

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHINO BASIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AUTHORIZING STAFF TO TRANSITION WATERWISE COMMUNITY NURSERY ENTERPRISE FUND BANKING OPERATIONS TO FIVE STAR BANK**

**WHEREAS**, the Chino Basin Water Conservation District ("District") is committed to advancing water conservation, environmental stewardship, and public education through various programs and projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District initiated the Waterwise Community Nursery Project to support sustainable landscaping practices, promote native and drought-tolerant plants, and expand community access to conservation-focused horticultural resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, the efficient and transparent financial management of the Nursery Project requires a dedicated checking account to receive, hold, and disburse funds specific to the project, including revenues from plant sales, donations, and any other funding sources; and

**WHEREAS**, staff established a checking account with Wells Fargo for the Waterwise Community Nursery Enterprise Fund on August 11, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, staff experienced challenges obtaining credit cards through Wells Fargo, limiting the District's ability to efficiently make purchases necessary for nursery operations; and

**WHEREAS**, Five Star Bank, which has experience working with local government agencies, can provide the services the District has been unable to obtain from Wells Fargo.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHINO BASIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES, FINDS, AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. Purpose and Authority.** The purpose of this Resolution is to authorize staff to establish a checking account, money market account, and credit card accounts for the Waterwise Community Nursery Enterprise Fund with Five Star Bank.

**SECTION 2. Transfer of Banking Operations for the Waterwise Community Nursery.** The Board of Directors authorizes staff to close the existing Wells Fargo Waterwise Community Nursery Enterprise Fund checking account and to transition related banking operations to Five Star Bank.

**SECTION 3. Money Market Account Establishment.** The Board of Directors authorizes staff to establish a money market account for the Chino Basin Water Conservation District with an initial deposit of \$35,000 and authorized signatories including the Board President, Treasurer, General Manager, and Administrative Services Manager.

**SECTION 4. Credit Card Accounts Establishment.** The Board of Directors authorizes staff to establish credit card accounts for Waterwise Community Nursery purchases with a \$10,000 credit card limit for the Conservation Programs Manager and a \$5,000 credit card limit for the Conservation Programs Specialist assigned to lead nursery operations.

**SECTION 5. Checking Account Establishment.** The Board of Directors authorizes staff to establish a checking account for the Waterwise Community Nursery Enterprise Fund with an initial deposit of \$30,000 and authorized signatories including the Board President, Board Vice President, Treasurer, One additional member of the Finance Committee, General Manager, and Administrative Services Manager.

**SECTION 6. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Directors and the Board Secretary shall certify the passage and adoption of this Resolution.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

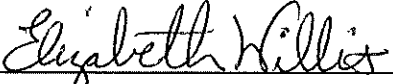
**AYES:** Ligtenberg, Parker, Aldaco, Layton, Coker, Gulmahamad, Sonnenberg

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

  
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Mark Ligtenberg, Board President

**ATTEST:**   
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Elizabeth Willis, Board Secretary