

RESOLUTION NO. _____-17

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

Whereas, the 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, Security Water District is a Colorado special district that provides water to customers located outside and generally to the south of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, Security Water District was formed on March 22, 1954 and provides water service to approximately 7,670 taps within its service territory; and

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

WHEREAS, Security Water District relies on water withdrawn from wells drilled in the Widefield Aquifer to meet its customer's demands that are not met by water delivered by Fountain Valley Authority, the Southern Delivery System, 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in the Widefield Aquifer has deteriorated to the point that Security Water District can no longer divert and use water withdrawn from the aquifer to serve its customers without additional water treatment to meet governmental drinking water standards; and

WHEREAS, due to the contamination of the Widefield Aquifer, Security Water District needs a supplemental water supply to meet its customers' water demands and has requested short-term water service from Colorado Springs Utilities to provide such a supplemental water supply; and

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

WHEREAS, in exchange for short-term water service, Security Water District has agreed to pay Colorado Springs Utilities a water rate for all water delivered, a system usage fee based on applicable outside city rates, and has the 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 Security 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 Security 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 Security 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 Security 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 February, 2017.

ATTEST:

Merv Bennett, Council President

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk