RESOLUTION NO. 04-01-2022 OF THE NORTHERN DOUGLAS COUNTY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

Regarding Turf Replacement Pilot Program

WHEREAS, the Northern Douglas County Water and Sanitation District (the "**District**") is a special district in Douglas County, Colorado, organized pursuant to Article 1 of Title 32, Colorado Revised Statutes, known as the "Special District Act"; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors ("Board") desires to create a pilot program to incentivize customers to become more water-efficient with their outdoor irrigation practices (the "Turf Replacement Program" or the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Turf Replacement Program is to have homeowners replace existing grass with organic, drought-tolerant landscaping; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to set forth its Turf Replacement Program as set forth herein;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NORTHERN DOUGLAS COUNTY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT, DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO, THAT:

- 1. Turf Replacement Program. The Board adopts the pilot Turf Replacement Program detailed in Exhibit A.
- 2. **Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption by the District. The Turf Replacement Program will expire December 31, 2022, and may be renewed by the Board at its discretion.
- 3. **Legislative Measure.** This Resolution is and shall constitute a legislative measure of the District, which may be modified only by formal resolution of the Board of Directors of the District.

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ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF APRIL 2022.

NORTHERN DOUGLAS COUNTY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

Eric keesen

President, Board of Directors of Northern Douglas Water and Sanitation District

Attest:

Michael Perlman

Secretary or Assistant Secretary

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EHIBIT A

NORTHERN DOUGLAS COUNTY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

TURF REPLACEMENT PILOT PROGRAM

1. **Program.** The Turf Replacement Program encourages residential customers of the Northern Douglas County Water and Sanitation District to replace high water-use plant species, such as Kentucky Bluegrass, with low or medium water-use plant species especially native and pollinator-friendly plant species. The Program offers a rebate of \$1 per square foot up to \$1,000 for every square foot of high water-use plant species replaced. Plans must first be approved in writing by the applicable homeowners' association ("HOA") for the subject property. Completed applications will be reviewed by District and Centennial personnel for compliance with the Program criteria. All expenses will be the responsibility of the homeowner and rebates will be applied after the District conducts a site visit to confirm that the replacement landscaping conforms to the approved plan.

2. Rebate.

a. A rebate of \$1 per square foot (\$1,000 maximum), is available for the removal of any high-water-use plant material and replacement with Xeric or drought-tolerant vegetation.

3. Process.

A. Submission of Application with HOA Approval and Application Payment

- a. Application and program information will be available on the District website.
- b. Resident will be responsible for providing the District with written approval from the applicable HOA as part of the application submission.

B. District Reviews Eligibility

- a. The District's Program administrator will confirm that basic eligibility criteria are met, including that the applicant is a District customer and the application is complete.
- b. Preliminary review will be conducted for total rebate request and plant material.

C. CWSD Plan Review and Approval

a. The District will send completed applications to Centennial Water & Sanitation District (CWSD) Conservation Team for final review.

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b. CWSD review will be focused on whether turf conversion and new plant material meet CWSD conservation criteria.

D. Project is Approved and Turf Conversion Commences

- a. The District will notify the resident of approval.
- b. Resident has 90 days to complete the project, submit the "Project Completion Form" and schedule a site visit with the District.

E. Project Completion Form Submitted within 90 Days of Approval

a. Project Completion Form will certify that the resident has completed the turf conversion project and is ready for District site review.

F. Site Visit Conducted to Confirm Conversion

- a. The District will perform a site visit to confirm the work conducted matches the Application and Project Completion Form.
- b. The District will confirm square footage for rebate.
- c. The District will take pictures for the project file.

G. Billing Applies Rebate Credit

a. The District will apply the rebate and the resident will be notified of the applied rebate. Rebates will be applied in the form of a credit on the property owner's water usage bill.

4. Eligibility.

- a. All conversions must first be approved in writing by the relevant HOA.
- b. The program only applies to residential property.
- c. To be eligible, areas must contain at least 50% healthy, irrigated turf. A percentage of the landscaped area will be deducted for dead, declining, or unhealthy turf areas. Appropriate changes or reductions in the associated irrigation system must also be completed.
- d. In order to be eligible, all renovations must be completed in the current program year.
- e. An initial site inspection will be scheduled with the applicant by the District's Program administrator.
- f. Applications submitted after landscape work has begun, without HOA approval, or without an initial site inspection, will not be approved and will not be eligible for the rebate.

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g. Sprinklers in the renovated area must be removed or redesigned to appropriately water the new Xeriscape and Xeriscape must be watered separately from turf grass.

5. Expenses.

- a. All expenses are the responsibility of the applicant.
- b. Rebates will be applied upon final approval and completion of the project. Rebates will be a credit on the property owner's water usage bill.

6. Application.

- a. Applications are processed in the order received and rebates are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Funding is limited. Only one rebate per season. The minimum rebate is \$250.00 (250 sq. ft.), maximum rebate is \$1,000 (1,000 sq. ft.) per service location.
- b. Applications will be reviewed by the staff of Centennial Water and Sanitation District ("CWSD") to ensure that plans are feasible and within the parameters of the restrictions set forth above.
- c. Applications will be accessible via the District's website. Physical copies will also be available through the District's manager.
- 7. **Time Period.** This Turf Replacement Program shall be effective as of the date of this Resolution creating the Program. The Turf Replacement Program will expire December 31, 2022, and may be renewed by the Board.

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