

CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION AND ADOPTING VOTE

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of Gore Hill County Water District, Montana (the "District"), hereby certify that the attached resolution is a true copy of Resolution No. 2023-006, entitled: "RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$1,509,000 WATER SYSTEM REVENUE BOND (DNRC DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM), SERIES 2023; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND FIXING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF" (the "Resolution"), on file in the original records of the District in my legal custody; that the Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the District at a meeting on May 2, 2023, and that the meeting was duly held by the Board of Directors of the District and was attended throughout by a quorum, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law; and that the Resolution has not as of the date hereof been amended or repealed.

I further certify that, upon vote being taken on the Resolution at said meeting, the following Directors voted in favor thereof: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_; voted against the same: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_; abstained from voting thereon: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_; or were absent: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESS my hand officially this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Secretary

BOND RESOLUTION

Relating to

\$1,509,000

WATER SYSTEM REVENUE BOND  
(DNRC DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM)  
SERIES 2023

GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Adopted: May 2, 2023

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-006

RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$1,509,000 WATER SYSTEM  
REVENUE BOND (DNRC DRINKING WATER STATE  
REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM), SERIES 2023;  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND FIXING THE TERMS  
AND CONDITIONS THEREOF

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act, Montana Code Annotated, Title 75, Chapter 6, Part 2, as amended (the “State Act”), the State of Montana (the “State”) has established a revolving loan program (the “Program”) to be administered by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation of the State of Montana, an agency of the State (the “DNRC”), and by the Department of Environmental Quality of the State of Montana, an agency of the State (the “DEQ”), and has provided that a drinking water state revolving fund (the “Revolving Fund”) be created within the state treasury and all federal, state and other funds for use in the Program be deposited into the Revolving Fund, including, but not limited to, all federal grants for capitalization of a state drinking water revolving fund under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (the “Safe Drinking Water Act”), all repayments of assistance awarded from the Revolving Fund, interest on investments made on money in the Revolving Fund and payments of principal of and interest on loans made from the Revolving Fund; and

WHEREAS, the State Act provides that funds from the Program shall be disbursed and administered for the purposes set forth in the Safe Drinking Water Act and according to rules adopted by the DEQ and the DNRC; and

WHEREAS, the Gore Hill County Water District, Montana (the “District”), has applied to the DNRC for the 2023 Loan (as hereinafter defined) from the Revolving Fund to enable the District to finance, refinance or reimburse itself for a portion of the costs of the 2023 Project (as hereinafter defined), which will carry out the purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act, to fund deposits to the Reserve Account to the Reserve Requirement, and to pay costs of issuance of the Series 2023 Bond (as hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Montana Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 13, Parts 22 and 23 (the “Enabling Act”), the District may by resolution of its Board of Directors issue its revenue bonds to finance the 2023 Project without need for authorization by the electors of the District; however, the repayment of bonds so authorized may not be secured by a deficiency tax levy for the repayment of such bonds if the revenue of the District is inadequate to pay principal of and interest on such bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Series 2023 Bond is issued without an election by approval of the Board of Directors of the District evidenced in this resolution pursuant to Section 7-13-2333 of the Enabling Act; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized under applicable laws, ordinances and regulations to adopt this Resolution and to issue the Series 2023 Bond (as hereinafter defined) to evidence the 2023 Loan (as hereinafter defined) for the purposes set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the DNRC will fund the 2023 Loan in part, directly or indirectly, from proceeds of the EPA Capitalization Grant and in part, directly or indirectly, with proceeds of the State's General Obligation Bonds (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program) (the "State Bonds").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

## ARTICLE I

### DEFINITIONS, RULES OF CONSTRUCTION AND APPENDICES

Section 1.1. Definitions. In this Resolution, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Accountant" or "Accountants" means an independent certified public accountant or a firm of independent certified public accountants satisfactory to the DNRC.

"Acquisition and Construction Account" means the account within the Fund established pursuant to Sections 11.1 and 11.2.

"Administrative Expense Surcharge" means a surcharge equal to twenty-five hundredths of one percent (0.25%) per annum on the outstanding principal amount of the 2023 Loan payable on the same dates that payments of interest on the 2023 Loan are due.

"Authorized DNRC Officer" means the Director of the DNRC or his or her designee.

"Board" means the Board of Directors of the District.

"Bond Counsel" means any Counsel nationally recognized as experienced in matters relating to the issuance by states or political subdivisions of tax-exempt obligations selected by the District and acceptable to the DNRC.

"Bond Register" means, with respect to the Series 2023 Bond, the registration books maintained by the Registrar pursuant to Section 9.6, or, with respect to another series of Bonds, the register to be maintained by the Registrar pursuant to this Resolution or the Supplemental Resolution authorizing the issuance of such Bonds.

"Bondholder" or "Holder" means the Person in whose name a Bond is registered in the Bond Register.

"Bonds" means the Series 2023 Bond and any additional Bonds to be issued on a parity therewith pursuant to Article X, excluding Section 10.4.

“Business Day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday in the State or day on which banks in the State are authorized or required by law to close.

“Closing” means the date of delivery of the Series 2023 Bond to the DNRC.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“Collateral Documents” means any security agreement, guaranty or other document or agreement delivered to the DNRC securing the obligations of the District under this Resolution and the Series 2023 Bond. If no Collateral Documents secure such obligations, any reference to Collateral Documents in this Resolution shall be without effect.

“Committed Amount” means the amount of the 2023 Loan committed to be lent by the DNRC to the District pursuant to Section 4.1 of this Resolution, as such amount may be reduced pursuant to Sections 3.2 and 3.4 of this Resolution.

“Consultant” means a nationally recognized consultant or firm of consultants, or an independent engineer or firm of independent engineers, or an Accountant, which in any case is qualified and has skill and experience in the preparation of financial feasibility studies or projections for facilities similar to the System or the 2023 Project, selected by the District and satisfactory to the DNRC.

“Counsel” means an attorney duly admitted to practice law before the highest court of any state and satisfactory to the DNRC.

“Debt” means, without duplication, in respect of the System, (1) indebtedness of the District for borrowed money or for the deferred purchase price of property or services; (2) the obligation of the District as lessee under leases which should be recorded as capital leases under generally accepted accounting principles; and (3) obligations of the District under direct or indirect guarantees in respect of, and obligations (contingent or otherwise) to purchase or otherwise acquire, or otherwise to assure a creditor against loss in respect of, indebtedness or obligations of others of the kinds referred to in clause (1) or (2) above.

“DEQ” means the Department of Environmental Quality of the State of Montana, an agency of the State, or any successor to its powers, duties and obligations under the State Act or the EPA Agreements.

“District” means the Gore Hill County Water District, Montana, or any permitted successor or assign.

“DNRC” means the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation of the State of Montana, an agency of the State, and any successor to its powers, duties and obligations under the State Act.

“Enabling Act” means Montana Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 13, Parts 22 and 23, as amended, which authorizes the District to own and operate the System, to undertake



the 2023 Project and to issue the Series 2023 Bond to finance all or a portion of the costs of the 2023 Project.

“EPA” means the Environmental Protection Agency, an agency of the United States of America, and any successor to its functions under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

“EPA Agreements” means all capitalization grant agreements and other written agreements between the DEQ, the DNRC and the EPA concerning the Program.

“EPA Capitalization Grant” means a grant of funds to the State by the EPA under Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

“Fund” means the Water System Fund established pursuant to Section 11.1.

“Government Obligations” means direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and the interest on which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to payment by, the United States of America.

“Governmental Unit” means governmental unit as such term is used in Section 145(a) of the Code.

“Indenture” means the Indenture of Trust, dated as of May 1, 1998, between the Board of Examiners of the State and the Trustee, as such may be supplemented or amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions thereof, pursuant to which, among other things, the State Bonds are to be or have been issued.

“Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge” means a surcharge equal to twenty-five hundredths of one percent (0.25%) per annum on the outstanding principal amount of the 2023 Loan payable on the same dates that payments of interest on the 2023 Loan are due.

“Loan Repayments” means the periodic payments of principal of and interest on the 2023 Loan, as set out more particularly in Section 5.1 hereof.

“Net Revenues” means the entire amount of the gross revenues of the System (as described in Section 11.1) remaining upon each such monthly apportionment, after crediting to the Operating Account the amount required hereby, including sums required to maintain the Operating Reserve in the minimum amount herein stated.

“Note” means any Note issued pursuant to the Resolution and payable from the Note Account.

“Note Account” means the account within the Fund established pursuant to Sections 11.1 and 11.8.

“Operating Account” means the account within the Fund established pursuant to Sections 11.1 and 11.3.

“Operating Expenses” means those expenses of the System defined as such in Section 11.3.

“Operating Reserve” means the reserve to be maintained in the Operating Account as required by Section 11.3.

“Opinion of Bond Counsel” means a written opinion of Bond Counsel.

“Payment Date” means each January 1 and July 1 during the term of the Series 2023 Bond on which a payment of interest or principal and interest is due, as determined under this Resolution and the Series 2023 Bond.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or Public Entity.

“Program” means the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program established by the State Act.

“Project” means an improvement, betterment, reconstruction or extension of the System, including the 2023 Project.

“Public Entity” means a State agency, city, town, municipality, irrigation district, county water and sewer district, a soil conservation district or other public body created pursuant to State law or an Indian tribe that has a federally recognized governing body carrying out substantial governmental duties and powers over any area.

“Registrar” means, with respect to the Series 2023 Bond, the District Secretary or any successor appointed pursuant to this Resolution, and, with respect to any other series of Bonds, the Person or Persons designated by or pursuant to this Resolution or a Supplemental Resolution to receive and disburse the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds on behalf of the District and to hold and maintain the Bond Register.

“Regulations” means the Treasury Department, Income Tax Regulations, whether final, temporary or proposed, promulgated under the Code or otherwise applicable to the Series 2023 Bond.

“Replacement and Depreciation Account” means the account within the Fund established pursuant to Sections 11.1 and 11.6.

“Reserve Account” means the account within the Fund established pursuant to Sections 11.1 and 11.5.

“Reserve Requirement” means, as of the date of calculation, an amount equal to one-half the sum of the highest amount of principal of and interest payable on all outstanding Bonds in any one future fiscal year (giving effect to mandatory sinking fund redemption, if any).

“Resolution” means this Resolution as it may from time to time be amended or supplemented in accordance with its terms.

“Revenue Bond Account” means the account within the Fund established pursuant to Sections 11.1 and 11.4.

“Revolving Fund” means the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund created pursuant to the State Act.

“Safe Drinking Water Act” means Title XIV of the Public Health Service Act, commonly known as the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §§300f et seq., as amended, and all regulations, rules and interpretations issued by the EPA thereunder.

“Series 2023 Bond” means the \$1,509,000 Water System Revenue Bond (DNRC Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Program), Series 2023, issued to the DNRC to evidence the 2023 Loan.

“State” means the State of Montana.

“State Act” means Montana Code Annotated, Title 75, Chapter 6, Part 2, as amended from time to time.

“State Bonds” means the State’s General Obligation Bonds (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program), issued and to be issued pursuant to the Indenture.

“Subordinate Obligations” means any subordinate obligations issued under Section 10.4 hereof.

“Supplemental Resolution” means any resolution supplemental or amendatory to the Resolution.

“Surplus Account” means the account within the Fund established pursuant to Sections 11.1 and 11.7.

“Surplus Net Revenues” means that portion of the Net Revenues in excess of the current requirements of the Operating Account, the Revenue Bond Account and the Reserve Account.

“System” means the water system of the District and all extensions, improvements and betterments thereof or hereafter constructed and acquired, including, without limitation, the 2023 Project.

“Trustee” means U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, in Seattle, Washington or any successor trustee under the Indenture.

“2023 Loan” means the loan made to the District by the DNRC pursuant to the Program in the maximum amount of the 2023 Committed Amount to provide funds to pay a

portion of the costs of the 2023 Project payable under the Program, to fund deposits to the Reserve Account, and to pay costs of issuance of the Series 2023 Bond.

“2023 Project” means the designing, engineering, and construction of the facilities, improvements and activities financed, refinanced or the cost of which is being financed by or reimbursed to the District in part with proceeds of the 2023 Loan, described in Appendix A hereto.

“Water System Fund” means the fund created by Section 11.1 of this Resolution.

Section 1.2. Other Rules of Construction. For all purposes of this Resolution, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (a) All accounting terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in accordance with generally accepted government accounting standards.
- (b) Terms in the singular include the plural and vice versa.
- (c) All references to time shall refer to Helena, Montana time, unless otherwise provided herein.
- (d) All references to mail shall refer to first-class mail postage prepaid.
- (e) Words of the masculine gender shall be deemed and construed to include correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders.
- (f) “Or” is not exclusive, but is intended to permit or encompass one, more or all of the alternatives conjoined.

Section 1.3. Appendices. Attached to this Resolution and hereby made a part hereof are the following Appendices:

Appendix A: a description of and estimated budget for the 2023 Project;

Appendix B: the form of the Series 2023 Bond; and

Appendix C: additional agreements, representations and covenants of the District.

## ARTICLE II

### AUTHORIZATION, FINDINGS, REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS

Section 2.1. Authorization and Findings.

