

EXHIBIT C

Resolution No. 2021-9-1

A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Lower Tule River Irrigation District Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Cross Valley Contractors' Conversion of Water Supply Contracts and Renewal of Conveyance Contracts

WHEREAS, the Lower Tule River Irrigation District (“District”), a Cross Valley Canal Contractor¹, proposes, for each Cross Valley Contractor: (1) the approval and execution of a contract with the United States, Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (“Reclamation”) that converts, pursuant to Section 4011(a)(1) of the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation Act, Public Law 114-322, 130 Stat. 1628 (the “WIIN Act”), the CV Contractor's existing contract for Project Water from the Central Valley Project (“CVP”) to a repayment contract authorizing prepayment of outstanding CVP construction costs; and (2) the approval and execution of a contract with Reclamation and the State of California, Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) that renews and updates the terms of an existing contract for the conveyance of the CV Contractor's CVP water until 2035 (the “Project”). The Project will allow the CV Contractors to continue receiving CVP Project water in the manner consistent with current and historical practices.

WHEREAS, the District is the lead agency for environmental review of the Project under the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Section 21000 et. seq. (“CEQA”);

WHEREAS, a Notice of Preparation for a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Cross Valley Contractors' Conversion of Water Supply Contracts and Renewal of Conveyance Contracts (“Draft EIR”) was prepared and released for public comment on October 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, the release of the Notice of Preparation initiated a 30-day public comment period that ended on November 4, 2020;

WHEREAS, during the public review period, one public scoping meeting was held on October 26, 2020 to receive agency and public comment regarding the scope of the environmental analysis for the EIR;

WHEREAS, the Draft EIR was prepared and circulated for public review and comment between April 6, 2021 to May 21, 2021, and a notice of availability of the Draft EIR was posted on April 6, 2021, with the State Clearinghouse Office of Planning and Research (State Clearinghouse No. 2020100075);

WHEREAS, the District received written comments on the Draft EIR;

WHEREAS, a Final Environmental Impact Report for the Cross Valley Contractors' Conversion of Water Supply Contracts and Renewal of Conveyance Contracts (“Final EIR”) that incorporated the

¹ Cross Valley Contractors (“CV Contractors”) include: Lower Tule River Irrigation District, Pixley Irrigation District, Hills Valley Irrigation District, Tri-Valley Water District, the County of Tulare, the County of Fresno, and Kern-Tulare Water District.

Draft EIR and provided responses to public comments was prepared and distributed to the commenting agencies and the public on September 9, 2021;

WHEREAS, LTRID discussed and evaluated the Final EIR during its meeting on September 20, 2021 and provided the opportunity for the public to give comments on the Final EIR during that meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Lower Tule River Irrigation District resolves as follows:

1. All the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as an operative portion of this Resolution.
2. The Final EIR is hereby certified as being completed in compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and its implementing regulations.
3. The Final EIR was presented to the Board on September 9, 2021 and the Board discussed and evaluated the contents of the Final EIR during its meeting on September 20, 2021.
4. The Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR prior to taking any action to approve or disapprove the Project.
5. The Board hereby ratifies and adopts the conclusions of the Final EIR. The Final EIR represents the independent judgment and analysis of the Board.

ALL THE FOREGOING, being on motion of Director COSTA and seconded by Director Pi Tigliano, was authorized by the following vote:

AYES: Barcellos, COSTA, Pi Tigliano, Garcia, Mendon SA

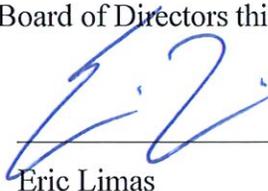
NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is the Resolution of said District as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on this 20th day of September, 2021.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Board of Directors this 20th day of September, 2021.



Eric Limas

Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors