

**PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT  
FOR  
LONG TERM STORAGE CREDITS**

This Purchase and Sale Agreement (Agreement) is made this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, (the “Effective Date”), between the Arizona Water Banking Authority (“AWBA”), an authority established under Chapter 14, Title 45 of the Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”), added by Law 1996, Ch. 308, § 16, effective April 30, 1996, and the Tohono O’odham Nation (“Nation”), a federally recognized Indian tribe.

**RECITALS**

A.The AWBA desires to purchase Long-Term Storage Credits developed by the Nation pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 45-801 *et seq.*, for the benefit of meeting the AWBA’s storage goals.

B.The Nation is willing to sell and transfer certain Long-Term Storage Credits to AWBA upon the price, terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound, the parties hereby agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1  
DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Agreement, the following terms, when capitalized, shall mean:

- 1.“ADWR” means the Arizona Department of Water Resources.
- 2.“Agreement” means this Purchase and Sale Agreement for Long-Term Storage Credits.
- 3.“AWBA” means the Arizona Water Banking Authority established by A.R.S. § 45-2421 or its successor.
- 4.“AWBA’s Long-Term Storage Account” means the account established pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-852.01 in the AWBA’s name and account number 70-411150.0000.
- 5.“Long-Term Storage Credit” is as defined in A.R.S. § 45-802.01(11).
- 6.“Long-Term Storage Credit Transfer Form” is a form, approved by ADWR, to effectuate the assignment of Long-Term Storage Credits, as defined in A.R.S. § 45-854.01(B), and more specifically described in Article 3 below.
7. “Nation” means the Tohono O’odham Nation.

8. “Nation's Long-Term Storage Account” means the Tucson AMA Long-Term Storage account established pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-852.01 in the Nation’s name and Account No. 70-084101.0000.

## **ARTICLE 2 PURCHASE OF LONG-TERM STORAGE CREDITS**

1. Sale and Purchase. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Nation agrees to sell, transfer and assign and AWBA agrees to purchase, acquire, and pay for 21,324.39 acre-feet of Long-Term Storage Credits as part of its adopted 2024 Plan of Operation.
2. Type of Water. It is the intent of the parties that all Long-Term Storage Credits purchased and sold under this Agreement shall retain the identity of the source of water used to generate such Long-Term Storage Credits.
3. Long-Term Storage Credits. The Long-Term Storage Credits to be sold by the Nation are from the Nation’s Long-Term Storage Account and represent credits accrued for water stored pursuant to ADWR Water Storage Permit Number 73-577501.0900 at the Pima Mine Road Underground Storage Facility, ADWR Permit Number 71-577501.0004, and ADWR Water Storage Permit Number 73-561366.1300 at the Lower Santa Cruz Replenishment Project Underground Storage Facility, ADWR Permit Number 71-561366.0007, both located in the Tucson Active Management Area.
4. Purchase Price. The purchase price for the Long-Term Storage Credits to be sold by the Nation and to be purchased by AWBA under this Agreement is calculated at a per-credit price of \$400 per Long-Term Storage Credit, not to exceed \$8,529,756 ( $\$400/\text{Long-Term Storage Credit} \times 21,324.39 \text{ acre-feet of Long-Term Storage Credits} = \$8,529,756$ ).

## **ARTICLE 3 TIME AND MANNER OF TRANSFER**

1. Long-Term Storage Credit Transfer Form. To evidence the transfer of Long-Term Storage Credits, the Nation and AWBA shall complete, sign and deliver the Long-Term Storage Credit Transfer Form to ADWR upon full execution of this Agreement. A copy of the Long-Term Storage Credit Transfer Form is attached as Exhibit A to this Agreement. If ADWR adopts a different Long-Term Storage Credit Transfer form, then the Parties shall utilize that form instead. The Nation shall execute and deliver the signed Long-Term Storage Credit Transfer Form to AWBA within 7 business days of execution of this Agreement by both parties. AWBA shall deliver the fully executed Long-Term Storage Credit Transfer Form to ADWR within seven (7) business days of its receipt from the Nation.

2. Additional Actions and Documentation. AWBA shall pay any administrative fees established by ADWR to effectuate the transfer of Long-Term Storage Credits into AWBA's Account. The parties shall cooperate to take such further actions and execute such further documents as may be determined by either party to be necessary or advisable in order to complete the transfer of the Long-Term Storage Credits contemplated by this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 4 COMPLETION OF DELIVERY AND PAYMENT**

1. Completion of Delivery. Delivery of the Long-Term Storage Credits to be transferred pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed complete when ADWR notifies AWBA in writing that it has received and accepted the Long-Term Storage Credit Transfer Form and intends to transfer Long-Term Storage Credits from the Nation's Long-Term Storage Account to AWBA's Account ("ADWR Acceptance"). AWBA and the Nation shall cooperate with ADWR to facilitate completion of such transfer by ADWR. AWBA will forward to the Nation copies of any notifications it receives from ADWR.
2. Payment. Upon ADWR Acceptance, the Nation shall invoice the AWBA the full annual purchase price as specified in Article 2.4 above. AWBA shall pay the full amount of the purchase price within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the invoice.
3. Non-availability of Funds. Every payment obligation of the State under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of funds appropriated or allocated for the payment of such obligations. If funds are not allocated and available for the continuance of the Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated by the State at the end of the period for which funds are available. No liability shall accrue to the State in the event this provision is exercised, and the State shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments or for any damages as a result of termination under this paragraph. In the event the State has to terminate this Agreement because the funds are not available, if such were to occur after the Nation has transferred Long-Term Storage Credits and did not receive payment for such, AWBA shall transfer and assign back to the Nation the number of credits affected by any such lack of funds transfer. AWBA's obligation to refund any credits under this Agreement shall be completed thirty (30) calendar days after AWBA receives notification that such funds are not available.

#### **ARTICLE 5 REJECTION OR INVALIDATION OF TRANSFER**

If ADWR, pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-854.01(C), rejects or invalidates any transfer or assignment of Long-Term Storage Credits made hereunder before AWBA has paid for such Long-Term Storage Credits, AWBA shall not be obligated to pay for the number of Long-Term Storage Credits affected by such rejection or invalidation. If such rejection or invalidation occurs after payment

has been made by AWBA, the Nation shall refund an amount equal to the amount paid by AWBA for such credits. The Nation shall refund such amount within thirty (30) business days after either AWBA or the Nation receives any notice of rejection or invalidation from ADWR. AWBA shall transfer and assign back to the Nation the number of credits affected by any such rejection or invalidation. The Nation's obligation to refund any payments under this Article 5 shall expire thirty (30) calendar days after ADWR has issued a non-appealable final agency decision approving the transfer and assignment of the Long-Term Storage Credits into the AWBA Account. The Parties' rights and obligations under this Article 5 shall remain in full force and effect, and shall survive termination of this Agreement for purposes of addressing a circumstance where ADWR rejects or invalidates any transfer of Long-Term Storage Credits made hereunder.

## **ARTICLE 6 EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM**

This Agreement shall be effective as of the date set forth in the introductory paragraph of this Agreement (the "Effective Date") and shall stay in effect until all provisions under the Agreement have been met.

## **ARTICLE 7 DEFAULT AND REMEDIES**

1. Default. The occurrence of any of the following events constitutes an event of default by a party to this Agreement:
  - a. The failure of either party to perform any term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement, if that failure continues for thirty (30) days following the receipt of written notice from the other party.
  - b. (i) The filing by or against either party of a petition to have the party adjudged a bankrupt or a petition for reorganization or arrangement under any law relating to bankruptcy (unless, in the case of a petition filed against a party, the same is dismissed within sixty (60) days); (ii) the making by a party of any general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (iii) the appointment of a trustee or receiver to take possession of substantially all of the party's assets, when possession is not restored to the party within sixty (60) days; or (iv) the attachment, execution, or other judicial seizure of substantially all of a party's assets, where such seizure is not discharged within sixty (60) days.
2. Remedies. If the event default occurs, the non-defaulting party may immediately terminate this Agreement by written notice to the defaulting party and/or may pursue any other rights available in law or equity. The obligation of the defaulting party to pay any amounts due but unpaid or refund any credits previously transferred but unpaid of the date of termination under this provision shall survive such termination.