(a) Authorization. Under the Enabling Act, the District is authorized to sell and issue, by resolution of the Board and without need for authorization by the electors of the District, and to sell its revenue bonds payable during a term not exceeding forty years from their date of issue, to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, improvement, betterment and

extension of a water system of the District or to refund bonds issued for such purposes, provided that the bonds and the interest thereon are to be payable solely out of income and revenues to be derived from rates, fees and charges for the services, facilities and commodities furnished by such water system, and provided further that the repayment of bonds so authorized may not be secured by a deficiency tax levy for the repayment of such bonds if the revenue of the District is inadequate to pay principal of and interest on such bonds. The Series 2023 Bond is issued pursuant to Section 7-13-2333, Montana Code Annotated, by the authorization of this Board given herein, and is not issued pursuant to an election. The Series 2023 Bond shall be payable from Net Revenues received by the District and is not secured by the deficiency tax levy under Section 7-13-2302, Montana Code Annotated.

(b) Recitals. All acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of the State to be done, to exist, to happen and to be performed prior to the issuance of the Series 2023 Bond have been done, do exist, have happened, and have been performed in due time, form and manner. This Board determines that it is now necessary and in the best interest of the District to establish the form and terms of the Series 2023 Bond, to provide for the security thereof and to issue the Series 2023 Bond on the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Series 2023 Bond.

Section 2.2. Representations. The District represents as follows:

(a) Organization and Authority. The District:

(i) is duly organized and validly existing as a political subdivision of the State;

(ii) has all requisite power and authority and all necessary licenses and permits required as of the date hereof to own and operate the System and to carry on its current activities with respect to the System, to adopt this Resolution and to enter into the Collateral Documents and to issue the Series 2023 Bond and to carry out and consummate all transactions contemplated by this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents;

(iii) is a Governmental Unit and a Public Entity; and

(iv) has taken all proper action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of its obligations under this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents and the incurrence of the Debt evidenced by the Series 2023 Bond in the maximum amount of the Committed Amount.

(b) Litigation. There is no litigation or proceeding pending, or to the knowledge of the District threatened, against or affecting the District in any court or before or by any governmental authority or arbitration board or tribunal that, if adversely determined, would materially and adversely affect the existence, corporate or otherwise, of the District, or the ability of the District to make all payments and otherwise perform its obligations under this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents, or the financial condition of the District, or the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral

Documents or the validity and enforceability of this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents. If any such litigation should be initiated or threatened, the District will forthwith notify in writing the DNRC, and will furnish the DNRC a copy of all documents, including pleadings, in connection with such litigation. No referendum petition has been filed with respect to any resolution or other action of the District relating to the 2023 Project, the Series 2023 Bond or any Collateral Documents.

(c) Borrowing Legal and Authorized. The adoption of this Resolution, the execution and delivery of the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents and the consummation of the transactions provided for in this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents and compliance by the District with the provisions of this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents:

(i) are within the powers of the District and have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of the District; and

(ii) do not and will not result in any breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the District pursuant to any ordinance, resolution, indenture, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument (other than this Resolution and any Collateral Documents) to which the District is a party or by which the District or its property may be bound, nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of any charter or similar document, if applicable, of the District or any laws, ordinances, governmental rules or regulations or court or other governmental orders to which the District, its properties or operations are subject.

(d) No Defaults. No event has occurred and no condition exists that, upon execution and delivery of the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents, would constitute a default under this Resolution or the Collateral Documents. The District is not in violation of any term of any agreement, bond resolution, trust indenture, charter or other instrument to which it is a party or by which it or its property may be bound which violation would materially and adversely affect the transactions contemplated hereby or the compliance by the District with the terms hereof or of the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents.

(e) Governmental Consent. The District has obtained or made all permits, findings and approvals required to the date of adoption of this Resolution by any governmental body or officer for the making and performance by the District of its obligations under this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents or for the 2023 Project, the financing or refinancing thereof or the reimbursement of the District for the costs thereof. No consent, approval or authorization of, or filing, registration or qualification with, any governmental authority (other than those, if any, already obtained) is required on the part of the District as a condition to adopting this Resolution, issuing the Series 2023 Bond or entering into the Collateral Documents and the performance of the District's obligations hereunder and thereunder. If a utility board or commission manages or controls the System, such board or commission has agreed with the DNRC to abide by the terms of this Resolution and the Collateral Documents, including approving any necessary water rate increases.

(f) Binding Obligation. This Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and any Collateral Document to which the District is a party are the valid and binding special, limited obligations and agreements of the District, enforceable against the District in accordance with their terms except to the extent that the enforceability thereof may be limited by laws relating to bankruptcy, moratorium, reorganization, insolvency or similar laws affecting creditors' rights and general principles of equity.

(g) The 2023 Project. The 2023 Project consists and will consist of the facilities, improvements and activities described in Appendix A, as such Appendix A may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions of Article III hereof. The 2023 Project comprises facilities of a type that, as determined by the EPA, will facilitate compliance with the national primary drinking water regulations applicable to the System or will otherwise significantly further the health protection objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

(h) The System. The System is a "community water system" within the meaning of the State Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act in that it is a public water system, comprising collection, treatment, storage and distribution facilities for the provision to the public of water for human consumption, that serves not less than 15 service connections used by year-round residents of the area served by the System or regularly serves not less than 25 year-round residents.

(i) Full Disclosure. There is no fact that the District has not specifically disclosed in writing to the DNRC that materially and adversely affects or (so far as the District can now foresee), except for pending or proposed legislation or regulations that are a matter of general public information, that will materially and adversely affect the properties, operations and finances of the System, the District's status as a Public Entity and Governmental Unit, its ability to own and operate the System in the manner it is currently operated or the District's ability to perform its obligations under this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents and to pledge any revenues or other property pledged to the payment of the Series 2023 Bond.

(j) Compliance With Law. The District:

(1) is in compliance with all laws, ordinances, governmental rules and regulations and court or other governmental orders, judgments and decrees to which it is subject and which are material to the properties, operations and finances of the System or its status as a Public Entity and Governmental Unit; and

(2) has obtained all licenses, permits, franchises or other governmental authorizations necessary to the ownership of the System and the operation thereof and agrees to obtain all such licenses, permits, franchises or other governmental authorizations as may be required in the future for the System and the operation thereof, which failure to obtain might materially and adversely affect the ability of the District to conduct the operation of the System as presently conducted or the condition (financial or otherwise) of the System or the District's ability to perform its obligations under this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents.

Section 2.3. Covenants.

(a) Right of Inspection and Notice of Change of Location. The DNRC, the DEQ and the EPA and their designated agents shall have the right at all reasonable times during normal business hours and upon reasonable notice to enter into and upon the property of the District for the purpose of inspecting the System or any or all books and records of the District relating to the System.

(b) Further Assurance. The District shall execute and deliver to the DNRC all such documents and instruments and do all such other acts and things as may be necessary or required by the DNRC to enable the DNRC to exercise and enforce its rights under this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents and to realize thereon, and record and file and re-record and refile all such documents and instruments, at such time or times, in such manner and at such place or places, all as may be necessary or required by the DNRC to validate, preserve and protect the position of the DNRC under this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents.

(c) Maintenance of Security; Recordation of Interest.

(i) The District shall, at its expense, take all necessary action to maintain and preserve the lien and security interest of this Resolution and the Collateral Documents so long as any amount is owing under this Resolution or the Series 2023 Bond;

(ii) The District shall forthwith, after the execution and delivery of the Series 2023 Bond and thereafter from time to time, cause this Resolution and any Collateral Documents granting a security interest in revenues or real or personal property and any financing statements or other notices or documents relating thereto to be filed, registered and recorded in such manner and in such places as may be required by law in order to perfect and protect fully the lien and security interest hereof and thereof and the security interest in them granted by this Resolution and, from time to time, shall perform or cause to be performed any other act required by law, including executing or causing to be executed any and all required continuation statements and shall execute or cause to be executed any further instruments that may be requested by the DNRC for such perfection and protection; and

(iii) Except to the extent it is exempt therefrom, the District shall pay or cause to be paid all filing, registration and recording fees incident to such filing, registration and recording, and all expenses incident to the preparation, execution and acknowledgment of the documents described in subparagraph (ii), and all federal or state fees and other similar fees, duties, imposts, assessments and charges arising out of or in connection with the execution and delivery of the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents and the documents described in subparagraph (ii).

(d) Additional Agreements. The District covenants to comply with all representations, covenants, conditions and agreements, if any, set forth in Appendix C hereto.



(e) Financial Information. The District agrees that for each fiscal year it shall furnish to the DNRC and the DEQ, promptly when available:

(1) the preliminary budget for the System, with items for the 2023 Project shown separately; and

(2) when adopted, the final budget for the System, with items for the 2023 Project shown separately.

The District will cause proper and adequate books of record and account to be kept showing complete and correct entries of all receipts, disbursements and other transactions relating to the System, the monthly gross revenues derived from its operation, and the segregation and application of the gross revenues in accordance with the Resolution, in such reasonable detail as may be determined by the District in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting practice and principles. It will cause such books to be maintained on the basis of the same fiscal year as that utilized by the District. The District shall, within 270 days after the close of each fiscal year, cause to be prepared and supply to the DNRC a financial report with respect to the System for such fiscal year. The report shall be prepared at the direction of the financial officer of the District in accordance with applicable generally accepted governmental accounting principles and, in addition to whatever matters may be thought proper by the financial officer to be included therein, shall include the following:

(A) a statement in detail of the income and expenditures of the System for the fiscal year, identifying capital expenditures and separating them from operating expenditures;

(B) a balance sheet as of the end of the fiscal year;

(C) the number of premises connected to the System at the end of the fiscal year;

(D) the amount on hand in each account of the Fund at the end of the fiscal year;

(E) a list of the insurance policies and fidelity bonds in force at the end of the fiscal year, setting out as to each the amount thereof, the risks covered thereby, the name of the insurer or surety and the expiration date of the policy or bond; and

(F) a determination that the report shows full compliance by the District with the provisions of this Resolution during the fiscal year covered thereby, including proper segregation of the capital expenditures from Operating Expenses, maintenance of the required balance in the Revenue Bond Account and, pursuant to Section 6.7, receipt of Net Revenues during each fiscal year at least equal to 110% of the maximum annual principal and interest payable on outstanding Bonds in any future fiscal year and receipt of Surplus Net Revenues during each fiscal year sufficient to pay principal and interest on Subordinate Obligations as and when due, or if the report should reveal that the revenues have been insufficient for purposes of compliance with this Resolution, or that the methods used in accounting for such revenues were contrary to any provision of this Resolution the report shall include a full explanation thereof together with

recommendations for such change in rates or accounting practices or in the operation of the System as may be required.

The District shall also have prepared and supplied to the DNRC and the DEQ, within 270 days of the close of every other fiscal year, an audit report prepared by an independent certified public accountant or an agency of the state in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles and practice with respect to the financial statements and records of the System. The audit report shall include an analysis of the District's compliance with the provisions of this Resolution.

(f) Project Accounts. The District shall maintain Project accounts in accordance with generally accepted government accounting standards.

(g) Records. After reasonable notice from the EPA or the DNRC, the District shall make available to the EPA or the DNRC such records as the EPA or the DNRC reasonably requires to review and determine compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, as provided in Section 75-6-224(1)(d) of the State Act.

(h) Compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act. The District has complied and shall comply with all conditions and requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act pertaining to the 2023 Loan and the 2023 Project and shall maintain sufficient financial, managerial and technical capability to continue to effect such compliance.

(i) Compliance with DEQ Requirements. The District shall comply with the plans, specifications and other requirements for public water systems established by the DEQ, as required by Section 75-6-224(1)(h) of the State Act.

(j) Insurance.

(1) General. The District at all times shall keep and maintain with respect to the System property and liability insurance with financially sound and reputable insurers, qualified under the laws of the State, or self-insurance as authorized by State law and shall pay or cause to be paid timely the premiums for all such insurance. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit or preclude the District from self-insuring or participating in a self-insurance program in compliance with the provisions of State law. All such insurance policies shall name the DNRC as an additional insured to the extent permitted under the policy or program of insurance of the District. Each policy must provide that it cannot be cancelled by the insurer without giving the District and the DNRC 30 days prior written notice. The District shall give the DNRC prompt notice of each insurance policy it obtains or maintains to comply with this paragraph (j) and of each renewal, replacement, change in coverage or deductible under or amount of or cancellation of each such insurance policy and the amount and coverage and deductibles and carrier of each new or replacement policy. Such notice shall specifically note any adverse change as being an adverse change. The District shall deliver to the DNRC at Closing a certificate providing the information required by this paragraph (j).

(2) Property Insurance. The District at all times shall keep and maintain with respect to the System property insurance on all buildings, properties, fixtures and equipment constituting a part of the System against loss or damage by such hazards and risks as are ordinarily insured against and in such amounts as are ordinarily carried by public bodies owning and operating properties of a similar character and size; provided that if at any time the District is unable to obtain such insurance, it will obtain insurance in such amounts and against such risks as are reasonably obtainable. The proceeds of all such insurance shall be available for the repair, replacement or reconstruction of damaged or destroyed property and, until paid out in making good such loss or damage, are pledged as security for the outstanding Bonds. All insurance proceeds received in excess of the amount required for restoration of the loss or damage compensated thereby shall be and become part of the revenues appropriated to the Water System Fund. If for any reason insurance proceeds are insufficient for the repair, replacement and reconstruction of the insured property, the District shall supply the deficiency from revenues on hand in the Replacement and Depreciation Account and the Surplus Account.

(3) Liability Insurance. The District at all times shall keep and maintain insurance against liability of the District and its employees for injuries to persons (including death) and damage to property resulting from the construction, operation, maintenance, improvement or extension of the System in amounts not less than \$100,000 for death of or personal injury to any one person, \$300,000 for all personal injuries and deaths resulting from any one accident and \$300,000 for property damage in any one accident. The premiums for all insurance required by this subparagraph (3) constitute part of the Operating Expenses of the System, but no insurance liabilities of the District in excess of amounts received under such insurance shall constitute a lien or charge on revenues or any other assets herein or otherwise pledged to the Water System Fund.

(k) Handling of Funds; Surety Bonds. The employees of the District, under the direction and control of the District Secretary, shall keep books of account and collect the rates, charges and rentals for the services and facilities provided by the System and for other money currently receivable on account thereof. All money collected with respect to the System shall be deposited daily with the District Secretary. Any failure on the part of the District Secretary to comply and to enforce compliance on the part of all officers and employees concerned with the provisions of this Resolution, and with the District's other regulations respecting the System, shall constitute malfeasance for which the District's Secretary and the surety on his or her bond shall be personally liable. The District will cause all persons handling money and other assets of the Water System Fund to be adequately bonded for the faithful performance of their duties by a surety company authorized to do business in the State and to account for and pay over such money to the District. Such bond shall be in the penal sum of \$10,000 or such greater amount as may from time to time be on hand in the Revenue Bond Account, the Reserve Account and the Replacement and Depreciation Account; provided that the District Secretary shall be bonded at all times in the amount of at least \$5,000. All amounts received under such bonds shall be applied to the payment of the loss or damage covered thereby. The premiums for all bonds required by this paragraph (k) constitute part of the Operating Expenses of the System, but no such liabilities of the District in excess of amounts received under such bonds shall constitute a

lien or charge on revenues or any other assets herein or otherwise pledged to the Water System Fund.

(l) Cost of Insurance and Accounting. The insurance and surety bond premiums and the cost of the bookkeeping and audits herein provided for and of the billings and collection of revenues shall be payable from the Operating Account.

### ARTICLE III

#### USE OF PROCEEDS; THE 2023 PROJECT

Section 3.1. Use of Proceeds. The District shall apply the proceeds of the 2023 Loan solely as follows:

(a) The District shall apply the proceeds of the 2023 Loan solely to the financing, refinancing or reimbursement of a portion of the costs of the 2023 Project, to fund deposits to the Reserve Account and to pay costs of issuing the Series 2023 Bond as set forth in Appendix A hereto. The 2023 Loan will be disbursed in accordance with Article IV hereof and Article VII of the Indenture. If the 2023 Project has not been completed prior to Closing, the District shall, as quickly as reasonably possible, complete the 2023 Project and expend proceeds of the 2023 Loan for the purposes described in this Section 3.1(a).

(b) No portion of the proceeds of the 2023 Loan shall be used to reimburse the District for costs paid prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution of a Project the construction or acquisition of which occurred or began earlier than June 1, 1993. In addition, if any proceeds of the 2023 Loan are to be used to reimburse the District for 2023 Project costs paid prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution, the District shall have complied in respect of such expenditures with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of the Regulations, as amended or any successor regulation thereto.

(c) Any Debt to be refinanced with proceeds of the 2023 Loan was incurred after June 1, 1993, with respect to a Project the construction or acquisition of which began after June 1, 1993. No proceeds of the 2023 Loan shall be used for the purpose of refinancing an obligation the interest on which is exempt from federal income tax or excludable from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation unless the DNRC has received an Opinion of Bond Counsel, satisfactory to it, to the effect that such refinancing will not adversely affect the exclusion of interest on the State Bonds from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation.

Section 3.2. The 2023 Project. Set forth in Appendix A to this Resolution is a description of the 2023 Project, which describes the property which has been or is to be acquired, installed, constructed or improved and the other activities, if any to be funded from the 2023 Loan (the 2023 Project may consist of more than one facility or activity), and an estimated budget relating to the 2023 Project. The 2023 Project may be changed and the description thereof in Appendix A may be amended from time to time by the District but only after delivery to the DNRC of the following:

(a) a certificate of the District setting forth the amendment to Appendix A and stating the reason therefor, including statements whether the amendment would cause an increase or decrease in the cost of the 2023 Project, an increase or decrease in the amount of proceeds of the 2023 Loan which will be required to complete the 2023 Project and whether the change will materially accelerate or delay the construction schedule for the 2023 Project;

(b) a written consent to such change in the 2023 Project by an Authorized DNRC Officer; and

(c) an Opinion or Opinions of Bond Counsel stating that the 2023 Project, as constituted after such amendment, is, and was at the time the State Bonds were issued, eligible for financing under the State Act and is, and was at the time the Series 2023 Bond was issued, eligible for financing under the Enabling Act, such amendment will not violate the State Act or the Enabling Act and such amendment will not adversely affect the exclusion of interest on the State Bonds or the Series 2023 Bond from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation. Such an Opinion of Bond Counsel shall not be required for amendments which do not affect the type of facility to be constructed or activity to be financed.

The District acknowledges and agrees that an increase in the principal amount of the 2023 Loan may be made only upon an application to the DEQ, the DNRC, and the Trustee, in such form as the DEQ shall specify, which is approved by the DEQ and the DNRC, in their sole and absolute discretion, and adoption by the governing body of the District of a Supplemental Resolution authorizing the additional loan and delivery of written certifications by officers of the District to the DEQ, the DNRC and the Trustee to the effect that all representations and covenants contained in this Resolution as it may be so amended or supplemented are true as of the date of closing of the additional loan and compliance with applicable tests for the incurrence of such debt. No assurance can be given that any additional loan funds will be available under the Program at the time of any such application or thereafter. The District acknowledges and agrees that neither the DEQ, the DNRC, the Trustee nor any of their agents, employees or representatives shall have any liability to the District and have made no representations to the District as to the sufficiency of the 2023 Loan to pay costs of the 2023 Project or as to the availability of additional funds under the Program to increase the principal amount of the 2023 Loan.

Section 3.3. 2023 Project Representations and Covenants. The District hereby represents to and covenants with the DNRC that:

(a) all construction of the 2023 Project has complied and will comply with all federal and state standards, including, without limitation, EPA regulations and standards;

(b) all future construction of the 2023 Project will be done only pursuant to fixed price construction contracts and the District shall obtain a performance and payment bond from the contractor for each construction contract in the amount of 100% of the construction price and ensure that such bond is maintained until construction is completed to the District's, the DNRC's and the DEQ's satisfaction;

(c) all future construction of the 2023 Project will be done in accordance with plans and specifications on file with the DNRC and the DEQ, provided that changes may be made in such plans and specifications with the written consent of an Authorized DNRC Officer and the DEQ;

(d) all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on the 2023 Project have been and will be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the United States Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code, as amended;

(e) in the event the 2023 Project is required to comply with the American iron and steel provisions of the 2014 Act (defined below), all the iron and steel products used in the 2023 Project are produced in the United States in compliance with and within the meaning of the “American Iron and Steel” provisions of Section 436 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-76), as amended (the “2014 Act”), as those provisions are further interpreted by applicable EPA guidance, except to the extent waivers to the American Iron and Steel requirements of the 2014 Act have been granted by the EPA;

(f) in the event the 2023 Project is required to comply with the provisions of BABA (defined below), all iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the 2023 Project are produced in the United States in compliance with and within the meaning of the provisions of the Build America, Buy America Act (“BABA”) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58, div. G, title IX, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1294, as amended by P.L. 117-67, div. B, title II, §10254, Aug. 9, 2022, 136 Stat. 1502, and as further amended), such provisions being at Sec. 70901 et seq. of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, as those provisions are further interpreted by applicable EPA guidance, except to the extent waivers to the requirements of BABA have been granted by the EPA;

(g) the 2023 Project is a project of the type permitted to be financed under the Enabling Act, the State Act, and the Program and Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act; and

(h) the District will undertake the 2023 Project promptly after the Closing and will cause the 2023 Project to be completed as promptly as practicable with all reasonable dispatch, except only as completion may be delayed by a cause or event not reasonably within the control of the District. It is estimated by the District that the 2023 Project will be substantially completed by November 30, 2023.

#### Section 3.4. Completion or Cancellation or Reduction of Costs of the 2023 Project.

(a) Upon completion of the 2023 Project, the District shall deliver to the DNRC a certificate stating that the 2023 Project is complete and stating the remaining amount, if any, of the Committed Amount. If Appendix A describes two or more separate projects as making up the 2023 Project, a separate completion certificate shall be delivered for each.

(b) If all or any portion of the 2023 Project is cancelled or reduced or its costs are reduced or for any other reason the District will not require the full Committed Amounts, the District shall promptly notify the DNRC in writing of such fact and the amount of the Committed Amount that will not be needed.

(c) The Borrower may not request an advance on the 2023 Loan after the date that is 180 days following the date of substantial completion of the 2023 Project (such date, the “Loan Close Out Date”), and by no later than the Loan Close Out Date, the DNRC and the DEQ will close out and cease administering the 2023 Loan, unless an extension is granted in writing by and in the sole discretion of the DEQ.

## ARTICLE IV

### THE 2023 LOAN

#### Section 4.1. The 2023 Loan; Disbursement of Loan.

(a) The DNRC has agreed to lend to the District, from time to time as the requirements of this Section 4.1 are met, an amount up to: \$1,509,000 (the “2023 Committed Amount”), for the purposes of financing, refinancing or reimbursing the District for a portion of the costs of the 2023 Project, funding a deposit to the Reserve Account and paying costs of issuance of the Series 2023 Bond. The Committed Amount may be reduced as provided in Sections 3.2 and 3.4 of this Resolution.

(b) The DNRC intends to disburse the 2023 Loan through the Trustee. In consideration of the issuance of the Series 2023 Bond by the District, the DNRC shall make, or cause the Trustee to make, a disbursement of all or a portion of the 2023 Loan upon receipt of the following documents:

(1) an Opinion of Bond Counsel as to the validity and enforceability of the Series 2023 Bond and the security therefor and stating in effect that interest on the Series 2023 Bond is not includable in gross income of the owner thereof for purposes of federal income taxation, in form and substance satisfactory to the DNRC;

(2) the Series 2023 Bond, fully executed and authenticated;

(3) a certified copy of this Resolution;

(4) any other security instruments or documents required by the DNRC or DEQ as a condition to their approval of the 2023 Loan;

(5) if all or part of a Loan is being made to refinance a Project or reimburse the District for the costs of a Project paid prior to the Closing, evidence, satisfactory to the DNRC and the Bond Counsel referred to in subparagraph (1) above, (A) that the acquisition or construction of the Project was begun no earlier than June 1, 1993 or the debt was incurred no earlier than June 1, 1993, (B) of the District’s title to the Project, (C) of the costs of such Project and that such costs have been paid by the District

and (D) if such costs were paid before adoption of this Resolution that the District has complied with Section 1.150-2 of the Regulations;

(6) the items required by the Indenture for the portion of the 2023 Loan to be disbursed at Closing; and

(7) such other certificates, documents and other information as the DNRC, the DEQ or Bond Counsel may require (including any necessary arbitrage rebate instructions).

(c) In order to obtain a disbursement of a portion of the 2023 Loan to pay costs of the 2023 Project, the District shall submit to the DNRC and the Trustee a signed request for disbursement on the form prescribed by the DNRC, with all attachments required by such form. The District may obtain disbursements only for costs which have been legally incurred and are due and payable. All Loan disbursements will be made to the District only upon proof that cost was incurred.

(d) The District shall not be entitled to, and the DNRC shall have no obligation to make, any advance of any amounts under the 2023 Loan until such time as the District shall have set aside and funded the Reserve Account in an amount then required to satisfy the Reserve Requirement.

(e) For refinancings, a disbursement schedule complying with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act shall be established by the DNRC and the District at Closing.

(f) If all or a portion of the 2023 Loan is made to reimburse a District for 2023 Project costs paid by it prior to Closing, the District shall present at Closing the items required by Section 4.1(b) of this Resolution relating to such costs. The Trustee shall disburse such amounts to the District pursuant to a disbursement schedule complying with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act established by the DNRC and the District at the Closing.

(g) Notwithstanding anything else provided herein, the Trustee shall not be obligated to disburse the 2023 Loan any faster or to any greater extent than it has available EPA Capitalization Grants, State Bond proceeds and other amounts available therefor in the Revolving Fund. The DNRC shall not be required to do "overmatching" pursuant to Section 5.04(b) of the Indenture, but may do so in its discretion. The District acknowledges that if 2023 Project costs are incurred faster than the District projected at Closing, there may be delays in making Loan disbursements for such costs because of the schedule under which EPA makes EPA Capitalization Grant money available to the DNRC. The DNRC will use its reasonable best efforts to obtain an acceleration of such schedule if necessary.

(h) Upon making each 2023 Loan disbursement, the Trustee shall note such disbursement on Schedule A to the Series 2023 Bond.

(i) The District agrees that it will deposit in the Reserve Account upon receipt thereof any proceeds of the 2023 Loan borrowed for the purpose of increasing the balance in the Reserve Account to the Reserve Requirement. The District further acknowledges and agrees that



any portion of the 2023 Loan representing capitalized interest shall be advanced only on Payment Dates and shall be transferred by the Trustee on the Payment Date directly to the Revenue Bond Account. The amount of any such transfer shall be a credit against the interest payments due on the Series 2023 Bond and interest thereon shall accrue only from the date of transfer.

(j) Compliance by the District with its representations, covenants and agreements contained in this Resolution and the Collateral Documents shall be a further condition precedent to the disbursement of the 2023 Loan in whole or in part. The DNRC and the Trustee, in their sole and absolute discretion, may make one or more disbursements, in whole or in part, notwithstanding such noncompliance, and without liability to make any subsequent disbursement of the 2023 Loan.

Section 4.2. Commencement of Loan Term. The District's obligations under this Resolution and the Collateral Documents shall commence on the date hereof unless otherwise provided in this Resolution. However, the obligation to make payments under Article V hereof shall commence only upon the first disbursement by the Trustee of the 2023 Loan proceeds.

Section 4.3. Termination of Loan Term. The District's obligations under this Resolution and the Collateral Documents in respect of the Series 2023 Bond shall terminate upon payment in full of all amounts due under the Series 2023 Bond and this Resolution; provided, however, that the covenants and obligations provided in Article VII and Section 12.4 of this Resolution shall survive the termination of this Resolution.

Section 4.4. Loan Closing Submissions. On or prior to the Closing, the District will have delivered to the DNRC and the Trustee the closing submissions required by Section 7.05 of the Indenture.

## ARTICLE V

### REPAYMENT OF 2023 LOAN

Section 5.1. Repayment of 2023 Loan. The District shall repay the amounts lent to it pursuant to Section 4.1 hereof in accordance with this Section 5.1.

The 2023 Loan shall bear interest at the rate of two percent (2.00%) per annum and the District shall pay the Administrative Expense Surcharge and Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge on the outstanding principal amounts of the 2023 Loan from the date of each advance. For purposes of this Resolution and the Program, the term "interest on the 2023 Loan" when not used in conjunction with a reference to any surcharges, shall include the Administrative Expense Surcharge and the Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge. The District shall pay all Loan Repayments and surcharges in lawful money of the United States of America to the DNRC. Interest, Administrative Expense Surcharge, and Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge shall be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days comprising 12 months of 30 days each.

The Loan Repayments and the Administrative Expense Surcharge and the Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge on the 2023 Loan required by this Section 5.1 shall be due on each Payment Date, as follows:

(1) interest and Administrative Expense Surcharge and Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge on the outstanding principal balance of the 2023 Loan shall be payable on each Payment Date, beginning on January 1, 2024 and concluding on July 1, 2053; and

(2) the principal of the 2023 Loan shall be payable on each Payment Date, beginning on January 1, 2024, and concluding July 1, 2053, and the amount of each principal payment shall be calculated on the basis of substantially level debt service at a rate of 2.50% per annum; provided that principal of the 2023 Loan is payable only in amounts that are multiples of \$1,000.

The payments of principal, interest, Administrative Expense Surcharge and Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge on the 2023 Loan shall be due as described above and on the dates and in the amounts as set forth in Schedule B to the Series 2023 Bond, as such Schedule B shall be modified from time to time as provided in this Section 5.1 and below. Schedule B will first be attached to the Series 2023 Bond at Closing. The portion of each Loan Repayment consisting of principal, interest, Administrative Expense Surcharge and Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge shall be set forth in Schedule B to the Series 2023 Bond. Upon each disbursement of 2023 Loan amounts to the District pursuant to Section 4.1 hereof, the Trustee shall enter or cause to be entered the amount advanced on Schedule A to the Series 2023 Bond under “Advances” and the total amount advanced under Section 4.1, including such disbursement, under “Total Amount Advanced.”

Interest and Administrative Expense Surcharge and Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge on such advance shall accrue from the date the advance is made and shall be payable on each Payment Date thereafter. Once the completion certificate for the 2023 Project has been prepared and delivered to the DNRC pursuant to Section 3.4 of this Resolution, the Trustee shall revise Schedule B to the Series 2023 Bond in accordance with this Section 5.1 and the Trustee shall send a copy of such Schedule B to the District within one month after delivery of the completion certificate.

Past-due Loan Repayments, the Administrative Expense Surcharge and Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge shall bear interest at the rate of ten percent (10.00%) per annum, until paid.

Any payment of principal, interest, Administrative Expense Surcharge and Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge under this Section 5.1 shall be credited against the same payment obligation under the Series 2023 Bond.

Section 5.2. Additional Payments. The District shall also pay, within 30 days after receipt of a bill therefor, from any legally available funds therefor, including proceeds of the 2023 Loan, all reasonable expenses of the DNRC and the Trustee in connection with the 2023 Loan, the Collateral Documents and the Series 2023 Bond, including, but not limited to:

(a) the cost of reproducing this Resolution, the Collateral Documents and the Series 2023 Bond;

(b) the fees and disbursements of Bond Counsel and any counsel utilized by the DNRC and the Trustee in connection with the 2023 Loan, the Resolution, the Collateral Documents and the Series 2023 Bond and the enforcement thereof; and

(c) all taxes and other governmental charges in connection with the execution and delivery of the Collateral Documents or the Series 2023 Bond, whether or not the Series 2023 Bond is then outstanding, including all recording and filing fees relating to the Collateral Documents and the pledge of the State's right, title and interest in and to the Series 2023 Bond, the Collateral Documents and the Resolution and all expenses, including attorneys' fees, relating to any amendments, waivers, consents or collection or enforcement proceedings pursuant to the provisions hereof or thereof.

Section 5.3. Prepayments. The District may not prepay all or any part of the outstanding principal amount of the Series 2023 Bond, unless (i) it obtains the prior written consent of the DNRC thereto, and (ii) no Loan Repayment or Administrative Expense Surcharge or Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge is then delinquent. Any prepayment permitted by the DNRC must be accompanied by payment of accrued interest, Administrative Expense Surcharge and Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge to the date of prepayment on the amount of principal prepaid. If the Series 2023 Bond is prepaid in part pursuant to this Section 5.3, such prepayments shall be applied to principal payments in inverse order of maturity or, if the DNRC determines in its discretion, the remaining principal amount following such prepayment will be reamortized over the remaining term of the Series 2023 Bond.

Section 5.4. Obligations of District Unconditional. The obligations of the District to make the payments required by this Resolution and the Series 2023 Bond and to perform its other agreements contained in this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and Collateral Documents shall be absolute and unconditional, except as otherwise provided herein or in such documents. The District (a) shall not suspend or discontinue any payments provided for in the Resolution and the Series 2023 Bond, (b) shall perform all its other agreements in the Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents and (c) shall not terminate the Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond or the Collateral Documents for any cause, including any acts or circumstances that may constitute failure of consideration, destruction of or damage to the 2023 Project or the System, commercial frustration of purpose, any dispute with the DNRC or the EPA, any change in the laws of the United States or of the State or any political subdivision of either or any failure of the DNRC to perform any of its agreements, whether express or implied, or any duty, liability or obligation arising from or connected with this Resolution.

Section 5.5. Limited Liability. All payments of principal of and interest on the 2023 Loan and other payment obligations of the District hereunder and under the Series 2023 Bond shall be special, limited obligations of the District payable solely out of the Net Revenues and shall not, except at the option of the District and as permitted by law, be payable out of any other revenues of the District. The obligations of the District under this Resolution and the Series 2023 Bond shall never constitute an indebtedness of the District within the meaning of any State constitutional provision or statutory or charter limitation and shall never constitute or

give rise to a pecuniary liability of the District or a charge against its general credit or taxing power. The taxing powers of the District are not pledged to pay principal of or interest on the Series 2023 Bond, and no funds or property of the District other than the Net Revenues may be required to be used to pay principal of or interest on the Series 2023 Bond.

## ARTICLE VI

### OTHER AGREEMENTS OF DISTRICT

Section 6.1. Maintenance of System; Liens. The District shall maintain the System, including the 2023 Project, in good condition and make all necessary renewals, replacements, additions, betterments and improvements thereto. The District shall not grant or permit to exist any lien on the 2023 Project or any other property making up part of the System, other than liens securing Debt where a parity lien secures the Series 2023 Bond; provided that this Section 6.1 shall not be deemed to be violated if a mechanic's or contractor's lien is filed against any such property so long as the District uses its best efforts to obtain the discharge of such lien and promptly reports to the DNRC the filing of such lien and the steps it plans to take and does take to discharge such lien.

Section 6.2. Maintenance of Existence; Merger, Consolidation, Etc.; Disposition of Assets. The District shall maintain its corporate existence, except that it may consolidate with or merge into another Governmental Unit or permit one or more Governmental Units to consolidate with or merge into it or may transfer all or substantially all of its assets to another Governmental Unit and then dissolve if the surviving, resulting or transferee entity (if other than the District) (i) is a Public Entity and (ii) assumes in writing all of the obligations of the District under this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents, and (a) such action does not result in any default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, covenants or agreements of the District under this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents, (b) such action does not violate the State Act or the Safe Drinking Water Act and does not adversely affect the exclusion of interest on the Series 2023 Bond or the State Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes and (c) the District delivers to the DNRC on the date of such action an Opinion of Bond Counsel that such action complies with this Section 6.2.

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, the District will not mortgage, lease, transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of any real or personal properties of the System, unless (a) prior to or simultaneous with such mortgage, lease, transfer, sale or other disposition, all of the Bonds then outstanding shall be discharged as provided in Article XIV; or (b) (i) the properties to be mortgaged, leased, transferred, sold or otherwise disposed of are unserviceable, inadequate, outmoded, worn out, obsolete or no longer required for use in connection with the System or beneficial to the general public or necessary to carry out the purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act; and (ii) the mortgage, lease, transfer, sale or other disposition will not prevent the District from complying with the provisions of this Resolution; and (iii) all proceeds of the mortgage, lease, transfer sale or other disposition of such properties are deposited into the Fund.

Section 6.3. Covenants Relating to the Tax-Exempt Status of the State Bonds.

(a) The District covenants and agrees that it will not use or permit to be used any of the proceeds of the Series 2023 Bond or any other funds of the District, directly or indirectly, in a manner that would cause, or take any other action that would cause, any State Bond to be an “arbitrage bond” within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code or would otherwise cause the interest on the State Bonds to be included in gross income for purposes of federal income taxation. In addition, the District agrees that it will not enter into, or allow any “related person” (as defined in Section 147(a)(2) of the Code) to enter into, any arrangement, formal or informal, for the purchase of the State Bonds or any other obligations of the DNRC in an amount related to the amount of the 2023 Loan or the portion of the 2023 Loan derived directly or indirectly from proceeds of the State Bonds.

(b) The District shall not use or permit the use of the 2023 Project directly or indirectly in any trade or business carried on by any Person who is not a Governmental Unit. For the purpose of this subparagraph, use as a member of the general public shall not be taken into account and any activity carried on by a Person other than a natural person shall be treated as a trade or business.

(c) Any portion of the 2023 Project being refinanced or the cost of which is being reimbursed was acquired by and is now and shall, during the term of the 2023 Loan, be owned by the District and not by any other Person. Any portion of the 2023 Project being financed shall be acquired by and shall, during the term of the 2023 Loan, be owned by the District and not by any other Person. Notwithstanding the previous two sentences, the District may transfer the 2023 Project or a portion thereof to another Governmental Unit which is also a Public Entity if such transfer is otherwise permitted hereunder and if such organization agrees with the DNRC to comply with Sections 2.2(h), 2.2(i) and 6.3 hereof and if the DNRC receives an Opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that such transfer will not violate the State Act or the Safe Drinking Water Act or adversely affect the exclusion of interest on the State Bonds from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation. In addition, except as otherwise provided herein or in any Collateral Documents, the District may sell or otherwise dispose of any portion of the 2023 Project which has become obsolete or outmoded or is being replaced or for other reasons is not needed by the District or beneficial to the general public or necessary to carry out the purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

(d) At the Closing of the 2023 Loan the DNRC will, if necessary to obtain the Opinion of Bond Counsel described in Section 7.05(a) of the Indenture, deliver to the District instructions concerning compliance by the District with the arbitrage rebate requirements of Section 148 of the Code (the “Arbitrage Rebate Instructions”). The District shall comply with the Arbitrage Rebate Instructions, if any, delivered to it by the DNRC at Closing, as such Instructions may be amended or replaced by the DNRC from time to time. The Arbitrage Rebate Instructions may be amended or replaced by new Arbitrage Rebate Instructions delivered by the DNRC and accompanied by an Opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that the use of said amended or new Arbitrage Rebate Instructions will not adversely affect the excludability of interest on the State Bonds (except State Bonds the interest on which the State did not intend to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes) from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation.

(e) The District agrees that during the term of the 2023 Loan it will not contract with or permit any Private Person to manage the 2023 Project or any portion thereof except according to a written management contract and upon delivery to the DNRC of an Opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that the execution and delivery of such management contract will not violate the State Act or the Safe Drinking Water Act or adversely affect the excludability of interest on the State Bonds (except State Bonds the interest on which the State did not intend to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes) from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation.

(f) The District may not lease the 2023 Project or any portion thereof to any Person other than an exempt Person which agrees in writing with the District and the State not to cause any Default to occur under this Resolution, provided the District may lease all or any portion of the 2023 Project to a nonexempt Person pursuant to a lease which in the Opinion of Bond Counsel delivered to the DNRC will not adversely affect the excludability of interest on the State Bonds (except State Bonds the interest on which the State did not intend to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes) from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation.

(g) The District shall not change the use or nature of the 2023 Project if (i) such change will violate the Safe Drinking Water Act, or (ii) so long as the State Bonds are outstanding unless, in the Opinion of Bond Counsel delivered to the DNRC, such change will not adversely affect the excludability of interest on the State Bonds (except State Bonds the interest on which the State did not intend to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes) from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation.

Section 6.4. Competing Service. The District will not establish or authorize the establishment of any other system for the public supply of service or services in competition with any or all of the services supplied by the facilities of the System.

Section 6.5. Billing. The charges for water services shall be billed at least monthly, and if the bill is not paid within 90 days of the date of billing, or if the customer fails to comply with all rules and regulations established for the System within 90 days after notice of violation thereof (which notice shall be given promptly upon discovery of any such violation), the water service to the premises involved shall be discontinued and shall not be resumed until payment of all past-due bills for water service or approval by the Board of a contractual payment agreement for water service and compliance with all such rules and regulations. The District shall take appropriate legal action to collect the unpaid charges, including, to the extent now or hereafter authorized by law, making the charge a lien against the real property served by the water connection for which the charge remains unpaid and causing charges with respect to such properties to be collected in the same manner as taxes levied against property within the District.

Section 6.6. Remedies. The DNRC, so long as it owns the Series 2023 Bond, or the owners of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Bonds issued and secured under the provisions of this Resolution shall have the right, either at law or in equity, through suit, action or other proceedings, to protect and enforce the rights of all owners of such Bonds and to compel the performance of any and all of the covenants required herein to be performed by the District, and its officers and employees, including but not limited to the fixing and

maintaining of rates, fees and charges and the collection and proper segregation of gross revenues and the application and use thereof. The owners of a majority in principal amount of such outstanding Bonds shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Bondholders or the exercise of any power conferred on them and the right to waive a default in the performance of any such covenant, and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of, premium, or interest on any Bond when due. However, nothing herein shall impair the absolute and unconditional right of the owner of each such Bond to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Bond as such principal and interest respectively become payable, and to institute suit for any such payment. Any court having jurisdiction of the action may appoint a receiver to administer the System on behalf of the District with power to charge and collect rates, fees and charges sufficient to provide for the payment of any Bonds or obligations outstanding against the System, and to apply the gross revenues in conformity with this Resolution and the laws of the State.

Section 6.7. Rate Covenant. While any Bonds are outstanding and unpaid, the rates, charges and rentals for all services and facilities furnished and made available by the System to the District and its inhabitants, and to all customers within or without the boundaries of the District, shall be reasonable and just, taking into consideration the cost and value of the System and the cost of maintaining and operating it, and the amounts necessary for the payment of all Bonds and the interest accruing thereon, and the proper and necessary allowances for the depreciation of the System, and no free service shall be provided to any person or corporation. It is covenanted and agreed that the rates, charges and rentals to be charged to all recipients of water services shall be maintained and shall be revised, whenever and as often as may be necessary, according to schedules such that the revenues for each fiscal year will be at least sufficient to pay the Operating Expenses, to maintain the Operating Reserve herein established, to maintain the balance in the Reserve Account at the Reserve Requirement, to produce Net Revenues during each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, not less than 110% of the maximum annual principal and interest payable on any outstanding Bonds in any future fiscal year, and to produce Surplus Net Revenues sufficient to provide reserves for replacement and depreciation of the System and to pay Subordinate Obligations.

If at the close of any fiscal year the Net Revenues actually received during such year have been less than required hereby, the District will forthwith prepare a schedule of altered rates, charges and rentals which are just and equitable and sufficient to produce Net Revenues and Surplus Net Revenues in such amount, and will do all things necessary to the end that such schedule will be placed in operation at the earliest possible date.

The establishment of the above ratio of Net Revenues to principal and interest on the Bonds is deemed necessary for the DNRC to make the 2023 Loan to the District upon terms most advantageous. Net Revenues in excess of the requirements of this Section 6.7 may be used as authorized in Article XI of this Resolution.

Section 6.8. Appointment of Superintendent. In the event of default on the part of the District in the payment of principal of or interest on any Bond promptly as each falls due, or in the keeping of any covenants herein contained, and if such default shall continue for a period of 60 days, the governing body of the District will appoint a special superintendent for the

System, with the power and responsibility to operate the System for the District, and to recommend to the governing body of the District such revisions of the rates and charges and operating policies as may be necessary to comply with this Resolution, and to assure that the Net Revenues will be sufficient to pay all principal of and interest on Bonds, and the superintendent shall in all things so operate the System as to comply fully with all the requirements and provisions of this Resolution. The right of the owners of the Bonds to require appointment of such a superintendent shall not be exclusive, and in the event of default hereunder, such owner or owners shall have the right to proceed at law or in equity, in any form of action which shall to them seem appropriate.

## ARTICLE VII

### INDEMNIFICATION OF DNRC AND DEQ

The District shall, to the extent permitted by law, indemnify and save harmless the DNRC and the DEQ and their officers, employees and agents (each an “Indemnified Party” or, collectively, the “Indemnified Parties”) against and from any and all claims, damages, demands, expenses, liabilities and losses of every kind asserted by or on behalf of any Person arising out of the acts or omissions of the District or its employees, officers, agents, contractors, subcontractors, or consultants in connection with or with regard or in any way relating to the condition, use, possession, conduct, management, planning, design, acquisition, construction, installation or financing of the 2023 Project. The District shall, to the extent permitted by law, also indemnify and save harmless the Indemnified Parties against and from all costs, reasonable attorneys’ fees, expenses and liabilities incurred in any action or proceeding brought by reason of any such claim or demand. If any proceeding is brought against an Indemnified Party by reason of such claim or demand, the District shall, upon notice from an Indemnified Party, defend such proceeding on behalf of the Indemnified Party.

## ARTICLE VIII

### ASSIGNMENT

Section 8.1. Assignment by District. The District may not assign its rights and obligations under this Resolution or the Series 2023 Bond, except as provided in Section 6.2.

Section 8.2. Assignment by DNRC. The DNRC will pledge its rights under and interest in this Resolution, the Series 2023 Bond and the Collateral Documents (except to the extent otherwise provided in the Indenture) as security for the payment of the State Bonds and may further assign such interests to the extent permitted by the Indenture, without the consent of the District.

Section 8.3. State Refunding Bonds. In the event the State Bonds are refunded by bonds which are not State Bonds, all references in this Resolution to State Bonds shall be deemed to refer to the refunding bonds and any bonds of the State on a parity with such refunding bonds (together, the “Refunding Bonds”) or, in the case of a crossover refunding, to the State Bonds and the Refunding Bonds.



## ARTICLE IX

### THE SERIES 2023 BOND

Section 9.1. Authorization. Under the provisions of the Enabling Act, the District is authorized to sell and issue its revenue bonds payable during a term not exceeding forty years from their date of issue, to provide funds for the reconstruction, improvement, betterment and extension of the System or to refund its revenue bonds issued for such purpose; provided that the bonds and the interest thereon are to be payable solely out of the net income and revenues to be derived from rates, fees and charges for the services, facilities and commodities furnished by the undertaking, and are not to create any obligation for the payment of which taxes may be levied except to pay for services provided by the undertaking to the District.

Section 9.2. Outstanding Bonds. The District currently has no outstanding bonds or indebtedness that are payable from revenues (gross or net) received by the District from or in connection with the operation of the System.

Section 9.3. Net Revenues Available. The District is authorized to charge just and equitable rates, charges and rentals for all services directly or indirectly furnished by the System, and to pledge and appropriate to the Series 2023 Bond the Net Revenues to be derived from the operation of the System, including improvements, betterments or extensions thereof hereafter constructed or acquired. The Net Revenues to be produced by such rates, charges and rentals during the term of the Series 2023 Bond are expected to be more than sufficient to pay the principal and interest when due on the Series 2023 Bond, and to create and maintain reasonable reserves therefor and to provide an adequate allowance for replacement and depreciation, as prescribed herein.

Section 9.4. Issuance and Sale of the Series 2023 Bond. The Board has investigated the facts necessary and hereby finds, determines and declares it to be necessary and desirable for the District to issue the Series 2023 Bond to evidence the 2023 Loan. The Series 2023 Bond is issued to the DNRC without public sale pursuant to Montana Code Annotated, Section 7-13-2329.

Section 9.5. Terms. The Series 2023 Bond shall be issued in the maximum principal amount equal to the original Committed Amount, shall be issued as a single, fully registered bond numbered R-1, shall be dated as of the date of delivery to the DNRC, and shall bear interest at the rate charged by the DNRC on the 2023 Loan. The principal of and interest on the Series 2023 Bond shall be payable on the same dates and in the same amounts as the Loan Repayments are payable. Advances of principal of the Series 2023 Bond shall be deemed made when advances of the 2023 Loan are made under Section 4.1, and such advances shall be payable in accordance with Schedule B to the Series 2023 Bond, as may be revised by the DNRC from time to time in accordance with Section 5.1. The District may prepay the Series 2023 Bond, in whole or in part, only upon the terms and conditions under which it can prepay the 2023 Loan under Section 5.3.

Section 9.6. Negotiability, Transfer and Registration. The Series 2023 Bond shall be fully registered as to both principal and interest, and shall be initially registered in the name of and payable to the DNRC and shall be dated the date of delivery. While so registered, principal of and interest on the Series 2023 Bond shall be payable to the DNRC at the Office of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, 1539 Eleventh Avenue, Helena, Montana 59620 or such other place as may be designated by the DNRC in writing and delivered to the District. The Series 2023 Bond shall be negotiable, subject to the provisions for registration and transfer contained in this Section 9.6. No transfer of the Series 2023 Bond shall be valid unless and until (1) the holder, or its duly authorized attorney or legal representative, has executed the form of assignment appearing on the Series 2023 Bond, and (2) the District Secretary of the District or successors, as Registrar, has duly noted the transfer on the Series 2023 Bond and recorded the transfer on the registration books of the Registrar. The Registrar may, prior to noting and recording the transfer, require appropriate proof of the transferor's authority and the genuineness of the transferor's signature. The District shall be entitled to deem and treat the Person in whose name the Series 2023 Bond is registered as the absolute owner of the Series 2023 Bond for all purposes, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, and all payments to the registered holder shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the District's liability upon such Series 2023 Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

Section 9.7. Execution and Delivery. The Series 2023 Bond shall be executed on behalf of the District by the manual signatures of the Chair of the Board of Directors and the Secretary. Any or all of such signatures may be affixed at or prior to the date of delivery of the Series 2023 Bond. In the event that any of the officers who shall have signed the Series 2023 Bond shall cease to be officers of the District before the Series 2023 Bond is issued or delivered, their signatures shall remain binding upon the District. Conversely, the Series 2023 Bond may be signed by an authorized official who did not hold such office on the date of adoption of this Resolution. The Series 2023 Bond shall be delivered to the DNRC, or its attorney or legal representative.

Section 9.8. Form. The Series 2023 Bond shall be prepared in substantially the form attached as Appendix B.

## ARTICLE X

### PRIORITIES AND ADDITIONAL WATER DEBT

Section 10.1. General Limitations; Issuable in Series. The aggregate principal amount of Bonds that may be authenticated and delivered and outstanding under this Resolution is not limited, except as provided in Articles IX and X and except as may be limited by law.

The Bonds may be issued in series as from time to time authorized by the Board. With respect to the Bonds of any particular series, the District may incorporate in or add to the general title of such Bonds any words, letters or fixtures designed to distinguish that series.

The Bonds shall be special, limited obligations of the District. Principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall be payable solely from Net Revenues (other than to the extent payable out of proceeds of the Bonds). The Bonds shall not be or constitute a

pledge of the general credit or taxing powers of the District of any kind whatsoever. Neither the Bonds nor any of the agreements or obligations of the District contained herein shall be construed to constitute an indebtedness of the State or the District within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provisions whatsoever.

Each and all of the Bonds shall be equally and ratably secured without preference or priority of any one Bond over any other by reason of serial number, date of issue, or otherwise.

Each series of Bonds (except the Series 2023 Bond, which is created by Article IX) shall be created by a Supplemental Resolution. The Bonds of each series (other than the Series 2023 Bond, as to which specific provision is made in this Resolution) shall bear such date or dates, shall be payable at such place or places, shall have such stated maturities and redemption dates, shall bear interest at such rate or rates, from such date or dates, shall be payable in such installments and on such dates and at such place or places, and may be redeemable at such price or prices and upon such terms (in addition to the prices and terms herein specified for redemption of all Bonds) as shall be provided in the Supplemental Resolution creating that series, all upon such terms as the District may determine. The District may, at the time of the creation of any series of Bonds or at any time thereafter, make, and the Bonds of that series may contain provision for:

- (a) a sinking, amortization, improvement or other analogous fund;
- (b) limiting the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of that series and of additional Bonds thereafter to be issued;
- (c) exchanging Bonds of that series, at the option of the Holders thereof, for other Bonds of the same series of the same aggregate principal amount of a different authorized kind or authorized denomination or denominations; or
- (d) registration, transfer and delivery.

