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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT (BOSAIR)

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Award Type: Agenda Item

Is a Board Meeting Date Requested? Yes

Requested Board Meeting Date: 04/21/2026

Project Title / Description: RESOLUTION NO. 2026 : Resolution of the Ajo Domestic Water Improvement District, Board of Directors, designating the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer for the Ajo Domestic Water Improvement District

Agenda Item Report

Introduction / Background: The Ajo Domestic Water Improvement District (ADWID) was established in 1992, converted from a prior water system created in 1975. ADWID provides essential water service to approximately 150 connections in the Town of Ajo. Historically, operations have relied on volunteers, which is no longer sustainable. This resolution represents the next step in ensuring continued water delivery to the community.

Discussion: On December 2, 2025, the Board of Supervisors assumed authority over ADWID and began serving as its Board of Directors. County staff are working with Ajo volunteers to maintain operations during the transition to an interim third-party operational agreement and the eventual sale of the ADWID. During this interim period, designating a CEO and CFO will allow staff to provide necessary business and administrative support.

Conclusion: County Administrator Jan Leshner will be designated as ADWID's Chief Executive Officer, and Finance and Risk Management Director Art Cuaron will be designated as ADWID's Chief Financial Officer.

Recommendation: County Administration recommends approval of the attached Resolution.

Fiscal Impact: ADWID operates as a separate district funded through user fees. Pima County will provide staff oversight of bookkeeping and management within existing duties, resulting in no additional cost to the County.

Support of Prosperity Initiative: N/A

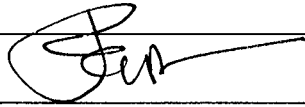
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County Administrator Signature: _____ Date: 4/16/2020



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

**RESOLUTION OF THE AJO DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DESIGNATING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE AJO DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 48-1014(A) authorizes the board of directors of a domestic water improvement district all the powers and duties of the board of supervisors sitting as the board of directors of a county improvement district formed for the purposes prescribed in section 48-909, subsection A, paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, including the related powers and duties prescribed in section 48-909, subsection B and section 48-910, and that are not in conflict with this article; and

WHEREAS, the Ajo Water Improvement District was formed by the Pima County Board of Supervisors on October 20th, 1975 by the Board of Supervisors Resolution Number 1975-131 to finance and construct the installation of a water distribution system to serve the area included in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Ajo Water Improvement District was converted to the Ajo Domestic Water Improvement District by the Pima County Board of Supervisors on October 6th, 1992 by the Board of Supervisors Resolution Number 1992-183; and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Board of Supervisors on December 2nd, 2025 revoked the authority of the Ajo Domestic Water Improvement District and had the Board of Supervisors assume authority as the Ajo Domestic Water Improvement District Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Board of Supervisors, sitting as the Ajo Domestic Water Improvement District (ADWID) Board, desires to designate County Administrator Jan Leshar as the ADWID's Chief Executive Officer, and Finance and Risk Management Director Art Cuaron as the ADWID's Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, the ADWID must continue to operate, conduct financial business, and provide water to all of its customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AJO DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Jan Leshner is hereby designated as the ADWID's Chief Executive Officer for the purposes of operational management decisions and operations on the governing body's behalf.

Section 3. Art Cuaron is hereby designated as the ADWID's Chief Financial Officer for the purposes of financial management decisions and operations on the governing body's behalf.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Ajo Domestic Water Improvement District, Arizona, this 21st day of April 2026.

Jen Allen, Chair, Board of Directors
Ajo Domestic Water Improvement District, Arizona

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, District Clerk, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Bobby Yu, Deputy County Attorney