

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 24

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NAMING OF THE
FUTURE LOWER WILLIAMS CREEK RESERVOIR THE
“HAROLD MISKEL RESERVOIR”

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs Utilities has a future reservoir site 16 miles southeast of downtown Colorado Springs planned for storage and exchange of reusable return flow from transmountain water supplies; and,

WHEREAS, the name “Harold Miskel Reservoir” satisfies the criteria established for the naming of a Colorado Springs Utilities facility; and,

WHEREAS, Harold Miskel has passionately dedicated his life to public service; and,

WHEREAS, Harold Miskel secured water resources for the future of our community while employed by the City of Colorado Springs and Colorado Springs Utilities from 1966-1999; and,

WHEREAS, Harold Miskel was instrumental in securing the rights that improved the ability of Colorado Springs Utilities to fully utilize water resources through innovative exchange programs; and,

WHEREAS, Harold Miskel led the effort to obtain the Arkansas River Exchange Decree in the 1980’s which is the mechanism that provides water for the Southern Delivery System and for the reservoir being named for him; and,

WHEREAS, Harold Miskel’s efforts and visionary leadership significantly contributed to the sustainability of municipal water and energy utility services in Colorado Springs and long-term water security in our region; and,

WHEREAS, Harold Miskel helped lead the unification of the utility department into a City-owned enterprise, oversaw the creation of the Colorado Springs Utilities brand and supported volunteer and giving programs that benefit the community; and,

WHEREAS, Harold Miskel was a passionate and tireless advocate for Colorado Springs water interests before Congress and federal agencies; and,

WHEREAS, Harold Miskel has remained active in the water community serving on the Colorado Water Conservation Board and the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District Board and he is a lifetime, honorary member of Colorado Water Congress; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize Harold Miskel's contributions to the continued vitality of our community by naming a significant water resource in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. The future reservoir previously known as Lower Williams Creek Reservoir shall henceforth be named the "Harold Miskel Reservoir."

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 10th day of December 2024.

Randy Helms, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk