



# FRUITA

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### ~~AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET~~

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**TO:** Fruita City Council and Mayor

**FROM:** Kimberly Bullen, Public Works Director

**DATE:** November 1, 2022

**RE:** Renewal of 5-year Irrigation Water Agreement between the City of Fruita and the Glade Park Pipeline Water Users Association

#### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Fruita entered into the initial Irrigation Water Agreement with the Glade Park Pipeline Water Users Association (GPPWUA) in 1998. In 2009 both parties agreed to renew the agreement in five (5) year increments. In 2018, the parties amended the agreement to revise the maintenance and repair provisions and add additional provisions regarding the City's reservoirs. The amendment extended the term of the agreement to expire on December 31, 2022. The agreement requires the GPPWUA to maintain a certain portion of the City's pipeline in exchange for the delivery of irrigation water from water rights owned by the City on Pinon Mesa. This arrangement has been beneficial in utilizing some of the City's water rights and in maintaining the pipeline with limited funding from the City.

Despite this collaboration, the City of Fruita continues to seek a sustainable solution to maintain all the resources owned on Pinon Mesa, while preserving public recreational access and preserving the water rights largely in part to the increasing costs associated with maintaining the reservoirs.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The city has continued to limit maintenance of the mountain resources by prioritizing improvements in the city and is seeking a long-term solution to maintain these resources, currently working through a National Resources Conservation Services process to analyze this. This agreement allows for the continued maintenance of the pipeline for the provision of irrigation water at no additional cost to the city.

#### **APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

This agreement takes a step toward improving the Economic Health of the community by reducing the maintenance responsibilities of the City and allowing for beneficial use of the water rights on the mountain.

**OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL:**

The options for Council are the following:

1. Approve the five-year renewal of the Irrigation Water Agreement between the City of Fruita and the Glade Park Water Users Association (GPPWUA)
2. Take no action which will terminate the Irrigation Water Agreement with the Glade Park Water Users Association.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is the recommendation of staff that the Council by motion:

**APPROVE THE IRRIGATION WATER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FRUITA AND THE GLADE PARK PIPELINE WATER USERS ASSOCIATION.**