Section 10.2. Refunding Revenue Bonds. The District reserves the right and privilege of refunding any or all of the Bonds subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Any matured Bonds may be refunded if moneys available for the payment thereof at maturity, within the limitation prescribed in Section 10.1, should at any time be insufficient to make such payment in full.
- (b) Any Bonds may be refunded prior to maturity as and when they become prepayable according to their terms.
- (c) Provision may be made for the payment and refunding of any unmatured Bonds by the deposit with a duly qualified depository bank, as escrow agent, of cash sufficient, or of securities of the kinds authorized by law, the payments of interest on and principal of which are sufficient, to pay the principal amount of and premium, if any, on such Bonds with interest to

maturity or to any prior date or dates on which they are prepayable, and have been called for redemption or provision has been irrevocably made for their redemption, on such date or dates.

(d) Any refunding revenue Bonds issued for the above purposes may be made payable from the Net Revenues on a parity as to interest with all then outstanding Bonds; provided that (1) if not all of the Bonds of a series are refunded, the maturity of each refunding revenue Bond shall be subsequent to the last maturity of any then outstanding Bonds of such series which are not refunded or to be refunded out of moneys on deposit with such escrow agent, and (2) no Bondholder shall be required to accept a refunding revenue Bond in exchange for any Bond owned by him.

Section 10.3. Other Parity Bonds. The District reserves the right to issue additional Bonds payable from the Revenue Bond Account of the Fund, on a parity as to both principal and interest with the Series 2023 Bond, if the Net Revenues of the System for the last complete fiscal year preceding the date of issuance of such additional Bonds have equaled at least 110% of the maximum amount of principal and interest payable from said Revenue Bond Account in any future fiscal year during the term of the outstanding Bonds, on all Bonds then outstanding and on the additional Bonds proposed to be issued. For the purpose of the foregoing computation, the Net Revenues for the fiscal year preceding the issuance of additional Bonds shall be those shown by the financial reports caused to be prepared by the District pursuant to Section 2.3(e), except that if the rates and charges for services provided by the System have been changed since the beginning of such preceding fiscal year, then the rates and charges in effect at the time of issuance of the additional Bonds or finally authorized to go into effect within 60 days thereafter shall be applied to the quantities of service actually rendered and made available during such preceding fiscal year to ascertain the gross revenues, from which there shall be deducted to determine the Net Revenues, the actual operation and maintenance cost plus any additional annual costs of operation and maintenance which the Consultant estimates will be incurred because of the improvement or extension of the System to be constructed from the proceeds of the additional Bonds proposed to be issued. In no event shall any additional Bonds be issued and made payable from the Revenue Bond Account if the District is then in default in any payment of principal or interest on any outstanding Bonds payable therefrom or if there then exists any deficiency in the balances required by this Resolution to be maintained in any of the accounts of the Fund, which will not be cured or restored upon the issuance of the additional Bonds. In connection with the issuance of a series of additional Bonds, the District shall cause amounts in the Reserve Account to be increased, from the proceeds of the additional Bonds or from other available funds of the District, to an amount equal to the Reserve Requirement during the term of the outstanding Bonds or so much thereof as will not cause the District to violate the provisions of Section 12.2 hereof.

Section 10.4. Subordinate Bonds. Nothing in this Resolution shall preclude the District from issuing additional bonds or notes which are expressly made a charge on only the Surplus Net Revenues of the System subordinate to the pledge of Net Revenues to the Revenue Bond Account and the Reserve Account (such additional bonds, the "Subordinate Obligations"); provided, however, no obligations may be issued pursuant to this Section 10.4 if a deficiency exists in the Revenue Bond Account or the Reserve Account which is not to be restored by the issuance of the Subordinate Obligations. Any Surplus Net Revenues segregated to pay such

Subordinate Obligations in the Fund are subject to the prior appropriation thereof to the Operating Account, the Revenue Bond Account or the Reserve Account if necessary to meet the requirements thereof.

## ARTICLE XI

### WATER SYSTEM FUND

Section 11.1. Bond Proceeds and Revenues Pledged and Appropriated. A special Water System Fund is hereby created and shall be maintained as a separate and special bookkeeping account on the official books of the District until all Bonds and interest and redemption premiums due thereon have been fully paid, or the District's obligations with reference to such Bonds have been discharged as provided in this Resolution. All proceeds of Bonds issued hereunder and all other funds presently on hand derived from the operation of the System are irrevocably pledged and appropriated to the Fund. In addition, there is hereby irrevocably pledged and appropriated to the Fund all gross revenues and receipts from rates, fees, charges and rentals imposed for connections with and for the availability, benefit and use of the System and from any sales of property acquired for the System and all income received from the investment of such gross revenues, including investment of the reserve established in the Reserve Account and the Operating Reserve established in the Operating Account, but excluding any special assessments or taxes levied for construction of any part of the System and the proceeds of any grant or loan from the State or the United States, and any investment income thereon, to the extent such exclusion is a condition to such grant or loan. The Fund shall be subdivided into separate accounts as designated and described in Sections 11.2 through 11.9, to segregate income and expenses received, paid and accrued for the respective purposes described in those sections. The gross revenues received in the Fund shall be apportioned monthly, commencing as of the first day of the month following the date of delivery of the Series 2023 Bond.

Section 11.2. Acquisition and Construction Account. The Acquisition and Construction Account shall be used only to pay as incurred and allowed costs which under accepted accounting practice are capital costs of a Project and of such future reconstructions, improvements, betterments or extensions of the System as may be authorized in accordance with law, including but not limited to payments due for work and materials performed and delivered under construction contracts, architectural, engineering, inspection, supervision, fiscal and legal expenses, the cost of lands and easements, reimbursement of any advances made from other District funds, and all other expenses incurred in connection with the acquisition, construction and financing of any such undertaking. To the Acquisition and Construction Account shall be credited as received all proceeds of Bonds issued hereunder (except proceeds of refunding Bonds appropriated to the payment of outstanding Bonds and amounts required to be credited to the Revenue Bond Account), all other funds appropriated by the District for the System and any other funds appropriated by the District to the Acquisition and Construction Account for improvements to the System, and all income received from the investment of the Acquisition and Construction Account. Upon completion of a capital improvement or program of capital improvements for the System, the balance remaining in the Acquisition and Construction Account shall be credited to the reserve balance in the Revenue Bond Account to the extent

required to establish the required balance therein and, to the extent not so required, to the Replacement and Depreciation Account.

Section 11.3. Operating Account. On each monthly apportionment there shall first be set aside and credited to the Operating Account, as a first charge on the gross revenues, such amount as may be required over and above the balance then held in the account to pay the reasonable and necessary Operating Expenses of the System which are then due and payable, or are to be paid prior to the next monthly apportionment. The term "Operating Expenses" shall mean the current expenses, paid or accrued, of operation, maintenance and current repair of the System and its facilities, as calculated in accordance with sound accounting practices, and shall include, without limitation, administrative expenses of the District relating solely to the System, premiums for insurance on the properties thereof, labor and the cost of materials and supplies used for current operation and for maintenance, and charges for the accumulation of appropriate reserves for current expenses which are not recurrent monthly but may reasonably be expected to be incurred in accordance with sound accounting practices. Such expenses shall not include any allowance for interest expense or depreciation, renewals or replacements of capital assets of the System and shall not include any portion of the salaries or wages paid to any officer or employee of the District, except such portion as shall represent reasonable compensation for the performance of duties necessary to the operation of the System. There shall also be credited to this account a sum equal to the estimated average monthly Operating Expenses of the System to establish appropriate reserves for current expenses which are not recurrent monthly but may reasonably be expected to be incurred in accordance with sound accounting practices ("Operating Reserve"), which sum shall be maintained by additional transfers upon each monthly apportionment whenever necessary, or may be augmented by transfers of additional amounts from the Surplus Account described below if determined by the governing body of the District to be necessary to meet contingencies arising in the operation, maintenance and repair of the System. Money in the Operating Account shall be used solely for the payment of current Operating Expenses of the System.

Section 11.4. Revenue Bond Account. Upon each monthly apportionment there shall be set aside and credited to the Revenue Bond Account out of the Net Revenues an amount equal to not less than the sum of one-sixth of the interest to become due within the next six months plus one-twelfth of the principal to become due within the next twelve months with respect to outstanding Bonds payable semiannually from the Revenue Bond Account; provided that the District shall be entitled to reduce a monthly credit by the amount of any surplus previously credited and then on deposit in the Revenue Bond Account. Money from time to time held in the Revenue Bond Account shall be disbursed only to meet payments of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds payable therefrom as such payments become due. If any payment of principal or interest becomes due when moneys in the Revenue Bond Account are temporarily insufficient therefor, such payment shall be advanced out of any Net Revenues theretofore segregated and then on hand in the Reserve Account, the Replacement and Depreciation Account or the Surplus Account.

Section 11.5. Reserve Account. The District agrees to establish and maintain a Reserve Account in the Fund. Upon each advance of proceeds of the Series 2023 Bond, the District shall deposit in the Reserve Account, from proceeds of the Series 2023 Bond, an amount

sufficient to cause the balance in the Reserve Account to equal the Reserve Requirement with respect to the principal amounts of the Series 2023 Bond so advanced. Thereafter, upon each monthly apportionment, from the Net Revenues remaining after the apportionment to the Revenue Bond Account, the District shall credit to the Reserve Account such additional Net Revenues as may be required to establish and thereafter maintain the balance in an amount equal, as of the date of calculation, to the Reserve Requirement. Money in the Reserve Account shall be used only to pay maturing principal, premium and interest when money within the Revenue Bond Account is insufficient therefor; provided that on any date when all outstanding Bonds of a series are due or prepayable by their terms, if the amount then on hand in the Reserve Account allocable to such Bonds and available for such appropriation is sufficient with money available for the purpose to pay all such Bonds and the interest accrued thereon in full, it may be used for that purpose; and provided, further, that so long as the amount on hand in the Reserve Account is not less than the Reserve Requirement, the District may credit earnings on investment of the Reserve Account to the Replacement and Depreciation Account.

Section 11.6. Replacement and Depreciation Account. There shall next be set aside and credited, upon each monthly apportionment, to the Replacement and Depreciation Account Surplus Net Revenues of the System, as the governing body of the District shall determine to be required for the accumulation of a reasonable allowance for depreciation of the System and for replacement or renewal of worn out, obsolete or damaged properties and equipment thereof. Money in this account shall be used only for the purposes above stated or, if so directed by the governing body of the District, redeem Bonds which are prepayable according to their terms, to pay principal or interest when due thereon as required in Section 11.4, to fund any deficiency in the Reserve Account, or to pay the cost of improvements to the System; provided that, Surplus Net Revenues in the Replacement and Depreciation Account may be used to pay Subordinate Obligations as they come due in advance of payments required to be made into the Replacement and Depreciation Account, subject to the prior lien on Surplus Net Revenues to pay any deficiency of the Operating Account, the Revenue Bond Account or the Reserve Account; provided further that in the event construction and installation of additional improvements or additions to the System are financed other than from proceeds of Bonds payable from the Revenue Bond Account, Surplus Net Revenues from time to time received may be segregated and paid into one or more separate and additional accounts for the repayment of such indebtedness and interest thereon, in advance of payments required to be made into the Replacement and Depreciation Account.

Section 11.7. Surplus Account. Any amount of the Surplus Net Revenues from time to time remaining after the above required applications thereof shall be credited to the Surplus Account (or such other account in the Fund as the District may establish for bookkeeping purposes to account for Surplus Net Revenues in accordance with the purposes of this Resolution), and the money from time to time in that account, when not required to restore a current deficiency in the Revenue Bond Account or the Reserve Account as provided in Sections 11.4 and 11.5, may be used for any of the following purposes and not otherwise:

(a) To redeem bonds payable from Net Revenues when and as such bonds become prepayable according to their terms; or

- (b) To purchase Bonds on the open market, whether or not the Bonds or other such Bonds may then be prepayable according to their terms; or
- (c) To be held as a reserve for redemption of Bonds which are not then but will later be prepayable according to their terms; or
- (d) To pay for repairs of or for the construction and installation of improvements or additions to the System; or
- (e) To pay Operating Expenses or restore the Operating Reserve or increase the same when determined to be necessary by the governing body of the District; or
- (f) To pay Subordinate Obligations under Section 10.4 above.

No money shall at any time be transferred from the Surplus Account or any other account of the Fund to any other fund of the District, nor shall such moneys at any time be loaned to other municipal funds or invested in warrants, special improvement bonds or other obligations payable from other funds, except as provided in Section 11.10.

Section 11.8. Note Account. Upon Issuance of a Note, there shall be established in the Water System Fund and the District Secretary shall thereafter maintain a separate and special Note Account (the "Note Account"). If a Note is outstanding, all Net Revenues remaining after the required credits to the Operating Account, the Revenue Bond Account, the Reserve Account, and the Replacement and Depreciation Account pursuant to this Resolution shall be credited to the Note Account. The District irrevocably appropriates to the Note Account: (a) the proceeds of any Bonds issued to refund one or more Notes, as received and to the extent necessary for the payment of such Notes, and (b) such other money as shall be appropriated to the Note Account from time to time.

