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KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT RESOLUTION 2020-13

AUTHORIZATION TO REDUCE REALTY RESERVES BELOW THE \$3,000,000.00 RESERVE FLOOR PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Kennewick Irrigation District (District) met in open public session on April 21, 2020 with a quorum present, and

WHEREAS, the Realty Reserve Policy2.11 was last updated in 2016 where a reserve floor of \$3,000,000.00 was established; and

WHEREAS, the District has been conducting planning on projects that protect and enhance our water supply for decades; and

WHEREAS, due to these on-going planning efforts, the district has recently purchased approximately 123 acres of property closing in 2019 for the construction of a reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the District has reached agreement for the acquisition of an additional approximate 208 acres of land that together with the other property purchased last year, will be used to construct a large storage and re-regulation reservoir to protect our water users during times of drought and lower water supply due to many factors (up basin conservation, climate change, etc....); and

WHEREAS, the property owners are requesting a quick closing period necessitating the district to use available reserve funds, the realty reserve among; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Kennewick Irrigation District is resolved to protect our water users water supply to the greatest extent possible and authorizes fund 2.11 to be reduced below its floor as stated in section 9.3 of the aforementioned policy for this extraordinary opportunity to acquire the property needed to construct this multi-generational transformative project.

Resolution No. 2020-13 is hereby adopted by the Board of Directors of Kennewick Irrigation District, Benton County, Washington, at an open public meeting thereof this 21st day of April 2020.

Kirk Rathbun, President

Gene Huffman, Director

Arland Ward, Director

David McKenzie, Vice President

Raman Venkata, Director