

**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-138**

**A RESOLUTION INSTRUCTING SANTA FE COUNTY MEMBERS AND THE  
ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION BOARD NOT TO  
VOTE ON THE ISSUE OF PLACING SUPPLEMENTAL FLUORIDE  
COMPOUNDS IN THE WATER SUPPLY**

**WHEREAS**, the water supply of both the City of Santa Fe (“the City”) and Santa Fe County (“the County”) contain supplemental fluoride compounds;

**WHEREAS**, on July 11, 2012 the Santa Fe City Council voted in favor of an ordinance amendment to stop adding fluoride to the water supply which action the City Attorney advised by memorandum dated July 20, 2012 should be rescinded due to violations of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act;

**WHEREAS**, more recently the City announced its intention to place the issue on the general election ballot but then determined not to move forward with a ballot measure;

**WHEREAS**, the Buckman Direct Diversion draft agenda for October 11, 2012 includes discussion and possible action to either support or oppose a proposed City ordinance to cease fluoridation of the City water supply;

**WHEREAS**, the City obtains water from three sources: the Buckman Direct Diversion Treatment Plant; the Buckman well field; and the Canyon Road reservoir and treatment plant;

**WHEREAS**, the County draws water through the Buckman Direct Diversion Treatment Plant and, in times of shortage, receives water from the City;

**WHEREAS**, County residents will be affected by any decision regarding fluoride supplementation;

**WHEREAS**, the County has not been consulted on the ongoing practice of placing supplemental fluoride compounds in the water supply;

**WHEREAS**, the proper forum for discussion of and decisions regarding the Board of County Commissioners’ position on the issue of discontinuing placement of supplemental fluoride compounds in the water supply is at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners;

**WHEREAS**, the City cannot dictate whether County residents continue to have supplemental fluoride compounds added to their water supply;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners for Santa Fe County that the County representatives and alternate to the Buckman Direct

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Diversion Board not vote on the issue of ongoing supplemental fluoride compounds being placed in the water supply until such time as the Board of County Commissioners has determined the position of the County on the fluoride issue.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 9th day of October 2012.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

*Liz Stefanics*  
Liz Stefanics, Chair

*Valerie Espinoza*  
Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

*Stephen C. Ross*  
Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 11TH Day Of October, 2012 at 09:14:05 AM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1684198 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County



Deputy *Marcello Rathjen* Witness By Hand And Seal Of Office Valerie Espinoza County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM