

RESOLUTION 22-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT
COMMENDING RAY KOLISZ FOR DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE
AS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF
THE TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Ray Kolisz has served the Twentynine Palms Water District since May 17, 1993, and held the office of General Manager of the District since July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, held numerous roles at the District from Water Utility Operator/Maintenance Worker; Water Quality Field Technician; Chief Plant Operator; Operations Manager; and appointed the District's General Manager July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, during Ray Kolisz's tenure as a key member of the Twentynine Palms Water District team he has consistently demonstrated superb technical and management skills in support of the needs of the residents of the Water District including but not limited to the following accomplishments:

Key to modernizing the infrastructure of the District through re-piping efforts;

Advocated for the building of two new reservoirs increasing water storage capacity by 3.3 million gallons;

Instrumental in building and running the state of art Fluoride Treatment Plant, becoming the first Chief Plant Operator; in later years directed the drilling of Well TP-2 at the Treatment Plant to ensure redundancy and adequate water supply;

Instrumental in the creation, and serving as the Chairman, of the **Community Water System Alliance (CWSA)**; representing the needs of smaller disadvantaged water districts and advocating and shaping legislation in Sacramento;

Represented the District at the 2019 **American Water Works Association** Water Quality Technical Conference whereby the Twentynine Palms Water District's water quality work was featured, with the progressive use of activated alumina;

Instrumental in the District being featured in the **AWWA Journal** for research and work related to arsenic removal, developing regeneration techniques for the iron based media saving the District tens of thousands of dollars annually and setting new standards for other agencies across the country;

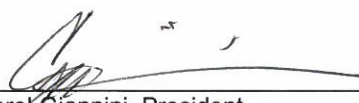
Secured funding and oversaw the implementation of AMI/AMR meters, resulting in accurate water usage monitoring and a significant cost savings to the District;

Leading staff in unprecedented times during the COVID-19 pandemic; making operational changes to protect staff and the public, while ensuring the delivery of safe water to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Twentynine Palms Water District does, by this Resolution, acknowledge, thank, and highly commend Ray Kolisz for his outstanding public service as General Manager of the Twentynine Palms Water District.


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of March 2022.

Ayes:	Directors Arthur, Coghill, Horn, Leazer, and Giannini
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None



Carol Giannini, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Suzi Horn, Vice President
Twentynine Palms Water District

