

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF  
COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR SHORT-TERM  
WATER SERVICE WITH STRATMOOR HILLS WATER DISTRICT**

Whereas, City Code §12.4.304 allows Colorado Springs Utilities to provide by contract for the use of or connection to its water supply system by institutions, plants, districts, governments, municipal corporations, or other similar users; and

WHEREAS, Stratmoor Hills Water District is a Colorado statutory district that provides water to an unincorporated area of El Paso County, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Stratmoor Hills Water District was formed in 1956 and provides water service to approximately 2,000 taps within its service territory; and

WHEREAS, Stratmoor Hills Water District is a participant with Colorado Springs Utilities in the Fountain Valley Authority and uses water delivered by the Fountain Valley conduit in part to meet its customers' water demands; and

WHEREAS, Stratmoor Hills Water District relies on water withdrawn from wells drilled in the Widefield Aquifer to meet its customers' demands that are not met by water delivered by Fountain Valley Authority and any other water rights it owns; and

WHEREAS, due to the presence of perfluorooctane sulfonate and perfluorooctanoic acid, water quality in the Widefield Aquifer has deteriorated to the point that Stratmoor Hills Water District can no longer divert and use water withdrawn from the aquifer to serve its customers without additional water treatment or dilution to meet governmental health advisory water limits for drinking water; and

WHEREAS, due to the contamination of the Widefield Aquifer, Stratmoor Hills Water District may need a supplemental water supply to meet its customers' water demands if its water sources other than those from the Widefield Aquifer prove insufficient to meet customer demands and has requested short-term water service from Colorado Springs Utilities to provide such a supplemental water supply, if necessary; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs Utilities is in a position to provide water service to Stratmoor Hills Water District on a short-term basis to deliver such a supplemental water supply; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for short-term water service, Stratmoor Hills Water District has agreed to pay Colorado Springs Utilities a water rate plus a system usage fee based on applicable outside City rates and an option to purchase return flows at the applicable augmentation rate; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs Utilities requests that City Council authorize and direct the Chief Executive Officer for Colorado Springs Utilities to execute an agreement for short-term water service with Stratmoor Hills Water District; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Colorado Springs and the surrounding community for Colorado Springs Utilities to enter into a short-term water services agreement with Stratmoor Hills Water District.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1: The City Council finds and determines that a short-term water service agreement between Colorado Springs Utilities and Stratmoor Hills Water District will benefit the public health, safety and welfare of the surrounding community and is in the best interest of the City of Colorado Springs.

SECTION 2. The Chief Executive Officer for Colorado Springs Utilities is authorized and directed to enter into a short-term water services agreement with the Stratmoor Hills Water District in a form substantially similar to that attached hereto.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

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Merv Bennett, Council President

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk