RESOLUTION NO. 21R-09 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD DIRECTORS OF THE BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY

ADOPTION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) PERTAINING TO THE POTABLE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND CONSOLIDATION OF WATER SYSTEMS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Agency has been granted \$500,000 (Prop. 1 Water Bond Planning Grant No. D17-02022) to develop a long-term plan to physically interconnect the Improvement District Goat Mountain water system with the Bighorn-Desert View water system, provide interties with Hi-Desert Water District, design a blending pipeline to reduce uranium levels and other associated improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, among the project components is the definition of all the relevant improvement projects envisioned and documentation of them in a Preliminary Engineering Report that was finalized in January 2019.; and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) statute, California Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq., codifies a statewide policy of environmental protection requiring that all state and local agencies must give major consideration to environmental protection in regulating public and private activities, and should not approve projects for which there exist feasible and environmentally superior mitigation measures or alternatives; and

WHEREAS, a Draft Initial Study (IS) was prepared and concluded that a Mitigated Negative Determination (MND) was justified; and

WHEREAS, the Draft IS/MND was subjected to a 30-day review period resulting in no public comments; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2021 the Board held a Public Hearing to consider additional public input prior to the close of the hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pertaining to the Potable Water System Improvements and Consolidation of Water Systems Project (Prop. 1 Planning Grant); and

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors to Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency this 11th day of May 2021.

John Burkhart, President of the Board

ATTEST.

JoMarie McKenzie, Board Secretary

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