

**RESOLUTION 2025-04**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A LONG-TERM MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH COWARN AS A STATEWIDE WATER/WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK TO PREPARE FOR AND RESPOND TO NATURAL OR HUMAN-CAUSED EMERGENCIES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Fruita City Council finds it necessary for the City of Fruita to enter into a long-term Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with CoWARN as a statewide water/wastewater agency response network to prepare for and respond to natural or human-caused emergencies, and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the CoWARN network is to support and promote statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response and mutual aid assistance for public and private water and wastewater utilities, and

**WHEREAS**, CoWARN is a partnership between utilities, various state and local agencies, and water and wastewater organizations, and

**WHEREAS**, this networking is essential to enhance emergency response capabilities, optimize resource utilization, foster knowledge sharing, promote community well-being, and strengthen collaboration among water and wastewater utilities, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this Resolution to authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into a long-term Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with CoWARN.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRUITA CITY COUNCIL THAT:**

**Section 1:** The above Recitals are true and correct.

**Section 2:** The Interim City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and sign the attached long-term Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with CoWARN.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE FRUITA CITY COUNCIL THIS 21st DAY OF JANUARY 2025**

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRUITA

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Deb Woods, City Clerk

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Matthew Breman, Mayor