

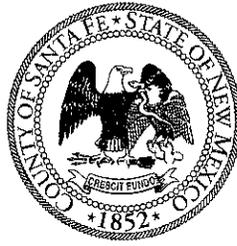
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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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Commissioner, District 2

Robert A. Anaya
Commissioner, District 3



Kathy Holian
Commissioner, District 4

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Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 13, 2011

TO: Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners

FR: Rita B. Maes, Constituent Services Liaison on behalf of Commissioner Virginia Vigil

RE: ENR Southwest Best 2011 Projects Merit Award

Gannett Fleming West, Inc. and Santa Fe County Roads Department were recipients of the prestigious Award of Merit by ENR Southwest (Engineering News-Record Magazine) for best 2011 roadway projects in a tri-state region.

ENR Southwest covers the states of Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico and reports on current and planned design and construction projects in those states and acknowledges the best projects in the Southwest. Commissioner Vigil is happy to announce that South Meadows Roadway, Bridge, and Utilities project in District 2 won the Award of Merit. This is outstanding recognition considering Santa Fe County competed within a tri-state region against much larger projects in terms of dollar volume.

Commissioner Vigil proudly recognizes Gannett Fleming West, Inc, engineering firm and Santa Fe County Roads Department Staff, Robert Martinez, Director and Chuck Vigil, Project Manager for the South Meadows Extension Project.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 13, 2011

TO: Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners

FR:  Rita B. Maes, Constituent Services Liaison on behalf of Commissioner Virginia Vigil

RE: Certificates of Appreciation to the Employees Benefits Committee

Chair Vigil is delighted to recognize the Employee Benefits Committee for their dedication and commitment for the many innovative and creative events they sponsor on behalf of Santa Fe County Staff.

A Certificate of Appreciation will be presented to the following individuals for their participation and assistance in implementing many programs, services and projects which benefit our staff and helps boost morale.

Mark Rodriguez – President
Evelyn Valencia – Vice President
Lynette Gallegos – Treasurer
Gabriela Trujillo – Secretary
Julia Valdez – Manager’s Office
Kristine Mihelcic – Manager’s Office
Andrea Romero – Senior Services
Joshua Romero – Utilities

Maria Elena Montoya - Fire
Roxanne Lujan – Sheriff’s Office
Nicole Dixon – Assessor’s Office
Sammy Romero – Building Services
Socorro Ojeda – E-911
Margie Romero – Human Resources
Gisele Gonzales – Human Resources
Deborah Dominguez – Utilities

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TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FROM: ALICE SEALEY, TEEN COURT PROGRAM MANAGER

VIA: COMMISSIONER HOLIAN

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL ECONOMY AS A MEANS OF PRESERVING LOCAL JOBS, ENCOURAGING INNOVATIVE LOCALLY-OWNED BUSINESSES, AND MAINTAINING SANTA FE COUNTY'S INDENTITY AS A UNIQUE AND CREATIVE COMMUNITY.

DATE: 11/30/11

The resolution is to raise awareness of the importance of supporting our diverse local economy as a means of preserving jobs, encouraging innovative locally-owned businesses, and maintaining Santa Fe County's identity as a unique and creative community. Many people are shopping for holiday gifts and Santa Fe County supports and encourages buying locally and thinking creatively when it comes to purchasing gifts, by choosing practical gifts such as gift certificates to a local hair salon, barber, restaurant, mechanic, nail salon or other local business; the resolution supports people shifting as much of their spending as possible to an area company, so those dollars can help save a job or keep a local business open. Supporting local independent businesses is in the best interest of Santa Fe County area residents and the community, because they are part of the traditions and heritage of Santa Fe County and are critical to maintaining a socially, environmentally, and financially sustainable local economy for its citizens.

Request Action:

Approve Resolution to Increase Awareness of the Importance of Supporting our Local Economy as a Means of Preserving Local Jobs, Encouraging Innovative Locally-Owned Business, and Maintaining Santa Fe County's Identity as a Unique And Creative Community.

Thank you for your prompt attention and assistance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- _____

**A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF
SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL ECONOMY AS A MEANS OF PRESERVING LOCAL
JOBS, ENCOURAGING INNOVATIVE LOCALLY-OWNED BUSINESSES, AND
MAINTAINING SANTA FE COUNTY'S INDENTITY AS A UNIQUE AND CREATIVE
COMMUNITY.**

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Fe is committed to supporting a diverse local economy by buying local and purchasing creative gifts year-round as well as during the holidays;

WHEREAS, the goal of the "buy local" campaign is to promote understanding among Santa Fe County residents of the importance and value of buying goods and services from local businesses;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County encourage individuals to think creatively when it comes to purchasing gifts, by choosing practical gifts such as gift certificates to a local hair salon, barber, restaurant, mechanic, nail salon or other local business;

WHEREAS, purchasing locally-made or locally-grown gifts, such as jewelry, paintings, tinwork, clothing, woodwork or other items is vital to preserving agriculture, local businesses, and the American entrepreneurial spirit;

