPERATION**

16. (a) In order to further their mutual goals and objectives, the Contracting Officer and the Contractor shall communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with each other, and with other affected Project Contractors, in order to improve the O&M of the Project. The communication, coordination, and cooperation regarding O&M shall include, but not be limited to, any action which will or may materially affect the quantity or quality of Project Water supply, the allocation of Project Water supply, and Project financial matters including, but not limited to, budget issues. The communication, coordination, and cooperation provided for hereunder shall extend to all provisions of this Contract. Each party shall retain exclusive decision making authority for all actions, opinions, and determinations to be made by the respective party.

goal of this process shall be to provide, to the extent practicable, the means of mutual	(b) Within 120 days following the Effective Date, the Contractor, other
process, which may be amended as necessary separate and apart from this Contract. The goal of this process shall be to provide, to the extent practicable, the means of mutual communication and interaction regarding significant decisions concerning Project O&M	affected Project Contractors, and the Contracting Officer shall arrange to meet with
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	goal of this process shall be to provide, to the extent practicable, the means of mutual
on a real-time basis.	communication and interaction regarding significant decisions concerning Project O&M
	on a real-time basis.

- (c) In light of the factors referred to in subdivision (b) of Article 3 of this Contract, it is the intent of the Secretary to improve water supply reliability. To carry out this intent:
- (1) The Contracting Officer will, at the request of the Contractor, assist in the development of integrated resource management plans for the Contractor.

  Further, the Contracting Officer will, as appropriate, seek authorizations for implementation of partnerships to improve water supply, water quality, and reliability.
- (2) The Secretary will, as appropriate, pursue program and project implementation and authorization in coordination with Project Contractors to improve the water supply, water quality, and reliability of the Project for all Project purposes.
- (3) The Secretary will coordinate with Project Contractors and the State of California to seek improved water resource management.
- (4) The Secretary will coordinate actions of agencies within the Department of the Interior that may impact the availability of water for Project purposes.
  - (5) The Contracting Officer shall periodically, but not less than

annually, hold division-level meetings to discuss Project operations, division-level water management activities, and other issues as appropriate.

(d) Without limiting the contractual obligations of the Contracting Officer under the other Articles of this Contract, nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit or constrain the Contracting Officer's ability to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with the Contractor or other interested stakeholders or to make decisions in a timely fashion as needed to protect health, safety, or the physical integrity of structures or facilities.

#### CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS

- 17. (a) The Contractor shall be subject to interest, administrative, and penalty charges on delinquent payments. If a payment is not received by the due date, the Contractor shall pay an interest charge on the delinquent payment for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. If a payment becomes 60 days delinquent, the Contractor shall pay, in addition to the interest charge, an administrative charge to cover additional costs of billing and processing the delinquent payment. If a payment is delinquent 90 days or more, the Contractor shall pay, in addition to the interest and administrative charges, a penalty charge for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date, based on the remaining balance of the payment due at the rate of 6 percent per year. The Contractor shall also pay any fees incurred for debt collection services associated with a delinquent payment.
- (b) The interest rate charged shall be the greater of either the rate prescribed quarterly in the <u>Federal Register</u> by the Department of the Treasury for application to overdue payments, or the interest rate of 0.5 percent per month. The interest rate charged will be determined as of the due date and remain fixed for the duration of the delinquent period.
- (c) When a partial payment on a delinquent account is received, the amount received shall be applied first to the penalty charges, second to the administrative charges, third to the accrued interest, and finally to the overdue payment.

#### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- 18. During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:
- (a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or

national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause. 

(b) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

- (c) The Contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the Contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
- (d) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the Contracting Officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (e) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of Sept. 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (f) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order No. 11246 of Sept. 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Contracting Agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the (g) nondiscrimination clauses of this Contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this Contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order No. 11246 of Sept. 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order No. 11246 of Sept. 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law. 

(h) The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (g) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order No. 11246 of Sept. 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: *Provided, however, That* in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

#### GENERAL OBLIGATION – BENEFITS CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT

- 19. (a) The obligation of the Contractor to pay the United States as provided in this Contract is a general obligation of the Contractor notwithstanding the manner in which the obligation may be distributed among the Contractor's water users and notwithstanding the default of individual water users in their obligation to the Contractor.
- (b) The payment of charges becoming due pursuant to this Contract is a condition precedent to receiving benefits under this Contract. The United States shall not make water available to the Contractor through Project facilities during any period in which the Contractor is in arrears in the advance payment of water rates due the United States. The Contractor shall not deliver water under the terms and conditions of this Contract for lands or parties that are in arrears in the advance payment of water rates as levied or established by the Contractor.
- 976 (c) With respect to subdivision (b) of this Article, the Contractor shall have no 977 obligation to require advance payment for water rates which it levies.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS

20. (a) The Contractor shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352; 42 U.S.C. § 2000d), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-112, Title V, as amended; 29 U.S.C. § 791, et seq.), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Pub. L. 94-135, Title

- III; 42 U.S.C. 6101, et seq.), Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-982
- 336; 42 U.S.C. § 12131, et seq.), and any other applicable civil rights laws, and with the 983
- applicable implementing regulations and any guidelines imposed by the U.S. 984
- Department of the Interior and/or Bureau of Reclamation. 985

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- These statutes prohibit any person in the United States from being (b) excluded from participation in, being denied the benefits of, or being otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from the Bureau of Reclamation on the grounds of race, color, national origin, disability, or age. By executing this Contract, the Contractor agrees to immediately take any measures necessary to implement this obligation, including permitting officials of the United States to inspect premises, programs, and documents.
- (c) The Contractor makes this Contract in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property discounts, or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Contractor by the Bureau of Reclamation, including installment payments after such date on account of arrangements for Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date. The Contractor recognizes and agrees that such Federal assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this Article and that the United States reserves the right to seek judicial enforcement thereof.
- Complaints of discrimination against the Contractor shall be investigated by the Contracting Officer's Office of Civil Rights. 1002

#### CONTRACTOR TO PAY CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

21. In addition to all other payments to be made by the Contractor pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor shall pay to the United States, within 60 days after receipt of a bill and detailed statement submitted by the Contracting Officer to the Contractor for such specific items of direct cost incurred by the United States for work requested by the Contractor associated with this Contract plus indirect costs in accordance with applicable Bureau of Reclamation policies and procedures. All such amounts referred to in this Article shall not exceed the amount agreed to in writing in advance by the Contractor. This Article shall not apply to costs for routine contract administration.

#### **WATER CONSERVATION**

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1018	Additionally, an effective water conservation and efficiency program shall be based on the
1019	Contractor's water conservation plan that has been determined by the Contracting Officer to
1020	meet the conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans
1021	established under Federal law. The water conservation and efficiency program shall
1022	contain definite water conservation objectives, appropriate economically feasible water
1023	conservation measures, and time schedules for meeting those objectives. Continued
1024	Project Water delivery pursuant to this Contract shall be contingent upon the
1025	Contractor's continued implementation of such water conservation program. In the
1026	event the Contractor's water conservation plan or any revised water conservation plan
1027	completed pursuant to subdivision (d) of this Article 22 have not yet been determined by
1028	the Contracting Officer to meet such criteria, due to circumstances which the
1029	Contracting Officer determines are beyond the control of the Contractor, water deliveries
1030	shall be made under this Contract so long as the Contractor diligently works with the
1031	Contracting Officer to obtain such determination at the earliest practicable date, and
1032	thereafter the Contractor immediately begins implementing its water conservation and
1033	efficiency program in accordance with the time schedules therein.
1034	(b) Should the amount of M&I Water delivered pursuant to subdivision

(a) of Article 3 of this Contract equal or exceed two thousand (2,000) acre-feet per Year,

the Contractor shall implement the Best Management Practices identified by the time frames issued by the Mid-Pacific Region's then-existing conservation and efficiency criteria for such M&I Water unless any such practice is determined by the Contracting Officer to be inappropriate for the Contractor.

