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5 6 7 8 9	LONG-TERM RENEWAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MOUNTAIN GATE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE FROM THE SHASTA DIVISION
10	THIS CONTRACT, made this day of, 20, in
11	pursuance generally of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory or
12	supplementary thereto, including, but not limited to, the Acts of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844),
13	as amended and supplemented, August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), as amended and supplemented,
14	July 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 483), June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68), October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1263),
15	October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050), as amended, and Title XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992
16	(106 Stat. 4706), all collectively hereinafter referred to as Federal Reclamation law, between
17	THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter referred to as the United States, and
18	MOUNTAIN GATE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, hereinafter referred to as the
19	Contractor, a public agency of the State of California, duly organized, existing, and acting
20	pursuant to the laws thereof;
21	WITNESSETH, That:

22	EXPLANATORY RECITALS
23	[1st] WHEREAS, the United States has constructed and is operating the Central Valley
24	Project (Project), California, for diversion, storage, carriage, distribution and beneficial use, for
25	flood control, irrigation, municipal, domestic, industrial, fish and wildlife mitigation, protection
26	and restoration, generation and distribution of electric energy, salinity control, navigation and
27	other beneficial uses, of waters of the Sacramento River, the American River, the Trinity River,
28	and the San Joaquin River and their tributaries; and
29	[2 nd] WHEREAS, the United States constructed the Shasta Dam and Reservoir which
30	will be used in the furnishing of water to the Contractor pursuant to the terms of this Contract;
31	and
32	[3 rd] WHEREAS, the rights to Project Water were acquired by the United States
33	pursuant to California law for operation of the Project; and
34	[4 th] WHEREAS, the Contractor and the United States entered into Contract
35	No. 14-06-200-6998, as amended by letter of Agreement dated November 21, 1975, which
36	established terms for the delivery to the Contractor of Project Water from the Shasta Division
37	from March 12, 1958, through July 31, 2003; and
38	[5 th] WHEREAS, the Contractor and the United States have pursuant to subsection
39	3404(c)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), subsequently entered into
40	interim renewal contract(s) identified as Contract No(s). 14-06-200-6998-IR1 and 14-06-200-
41	6998-IR2, the current of which is hereinafter referred to as the Existing Contract, which provided
42	for the continued water service to the Contractor from March 1, 2004, through February 28,
43	2006; and
44	[5.1] WHEREAS, the Shasta County Water Agency and the United States entered into
45	Contract No. 14-06-200-3367A, as amended, which established terms for the delivery to the
46	Shasta County Water Agency of up to 5,000 acre-feet per year of Project Water from the Project
47	facilities from June 30, 1967, through December 31, 2004; and

48	[5.2]	WHEREAS, the Shasta County Water Agency	and Mountain Gate Community
49	Services Distric	ct entered into a partial assignment on	, identified as Contract
50	No. 14-06-200-	3367, to permanently assign to Mountain	Gate Community Services District
51	1,000 acre-feet	of the Project Water made available to the Sh	asta County Water Agency pursuant
52	to Contract No.	14-06-200-3367A; and	
53	[5.3]	WHEREAS, the Contractor desires to merge t	he Existing Contract and Contract
54	No. 14-06-200-	3367 into a single contract identified as C	ontract No.14-06-200-6998-LTR1
55	and the United	States is willing to consent to such merger; an	d
56	[6 th]	WHEREAS, Section 3404(c) of the CVPIA pr	rovides for long-term renewal of the
57	Existing Contra	act following completion of appropriate enviro	onmental documentation, including a
58	programmatic e	environmental impact statement (PEIS) pursua	ant to the National Environmental
59	Policy Act (NE	PA), analyzing the direct and indirect impacts	and benefits of implementing the
60	CVPIA and the	potential renewal of all existing contracts for	Project Water; and
61	[7 th]	WHEREAS, the United States has completed	the PEIS and all other appropriate
62	environmental i	review necessary to provide for long-term rene	ewal of the Existing Contract; and
63	[8 th]	WHEREAS, the Contractor has requested the	long-term renewal of the Existing
64	Contract, pursu	ant to the terms of the Existing Contract, Federal	eral Reclamation law, and the laws
65	of the State of C	California, for water service from the Project;	and
66	[9 th]	WHEREAS, the United States has determined	that the Contractor has fulfilled all
67	of its obligation	ns under the Existing Contract; and	
68	$[10^{th}]$	WHEREAS, the Contractor has demonstrated	to the satisfaction of the
69	Contracting Off	ficer that the Contractor has utilized the Project	ct Water supplies available to it for
70	reasonable and	beneficial use and/or has demonstrated project	ted future demand for water use
71	such that the Co	ontractor has the capability and expects to util	ize fully for reasonable and
72	beneficial use the	he quantity of Project Water to be made availa	able to it pursuant to this Contract;
73	and		

74	[11 th] WHEREAS, water obtained from the Project has been relied upon by urban and
75	agricultural areas within California for more than 50 years, and is considered by the Contractor
76	as an essential portion of its water supply; and
77	[12 th] WHEREAS, the economies of regions within the Project, including the
78	Contractor's, depend upon the continued availability of water, including water service from the
79	Project; and
80	[12.1] WHEREAS, Contractor has made and will continue to make substantial capital
81	investments in diversion and treatment facilities, and requires a consistent, predictable quality of
82	raw water in order to meet Safe Drinking Water Act requirements for its municipal customers,
83	and to provide a consistent and predictable quality of water for its industrial customers; and
84	[13 th] WHEREAS, the Secretary intends through coordination, cooperation, and
85	partnerships to pursue measures to improve water supply, water quality, and reliability of the
86	Project for all Project purposes; and
87	[13.1] WHEREAS, the Contractor is located in the region of the Redding Groundwater
88	Basin, and it is the desire of both the United States and the Contractor to facilitate the
89	cooperative efforts of local water service agencies to develop the Redding Groundwater Basin
90	for conjunctive management and use with Project Water supplies, to maximize the reasonable
91	beneficial use of water for the water service agencies and their customers in the region; and
92	[14 th] WHEREAS, the mutual goals of the United States and the Contractor include: to
93	provide for reliable Project Water supplies; to control costs of those supplies; to achieve
94	repayment of the Project as required by law; to guard reasonably against Project Water
95	shortages; to achieve a reasonable balance among competing demands for use of Project Water;
96	and to comply with all applicable environmental statutes, all consistent with the legal obligations
97	of the United States relative to the Project; and
98	[15 th] WHEREAS, the parties intend by this Contract to develop a more cooperative
99	relationship in order to achieve their mutual goals; and

100	[16 th] WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractor are willing to enter into this
101	Contract pursuant to Federal Reclamation law on the terms and conditions set forth below;
102	NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and dependent covenants herein
103	contained, it is hereby mutually agreed by the parties hereto as follows:
104	<u>DEFINITIONS</u>
105	1. When used herein unless otherwise distinctly expressed, or manifestly
106	incompatible with the intent of the parties as expressed in this Contract, the term:
107	(a) "Calendar Year" shall mean the period January 1 through December 31,
108	both dates inclusive;
109	(b) "Charges" shall mean the payments required by Federal Reclamation law
110	in addition to the Rates and Tiered Pricing Component specified in this Contract as determined
111	annually by the Contracting Officer pursuant to this Contract;
112	(c) "Condition of Shortage" shall mean a condition respecting the Project
113	during any Year such that the Contracting Officer is unable to deliver sufficient water to meet the
114	Contract Total;
115	(d) "Contracting Officer" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior's duly
116	authorized representative acting pursuant to this Contract or applicable Federal Reclamation law
117	or regulation;
118	(e) "Contract Total" shall mean the maximum amount of water to which the
119	Contractor is entitled under subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract;
120	(f) "Contractor's Service Area" shall mean the area to which the Contractor is
121	permitted to provide Project Water under this Contract as described in Exhibit "A" attached
122	hereto, which may be modified from time to time in accordance with Article 35 of this Contract
123	without amendment of this Contract;
124	(g) "CVPIA" shall mean the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Title
125	XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706):

126	(h) Omitted;
127	(i) Omitted;
128	(j) "Full Cost Rate" shall mean an annual rate as determined by the
129	Contracting Officer that shall amortize the expenditures for construction properly allocable to the
130	Project irrigation or M&I functions, as appropriate, of facilities in service including all O&M
131	deficits funded, less payments, over such periods as may be required under Federal Reclamation
132	law, or applicable contract provisions. Interest will accrue on both the construction expenditures
133	and funded O&M deficits from October 12, 1982, on costs outstanding at that date, or from the
134	date incurred in the case of costs arising subsequent to October 12, 1982, and shall be calculated
135	in accordance with subsections 202(3)(B) and (3)(C) of the Reclamation Reform Act of
136	October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1263), as amended, hereinafter referred to as RRA. The Full Cost
137	Rate includes actual operation, maintenance, and replacement costs consistent with Section 426.2
138	of the Rules and Regulations for the RRA;
139	(k) Omitted;
140	(l) Omitted;
141	(m) Omitted;
142	(n) Omitted;
143	(o) "Municipal and Industrial (M&I) Water" shall mean Project Water made
144	available to the Contractor for purposes other than the commercial production of agricultural
145	crops or livestock;
146	(p) "M&I Full Cost Water Rate" shall mean the Full Cost Rate applicable to
147	the delivery of M&I Water;
148	(q) "Operation and Maintenance" or "O&M" shall mean normal and
149	reasonable care, control, operation, repair, replacement (other than capital replacement), and
150	maintenance of Project facilities;
151	(r) Omitted;

152	(s) "Project" shall mean the Central Valley Project owned by the United
153	States and managed by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation;
154	(t) "Project Contractors" shall mean all parties who have water service
155	contracts for Project Water from the Project with the United States pursuant to Federal
156	Reclamation law;
157	(u) "Project Water" shall mean all water that is developed, diverted, stored, or
158	delivered by the Secretary in accordance with the statutes authorizing the Project and in
159	accordance with the terms and conditions of water rights acquired pursuant to California law;
160	(v) "Rates" shall mean the payments determined annually by the Contracting
161	Officer in accordance with the then-current applicable water ratesetting policies for the Project,
162	as described in subdivision (a) of Article 7 of this Contract;
163	(w) "Recent Historic Average" shall mean the most recent five-year average of
164	the final forecast of Water Made Available to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract or its
165	<pre>preceding contract(s);</pre>
166	(x) "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior, a duly appointed
167	successor, or an authorized representative acting pursuant to any authority of the Secretary and
168	through any agency of the Department of the Interior;
169	(y) "Tiered Pricing Component" shall be the incremental amount to be paid
170	for each acre-foot of Water Delivered as described in subdivision (j) of Article 7 of this Contract;
171	(z) "Water Delivered" or "Delivered Water" shall mean Project Water
172	diverted for use by the Contractor at the point(s) of delivery approved by the Contracting
173	Officer;
174	(aa) "Water Made Available" shall mean the estimated amount of Project
175	Water that can be delivered to the Contractor for the upcoming Year as declared by the
176	Contracting Officer, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Article 4 of this Contract;

177	(bb) "Water Scheduled" shall mean Project Water made available to the
178	Contractor for which times and quantities for delivery have been established by the Contractor
179	and Contracting Officer, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract; and
180	(cc) "Year" shall mean the period from and including March 1 of each
181	Calendar Year through the last day of February of the following Calendar Year.
182	TERM OF CONTRACT
183	2. (a) This Contract shall be effective March 1, 20, through February 28,
184	20, and supercedes the Existing Contract. In the event the Contractor wishes to renew this
185	Contract beyond February 28, 20, the Contractor shall submit a request for renewal in writing
186	to the Contracting Officer no later than two years prior to the date this Contract expires.
187	(b) Omitted.
188	(c) This Contract shall be renewed for successive periods of up to 40 years
189	each, which periods shall be consistent with then-existing Reclamation-wide policy, under terms
190	and conditions mutually agreeable to the parties and consistent with Federal and State law. The
191	Contractor shall be afforded the opportunity to comment to the Contracting Officer on the
192	proposed adoption and application of any revised policy applicable to the delivery of M&I Water
193	that would limit the term of any subsequent renewal contract with the Contractor for the
194	furnishing of M&I Water to less than 40 years.
195	(d) The Contracting Officer shall make a determination ten years after the
196	date of execution of this Contract, and every five years thereafter during the term of this
197	Contract, of whether a conversion to a contract under subsection (c)(1) of Section 9 of the
198	Reclamation Project Act of 1939 can be accomplished. The Contracting Officer anticipates that
199	during the term of this Contract, all authorized Project construction expected to occur will have
200	occurred, and on that basis the Contracting Officer agrees upon such completion to allocate all
201	costs that are properly assignable to the Contractor, and agrees further that, at any time after such

allocation is made, and subject to satisfaction of the condition set out in this subdivision, this Contract shall, at the request of the Contractor, be converted to a contract under said subsection 9(c)(1), of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, subject to applicable Federal law and under stated terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the Contractor and the Contracting Officer. A condition for such conversion to occur shall be a determination by the Contracting Officer that, account being taken of the amount credited to return by the Contractor as provided for under Federal Reclamation law, the remaining amount of construction costs assignable for ultimate return by the Contractor can probably be repaid to the United States within the term of a contract under said subsection 9(c)(1). If the remaining amount of costs that are properly assignable to the Contractor cannot be determined during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor, and provide the reason(s) why such a determination could not be made. Further, the Contracting Officer shall make such a determination as soon thereafter as possible so as to permit, upon request of the Contractor and satisfaction of the condition set out above, conversion to a contract under said subsection 9(c)(1). In the event such determination of costs has not been made at a time which allows conversion of this Contract during the term of this Contract or the Contractor has not requested conversion of this Contract within such term, the parties shall incorporate in any subsequent renewal contract as described in subdivision (b) of this Article a provision that carries forth in substantially identical terms the provisions of this subdivision.

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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 1,350 acre-feet of Project Water for M&I purposes. Provided, That the United States shall not be

responsible for the maintenance of water levels in Shasta Reservoir to permit the Contractor to withdraw water from said reservoir. 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. During the most recent five years, the Recent Historic Average of water made available to the Contractor was 1,242 acre-feet. Nothing in subdivision (b) of this Article shall affect the rights and obligations of the parties under any provision of this Contract.
- (c) The Contractor shall utilize the Project Water in accordance with all applicable legal requirements.
- furnished pursuant to this Contract. Ground-water recharge programs (direct, indirect, or in lieu), ground-water 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 26 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. Ground-water recharge programs, ground-water

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.

- Contractor in biological opinion(s) prepared as a result of a consultation regarding the execution of this Contract 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 45 years of diversions for M&I purposes of the quantities of water provided in subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract, will be considered in developing an appropriate baseline for 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) As soon as possible following each 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 Article 3 of this Contract 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 such water and shall so notify the Contractor as soon as practical. The Contracting 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.

- (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 "carryover." 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 Water Delivered pursuant to this Contract during the term thereof and any subsequent renewal contracts, as described in Article 2 of this Contract, during the terms thereof shall not be disturbed so long as the Contractor shall fulfill all of its obligations under this Contract and any renewals thereof. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall affect the Contracting Officer's ability to impose shortages under Article 11 or subdivision (b) of Article 12 of this Contract or applicable provisions of any subsequent renewal contracts.
- (i) Project Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract may be delivered for other than M&I purposes upon written approval by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the terms and conditions of such approval.
- (j) The Contracting Officer shall make reasonable efforts to protect the 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;

<u>Provided.</u> That the Contracting Officer retains the right to object to the substance of the Contractor's position in such a proceeding; <u>Provided further</u>, 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 of 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 both Water Made Available and the Recent Historic Average and will be updated monthly, and more frequently if necessary, based on 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. Concurrently with the declaration of the Water Made Available, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractor with the updated Recent Historic Average.
- (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 9 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), satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, thereto 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 Shasta Reservoir 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) Omitted.
- (c) Omitted.

- (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 Contractor 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 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 prior to making a final determination of the quantity delivered for that period of time.
- (e) (1) All pumps, pipelines, storage tanks, distribution lines, and other facilities required to take, convey, and distribute water to the water users within the Contractor's Service Area shall be constructed or installed by the Contractor at its sole expense. Operation and maintenance of the facilities and the expense thereof also shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. Said facilities may be installed, operated and maintained on or across property of the United States in the Shasta Reservoir area, subject to such restrictions and regulations as to location, method of installation, and operation and maintenance as may be promulgated by the Contracting Officer.

(e) (2) The Contracting Officer shall not be responsible for the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract beyond the delivery points specified in 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 delivery points, except for any damage or claim arising out of (i) acts or omissions of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, or assigns, 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, or assigns, (iii) negligence of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, or assigns, or (iv) damage or claims resulting from a malfunction of facilities owned and/or operated by the United States.

MEASUREMENT OF WATER WITHIN THE CONTRACTOR'S SERVICE AREA

6. (a) The Contractor has established a measuring program satisfactory to the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall ensure that 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, and 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 26 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 26.