WHEREAS, if people can shift as much of their spending as possible to an area company, then those dollars can help save a job or keep a local business open;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is issuing this resolution to recognize the strong community pride our businesses, employees, and residents have when buying locally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby recognizes the value of buying local, which includes handmade and edible goods, as well as purchasing creative and practical.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, among the benefits of buying locally are enhanced convenience and service, reduction in congestion and pollution from not having to drive private vehicles long distances, support of jobs for employees working in local businesses, and retention of sales tax within the community to support local services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, supporting local independent businesses is in the best interest of Santa Fe County area residents and the community, because they are part of the traditions and heritage of Santa Fe County and are critical to maintaining a socially-, environmentally-, and financially-sustainable local economy for its citizens.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of 2011.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

Virginia Vigil, Chair

Attest:

Valerie Espinoza,
County Clerk

Approved As To Form:



Stephen C. Ross,
County Attorney

SANTA FE COUNTY INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FROM: DUNCAN SILL 

VIA: COMMISSONER HOLIAN

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING 2012 FARM BILL PRIORITIES AS A MEANS TO SECURING A REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEM THAT IS JUST AND ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY COMMUNITY.

DATE: 12/6/2011

CC: STEVE SHEPHERD, SF CITY AND COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FOOD POLICY

Background:

The Federal Farm Bill is the primary agricultural and food policy tool of the federal government and deals with agriculture and related affairs under the purview of the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"). Many of the programs that affect our region's food systems and security are provisions of the Farm Bill. In turn, these are the critical programs and resources that benefit modest to small-scale farmers and ranchers, farmers' markets, school food service programs, and New Mexico's rural and urban underserved communities.

Established in 2008, the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy actively works to identify programs, policies and concepts that would enhance our regional agriculturally based jobs, increase food security among our most vulnerable citizens, address the need for infrastructure associated with food storage, handling and processing, and provide programs that create a healthy active community.

Issues:

Santa Fe County, similar to other regions in New Mexico, continues to face challenges with food insecurity and related issues, including emergency preparedness, that impact our community health and wellness. The region ranks high in hunger and food insecurity and imports close to 98% of the food we consume. With climate change, economic downturn, water and other natural resources scarcity affecting beneficial

agricultural uses, concerted and coordinated approach to these needs and challenges, that engages the public and private sectors, require meaningful solutions.

In the very near future, the US Congress will consider legislative actions and provisions in the 2012 Farm Bill that will impact local regional agriculture production and food systems issues. The Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy and other regional stakeholders such as the New Mexico Food and Agricultural Policy Council agree that it will be of benefit for the region to convey to the federal government priority provisions related to the Farm Bill. Towards this end, the following priorities are critical and relevant:

(1) **Secure support for the infrastructure necessary for local and regional food systems to thrive.** Infrastructure such as on-farm processing equipment and aggregation, distribution, and processing facilities would strengthen regional food hubs, and support farm sales to schools, value-added production, and other rural economic development programs. The USDA could be directed to promote multiple uses of public facilities through existing programs. Support would also include training and technical assistance for farmers, food service directors, and other key players in local and regional food systems.

(2) **Increase access of federal nutrition program participants to farmers markets, CSAs, and other local, healthy, sustainable food enterprises.** Measures could include providing EBT devices to farmers markets and CSAs, piloting the use of smart phone technology for SNAP at farmers markets, and allocating a portion of Farmers Markets Promotion Program funding to technical assistance. Setting aside a portion of SNAP-Ed funding for promoting SNAP participants' shopping at farmers markets and CSAs, and encouraging the use of community organizing strategies, could further enhance access.

(3) **Create an interdepartmental workforce within USDA responsible for urban-rural linkages across existing programs.** Such an initiative could foster collaboration among Farm Service Agency and Extension staff to better address urban and rural food access, as well as institutionalize the collaboration developed through the *Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food* initiative. It would also provide a structure for enhanced collaboration with other agencies such as EPA and HUD—for example through formal USDA membership in the President's Sustainable Communities interagency workforce.

(4) **Request USDA to harmonize and streamline SNAP redemption and technology with other federal nutrition programs.** Minimizing administrative barriers to redemption of SNAP/EBT, WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program benefits would maximize farmer participation in these programs with increased sales benefitting both producers and consumers.

(5) Promote incentives for fruit and vegetable purchases by federal nutrition program participants. Targets could include increasing SNAP benefits and allocating a portion of the funds for a Healthy Food Incentive Pilot Program at farmers markets, and doubling the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program funding.

(6) Support farmer and rancher programs that provide direct marketing opportunities and enhance their ability to focus on building their businesses, mitigating risks, and improve land stewardship. Targets could include increasing the Farmers Market Promotion Program, The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Program, the Assistance and Outreach to Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers, Conservation Stewardship Program, the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, and incentive programs.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution Supporting 2012 Farm Bill Priorities As A Means To Securing A Regional Food System That Is Just And Accessible For All Members Of Santa Fe County Community.