- (c) The Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer a report on the status of its implementation of the water conservation plan on the reporting dates specified in the then-existing conservation and efficiency criteria established under Federal law.
- (d) At five (5)-year intervals, the Contractor shall revise its water conservation plan to reflect the then-existing conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law and submit such revised water management plan to the Contracting Officer for review and evaluation. The Contracting Officer will then determine if the water conservation plan meets the Bureau of Reclamation's then-existing conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law.
- (e) If the Contractor is engaged in direct groundwater recharge, such activity shall be described in the Contractor's water conservation plan.

#### EXISTING OR ACQUIRED WATER OR WATER RIGHTS

23. Except as specifically provided in Article 14 of this Contract, the provisions of this Contract shall not be applicable to or affect non-Project water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor or any user of such water within the Contractor's Service Area. Any such water shall not be considered Project Water under this Contract. In addition, this Contract shall not be construed as limiting or curtailing any rights which the Contractor or

any water user within the Contractor's Service Area acquires or has available under any other contract pursuant to Federal Reclamation law.

#### O&M BY THE SAN LUIS & DELTA – MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY

- 24. (a) The O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor, and responsibility for funding a portion of the costs of such O&M, have been transferred to the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, an Operating Non-Federal Entity by separate agreement (8-07-20-X0354-X) between the United States and Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority. That separate agreement shall not interfere with or affect the rights or obligations of the Contractor or the United States hereunder.
- writing that the Operation and Maintenance of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor has been transferred to the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, and therefore, the Contractor shall pay directly to the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or to any successor approved by the Contracting Officer under the terms and conditions of the separate agreement between the United States and the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority described in subdivision (a) of this Article, all rates, charges, or assessments of any kind, including any assessment for reserve funds, which the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority or such successor determines, sets, or establishes for the Operation and Maintenance of the portion of the Project facilities operated and maintained by the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority or such successor. Such direct payments to Operating Non-Federal

Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority or such successor shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to pay directly to the United States the Contractor's share of the Project Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component except to the extent the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority collects payments on behalf of the United States in accordance with the separate agreement identified in subdivision (a) of this Article.

- (c) For so long as the O&M of any portion of the Project facilities serving the Contractor is performed by Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or any successor thereto, the Contracting Officer shall adjust those components of the Rates for Water Delivered under this Contract representing the cost associated with the activity being performed by Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or its successor.
- operated and maintained by the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority is re-assumed by the United States during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall so notify the Contractor, in writing, and present to the Contractor a revised Exhibit "B" which shall include the portion of the Rates to be paid by the Contractor for Project Water under this Contract representing the Operation and Maintenance costs of the portion of such Project facilities which have been re-assumed. The Contractor shall, thereafter, in the absence of written notification from the Contracting Officer to the contrary, pay the Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component specified in the revised Exhibit "B" directly to the United States in compliance with Article 7 of this Contract.

#### O&M BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

24.1 (a) The O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor, and responsibility for funding a portion of the costs of such O&M, have been transferred to the California Department of Water Resources, an Operating Non-Federal Entity by a separate agreement (14-06-200-9755) between the United States and Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources. This separate agreement shall not interfere with or affect the rights or obligations of the Contractor or the United States hereunder.

that the O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor in writing that the O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor has been transferred to the Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources, and the Contractor shall pay directly to Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or to any successor approved by the Contracting Officer under the terms and conditions of the separate agreement between the United States and Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, described in subdivision (a) of Article 25 of this Contract, all rates, charges, or assessments of any kind, including any assessment for reserve funds, which Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources, or such successor determines, sets, or establishes for the O&M of the conveyance and conveyance pumping portion of the Project facilities operated and maintained by Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources, or such successor. Such direct payments to Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or such successor, shall not relieve

the Contractor of its obligation to pay directly to the United States the Contractor's share of the Project Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component except to the extent the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority collects payments on behalf of the United States in accordance with the separate agreement identified in subdivision (a) of Article 25 of this Contract.