**ARTICLE 8**  
**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

1. Interpretation. This Agreement is governed by and must be construed and interpreted in accordance with and in reference to the laws of the State of Arizona, without regard to its conflicts of law provisions. Any action to resolve any dispute regarding this Agreement shall be taken in a state court of competent jurisdiction located in Maricopa County, Arizona.
2. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties and does not create, nor shall it be construed to create, rights in any third party unless expressly provided herein. No third party may enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
3. Conflict of Interest. The parties to this Agreement are hereby notified of A.R.S. § 38-511.
4. Permits. The parties shall obtain and maintain all licenses, permits and authority necessary to perform their obligations pursuant to this Agreement. This Agreement does not relieve either party from any obligation or responsibility imposed upon it by law.
5. No Employment. Neither party shall be considered an officer, employee, or agent of the other. No monitoring or supervisory responsibility over the other party's activities arises on the part of the other or as a result of, or pursuant to, this Agreement other than as expressly provided herein.
6. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are severable to the extent that if any provision is held unenforceable under applicable law, the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall remain in effect, if the intent of the Agreement can be accomplished.
7. Indemnification. Each party to this Agreement is independently responsible in the event of its own negligence. Neither party agrees to indemnify the other party.
8. Sovereign Immunity. The Nation hereby provides a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for the purpose of resolving any dispute that arises out of this Agreement. Nothing in this limited waiver shall be deemed to waive the Nation's immunity from suit except as to a case/claim brought by AWBA sounding in contract alleging a breach of this Agreement. Damages as to the Nation are limited to direct contractual damages and shall not include speculative, consequential, or punitive damages. The Nation's Attorney General is authorized to accept service on behalf of the Nation.
9. Amendments. This Agreement may be modified, amended or revoked only by the express written agreement of the parties hereto.
10. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and no understandings or obligations not expressly set forth in this Agreement are binding upon the parties.

11. Waiver. No delay in exercising any right or remedy shall constitute a waiver unless such right or remedy is waived in writing signed by the waiving party. A waiver by any party of any right or remedy hereunder shall not be construed as a waiver of any other right or remedy, whether pursuant to the same or a different term, condition or covenant.
12. Captions. All captions, titles, or headings in this Agreement are used for the purpose of reference and convenience only and do not limit, modify, or otherwise affect any of the provisions of this Agreement.
13. Rules, Regulations and Amendment or Successor Statutes. All references in this Agreement to the Arizona Revised Statutes include all rules and regulations promulgated by ADWR under such statutes and all amendment statutes and successor statutes, rules, and regulations to such statutes, rules, and regulations existing as of the date of this Agreement.
14. Notices. Except as otherwise required by law, any notice given in connection with this Agreement must be in writing and must be given by personal delivery, overnight delivery, facsimile, United States mail, or email. Any such notice must be addressed to the appropriate party at the following address and/or email (or at any other address as a party may hereafter designate by written notice given as required by this paragraph):

**AWBA:**

For personal delivery:     Manager  
Arizona Water Banking Authority  
1110 W. Washington St., Suite 310  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

For U.S. Mail/email:     Manager  
Arizona Water Banking Authority  
P.O. Box 36020  
Phoenix, Arizona 85067-6020  
rbernat@azwater.gov

**TOHONO O’ODHAM NATION:**

For U.S. Mail/email:     Tohono O’odham Nation  
P.O. Box 837  
Sells, Arizona 85634  
Attn: Attorney General

Notice is deemed to have been given on the date on which notice is personally delivered, delivered to an overnight delivery service, transmitted by facsimile, mailed or emailed. Notice is deemed to have been received on the date on which the notice is actually received, or delivery is refused.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this Agreement have executed this Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

