

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 1999-155

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**A RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO FUND
RESTORATION OF THE SANTA FE RIVER; DIRECTING
COUNTY STAFF TO CONSIDER UPSTREAM/DOWNSTREAM
EFFECTS WHEN UNDERTAKING PUBLIC WORKS AFFECTING
RIVERS AND ARROYOS.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has expressed its support for watershed-based restoration of the Santa Fe River through promulgation of Resolution 1998-79 "Supporting formation of a collaborative relationship between the City of Santa Fe, the County of Santa Fe and the New Mexico State Land Office to clean up the Santa Fe River and work toward rehabilitation of a healthy Santa Fe River"; and

WHEREAS, County staff acting under the above-titled Resolution served in the "Resolution 57 Committee", the findings and recommendations of which were endorsed by the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting on October 26, 1999; and

WHEREAS, these findings and recommendations included the need for a watershed-based approach to restoration of the Santa Fe River; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has requested the US Army Corps of Engineers to engage in a study of the Santa Fe watershed to provide the database necessary to develop project recommendations to reverse the trend of severe downcutting in the Santa Fe River, as well as other restoration work; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the commitment of the Commission to addressing problems of erosion in the Santa Fe River and other arroyos and rivers of Santa Fe County through watershed-based treatments, the County Public Works Department often finds it necessary to engage in short-term treatments in these fluvial systems to address immediate threats to public works or public safety; and

WHEREAS, the unintended consequences of such treatments can often be avoided through collaborative planning and public input; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's Senators are planning to introduce legislation in the year 2000 to support a large-scale restoration project for the Santa Fe River;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County that:

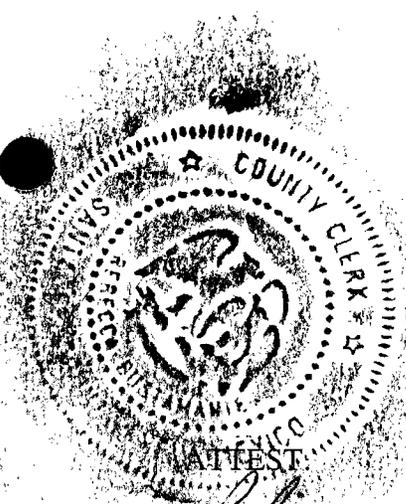
- 1) We strongly endorse the Senators' efforts to make adequate resources available for a watershed-based effort to restore the Santa Fe River.
- 2) County staff is directed to develop procedures to evaluate public works projects in rivers and arroyos in terms of their potential erosion and hydrologic impacts upstream, downstream, and on channel banks. Works to be evaluated include but are not limited to culverts, low-water crossings, bridges, channel alignments, revetments and channel armoring. Procedures to evaluate impacts of such works include but are not limited to soliciting public comment on plans, and submitting plans to other county departments or local agencies for review.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th of December, 1999.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Joe S. Griné Jr., Chairman



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Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk

Approved As to Form:

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Denice Brown
County Attorney



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 COUNTY OF SANTA FE
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 I hereby certify that this instrument was filed
 for record on the 15 day of Dec. A.D.
 19 99, at 8:40 o'clock a. m.
 and was duly recorded in book 1717
 page 114-115 of the records of
 Santa Fe County.

Witness my Hand and Seal of Office
Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk, Santa Fe County, N.M.

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Deputy