- (c) For so long as the O&M of any portion of the Project facilities serving the Contractor is performed by Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources, or any successor thereto, the Contracting Officer shall adjust those components of the Rates for Water Delivered under this Contract representing the cost associated with the activity being performed by Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources, or its successor.
- Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources is re-assumed by the United States during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall so notify the Contractor, in writing, and present to the Contractor a revised Exhibit "B" which shall include the portion of the Rates and Charges, to be paid by the Contractor for Project Water under this Contract representing the O&M costs of the portion of such Project facilities which have been re-assumed. The Contractor shall, thereafter, in the absence of written notification from the Contracting Officer to the contrary, pay the Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component specified in the revised Exhibit "B" directly to the United States in compliance with Article 7 of this Contract.

#### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BY WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT

24.2 (a) The O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor, and responsibility for funding a portion of the costs of such O&M, have been transferred to the Westlands Water District, the Operating Non-Federal Entity Westlands Water District by a separate contract (14-06-200-2020A) between the United States and Westlands Water District, the Operating Non-Federal Entity Westlands Water District. That above-referenced contract shall not interfere with or affect the rights or obligations of the Contractor or the United States hereunder.

writing that the O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor in writing that the O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor has been transferred to the Operating Non-Federal Entity Westlands Water District. Therefore, the Contractor has entered into a separate agreement with the Operating Non-Federal Entity Westlands Water District providing the terms and conditions pursuant to which the Operating Non-Federal Entity Westlands Water District will deliver Project Water to the Contractor through the portion of the Project facilities operated and maintained by the Operating Non-Federal Entity Westlands Water District, including the amount(s) the Contractor is to pay the Operating Non-Federal Entity Westlands Water District for that service. The Contractor shall pay directly to the Operating Non-Federal Entity Westlands Water District, or to any successor approved by the Contracting Officer, all rates, charges, or assessments of any kind, including any assessment for reserve funds, described in the separate agreement referred to above or any amendatory or replacement agreement approved by the Contracting Officer, which the Operating Non-Federal Entity Westlands

Water District and or such successor determines, sets, or establishes for the Operating Non-Federal Entity Westlands Water District or such successor. Such direct payments to the Operating Non-Federal Entity Westlands Water District or such successor shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to pay directly to the United States the Contractor's share of the Project Rates and Charges referred to in this Contract.

- (c) For so long as the O&M of any portion of the Project facilities serving the Contractor is performed by the Operating Non-Federal Entity Westlands Water District, or any successor thereto, the Contracting Officer shall adjust those components of the Rates for Water Delivered under this Contract representing the cost associated with the activity being performed by the Operating Non-Federal Entity Westlands Water District or its successor.
- (d) In the event the O&M of the Project facilities operated and maintained by the Operating Non-Federal Entity Westlands Water District is re-assumed by the United States during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall so notify the Contractor, in writing, and present to the Contractor a revised Exhibit "B" which shall include the portion of the Rates and Charges to be paid by the Contractor for Project Water under this Contract representing the O&M costs of the portion of such Project facilities which have been re-assumed. The Contractor shall, thereafter, in the absence of written notification from the Contracting Officer to the contrary, pay the Rates and Charges specified in the revised Exhibit "B" directly to the United States in compliance with Article 7 of this Contract.

#### CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATION OR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS

25. The expenditure or advance of any money or the performance of any obligation of the United States under this Contract shall be contingent upon appropriation or allotment of funds. Absence of appropriation or allotment of funds shall not relieve the Contractor from any obligations under this Contract. No liability shall accrue to the United States in case funds are not appropriated or allotted.

#### BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS

- 26. (a) The Contractor shall establish and maintain accounts and other books and records pertaining to administration of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including the Contractor's financial transactions; water supply data; project operations, maintenance, and replacement logs; project land and rights-of-way use agreements; the water users' land-use (crop census), land-ownership, land-leasing, and water-use data; and other matters that the Contracting Officer may require. Reports shall be furnished to the Contracting Officer in such form and on such date or dates as the Contracting Officer may require. Subject to applicable Federal laws and regulations, each party to this Contract shall have the right during office hours to examine and make copies of the other party's books and records relating to matters covered by this Contract.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a) of this Article, no books, records, or other information shall be requested from the Contractor by the Contracting Officer unless such books, records, or information are reasonably related to the administration or performance of this Contract. Any such request shall allow the Contractor a reasonable period of time within which to provide the requested books, records, or information.
- (c) At such time as the Contractor provides information to the Contracting

  Officer pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article, a copy of such information shall be provided to the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies).

#### <u>ASSIGNMENT LIMITED – SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED</u>

27. (a) The provisions of this Contract shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the parties hereto, but no assignment or transfer of this Contract or any right or interest therein by either party shall be valid until approved in writing by the other party.

- (b) The assignment of any right or interest in this Contract by either party shall not interfere with the rights or obligations of the other party to this Contract absent the written concurrence of said other party.
- (c) The Contracting Officer shall not unreasonably condition or withhold approval of any proposed assignment.

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28. In the event that a person or entity who is neither (i) a party to a Project contract, nor (ii) a person or entity that receives Project Water from a party to a Project contract, nor (iii) an association or other form of organization whose primary function is to represent parties to Project contracts, brings an action in a court of competent jurisdiction challenging the legality or enforceability of a provision included in this Contract and said person, entity, association, or organization obtains a final court decision holding that such provision is legally invalid or unenforceable and the Contractor has not intervened in that lawsuit in support of the plaintiff(s), the parties to this Contract shall use their best efforts to (i) within 30 days of the date of such final court decision identify by mutual agreement the provisions in this Contract which must be revised and (ii) within three months thereafter promptly agree on the appropriate revision(s). The time periods specified above may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. Pending the completion of the actions designated above, to the extent it can do so without violating any applicable provisions of law, the United States shall continue to make the quantities of Project Water specified in this Contract available to the Contractor pursuant to the provisions of this Contract which were not found to be legally invalid or unenforceable in the final court decision.

#### **RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES**

29. Should any dispute arise concerning any provisions of this Contract, or the parties' rights and obligations thereunder, the parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Prior to the Contractor commencing any legal action, or the Contracting Officer referring any matter to the Department of Justice, the party shall provide to the other party 30 days' written notice of the intent to take such action; <a href="Provided">Provided</a>, That such notice shall not be required where a delay in commencing an action would prejudice the interests of the party that intends to file suit. During the 30-day notice period, the Contractor and the Contracting Officer shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Except as specifically provided, nothing herein is intended to waive or abridge any right or remedy that the Contractor or the United States may have.

#### OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

30. No Member of or Delegate to the Congress, Resident Commissioner, or official of the Contractor shall benefit from this Contract other than as a water user or landowner in the same manner as other water users or landowners.

#### CHANGES IN CONTRACTOR'S ORGANIZATION AND/OR SERVICE AREA

- 31. (a) While this Contract is in effect, no change may be made in the Contractor's Service Area or organization, by inclusion or exclusion of lands or by any other changes which may affect the respective rights, obligations, privileges, and duties of either the United States or the Contractor under this Contract, including, but not limited to, dissolution, consolidation, or merger, except upon the Contracting Officer's written consent.
- (b) Within 30 days of receipt of a request for such a change, the Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor of any additional information required by the Contracting Officer for processing said request, and both parties will meet to establish a mutually agreeable schedule for timely completion of the process. Such process will analyze whether the proposed

change, is likely to: (i) result in the use of Project Water contrary to the terms of this Contract; (ii) impair the ability of the Contractor to pay for Project Water furnished under this Contract or to pay for any Federally-constructed facilities for which the Contractor is responsible; and (iii) have an impact on any Project Water rights applications, permits, or licenses. In addition, the Contracting Officer shall comply with the NEPA and the ESA. The Contractor will be responsible for all costs incurred by the Contracting Officer in this process, and such costs will be paid in accordance with Article 21 of this Contract.

