



RESOLUTION 2022-02
SOUTHWESTERN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HONORING MONTE NASLUND'S 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Water Conservation District (District) 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, Monte Naslund represented Montrose County on the District board for 20 years as a consistent advocate for the protection of West Slope water rights; and

WHEREAS, Monte's experience and knowledge as a West End native, family rancher, and shareholder of the historic Colorado Cooperative Ditch has proven invaluable to the District's understanding of the nuanced water management challenges in the lower San Miguel and Dolores Rivers; and

WHEREAS, Monte has participated in local water management in various capacities as an advocate for San Miguel River water users, including the cooperative rehabilitation of the CC Ditch headgate to improve bypass flows for fish and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Monte's commitment is apparent in his willingness to drive more than three hours in unforgiving weather conditions to regularly attend District board meetings in Durango; and


WHEREAS, Monte is regarded by his fellow board members as a "voice of reason," often summing up board discussion of a complex water issue with brief, clear remarks; Monte's humor and wit often brought welcome levity to heavy, controversial topics.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Southwestern Water Conservation District expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation for Monte Naslund's legacy of protecting southwestern Colorado water user needs with heartfelt dedication to our communities.

DATED THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH 2022

By

Attest



Jenny Russell, President



Charles Smith, Secretary-Treasurer