

RESOLUTION 2026-18

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE DROUGHT RESPONSE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Clifton Water District (“District”) provides domestic water service in a semi-arid region with limited precipitation and recurring drought conditions;

WHEREAS, drought is a recurring and natural condition in Colorado that requires proactive planning, coordination, and responsible water management to protect public health, safety, and welfare;

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction, Clifton Water District, Town of Palisade, and Ute Water Conservancy District have collaboratively developed and updated a Drought Response Plan (“DRP”), most recently updated in June 2026, to provide a coordinated framework for responding to drought conditions;

WHEREAS, the DRP establishes a coordinated, tiered response based on drought conditions and promotes public education, conservation, and regional collaboration through the Drought Response Information Project (DRIP) Committee;

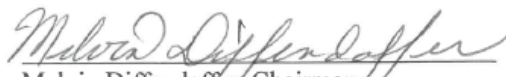
WHEREAS, the DRP recognizes that each participating entity retains independent authority to determine and implement drought response measures appropriate to its own system, policies, and legal requirements;

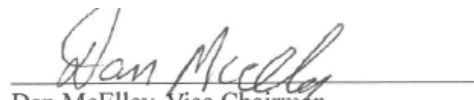
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clifton Water District Board of Directors:

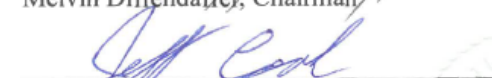
1. **Approval and Adoption:** The Board hereby approves and adopts participation in the Drought Response Plan, as updated June 2026, as a guiding framework for drought preparedness and response.
2. **Regional Coordination:** The District supports continued coordination with regional partners and participation in the DRIP Committee to promote consistent messaging, public outreach, and water conservation efforts.
3. **Retention of Authority:** Nothing in this Resolution or the DRP shall limit the District’s independent authority to determine, implement, modify, or decline any specific drought response measures, including but not limited to conservation programs, restrictions, or drought-related rates.
4. **Implementation:** District staff are authorized to implement appropriate elements of the DRP based on actual water supply conditions, operational considerations, and legal requirements, and to communicate drought conditions and conservation expectations to customers.

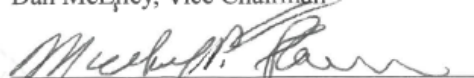
ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this 9th day of July, 2026.

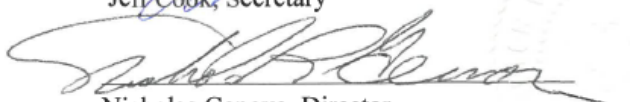
Attest:


Melvin Diffendaffer, Chairman


Dan McElley, Vice Chairman


Jeff Cook, Secretary


Michael Slauson, Treasurer


Nicholas Genova, Director