#### FEDERAL LAWS

32. By entering into this Contract, the Contractor does not waive its rights to contest the validity or application in connection with the performance of the terms and conditions of this Contract of any Federal law or regulation; *Provided, That* the Contractor agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract unless and until relief from application of such Federal law or regulation to the implementing provision of the Contract is granted by a court of competent jurisdiction.

NOTICES

33. Any notice, demand, or request authorized or required by this Contract shall be deemed to have been given, on behalf of the Contractor, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Area Manager, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 N Street, Fresno, California 93721, Bureau of Reclamation, and on behalf of the United States, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the City of Coalinga, 155 West Durian Avenue, Coalinga. California 93210. The designation of the addressee or the address may be changed by notice given in the same manner as provided in this Article for other notices.

#### CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

34. The Contractor hereby certifies that it does not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments and that it does not permit its employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. It certifies further that it will not maintain or provide for its employees any

1292	segregated facilities at any of its establishments and that it will not permit its employees to
1293	perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are
1294	maintained. The Contractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal
1295	Employment Opportunity clause in this Contract. As used in this certification, the term
1296	"segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms,
1297	restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas,
1298	parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing
1299	facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact
1300	segregated on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, because of habit, local custom,
1301	disability, or otherwise. The Contractor further agrees that (except where it has obtained
1302	identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) it will obtain
1303	identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts
1304	exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Employment
1305	Opportunity clause; that it will retain such certifications in its files; and that it will forward the
1306	following notice to such proposed subcontractors (except where the proposed subcontractors
1307	have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods):
1308	NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE SUBCONTRACTORS OF REQUIREMENT FOR
1309	CERTIFICATIONS OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES
1310	A Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities must be submitted prior to the award of a subcontract
1311	exceeding \$10,000 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Employment
1312	Opportunity clause. The certification may be submitted either for each subcontract or for all
1313	subcontracts during a period (i.e., quarterly, semiannually, or annually). Note: The penalty for
1314	making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. § 1001.
1315	MEDIUM FOR TRANSMITTING PAYMENT
1316	35. (a) All payments from the Contractor to the United States under this Contract
1317	shall be by the medium requested by the United States on or before the date payment is due. The
1318	required method of payment may include checks, wire transfers, or other types of payment
1319	specified by the United States.
1320	(b) Upon execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall furnish the
1321	Contracting Officer with the Contractor's taxpayer's identification number (TIN). The purpose
1322	for requiring the Contractor's TIN is for collecting and reporting any delinquent amounts arising
1323	out of the Contractor's relationship with the United States.
1324	CONTRACT DRAFTING CONSIDERATIONS
1325	36. This amended Contract has been negotiated and reviewed by the parties hereto,
1326	each of whom is sophisticated in the matters to which this amended Contract pertains. The
1327	double-spaced Articles of this amended Contract have been drafted, negotiated, and reviewed by

the parties, and no one party shall be considered to have drafted the stated Articles. Single-spaced Articles are standard Articles pursuant to Bureau of Reclamation policy.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACT**

37. Promptly after the execution of this Contract, the Contractor will provide evidence to the Contracting Officer that, pursuant to the laws of the State of California, the Contractor is a legally constituted entity and the Contract is lawful, valid, and binding on the Contractor. This Contract will not be binding on the United States until the Contractor provides evidence to the Contracting Officer's satisfaction. In addition to other forms of evidence to meet the requirements of this Article, the Contractor may provide or the Contracting Officer may require a certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of California, confirming the proceedings on the part of the Contractor for the authorization of the execution of this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment							
1342	day and year first above written.						
1343		UNITED STATES OF AMERICA					
1344 1345 1346 1347		By:					
1348 1349	(SEAL)	CITY OF COALINGA					
1350 1351		By:					
1352	Attest:						
1353	By:						
1354	City Clerk						

