

**CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 19-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO SUPPORTING THE
SOUTHEASTERN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT’S POSITION IN THEIR
LEGAL DISPUTE CONCERNING AN IGA WITH THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO**

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (“SECWCD”) and the City of Aurora acting by and through its Utility Enterprise (“Aurora”) entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement in October 2003 (“2003 IGA”); and

WHEREAS, the SECWCD and Aurora negotiated the terms of the 2003 IGA with the understanding that its terms are intended to protect future agricultural water ownership and use in the Arkansas River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 IGA has helped foster the relationships between water rights owners in the Arkansas River Basin and provided the foundation for subsequent agreements involving Aurora and other entities in the Arkansas River Basin, including the November 2003 Intergovernmental Agreement between Aurora and the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District; the May 2004 Intergovernmental Agreement between Aurora, the District, the Cities of Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and Fountain, and the Board of Water Works of Pueblo; and the 2011 Intergovernmental Agreement between Aurora and the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District; and

WHEREAS, the SECWCD Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2024 – 03D on April 9, 2024, urging Aurora to refrain from violations of the 2003 IGA in the interests of regional cooperation and relationships between water rights owners and entities in the Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated by reference.

Section 2. The City of Las Animas (the “City”) affirms its understanding that a central purpose of the 2003 IGA is to prevent Aurora from purchasing any additional agricultural water rights and permanently transferring those water rights out of the Arkansas River Basin for municipal use.

Section 3. The City believes that Aurora’s purchase at this time of additional Arkansas River Basin water rights for transfer out of the basin would violate the 2003 IGA, and City urges Aurora to refrain from or cease all such violations.

Section 4. The City believes that the 2003 IGA is a foundational and beneficial document for the Arkansas River Basin, and that for the benefit of maintaining regional cooperation and relationships between water rights owners and entities in the Basin, both the

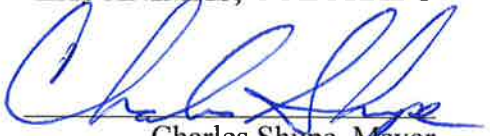
SECWCD and Aurora must remain in compliance with the terms, conditions, and goals of the 2003 IGA.

Section 5. The City supports SECWCD in its efforts to assure Aurora's compliance with 2003 IGA.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE 2024.

CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO



Charles Shupe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Angela Kelly, City Clerk