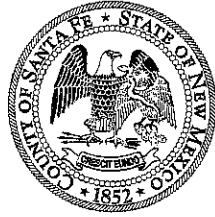


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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

TO: Board of County Commissioners

VIA: Katherine Miller

FROM: Orlando A. Romero, Constituent Services Liaison

RE: A Proclamation thanking the Sponsors of the 2017 Pojoaque Basin Water Fair.(Commissioner Henry P. Roybal)

SUMMARY

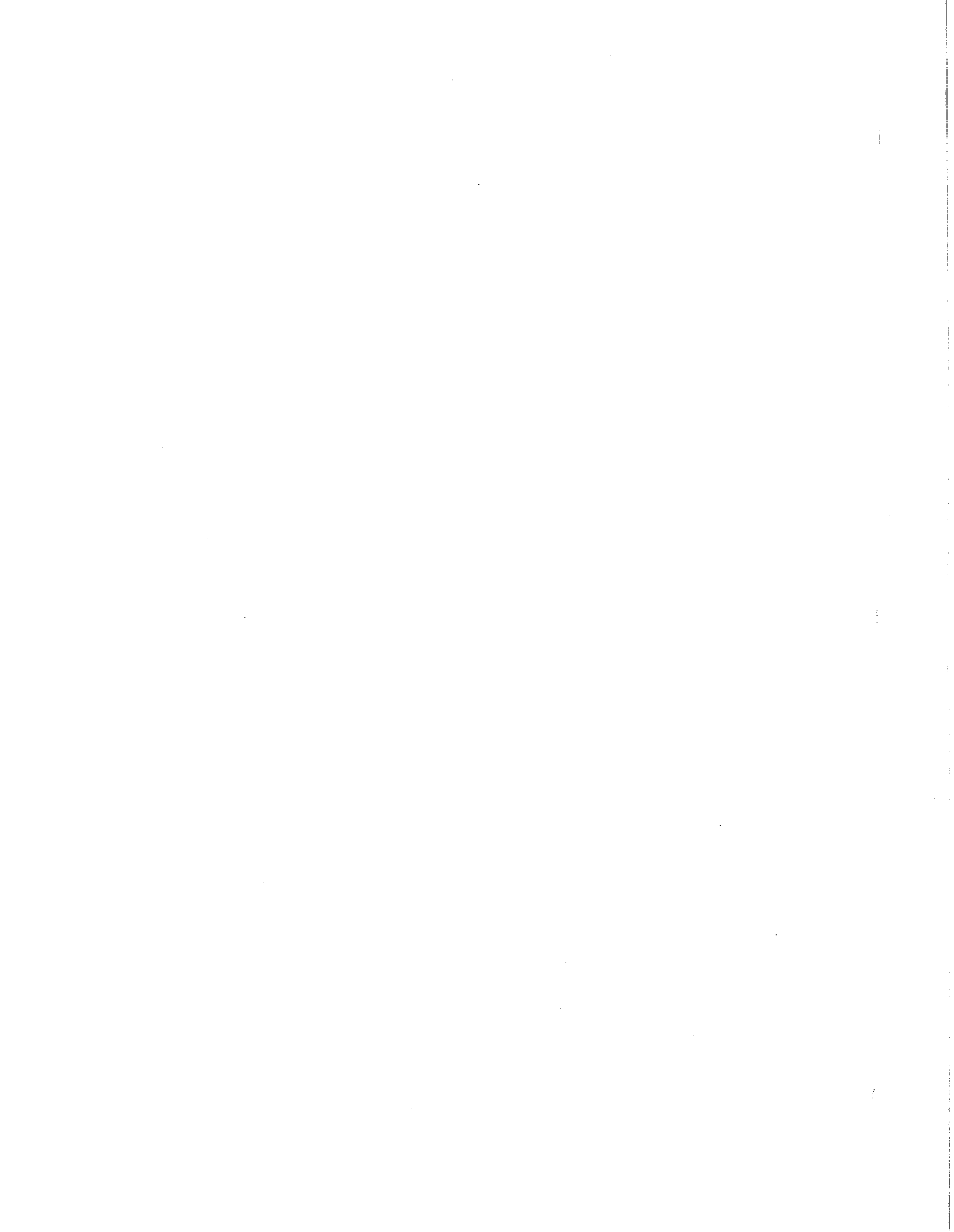
This Proclamation acknowledges and thanks the Sponsors of the 2017 Pojoaque Basin Water Fair. Sponsors included; the Climate Change Leadership Institute, Los Alamos National Laboratory, CDM Smith INC., Los Alamos Security LLC, Northern New Mexico Protecting Land, Water, and Rights, Pueblo of Pojoaque, New Mexico Department of Health, New Mexico Department of Environment, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Services, City of Santa Fe, and the Pojoaque Valley School District.

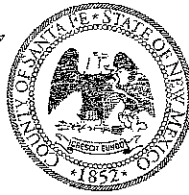
BACKGROUND

Results from previous water fairs have shown that some wells in the Pojoaque Basin do not meet safe drinking water standards. Nitrate found in wells may emanate from septic, animal waste and fertilizer and can be dangerous, awareness of the quality of drinking water is essential component of public health.

ACTION REQUESTED

Request that the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners adopt the Proclamation acknowledging and thanking the Sponsors of the 2017 Pojoaque Basin Water Fair.





Santa Fe County Proclamation

A Proclamation Thanking the Sponsors of the 2017 Pojoaque Basin Water Fair

WHEREAS, results from previous water fairs have shown that some wells in the Pojoaque Basin do not meet safe drinking water standards; and

WHEREAS, naturally occurring uranium, arsenic and other minerals found in well water may have adverse health impacts; and

WHEREAS, nitrates found in well water may emanate from septic tanks, animal waste and fertilizer, and can be dangerous; and

WHEREAS, awareness of the quality of drinking water is an essential component of public health; and

WHEREAS, through the Pojoaque Basin Water Fair private well owners in the Pojoaque Basin were provided the opportunity to have their well water tested for uranium, arsenic, manganese, fluoride, iron, nitrates, pH and conductivity at no cost; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200 private well owners brought samples to the Pojoaque Valley High School for testing on July 7 and 8, 2017, and other private well owners brought samples to the Santa Fe County Pojoaque Field Office on August 1, 15 and 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, residents with well water that does not meet safe drinking water standards may decide to treat their water, drink bottled water, or connect to the County Water Utility under the Aamodt Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Leadership Institute, Los Alamos National Laboratory, CDM Smith Inc., and Los Alamos National Security LLC, graciously provided funding for water testing; and

WHEREAS, Northern New Mexicans Protecting Land, Water, and Rights and the Pueblo of Pojoaque provided food and advertising for the event; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Health and the New Mexico Environment Department provided staff for the event, to accept water samples, conduct limited onsite water testing, and provide valuable public health advice and information; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Services, provided staff to assist with the event and be available to answer questions about the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe provided staff to test well water and perform data entry; and

WHEREAS, the Pojoaque Valley School District provided the Pojoaque Valley High School as the venue for the event at no cost; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Environment Department has committed to mail water quality test result to well owners who brought water samples in for testing, as soon as all results are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County does hereby proclaim their appreciation for the sponsors and supporters of the 2017 Pojoaque Basin Water Fair.



PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 29th day of August, 2017.

Henry Roybal
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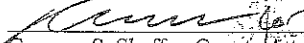
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTESTATION:


Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

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