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION Central Valley Project, California

# CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CITY OF COALINGA PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE FROM THE SAN LUIS UNIT AND DELTA DEIVISION AND FACILITIES REPAYMENT

#### **Exhibits**

Exhibit A - Map of Contractor's Service Area

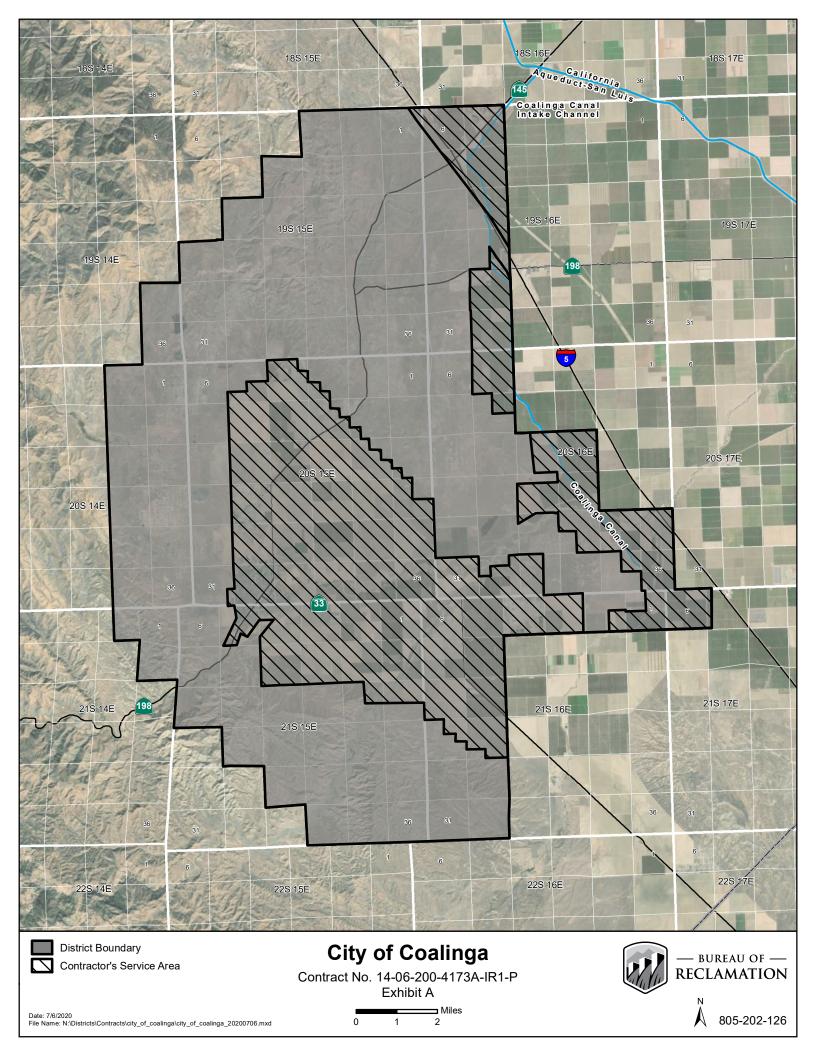
This Exhibit is unchanged from current Contract..

#### Exhibit B – Rates and Charges

This Exhibit template is unchanged from current Contract and is updated annually. Rate Schedules may be found at: <a href="https://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvpwaterrates/ratebooks/index.html">https://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvpwaterrates/ratebooks/index.html</a>

#### Exhibit C – Repayment Obligation

This Exhibit template was developed during the WIIN Act Negotiations. Relevant data will be incorporated upon contract execution.