**ARIZONA WATER BANKING AUTHORITY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Buschatzke  
Its: Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Braun  
Secretary

**TOHONO O’ODHAM NATION**, a federally recognized Indian tribe.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Verlon M. Jose  
Its: Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A**  
**to**  
**Purchase and Sale Agreement for Long Term Storage Credits**

**ADWR LONG-TERM STORAGE CREDIT TRANSFER FORM A.R.S. § 45-854.01**



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Water Planning & Permitting Division

1802 West Jackson Street, Box #79

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Phone: (602) 771-8737

Email: recharge@azwater.gov

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSIGNMENT OF LONG-TERM STORAGE CREDITS FORM

A.R.S § 45-854.01

The fee for an Assignment of Long-Term Storage Credits is \$250.00\* per water storage permit. Only one water storage permit number may be listed per transfer form. Payment may be made by cash, check, or credit card, (if you wish to pay by credit card, please contact the Recharge Program at 602-771-8737). Checks should be made payable to the Arizona Department of Water Resources. Failure to enclose the fee will cause the form to be returned. Fees for an Assignment of Long-Term Storage Credits are authorized by A.A.C. R12-15-104.

Check the applicable reason for the transfer:

- Regular Assignment of LTSCs
LBDCP LTSC Exchange Agreement with AWBA \*NO FEE
AWBA Firming (not subject to WTCRBUD)

Number of long-term storage credits (in acre-feet) transferred by type(s) of water and year credits were earned:

Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ acre-feet, Type: \_\_\_\_\_, Year Earned: \_\_\_\_\_
Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ acre-feet, Type: \_\_\_\_\_, Year Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

[FOR ASSIGNOR]

- Phoenix AMA Pinal AMA Prescott AMA Tucson AMA Harq INA

Name of Assignor

Long-Term Storage Account No.

Contact Person

Facility Permit Number (71- or 72-)
(where source water was stored)

Mailing Address

Water Storage Permit Number (73-)
(authority to store source water)

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number

Email Address

Required Signature Block is on Page 2

**[FOR ASSIGNEE]**

Phoenix AMA     Pinal AMA     Prescott AMA     Tucson AMA     Harq INA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Assignee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Long-Term Storage Account No. (if any)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

**If the transfer includes long-term storage credits earned from the storage of Central Arizona Project (CAP) water in an Active Management Area (AMA), please state:**

1. The date of Assignee’s formation (if Assignee is a legal entity):\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The amount of groundwater withdrawn by Assignee in the AMA during the calendar year that the credits were earned:\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The groundwater right number(s) the Assignee withdrew the groundwater pursuant to:  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Will these LTSCs be recovered for the purpose of providing CAP water to electrical generating facilities, pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-802.01(23)(d)(ii)?     YES     NO

**Pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-854.01(C), the director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources may reject or invalidate any assignment of long-term storage credits in which the stored water would not have met the requirements for long-term storage credits as prescribed by A.R.S. § 45-852.01 if the assignee had stored water.**

The undersigned certify, under the penalty of perjury, that the information contained in this form is, to the best of their knowledge and belief, correct and complete and that they are authorized to sign on behalf of the party for whom their signature appears.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature for Assignor                      DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature for Assignee                      DATE

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Title

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NOTICE

A.R.S. § 41-1030(B), (D), (E) and (F) provide as follows:

- B. An agency shall not base a licensing decision in whole or in part on a licensing requirement or condition that is not specifically authorized by statute, rule, or state tribal gaming compact. A general grant of authority in statute does not constitute a basis for imposing a licensing requirement or condition unless a rule is made pursuant to that general grant of authority that specifically authorizes the requirement or condition.
- D. This section may be enforced in a private civil action and relief may be awarded against the state. The court may award reasonable attorney fees, damages and all fees associated with the license application to a party that prevails in an action against the state for a violation of this section.
- E. A state employee may not intentionally or knowingly violate this section. A violation of this section is cause for disciplinary action or dismissal pursuant to the agency’s adopted personnel policy.
- F. This section does not abrogate the immunity provided by section 12-820.01 or 12-820.02.