

Pojoaque Basin Water Alliance
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Ms. Katherine Miller, County Manager
Santa Fe County
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Dear Ms. Miller:

The Pojoaque Basin Water Alliance would like to thank you for your involvement in getting the County to finally respond to our questions concerning the Aamodt Settlement Agreement through the proposed Resolution. The time is approaching for the County to accept the Agreement in order to allow the Court to move forward. We have no disagreement with the Aamodt Settlement Agreement and the Cost Sharing and Systems Integration Agreement as they have been rewritten. We also know that the County needs to approve the contract for sale of Top of the World Farm water, provided that the proposed Resolution is accepted and its provisions completed prior to any further action by the Commission.

We would like to thank Commissioner Mayfield for his assurance that the implementation process was open to the public. We also would like to thank the team that has been put together to complete the provisions of the Resolution in a timely and expeditious manner, that team being comprised of Steve Ross, John Utton, Adam Leigland, Robert Griego, Patricio Guerrerortiz,


and Amanda Hargis. We look forward to helping, if needed, to gather the information necessary to complete the process of implementation. We also assume that we will be kept updated regularly as the process moves along.

We are confident that once the County has completed all of the processes required under the Resolution all of our questions will have been answered as well as many more that have come forward. Then the Commission will have full and detailed accounting of the total estimates for construction and of the necessary OM&R. Then and only then will the County know if the residents (taxpayers) of the County will be able to afford the County Water Utility.

We feel at this point that it is imperative the plan be presented to the entire County populous for feedback and approval before the Commission is able to direct the Bureau of Reclamation as to what the County expects it to construct for the completion of the CWU. The Commission by this time should have the complete details and configuration of the Regional Water Authority and the Operating Agreement.

At that time, hopefully, we will be able to continue our support of the Aamodt Settlement Agreement and the Cost Sharing and Systems Integration Agreement.

Thanks,


Dick Rochester, President
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CC. Steve Ross
Adam Liegland
Robert Griego