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Aurora announces construction services contractor for Wild Horse Reservoir project
FDS JV awarded contract to provide Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) services

June 18, 2024 (AURORA, CO) –Aurora Water has selected the Colorado-based Flatiron and joint-venture partners Dragados USA and Sukut Construction (FDS JV) to provide Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) services for the construction of the proposed Wild Horse Reservoir near Hartsel, Colorado. The team has been initially contracted for three years at \$6.5 million to conduct pre-design and pre-construction services. Additionally, \$5.5 million is allocated to evaluate the location of a future test quarry and implement its construction.

Aurora Water is proposing the construction of Wild Horse Reservoir in Park County, Colorado. Positioned approximately six miles west of Spinney Mountain Reservoir, which holds up to 53,000 acre-feet of water. The proposed reservoir will be designed to hold up to 93,000 acre-feet of water. Upon completion, it will stand as Aurora’s largest reservoir. The Wild Horse Reservoir is needed to bolster the reliability and resilience of Aurora’s water supply system.

“Additional storage is critical to meet Aurora’s future water needs,” said Aurora Water General Manager Marshall Brown. “Aurora looks forward to working with the CM/GC services joint venture team as our planning process for the proposed Wild Horse Reservoir continues.”

The Wild Horse Reservoir project is currently in the planning and pre-permitting stage. With preliminary design work already in motion, Aurora Water is actively collaborating with local, state and federal entities to secure the necessary permits. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will lead the required National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The NEPA process is anticipated to begin next year and should take approximately two years to complete. Pending permitting completion, the project’s completion is anticipated in the 2030s.

As permitting nears completion, FDS JV will prioritize hiring local workers and utilizing Park County-area businesses to provide goods and services to support the project. FDS JV will set up hiring locations in

nearby towns and utilize a website and social media to reach as many candidates as possible. Subcontractor needs include work for foundation, grouting, rebar, electrical, mechanical, instrumentation, and pipeline scopes, to name a few. ☒

The projected cost of the reservoir is estimated to be between \$600 million and \$800 million. Information on the proposed Wild Horse Reservoir can be found at WildHorseReservoir.org.

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Renderings and other images may be obtained at

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