Section 1: Resolution

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 49-1205(A), the Arizona State Legislature (the "Legislature") determined: (1) Regions in Arizona lack access to the necessary water supplies to meet their current and long-term water needs; and (2) Protecting Arizona's current and future residents, the economy, and the environment is best achieved through a comprehensive water strategy including augmentation of existing water resources with new renewable supplies of water; and

WHEREAS, the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (the "Authority") has identified a near-term annual demand for between 100,000 and 500,000 acre-feet of imported, augmented water supplies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 49-1205(B), the Authority is established for the benefit of the current and future residents, the economy, and the environment of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 49-1203.01(A)(2), the Authority shall use monies from the Long-term Water Augmentation Fund to investigate the feasibility of entering into agreements with public or private entities for projects to import water into Arizona; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 49-1205(C), the Authority is directed to accomplish its purpose of helping meet existing and future water needs of Arizona by developing or facilitating water augmentation projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 49-1205(D), the Authority may accomplish its purpose individually, through collaboration, or by partnering with public or private entities; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Board of Directors (the "Board") desires to engage in a competitive procurement process for the purpose of identifying water augmentation solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has established administrative rules governing procurements from the Long-Term Water Augmentation Fund (Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") Title 18, Chapter 15 Article 8.); and

WHEREAS, during its April 17, 2024 meeting, the Board approved Resolution 2024-233 directing Staff to prepare and present a solicitation for a water supply development project to the Authority's Long-Term Water Augmentation Committee (the **"LTWA Committee"**); and

WHEREAS, during its October 30, 2024 meeting, the LTWA Committee reviewed a Long-Term Water Augmentation Fund Solicitation for Procurement (the **"Solicitation"**) and recommended the Solicitation be approved by the Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AUTHORITY THAT:

- 1. The Authority hereby approves the Solicitation and directs the Authority's Director and other Authority staff, as appropriate, to issue the Solicitation.
- 2. The Authority's Director and other Authority staff, as appropriate, are authorized to take such actions as necessary and appropriate for the efficient administration of the Solicitation's

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procurement, including the appointment of an evaluation committee, consistent with the Solicitation's instructions and the Authority's administrative rules and policies.

- 3. The Authority's Director is authorized to approve and issue such amendments to the Solicitation as may be necessary and appropriate. After the issuance of an amendment, the Authority's Director shall provide a report detailing the amendment's contents during a public meeting.
- 4. The Board shall make final decisions as to any award determination(s) during a public meeting. The Board may cancel the Solicitation prior to issuing an award in accordance with A.A.C. R18-15-812.
- 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors for the Water Infrastructure Finance authority of Arizona on November 20, 2024.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors certifies that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution that was duly adopted at a public meeting of the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority on the date referenced above.

By: Jonathan Lines (N Chairman

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