Amounts on deposit in the Note Account shall be used solely to pay the principal of and interest on Notes made payable therefrom; provided that if on any date the balance in the Revenue Bond Account or the Reserve Account is less than then required, an amount equal to such deficiency will be transferred from the Net Revenues and investment income therefrom on deposit in the Note Account. Upon payment or discharge of a Note and upon the making of the credits to the Note Account required in connection with any other Notes made payable therefrom, all surplus funds therein shall be transferred to the Surplus Account.

Section 11.9. Rebate Account. The Rebate Account is hereby established as a separate account within the Fund. The District shall make deposits to and disbursements from the Rebate Account pursuant to one or more rebate certificates executed and delivered by the District in connection with the issuance of Bonds, and for such purposes may make transfers, in the following order of priority, from the Surplus Account, the Replacement and Depreciation Account and the Reserve Account, as necessary, to meet the requirements of the Rebate Account. The District shall invest the Rebate Account in accordance with the provisions of the rebate certificates and shall deposit income from such investments immediately upon receipt thereof in the Rebate Account.



Section 11.10. Deposit and Investment of Funds. The finance officer of the District shall cause all money appropriated to the Fund to be deposited as received with one or more depository banks duly qualified in accordance with the provisions of Montana Code Annotated, Section 7-6-201, in a deposit account or accounts. The balance in such accounts, except such portion thereof as shall be guaranteed by federal deposit insurance, shall at all times be secured to its full amount by bonds or securities of the types set forth in Montana Code Annotated, Section 7-6-201. Any of such moneys not necessary for immediate use may be deposited with such depository banks in savings or time deposits. No money shall at any time be withdrawn from such deposit accounts except for the purposes of the Fund as defined and authorized in this Resolution; except that money from time to time on hand in the Fund may at any time, in the discretion of the governing body of the District, be invested in securities which are direct, general obligations of, or obligations the prompt payment of the principal of and the interest on which is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America, bank repurchase agreements with respect to such obligations, certificates of deposits of national banks having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$1,000,000 or in the Montana short-term investment program administered by the Board of Investments, which investments mature and bear interest at the times and in the amounts estimated to be required to provide cash when needed for the purposes of the respective accounts; provided that funds on hand in the Reserve Account, the Replacement and Depreciation Account and the Surplus Account may be invested in said securities maturing not later than five years from the date of the investment; and provided, further, that money on hand in the Surplus Account of the Fund may, in the discretion of the governing body of the District, be invested in any securities which are direct, general obligations of the District. Income received from the deposit or investment of moneys in said accounts shall be credited to the account from whose moneys the deposit was made or the investment was purchased, and handled and accounted for in the same manner as other moneys in that account.

## ARTICLE XII

### TAX MATTERS

Section 12.1. Use of Project and System. The 2023 Project and the System will be owned and operated by the District and available for use by members of the general public on a substantially equal basis. The District shall not enter into any lease, use or other agreement with any non-governmental person relating to the use of the 2023 Project or the System or security for the payment of the Series 2023 Bond which might cause the Series 2023 Bond to be considered a “private activity bond” or “private loan bond” within the meaning of Section 141 of the Code.

Section 12.2. General Covenant. The District covenants and agrees with the owners from time to time of the Series 2023 Bond that it will not take or permit to be taken by any of its officers, employees or agents any action which would cause the interest on the Series 2023 Bond to become includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Code and the Regulations, and covenants to take any and all actions within its powers to ensure that the interest on the Series 2023 Bond will not become includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Code and the Regulations.

Section 12.3. Arbitrage Certification. The President of the Board and the District Secretary, being the officers of the District charged with the responsibility for issuing the Series 2023 Bond pursuant to this Resolution, are authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the DNRC a certificate in accordance with the provisions of Section 148 of the Code, and Section 1.148-2(b) of the Regulations, stating that on the basis of facts, estimates and circumstances in existence on the date of issue and delivery of the Series 2023 Bond, it is reasonably expected that the proceeds of the Series 2023 Bond will be used in a manner that would not cause the Series 2023 Bond to be an “arbitrage bond” within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code and the Regulations.

Section 12.4. Arbitrage Rebate Exemption.

(a) The District hereby represents that the Series 2023 Bond qualifies for the exception for small governmental units to the arbitrage rebate provisions contained in Section 148(f) of the Code. Specifically, the District represents:

(1) Substantially all (not less than 95%) of the proceeds of the Series 2023 Bond (except for amounts to be applied to the payment of costs of issuance) will be used for local governmental activities of the District.

(2) The aggregate face amount of all “tax-exempt bonds” (including warrants, contracts, leases and other indebtedness, but excluding private activity bonds) issued by or on behalf of the District and all subordinate entities thereof during 2023 is reasonably expected not to exceed \$5,000,000. To date in 2023, the District has issued no tax-exempt bonds, and in the calendar years 2018 through 2022, the District issued no tax-exempt bonds.

(b) If notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section 12.4, the arbitrage rebate provisions of Section 148(f) of the Code apply to the Series 2023 Bond, the District hereby covenants and agrees to make the determinations, retain records and rebate to the United States the amounts at the times and in the manner required by said Section 148(f).

Section 12.5. Information Reporting. The District shall file with the Secretary of the Treasury, not later than August 15, 2023, a statement concerning the Series 2023 Bond containing the information required by Section 149(e) of the Code.

Section 12.6. Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation. Pursuant to Section 265(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the Code, the District hereby designates the Series 2023 Bond as a “qualified tax-exempt obligation” for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The District has not designated any obligations in 2023 under Section 265(b)(3) other than the Series 2023 Bond. The District hereby represents that it does not anticipate that obligations bearing interest not includable in gross income for purposes of federal income taxation under Section 103 of the Code (including refunding obligations as provided in Section 265(b)(3) of the Code and including “qualified 501(c)(3) bonds” but excluding other “private activity bonds,” as defined in Sections 141(a) and 145(a) of the Code) will be issued by or on behalf of the District and all “subordinate entities” of the District in 2023 in an amount greater than \$10,000,000.

## ARTICLE XIII

### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

The District understands and acknowledges that the DNRC is acquiring the Series 2023 Bond under the Program pursuant to which the State issues from time to time State Bonds to provide funds therefor. The District covenants and agrees that, upon written request of the DNRC from time to time, the District will promptly provide to the DNRC all information that the DNRC reasonably determines to be necessary or appropriate to offer and sell State Bonds or to provide continuing disclosure in respect of State Bonds, whether under Rule 15c2-12 (17 C.F.R. § 240.15c2-12) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise. Such information shall include, among other things and if so requested, financial statements of the District prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board as modified in accordance with the governmental accounting standards promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board or as otherwise provided under Montana law, as in effect from time to time (such financial statements to relate to a fiscal year or any period therein for which they are customarily prepared by the District, and, if for a fiscal year and so requested by the DNRC, subject to an audit report and opinion of an accountant or government auditor, as permitted or required by the laws of the State). The District will also provide, with any information so furnished to the DNRC, a certificate of the President of the Board and the District Secretary to the effect that, to the best of their knowledge, such information does not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

## ARTICLE XIV

### DEFEASANCE

Section 14.1. General. When the liability of the District on all Bonds issued under and secured by this Resolution and all interest thereon has been discharged as provided in this Article XIV, all pledges, covenants and other rights granted by this Resolution to the Holders of such Bonds shall cease, other than to the payment of such Bonds from money segregated for such purpose. The District may also discharge its liability with respect to one or more Bonds in accordance with this Article XIV.

Section 14.2. Maturity. The District may discharge its liability with reference to any Bonds and interest thereon which are due on any date by depositing with the Registrar for such Bonds on or before the date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full; or if any Bond or interest thereon shall not be paid when due, the District may nevertheless discharge its liability with reference thereto by depositing with the Registrar a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with interest accrued to the date of such deposit.

Section 14.3. Prepayment. The District may also discharge its obligations with respect to any prepayable Bonds called for redemption on any date when they are prepayable according to their terms, by depositing with the Registrar therefor on or before the Redemption

Date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full; provided that notice of the redemption thereof has been duly given as provided in this Resolution or any Supplemental Resolution relating thereto.

Section 14.4. Escrow. The District may at any time discharge its liability with reference to any Bonds, subject to the provisions of law now or hereafter authorizing and regulating such action and the following paragraphs of this Section, by depositing irrevocably in escrow, with a bank qualified by law as an escrow agent for this purpose, cash or Government Obligations authorized by law to be so deposited, bearing interest payable at such times and at such rates and maturing on such dates as shall be required, without reinvestment, to provide funds sufficient to pay all principal, interest and redemption premiums, if any, to become due on such Bonds at their stated maturities or, if such Bonds are prepayable and notice of redemption thereof has been duly given or irrevocably provided for, to such earlier redemption date.

No defeasance shall be made pursuant to this Section 14.4 unless there has first been presented to the escrow agent a written Opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that such defeasance shall not cause the interest on any outstanding Bonds to be included in the gross income of the holders thereof for federal income tax purposes.

## ARTICLE XV

### SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTIONS

Section 15.1. General. The District reserves the right to adopt Supplemental Resolutions from time to time and at any time, for the purpose of curing any ambiguity or of curing, correcting or supplementing any defective provision contained herein, or of making such provisions with regard to matters or questions arising hereunder as the District may deem necessary or desirable and not inconsistent with this Resolution, and which shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of outstanding Bonds, or for the purpose of adding to the covenants and agreements herein contained, or to the revenues herein pledged, other covenants and agreements thereafter to be observed and additional revenues or income thereafter appropriated to the Fund, or for the purpose of surrendering any right or power herein reserved to or conferred upon the District, or for the purpose of authorizing the creation and issuance of a series of additional Bonds or Subordinate Obligations, as provided in and subject to the conditions and requirements of Article X. Subject to Section 16.4, any such Supplemental Resolution may be adopted without notice to or the consent of the Holder of any of the Bonds issued hereunder.

Section 15.2. Consent of Holders. With the consent of the Holders of Bonds issued hereunder as provided in Section 15.4, the District may from time to time and at any time adopt a Supplemental Resolution for the purpose of amending this Resolution by adding any provisions hereto or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions hereof or of any Supplemental Resolution, except that no Supplemental Resolution shall be adopted at any time without the consent of the Holders of all Bonds issued hereunder which are then outstanding and affected thereby, if it would extend the time of payment of interest thereon or principal thereof, would reduce the interest rate thereon or the amount of the principal or the redemption price thereof, would give to any Bond or Bonds any privileges over any other Bond

or Bonds, would reduce the sources of revenues or income appropriated to the Fund, or would reduce the percentage in principal amount of such Bonds required to authorize or consent to any such Supplemental Resolution.

Section 15.3. Notice. Notice of the Supplemental Resolution to be adopted pursuant to Section 15.2 shall be mailed by first-class mail to the Holders of all outstanding Bonds at their addresses appearing in the Bond Register, and shall become effective only upon the filing of written consents with the District Secretary, signed by the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding and affected thereby. Any written consent to the Supplemental Resolution may be embodied in and evidenced by one or any number of concurrent written instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by Holders in person or by agent duly appointed in writing, and shall become effective when delivered to the District Secretary. Any consent by the Holder of any Bond shall bind him and every future holder of the same Bond with respect to any Supplemental Resolution adopted by the District pursuant to such consent; provided that any Holder may revoke his consent with reference to any Bond by written notice received by the District Secretary before the Supplemental Resolution has become effective. In the event that unrevoked consents of the Holders of the required amount of Bonds have not been received by the District Secretary within one year after the mailing of notice of the Supplemental Resolution, the Supplemental Resolution and all consents theretofore received shall be of no further force and effect.

Section 15.4. Manner of Consent. Proof of the execution of any consent, or of a writing appointing any agent to execute the same, or of the ownership by any Person of Bonds shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Resolution and shall be conclusive in favor of the District if made in the manner provided in this Section 15.4. The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such consent or appointment may be proved by the affidavit of a witness of such execution or by the certification of any notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgment of deeds, certifying that the Person signing it acknowledged to him the execution thereof. The fact and date of execution of any such consent may also be proved in any other manner which the District may deem sufficient; but the District may nevertheless, in its discretion, require further proof in cases where it deems further proof desirable. The ownership of Bonds shall be proved by the Bond Register.

## ARTICLE XVI

### MISCELLANEOUS

Section 16.1. Notices. All notices or other communications hereunder shall be sufficiently sent or given and shall be deemed sent or given when delivered or mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid, to the parties at the following addresses:

DNRC: Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
1539 Eleventh Avenue  
P. O. Box 201601  
Helena, Montana 59620-1601  
Attn: Conservation and Resource  
Development Division

Trustee: U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association  
1420 Fifth Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Seattle, Washington 98101

District: Gore Hill County Water District  
P.O. Box 263  
Great Falls, Montana 59403  
Attn: District Secretary

Any of the above parties may, by notice in writing given to the others, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices or other communications shall be sent.

Section 16.2. Binding Effect. This Resolution shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the DNRC, the District and their respective successors and assigns.

Section 16.3. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution shall be determined to be unenforceable at any time, it shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution or the enforceability of that provision at any other time.

Section 16.4. Amendments. So long as the Series 2023 Bond is Outstanding and held by the DNRC, this Resolution may not be effectively amended without the written consent of the DNRC.

