THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 9378

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DECLARING THREE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AS EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND UNDER THE SURPLUS LAND ACT AND AUTHORIZING THEIR DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California ("Metropolitan") is the fee owner of certain real property at 12000 West 14th Avenue in the City of Blythe, California (Riverside County Assessor Parcel Nos. 824-200-045 and 824-200-050) and 3137 Wicklow Drive in the City of Riverside, California (Riverside County Assessor Parcel Nos. 136-211-023) (referred to collectively herein as the "Properties");

WHEREAS, Metropolitan is a metropolitan water district created under the authority of the Metropolitan Water District Act (California Statutes 1927, Chapter 429, as reenacted in 1969 as Chapter 209, as amended) (the "Act") which authorizes Metropolitan amongst other things to buy and sell interests in real property and to spend funds to: facilitate water conservation, water recycling, and groundwater recovery efforts in a sustainable, environmentally sound, and cost-effective manner; acquire water and water rights within or without the state; develop, store, and transport water; provide, sell, and deliver water at wholesale for municipal and domestic uses and purposes; and acquire, construct, operate, and maintain any and all works, facilities, improvements, and property necessary or convenient to the exercise of such powers;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 54221(b)(1) of the Surplus Land Act (California Government Code Sections 54220 – 54234) and the Surplus Land Act Guidelines of the California Department of Housing and Community Development, the Board of Directors of Metropolitan (the "Board") must declare the Properties to be "surplus land" or "exempt surplus land" before Metropolitan may take any action to dispose of the Properties, whether by sale or long term lease;

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 54221(f)(1)(N) defines "exempt surplus land" to include real property that is used by a district for agency's use expressly authorized in Government Code Section 54221(c); and

WHEREAS, Section 54221(c)(2) of the Government Code provides that "agency's use" may also include commercial or industrial uses or activities, including nongovernmental retail, entertainment or office development, or be for the sole purpose of investment or generation of revenue if the agency's governing body takes action in a public meeting declaring that the use of the site will directly further the express purpose of agency work or operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California does hereby resolve, determine and order as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference and are made a part of the official findings of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Board Findings. The Properties are "exempt surplus land" pursuant to California Government Code Section 54221(f)(1)(N) and 54221(c)(2) because the sale of the listed properties would constitute an "agency use" for purposes of the Surplus Land Act, under the grounds set forth in the recitals of this resolution and the board letter accompanying this resolution and incorporated herein by reference. In particular, the sale or disposal of all the Properties would generate revenues that can be used to directly further the water transportation, storage, treatment, delivery of water, and other statutory purposes of Metropolitan and the acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of public works, facilities, improvements, and property necessary or convenient to the exercise of such powers. The sale of the Properties within the City of Blythe would also further agency purposes and policies by increasing the stock of agricultural workforce housing and commercial parcels available to support water-efficient farming in the region, directly furthering the Colorado River and water conservation policies and plans adopted by the Board and supporting the agricultural economy and local community within the Palo Verde Valley. The sale of the Properties within the City of Riverside would also further agency purposes and policies by

increasing the stock of workforce housing available to support water district and water supply

purposes.

Section 3. <u>Staff Authorizations.</u> Metropolitan staff is hereby authorized to provide the Department

of Housing and Community Development ("HCD") all necessary documentation and to take such

actions as deemed necessary or proper to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution and to dispose

of the Properties in accordance with Metropolitan's policies and procedures.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution

adopted by the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, at

its meeting held on June 24, 2025.

Secretary of the Board of Directors

of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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