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- (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 the 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 of this Contract 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 on or before the 10th calendar day of each month of the quantity of M&I Water taken during the preceding month.

RATES AND METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR WATER

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7. (a) The Contractor shall pay the United States as provided in this Article for all Delivered Water at Rates, Charges, and the Tiered Pricing Component established in accordance with (i) the Secretary's then-existing ratesetting policy for M&I Water. Such ratesetting policy shall be amended, modified, or superceded 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 transfer, 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. The Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor of the Rates, Charges, (b) and Tiered Pricing Component as follows: Prior to July 1 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall (1)

- 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."
- (2) Prior to October 1 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer 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."

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At the time the Contractor submits the initial schedule for the delivery of (c) 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 carried over under subdivision (g) of Article 3 of this Contract if such water is not delivered by the last day of February.

(d) The Contractor shall also make a payment in addition to the Rate(s) in
subdivision (c) of this Article to the United States for Water Delivered, at the Charges and the
appropriate Tiered Pricing Component then in effect, before the end of the month following the
month of delivery; Provided, That the Contractor may be granted an exception from the Tiered
Pricing Component pursuant to subdivision (j)(2) of this Article. 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 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 the Tiered Pricing Component shall
be computed pursuant to Article 20 of this Contract.

- (e) 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.
- (f) Payments to be made by the Contractor to the United States under this Contract may be paid from any revenues available to the Contractor.
- (g) 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 policy for M&I Water.
- (h) 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.

- (i) 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 the 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.
- (j) (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 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 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.

- (k) For the term of this Contract, Rates 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.
- (l) 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 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 transferee's point of delivery in accordance with the then applicable Project ratesetting policy. If the Contractor is receiving lower Rates and Charges because of inability to pay and is transferring Project Water to another entity whose Rates and Charges are not adjusted due to inability to pay, the Rates and Charges for transferred Project Water shall be the Contractor's Rates and Charges and will not be adjusted to reflect the Contractor's inability to pay.
- (m) Pursuant to the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050), the Contracting Officer is authorized to adjust determinations of ability to pay every five years.
- (n) With respect to the Rates for M&I Water, the Contractor asserts that it is not legally obligated to pay any Project deficits claimed by the United States to have accrued as of the date of this Contract or deficit-related interest charges thereon. By entering into this Contract, the Contractor does not waive any legal rights or remedies that it may have with

respect to such disputed issues. Notwithstanding the execution of this Contract, and payments made hereunder, the Contractor may challenge in the appropriate administrative or judicial forums: (1) the existence, computation, or imposition of any deficit charges accruing during the term of the Existing Contract and any preceding interim renewal contracts, if applicable; (2) interest accruing on any such deficits; (3) the inclusion of any such deficit charges or interest in the Rates; (4) the application by the United States of payments made by the Contractor under its Existing Contract and any preceding interim renewal contract, if applicable; and (5) the application of such payments in the Rates. The Contracting Officer agrees that the Contractor shall be entitled to the benefit of any administrative or judicial ruling in favor of any Project M&I contractor on any of these issues, and credits for payments heretofore made, <u>Provided</u>. That the basis for such ruling is applicable to the Contractor.

NON-INTEREST BEARING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DEFICITS

8. The Contractor and the Contracting Officer concur that, as of the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor has no non-interest bearing O&M deficits and shall have no further liability therefor.

SALES, TRANSFERS, OR EXCHANGES OF WATER

9. (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 NEPA and ESA. Such environmental documentation should include, as appropriate, an analysis of ground-water impacts and

economic and social effects, including environmental justice, of the proposed water transfers on both the transferor and transferee.

- 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 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-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.
- water transfer must: (i) be for irrigation purposes for lands irrigated within the previous three years, for M&I use, ground-water recharge, ground-water banking, similar ground-water activities, surface water storage, or fish and wildlife resources; not lead to land conversion; and be delivered to established cropland, wildlife refuges, ground-water 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.

(d) For the purpose of determining whether Section 3405(a)(1)(M) of the CVPIA applies to the Contractor as a transferor or transferee of Project Water, the Contracting Officer acknowledges that the Contractor is within a county, watershed, or other area of origin, as those terms are utilized under California law, of water that constitutes the natural flow of the Sacramento River and its tributaries above the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers.

APPLICATION OF PAYMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

- 10. (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 herein. 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 25 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 25.

612 <u>TEMPORARY REDUCTIONS--RETURN FLOWS</u>

- 11. (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.
- (b) The Contracting Officer may 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 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 reduction or discontinuance, 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>, That 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

12. (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 water to be made

638	available to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract. In the event the Contracting Officer
639	determines that a Condition of Shortage appears probable, the Contracting Officer will notify the
640	Contractor of said determination as soon as practicable.
641	(b) If there is a Condition of Shortage because of errors in physical operations
642	of the Project, drought, other physical causes beyond the control of the Contracting Officer or
643	actions taken by the Contracting Officer to meet legal obligations then, except as provided in
644	subdivision (a) of Article 18 of this Contract, no liability shall accrue against the United States or
645	any of its officers, agents, or employees for any damage, direct or indirect, arising therefrom.
646	(c) Omitted.
647	(d) Project Water furnished under this Contract will be allocated in
648	accordance with the then-existing Project M&I Water Shortage Policy. Such policy shall be
649	amended, modified, or superceded only through a public notice and comment procedure.
650	(e) By entering into this Contract, the Contractor does not waive any legal
651	rights or remedies it may have to file or participate in any administrative or judicial proceeding
652	contesting (i) the sufficiency of the manner in which any Project M&I Water Shortage Policy
653	adopted after the effective date of this Contract was promulgated; (ii) the substance of such a
654	policy; or (iii) the applicability of such a policy. By agreeing to the foregoing, the Contracting
655	Officer does not waive any legal defenses or remedies that it may then have to assert in such a
656	proceeding.
657	UNAVOIDABLE GROUNDWATER PERCOLATION
658	13. Omitted.
659	RULES AND REGULATIONS
660 661 662	14. The parties agree that the delivery of Project Water or 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.

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15. The Contractor, in carrying out this Contract, shall comply with all applicable water and air pollution laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California, and shall obtain all required permits or licenses from the appropriate Federal, State, or local authorities.

QUALITY OF WATER

- 16. (a) Project facilities used to deliver Project Water to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be operated and maintained to enable the United States to deliver Project Water to the Contractor in accordance with the water quality standards specified in subsection 2(b) of the Act of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 865), as added by Section 101 of the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050) or other existing Federal laws. The United States is under no obligation to construct or furnish water treatment facilities to maintain or to improve the quality of Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract. The United States does not warrant the quality of Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract.
- (b) The O&M of Project facilities shall be performed in such manner as is practicable to maintain the quality of raw water made available through such facilities at the highest level reasonably attainable as determined by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall be responsible for compliance with all State and Federal water quality standards applicable to surface and subsurface agricultural drainage discharges generated through the use of Federal or Contractor facilities or Project Water provided by the Contractor within the Contractor's Service Area.

685 WATER ACQUIRED BY THE CONTRACTOR 686 OTHER THAN FROM THE UNITED STATES

687 17. (a) Omitted.

(b) Water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the 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 of an appropriate rate as determined by the applicable Project ratesetting policy, the RRA, and the Project use power policy, if such Project use power policy is applicable, each as amended, modified, or superceded from time to time.
- (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) The United States shall not 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 its respective officers, agents, and employees, from any claim for damage to persons or property, direct or indirect, resulting from the acts of the Contractor, its officers', employees', agents' or assigns', act(s) 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 ground-water management plan for the area from which it was extracted.
- (5) After Project purposes are met, as determined by the Contracting Officer, the United States and the Contractor 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.

OPINIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

- 18. (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 subdivision (a) of Article 18 of this Contract 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 of the Interior. Such determinations shall be made in consultation with the Contractor to the extent reasonably practicable.

COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

19. (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 operation and management of the Project. The communication, coordination, and cooperation regarding operations and management 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

742	Project financial matters including, but not limited to, budget issues. The communication,
743	coordination, and cooperation provided for hereunder shall extend to all provisions of this
744	Contract. Each party shall retain exclusive decision making authority for all actions, opinions,
745	and determinations to be made by the respective party.

- (b) Within 120 days following the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor, other affected Project Contractors, and the Contracting Officer shall arrange to meet with interested Project Contractors to develop a mutually agreeable, written Project-wide 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 operation and management 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.
- (3.1) The Secretary and the Contractor desire to work together to maximize the reasonable beneficial use of water for their mutual benefit. As a consequence, the Secretary and the Contractor will work in partnership and with others in the region of the

Redding Groundwater Basin, including other Contractors in the Shasta and Trinity Divisions of the Project, to facilitate the better integration with the region of the Redding Groundwater Basin of all water supplies including, but not limited to, the better management and integration of surface water and groundwater, transfers and exchanges of water, the development and better utilization of surface water storage, the effective utilization of waste, seepage and return flow water, and other operational and management options that may be identified in the future.

- (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

- 20. (a) The Contractor shall be subject to interest, administrative and penalty charges on delinquent installments or payments. When a payment is not received by the due date, the Contractor shall pay an interest charge for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. When a payment becomes sixty (60) days delinquent, the Contractor shall pay an administrative charge to cover additional costs of billing and processing the delinquent payment. When a payment is delinquent ninety (90) days or more, the Contractor shall pay an additional penalty charge of six (6%) percent per year for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. Further, the Contractor shall pay any fees incurred for debt collection services associated with a delinquent payment.
- (b) The interest charge rate shall be the greater of the rate prescribed quarterly in the Federal Register by the Department of the Treasury for application to overdue payments, or the interest rate of one-half of one (0.5%) percent per month prescribed by Section 6 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (Public Law 76-260). The interest charge rate shall be determined as of the due date and remain fixed for the duration of the delinquent period.

799 When a partial payment on a delinquent account is received, the amount 800 received shall be applied, first to the penalty, second to the administrative charges, third to the 801 accrued interest, and finally to the overdue payment. 802 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY** 803 21. During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows: 804 The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for (a) 805 employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take 806 affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during 807 employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action 808 shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or 809 transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of payment or other 810 forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor 811 agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, 812 notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause. 813 814 The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees (b) 815 placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive 816 consideration for employment without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, or 817 national origin. 818 The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers 819 with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, 820 to be provided by the Contracting Officer, advising the said labor union or workers' 821 representative of the Contractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of 822 September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to 823 employees and applicants for employment. 824 The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order (d) 825 No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders 826 of the Secretary of Labor. 827 The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by said 828 amended Executive Order and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or 829 pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Contracting 830 Officer and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with 831 such rules, regulations, and orders. 832 In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination (f) 833 clauses of this Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Contract may be 834 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 said

amended Executive Order, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as

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provided in said Executive Order, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(g) 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 said amended Executive Order, 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

- 22. (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 obligations to the Contractor.
- (b) The payment of charges becoming due hereunder 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 may be in arrears in the advance payment of water rates due the United States. The Contractor shall not furnish water made available pursuant to this Contract for lands or parties which are in arrears in the advance payment of water rates levied or established by the Contractor.
- With respect to subdivision (b) of this Article, the Contractor shall have no obligation to require advance payment for water rates which it levies.

COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS

- 23. (a) The Contractor shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1975 (P.L. 93-112, as amended), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101, et seq.) and any other applicable civil rights laws, as well as with their respective implementing regulations and guidelines imposed by the U.S. Department of the Interior and/or Bureau of Reclamation.
 - (b) These statutes require that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from the Bureau of Reclamation. 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 agreement 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.

PRIVACY ACT COMPLIANCE

24. Omitted.

CONTRACTOR TO PAY CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

25. 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

26. (a) Prior to the delivery of water provided from or conveyed through
Federally constructed or Federally financed facilities pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor
shall be implementing an effective water conservation and efficiency program based on the
Contractor's water conservation plan that has been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet
the conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under
Federal law. The water conservation and efficiency program shall contain definite water
conservation objectives, appropriate economically feasible water conservation measures, and
time schedules for meeting those objectives. Continued Project Water delivery pursuant to this
Contract shall be contingent upon the Contractor's continued implementation of such water

conservation program. In the event the Contractor's water conservation plan or any revised water conservation plan completed pursuant to subdivision (d) of Article 26 of this Contract have not yet been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet such criteria, due to circumstances which the Contracting Officer determines are beyond the control of the Contractor, water deliveries shall be made under this Contract so long as the Contractor diligently works with the Contracting Officer to obtain such determination at the earliest practicable date, and thereafter the Contractor immediately begins implementing its water conservation and efficiency program in accordance with the time schedules therein.

- (b) Should the amount of M&I Water delivered pursuant to subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract equal or exceed 2,000 acre-feet per Year, the Contractor shall implement the Best Management Practices identified by the time frames issued by the California Urban Water Conservation Council 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-year intervals, the Contractor shall revise its water conservation plan to reflect the then-current 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 Reclamation's then-current conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law.
- (e) If the Contractor is engaged in direct ground-water recharge, such activity shall be described in the Contractor's water conservation plan.

