



**RESOLUTION 2021-03
SOUTHWESTERN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
IN REMEMBRANCE OF DOUG STOWE**

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) was established pursuant to C.R.S. 37-47-101 to protect, conserve and develop the water resources of the Dolores and San Juan River Basins across nine counties; and

WHEREAS, as a farmer, veteran, and longtime resident of Dove Creek, Doug Stowe devoted his life to serving his country and community. As Dove Creek's water and wastewater manager for 30 years, Doug was instrumental in the initial construction of the Dove Creek water plant and its later upgrade. He had a keen understanding of Dove Creek's water rights and was a strong advocate for Dolores County's water needs; and

WHEREAS, Doug represented Dolores County on the SWCD board for nearly eight years, three of those years as vice-president; and during his tenure on the Board, Doug's extensive experience with wastewater management and his detailed knowledge of Dolores County were invaluable contributions to the collective strength of the District board; and

WHEREAS, during his eight-year tenure as Dolores County Commissioner, Doug was appointed to represent Dolores County on the Southwest Basins Roundtable and engaged in the Dolores River Dialogue effort and its various sub-groups on behalf of Dolores County, among other water-related responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Doug's passing leaves a deep void at SWCD and in southwest Colorado's water community; his light-hearted nature and calm approach to contentious water challenges will be greatly missed by the District board, staff, and consultants. We extend our deepest condolences to Julie and the family, friends, and community he loved so dearly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Southwestern Water Conservation District expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation for Doug Stowe, as he leaves a legacy of protecting southwestern Colorado water user needs with intelligence, open-mindedness, and commitment.

DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF JUNE 2021

By



Jenny Russell, President

Attest



Charles Smith, Secretary-Treasurer