Section 16.5. Applicable Law. This Resolution shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State.

Section 16.6. Captions; References to Sections. The captions in this Resolution are for convenience only and do not define or limit the scope or intent of any provisions or Sections of this Resolution. References to Articles and Sections are to the Articles and Sections of this Resolution, unless the context otherwise requires.

Section 16.7. No Liability of Individual Officers, Directors, Trustees or Board Members. No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement contained in this Resolution shall be had against any director, officer or employee, as such, past, present or future, of the DNRC, the DEQ or the Trustee, either directly or through the DNRC, the DEQ or the Trustee, or against any officer, or member of the governing body or employee of the District, past, present or future, as an individual so long as such individual was acting in good faith. Any and all personal liability of every nature, whether at common law or in equity, or by statute or by constitution or otherwise, of any such officer or member of the governing body or employee of the DNRC, the Trustee or the District is hereby expressly waived and released by the District and by the DNRC as a condition of and in consideration for the adoption of this Resolution and the making of the 2023 Loan.

Section 16.8. Payments Due on Holidays. If the date for making any payment or the last date for performance of any act or the exercise of any right, as provided in this Resolution or the Series 2023 Bond, shall not be a Business Day, such payments may be made or

act performed or right exercised on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if done on the nominal date provided in this Resolution or the Series 2023 Bond.

Section 16.9. Right of Others to Perform District's Covenants. In the event the District shall fail to make any payment or perform any act required to be performed hereunder, then and in each such case the DNRC or the provider of any Collateral Document may (but shall not be obligated to) remedy such default for the account of the District and make advances for that purpose. No such performance or advance shall operate to release the District from any such default and any sums so advanced by the DNRC or the provider of any Collateral Document shall be paid immediately to the party making such advance and shall bear interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date of the advance until repaid. The DNRC and the provider of any Collateral Document shall have the right to enter the 2023 Project or the facility or facilities of which the 2023 Project is a part or any other facility which is a part of the System in order to effectuate the purposes of this Section.

Section 16.10. Authentication of Transcript. The officers of the District are hereby authorized and directed to furnish to the DNRC and to Bond Counsel certified copies of all proceedings relating to the issuance of the Series 2023 Bond and such other certificates and affidavits as may be required to show the right, power and authority of the District to issue the Series 2023 Bond, and all statements contained in and shown by such instruments, including any heretofore furnished, shall constitute representations of the District as to the truth of the statements of fact purported to be shown thereby.

Section 16.11. Repeals and Effective Date.

(a) Repeal. All provisions of other resolutions and other actions and proceedings of the District and this Board that are in any way inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Resolution are repealed, amended and rescinded to the full extent necessary to give full force and effect to the provisions of this Resolution.

(b) Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Gore Hill County Water District, Montana, on this 2nd day of May, 2023.

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President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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Secretary



APPENDIX A

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The 2023 Project consists of engineering, designing, constructing and installing certain improvements to the water system of the District, including installing replacement water wells and related improvements.

Estimated 2023 Project Budget

	2023 Loan	Cascade County ARPA LFR	Gore Hill CWD	Total:
Personnel Costs	\$ 6,564		\$ 2,807	\$ 9,371
Office Costs			\$ 629	\$ 629
Legal Costs	\$ 483		\$ 518	\$ 1,001
Audit Fees		\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000
Debt Service Reserve	\$ 36,269			\$ 36,269
Bond Counsel & Related Costs	\$ 20,000			\$ 20,000
Water Rights	\$ 5,800		\$ 200	\$ 6,000
Preliminary Engineering	\$ -		\$ 43,823	\$ 43,823
Construction Engineers			\$ 11,511	\$ 11,511
Construction GW	\$ 56,472		\$ 2,408	\$ 58,880
Construction Wadsworth	\$ 1,065,620	\$ 262,250		\$ 1,327,870
Construction Maguire	\$ 219,200			\$ 219,200
Construction MJD	\$ 67,000			\$ 67,000
Contingency	\$ 31,592			\$ 50,592
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>	<b>\$ 1,509,000</b>	<b>\$ 277,250</b>	<b>\$ 61,896</b>	<b>\$ 1,848,146</b>

APPENDIX B

[Form of the Series 2023 Bond]

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF MONTANA  
CASCADE COUNTY

**GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

WATER SYSTEM REVENUE BOND  
(DNRC DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM), SERIES 2023

No. R-1

\$1,509,000

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, MONTANA (the “District”), a duly organized political subdivision of the State of Montana, acknowledges itself to be specially indebted and, for value received, hereby promises to pay to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation of the State of Montana (the “DNRC”), or its registered assigns, solely from the Revenue Bond Account of its Water System Fund, the principal sum equal to the sum of the amounts entered on Schedule A attached hereto under “Total Amount Advanced,” with interest on each such amount from the date such amount is advanced hereunder at the rate of two percent (2.00%) per annum on the unpaid balance until paid. In addition, the District shall pay an Administrative Expense Surcharge and a Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge on the outstanding principal amount of this Bond, each at the rate of twenty-five hundredths of one percent (0.25%) per annum. Principal, interest, Administrative Expense Surcharge and Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge shall be payable in semiannual installments payable on each January 1 and July 1, commencing January 1, 2024 and concluding on July 1, 2053. Each installment shall be in the amount set forth opposite its due date in Schedule B attached hereto under “Total Loan Payment.” The portion of each such payment consisting of principal, the portion consisting of interest, the portion consisting of Administrative Expense Surcharge and the portion consisting of Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge shall be as set forth in Schedule B attached hereto. Upon each disbursement of 2023 Loan amounts to the District pursuant to the Resolution described below, the DNRC shall enter (or cause to be entered) the amount advanced on Schedule A under “Advances” and the total amount advanced under the Resolution (as hereinafter defined), including such disbursement, under “Total Amount Advanced.” The DNRC shall prepare Schedule B and any revised Schedule B, or cause Schedule B and any revised Schedule B to be prepared, as provided in Section 5.1 of the resolution authorizing the Bond. Schedule B shall be calculated and recalculated on a substantially level debt service basis assuming an interest rate of two and one-half percent (2.50%) per annum. Past-due payments of principal and interest and Administrative Expense Surcharge and Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge shall bear interest at the rate of ten percent (10.00%) per annum, until paid. Interest, Administrative Expense Surcharge and Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year comprising 12 months of 30 days each. All payments under this Bond shall be made to the registered holder of this Bond, at its address as it appears on the Bond Register, in lawful money of the United States of America.

This Bond is one of an issue of Water System Revenue Bonds of the District authorized to be issued in one or more series from time to time, and constitutes a series in the maximum authorized principal amount of \$1,509,000 (the “Series 2023 Bond”). The Series 2023 Bond is issued to finance a portion of the costs of the construction of certain improvements to the water system of the District (the “System”), to fund deposits to the Reserve Account, and to pay costs of issuance of the Series 2023 Bond. The Series 2023 Bond is issued pursuant to and in full conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana thereunto enabling, including Montana Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 13, Parts 22 and 23, as amended, and ordinances and resolutions duly adopted by the governing body of the District, including Resolution No. 2023-006 adopted by the Board of Directors of the District on May 2, 2023 (the “Resolution”). Terms used with initial capital letters but not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Resolution. The Series 2023 Bond is issuable only as a single, fully registered bond. This Series 2023 Bond is not issued pursuant to an election and is not secured by a deficiency tax levy under Montana Code Annotated, Section 7-13-2301.

Reference is made to the Resolution for a more complete statement of the terms and conditions upon which the Series 2023 Bond has been issued, the Net Revenues of the System pledged and appropriated for the payment and security thereof, the conditions upon which additional Bonds may be issued under the Resolution and made payable from such Net Revenues on a parity with the Series 2023 Bond (collectively, the “Bonds”) or otherwise, the conditions upon which the Resolution may be amended, the rights, duties and obligations of the District, and the rights of the owners of the Series 2023 Bond.

The District may prepay the principal of the Series 2023 Bond only if (i) it obtains the prior written consent of the DNRC thereto, and (ii) no Loan Repayment or Administrative Expense Surcharge or Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge is then delinquent. Any prepayment permitted by the DNRC must be accompanied by payment of accrued interest and Administrative Expense Surcharge and Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge to the date of prepayment on the amount of principal prepaid. If the Series 2023 Bond is prepaid in part, such prepayments shall be applied to principal payments in inverse order of maturity, or, if the DNRC determines in its discretion, the remaining principal amount following such prepayment will be reamortized over the remaining term of this Series 2023 Bond.

The Series 2023 Bond, including interest and any premium for the redemption hereof, are payable solely from the Net Revenues pledged for the payment thereof and do not constitute a debt of the District within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation or provision.

The District may deem and treat the person in whose name this Series 2023 Bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof, whether this Series 2023 Bond is overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment and for all other purposes, and the District shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary. The Series 2023 Bond may be transferred as hereinafter provided.

This Series 2023 Bond has been designated by the District as a “qualified tax-exempt obligation” pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, RECITED, COVENANTED AND AGREED that the District will forthwith construct and complete the improvements to the System hereinabove described, that it will prescribe and collect reasonable rates and charges for all services and facilities afforded by the System, including all additions thereto and replacements and improvements thereof, and has created a special Water System Fund into which the gross revenues of the System will be paid, and a separate and special Revenue Bond Account in that Water System Fund, into which will be paid each month, from and as a first and prior lien on the Net Revenues of the System then on hand, an amount equal to not less than the sum of one-sixth of the interest to become due within the next six months and one-twelfth of the principal to become due within the next twelve months with respect to all Bonds payable semiannually from the Revenue Bond Account; that the District has created a Reserve Account in the Water System Fund into which shall be paid additional Net Revenues, after required credits to the Revenue Bond Account, sufficient to maintain a reserve therein equal to, as of the date of calculation, the Reserve Requirement; that the Revenue Bond Account will be used only to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2023 Bond and any additional Bonds issued pursuant to the Resolution on a parity therewith; that the rates and charges for the System will from time to time be made and kept sufficient, to provide gross revenues adequate to pay promptly the Operating Expenses, to produce during each fiscal year Net Revenues not less than 110% of the maximum annual principal and interest payable on the outstanding Bonds in any future fiscal year and to maintain the Reserve Account at the Reserve Requirement; that additional Bonds may be issued and made payable from the Revenue Bond Account on a parity with the Series 2023 Bond and other parity Bonds upon certain conditions set forth in the Resolution, but no obligation will be otherwise incurred and made payable from the Net Revenues of the System, unless the lien thereof shall be expressly made subordinate to the lien of the Series 2023 Bond and additional Bonds on such Net Revenues; that all provisions for the security of the holder of this Series 2023 Bond set forth in the Resolution will be punctually and faithfully performed as therein stipulated; that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana and the ordinances and resolutions of the District to be done, to exist, to happen and to be performed in order to make this Series 2023 Bond a valid and binding special obligation of the District according to its terms have been done, do exist, have happened and have been performed as so required; and that this Series 2023 Bond and the interest hereon are payable solely from the Net Revenues of the System pledged and appropriated to the Revenue Bond Account and do not constitute a debt of the District within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation or provision and the issuance of the Series 2023 Bond does not cause either the general or the special indebtedness of the District to exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Gore Hill County Water District, Montana, by its Board of Directors, has caused this Bond to be executed by the signatures of the President of the Board of Directors and the District Secretary and has caused this Bond to be dated as of the 11th day of May, 2023.

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President, Board of Directors

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District Secretary

REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER

This Bond shall be fully registered as to both principal and interest. No transfer of this Bond shall be valid unless and until (1) the registered holder of this Bond, or his duly authorized attorney or legal representative, executes the form of assignment appearing on this Bond, and (2) the District Secretary as bond registrar (the "Registrar"), has duly noted the transfer on the Bond and recorded the transfer on the Registrar's registration books. The District shall be entitled to deem and treat the person in whose name this Bond is registered as absolute owner thereof for all purposes, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. Payments on account of the Bond shall be made only to the order of the registered holder thereof, and all such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the District's liability upon the Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

REGISTER

The ownership of the unpaid principal balance of this Bond and the interest accruing thereon is registered on the books of Gore Hill County Water District, Montana in the name of the registered holder appearing on the first page hereof or as last noted below:

Date of Registration	Name and Address of Registered Holder	Signature of District Secretary
May 11, 2023	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation 1539 Eleventh Avenue Helena, MT 59620	

THE FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE TO BE MADE ONLY BY THE BOND REGISTRAR UPON REGISTRATION OF EACH TRANSFER

The Secretary of the Gore Hill County Water District, Montana, acting as Registrar, has transferred, on the books of the District, on the date last noted below, ownership of the principal amount of and the accrued interest on this Bond to the new registered holder noted next to such date, except for amounts of principal and interest theretofore paid.

Date of Transfer	Name of New Registered Holder	Signature of Registrar

FORM OF ASSIGNMENT

For value received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto \_\_\_\_\_ the within Bond and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ attorney to transfer the Bond on the books kept for the registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Notice: The assignor's signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or any change whatsoever.





SCHEDULE B

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Administrative Expense Surcharge</u>	<u>Loan Loss Reserve Surcharge</u>	<u>Total Loan Payment</u>
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APPENDIX C

ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS, REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS

NONE