

RESOLUTION OF THE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF MANCOS WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
REGARDING TRANSFER OF TITLE OF THE  
MANCOS PROJECT FACILITIES FROM THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Repayment Contract with the United States dated July 20, 1942 (repayment contract), the Act of August 11, 1939 (53 Stat. 1418) and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, the United States government, acting by and through the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, holds title to the project facilities operated and maintained by the Mancos Water Conservancy District (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, the project works owned by the United States and operated by the District include the Jackson Gulch Dam, Reservoir, inlet canal, outlet canal and works incidental thereto, together with lands, easements and rights of way (the "Project Facilities"), all as described in paragraph 6 of the Repayment Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Board has held numerous public meetings with Bureau of Reclamation as well as the public to discuss the possibility of obtaining a title transfer of certain Project Facilities (canals, reservoir, water rights, lands, easements, right-of-ways, and structures) from the United States to the District; and

WHEREAS, even in the event that title to the Project Facilities were transferred to the District, the Federal Government would retain title to the Jackson Gulch Dam; and

WHEREAS, based upon such meetings and upon further consideration, the Board has listened to and responded to concerns and issues raised by the public and among Board members regarding the potential costs, liability and benefits of transfer of title; and

WHEREAS, the Mancos Water Conservancy District (District) on September 12, 2017, passed a motion to pursue title transfer of the Mancos Project Features except the dam, which will remain owned by the federal government;

WHEREAS, the Board has asked its Congressional representatives to introduce a bill to Congress for the transfer of the title allowing the District to assuming ownership of, and title to, the Project Facilities; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Tipton has introduced H.R. 6965, a bill to transfer title to the District; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District hereby confirms its continuing intent to pursue title transfer and to fully involve the public in discussions relating to title transfer.

Approved this 13 day of November, 2018.

MANCOS WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

By Stephen Davis President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

B. Boe, Secretary, Board of Directors

