RESOLUTION NO. 26-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIG SKY COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT 363, MONTANA, ESTABLISHING A REUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW, DEVELOP AND ADVISE ON A COMPREHENSIVE REUSE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR IRRIGATION, SNOWMAKING, STRATEGIC WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING, GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE, AND AQUIFER RECHARGE.

WHEREAS, the Big Sky County Water & Sewer District No. 363, (the "District") is a county water or sewer district, validly organized pursuant to Title 7, Chapter 13, Parts 21 and 22; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors has all powers of the District as provided by Title 7, Chapter 13, parts 22 and 23, MCA or necessarily implied, shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall do and perform any and all acts and things that may be necessary and proper to carry out its powers. The Board of Directors, subject to restrictions of law, the Articles of Incorporation, and these Bylaws, shall exercise all of the powers of the District, and without prejudice to or limitation upon their general powers, it is hereby expressly provided that the Board of Directors shall have, and, except at delegated by enacted resolution or ordinance, are hereby given full power and authority in respect to the matters set forth in Section 7-13-2201-MCA, et seq., and Section 7-13-2301, MCA, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, sustainable water resource management is critical to the environmental health, economic vitality, and long-term resilience of the Big Sky community; and

WHEREAS, maximizing the beneficial use of reclaimed water reduces the demand on pristine water supplies, protects water quality in local watersheds, and helps maintain vital water balances; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes a compelling public interest in thoroughly evaluating multiple reclaimed water pathways, specifically looking at expanded seasonal irrigation, commercial snowmaking opportunities, strategic wildland firefighting reserves, managed groundwater discharge, and direct or indirect aquifer recharge; and

WHEREAS, developing a comprehensive, technically sound, and regulatory-compliant Reuse Management Plan requires dedicated focus, community stakeholder, and engineering expertise to align with the standards of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Big Sky County Water and Sewer District 363, Montana, as follows:

1. **Establishment of the Committee.** The Board hereby establishes a temporary advisory body to be known as the Big Sky Water Reuse Advisory Committee (the "Committee").

2. **Purpose and Scope.** The sole purpose of the Committee is to research, review, and develop a draft Reuse Management Plan for submission to DNRC and MTDEQ for approval and advise the District with options, analysis and proposed actions. The plan must comprehensively evaluate the feasibility, infrastructure needs, regulatory hurdles, and environmental impacts of utilizing reclaimed class A-1 water for:

    - Public, commercial, and residential landscape irrigation.
    - Recreational snowmaking operations.
    - Strategic storage and staging for wildland firefighting.
    - Controlled groundwater discharge and direct/indirect aquifer recharge.

3. **Composition and Appointments.** The Committee shall consist of up to seven (7) members, appointed by the Board President, and may include:
    - [One/Two] member(s) of the District Board of Directors.
    - The District General Manager or designee.
    - A licensed civil or environmental engineer.
    - [Two] Local partnering agency representative
    - [Two) Local community stakeholders
4. **Operations and Open Meetings.** The Committee shall elect a Chairperson from among its members. All meetings of the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with Montana open meeting laws (Title 2, Chapter 3, Part 2, MCA), providing adequate public notice and recording minutes.
5. **Reporting and Sunset.** The Committee shall submit a progress update to the Board at the regularly scheduled Board meetings and present a final draft Reuse Management Plan to the Board for consideration no later than June 30, 2027. Upon submission of the final draft plan, the Committee shall be dissolved unless extended by formal action of the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Big Sky County Water and Sewer District 363 this 19 day of August, 2026.

By: _____
Board President, Brian Wheeler

ATTEST:
By: _____
Board Secretary, Peter Manka