EXISTING OR ACQUIRED WATER OR WATER RIGHTS

926 27. Except as specifically provided in Article 17 of this Contract, the provisions of 927 this Contract shall not be applicable to or affect non-Project water or water rights now owned or 928 hereafter acquired by the Contractor or any user of such water within the Contractor's Service 929 Area. Any such water shall not be considered Project Water under this Contract. In addition, 930 this Contract shall not be construed as limiting or curtailing any rights which the Contractor or 931 any water user within the Contractor's Service Area acquires or has available under any other 932 contract pursuant to Federal Reclamation law. 933 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BY OPERATING NON-FEDERAL ENTITY 934 28. Omitted. 935 CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATION OR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS 936 The expenditure or advance of any money or the performance of any obligation of 29. 937 the United States under this Contract shall be contingent upon appropriation or allotment of 938 funds. Absence of appropriation or allotment of funds shall not relieve the Contractor from any 939 obligations under this Contract. No liability shall accrue to the United States in case funds are 940 not appropriated or allotted. 941 BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS 942 30. 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 943 944 Contractor's financial transactions, water supply data, and Project land and right-of-way 945 agreements; the water users' land-use (crop census), land ownership, land-leasing and water use 946 data; and other matters that the Contracting Officer may require. Reports thereon shall be 947 furnished to the Contracting Officer in such form and on such date or dates as the Contracting 948 Officer may require. Subject to applicable Federal laws and regulations, each party to this 949 Contract shall have the right during office hours to examine and make copies of the other party's 950 books and records relating to matters covered by this Contract 951 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a) of this Article, no 952 books, records, or other information shall be requested from the Contractor by the Contracting 953 Officer unless such books, records, or information are reasonably related to the administration or 954 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.

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ASSIGNMENT LIMITED--SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED

- 31. (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 shall be valid until approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.
- (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 his approval of any proposed assignment.

966 <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

32. 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

33. 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 Department of Justice, the party shall provide to the other party 30 days' written notice of the intent to take such action; Provided, 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

34. No Member of or Delegate to 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 SERVICE AREA

- 35. (a) While this Contract is in effect, no change may be made in the Contractor's Service Area, by inclusion or exclusion of lands, dissolution, consolidation, merger, or otherwise, except upon the Contracting Officer's written consent.
- 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 25 of this Contract.

1012 <u>FEDERAL LAWS</u>

36. 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; <u>Provided</u>, 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.

1019 <u>NOTICES</u>

37. 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, Bureau of Reclamation, Northern California Area Office, 16349 Shasta Dam Boulevard, Shasta Lake, California 96019, and on behalf of the United States, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Board of Directors of the Mountain Gate Community Services District, 14508 Wonderland Boulevard, Redding, California 96003. 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.

CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACT

38. The Contractor, after the execution of this Contract, shall furnish to the Contracting Officer evidence 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 shall not be binding on the United States until such evidence has been provided to the Contracting Officer's satisfaction.

1034	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract as of					
1035	the day and year first above written.					
1036		THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA				
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1038 1039		Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region Bureau of Reclamation				
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EXHIBIT A

[Map or Description of Contractor's Service Area]

EXHIBIT B

<u>2004 Water Rates and Charges</u> <u>Mountain Gate Community Services District – Shasta Lake</u>

M&I COST OF SERVICE RATES:

RESTORATION FUND 2/

Capital Rate:	\$ 5.54		
O&M Rates:			
Water Marketing Storage	5.01 6.38		
Deficit Rate:	0.81		
CFO/PRF Adjustment Rate 1/	2.34		
TOTAL	<u>\$20.08</u>		
M&I FULL COST RATE:	\$23.37		
CHARGES UNDER P.L. 102-575 TO THE			

Restoration Payments (3407(d)(2)(A)) \$15.64

^{1/} Chief Financial Officer (CFO) adjustment and Provision for Replacement (PFR) expense is being distributed over a 5-year period beginning in FY 2003 for those contractors that requested those costs be deferred.

^{2/} Restoration fund charges are payments in addition to the water rates and were determined pursuant to Title XXXIV of Public Law 102-575. Restoration fund charges are on a fiscal year basis (10/1 - 9/30).