## EXHIBIT B CITY OF COALINGA 2020 Rates and Charges (Per Acre-Foot)

	M&I Only	
	Water	
COST-OF-SERVICE (COS) RATE		
Construction Costs	\$20.96	
O&M Components		
Direct Pumping Offset	\$38.52	
Water Marketing	\$6.12	
Storage	\$14.99	
Deficit Cost (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) included)	\$19.08	
TOTAL COS RATE	\$99.67	
CHARGES AND ASSESSMENTS (Payments in addition to Rates)		
P.L. 102-575 Surcharge (Restoration Fund Payment)		
[Section 3407(d)(2)(A)]	\$21.82	
P.L. 106-377 Assessment (Trinity Public Utilities District)		
[Appendix B, Section 203]	\$0.12	

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

The CVP M&I Water Shortage Policy per EIS/EIR dated August 2015 and Record of Decision dated November 2015 defines the M&I Historic Use as the average quantity of CVP water put to beneficial use during the last three years of water deliveries, unconstrained (100% allocation) by the availability of CVP water for South of the Delta. Contractor's last three years in acre-feet (AF) are: 2006 = 7,414 AF; 2011 = 5,753 AF; 2017 = 7,455 AF; equals a M&I Historic use average quantity of 6,874 AF.

### **Exhibit C**

#### Repayment Obligation - Current Calculation under the WIIN Act, Section 4011 (a) (2)

#### **Unpaid Construction Cost from the 2020 Water Rate Books\***

Contractor: City of Coalinga
Facility: San Luis Canal - Fresno
Contract: 14-06-200-4173A-IR1-P

			Unpaid Cost	Discount
Construction	Cost	~ \$	-	
2019 Repayn	nent **	\$	-	
Adjusted Cor	nstruction Cost	\$	-	\$ _
Intertie Cons	truction Cost (N/A):	\$	-	\$ -
Total		\$	-	\$ -
If Paid in Inst	allments (Used 20 yr CMT)			
	Due****			
Payment 1	11/1/2020			\$ -
Payment 2	11/1/2021			\$ -
Payment 3	11/1/2022			\$ -
Payment 4	11/1/2023			\$ -
Total Installn	nent Payments			\$ -
20 yr CMT Ra	ates - 10/05/2020 (to be adjusted	to effective date of co	ntract)	0.000%
•	e (1/2 of the Treasury Rate per th			0.000%

M&I Construction Cost (2020 M&	l Ratebook, Sc	h A	-2Ba)	
Unpaid Co				
Construction Cost:	~	\$	1,030,621	
2019 Repayment **		\$	333,126	
Adjusted Construction Cost***:		\$	697,495	

Calculation Support:Irrigation Lump Sum or First Payment\*\*\*\*11/1/2020Days Until the End of the Fiscal Year333

	Unpaid Allocated Construction Cost					Unpaid Intertie Construction Cost						Total	
	Beginning	Strai	ght Line		Present		Beginning	Stra	ight Line	Pr	esent	Pr	esent
Fiscal Yr	Balance	Repa	ayment		Value		Balance	Rep	ayment	V	'alue	V	alues
2021 \$	_	Ś	_	\$	_	\$	_	Ś	_	\$	_	\$	_
2022 \$		\$	_	\$	-	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
2023 \$		\$	_	\$	-	\$	-	, \$	-	\$	_	, \$	_
2024 \$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2025 \$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	
2026 \$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	
2027 \$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	
2028 \$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	
2029 \$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	
2030 \$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	
2031-63						\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	
Total, Lump Sum Payment \$		-					\$	-	\$				

\* Costs are assumed to be paid and all charges are assumed to be accurate. If at a later date charges are determined to need update, they are still required. Also, unpaid charges are still a requirement under contract.

Amount of Reduction, Lump Sum

\$

<sup>\*\* 2019</sup> Repayment is based on the Annual Accounting Analysis for the District.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Excludes Interest to payment date as Interest will be computed as an annual expense as usual.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Contractor has 60 days from the effective date of the contract or installment dates to make payment.

<sup>~</sup> M&I Credit from Schedule A-2Ba has been applied to Irrigation Unpaid Amount.