Thanks for your prompt attention and assistance and please contact me, 995-2728, dsill@santafecounty.org, if you have questions or need additional information.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- ____

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING 2012 FARM BILL PRIORITIES AS A MEANS TO
SECURING A REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEM THAT IS JUST AND ACCESSIBLE FOR
ALL MEMBERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY COMMUNITY.**

WHEREAS, the Federal Farm Bill (“Act”) is the primary agricultural and food policy tool of the federal government and deals with agriculture and all related affairs under the purview of the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”);

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Farm Bill affect the local and regional capacity to support a regional food system that is just, secured, sustainable and accessible for all members in Santa Fe County and the greater region of Northern New Mexico;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress will be considering legislative action on the 2012 Farm Bill;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County and regional agriculture and food systems stakeholders such as the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy and the New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council are interested in the recommended provisions of the 2012 Farm Bill;

WHEREAS, the recommended provisions of this Act would secure support for the infrastructure necessary for local and regional food systems to thrive;

WHEREAS, the recommended provisions of this Act would increase access of federal nutrition program participants to farmers markets, Community Supported Agriculture (“CSAs”), and other local, healthy, sustainable food enterprises;

WHEREAS, the recommended provisions of this Act would create an interdepartmental

workforce within USDA responsible for urban-rural linkages across existing programs;

WHEREAS, the recommended provisions of this Act would request USDA to harmonize and streamline Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (“SNAP”) redemption and technology with other federal nutrition programs;

WHEREAS, the recommended provisions of this Act would promote incentives for fruit and vegetable purchases by federal nutrition program participants; and

WHEREAS, the recommended provisions of this Act would support farmer and rancher programs that provide direct marketing opportunities and enhance their ability to focus on building their businesses, mitigating risks, and improve land stewardship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY that Santa Fe County supports federal legislation for certain priority provisions of the 2012 Farm Bill including:

(1) **Secure the infrastructure necessary for local and regional food systems to thrive.** Infrastructure such as on-farm processing equipment and aggregation, distribution, and processing facilities would strengthen regional food hubs, and support farm sales to schools, value-added production, and other rural economic development programs. The USDA could be directed to promote multiple uses of public facilities through existing programs. Support would also include training and technical assistance for farmers, food service directors, and other key players in local and regional food systems.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of 2011

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

Virginia Vigil, Chair

Attest :

Valerie Espinoza,
County Clerk

Approved As To Form:



Stephen C. Ross,
County Attorney

SANTA FE COUNTY INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FROM: COMMISSIONER KATHY HOLIAN
RE: A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE CAMPAIGN TO END WAGE THEFT IN SANTA FE COUNTY BY EDUCATING COMMUNITIES, BUSINESS AND WORKERS THAT WAGE THEFT IS AGAINST THE LAW IN NEW MEXICO (HB 489)
DATE: 12/6/2011
CC:

Background:

Wage theft has been described as "**the crime wave no one talks about.**" Across the nation and here in New Mexico workers are robbed of billions of dollars in wages, often forcing them to choose between paying rent and putting food on the table.

The impact on workers and their families can be devastating, leading to repossessions, foreclosures, hunger, poverty, homelessness, and undermining their rights and dignity.

Issues

What is wage theft? It is defined as including the following practices:

- Paying workers less than the minimum wage;
- Non-payment of overtime pay (estimated at \$19 billion per year in the U.S.);
- Forcing workers to work off the clock;
- Workers not receiving final paychecks;
- Management appropriating tips meant for employees;
- Workers being misclassified as independent contractors so that management can avoid paying overtime, workers' compensation, benefits, and their share of payroll taxes;
- Workers not being paid at all.

Wage theft has a negative impact on our entire community. It puts ethical employers at a competitive disadvantage. It also reduces the wages of the working citizens of our community, thereby increasing demand and dependency on shrinking charitable and social services. Another important consideration for local governments is that it robs government of tax revenue. It is estimated that roughly \$6 billion is lost nationwide in taxes that should be paid to federal, state and local governments.

Recommendation:

In 2009, New Mexico passed an anti-wage theft law (HB 489) that gives workers the right to file claims with the Department of Work Force Solutions against employers who withhold wages for work completed. It also protects workers from retaliation for reporting these acts.

This resolution supports efforts by community, labor and faith organizations, the New Mexico Attorney General, the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, and the US Department of Labor to eliminate the practice of wage theft in the state.

Thank you for your attention and please contact me if you have questions or require additional information.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-_____

**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE CAMPAIGN TO END WAGE
THEFT IN SANTA FE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, wage theft, the practice of nonpayment or underpayment of wages to workers in our community, denies workers and their families economic prosperity and financial security;

WHEREAS, wage theft occurs when employers do not pay the minimum wage, fail to pay overtime, and require employees to work off the clock, fail to disburse final paychecks, or misclassify workers as independent contractors to avoid paying their portion of payroll taxes, overtime, workers' comp, and benefits;

WHEREAS, wage theft is a crime that often goes unreported or unprosecuted;

WHEREAS, wage theft has a disproportionate impact on low-wage working families that live paycheck-to-paycheck, especially during tough economic times;

WHEREAS, workers who are victims of wage theft spend less in our local economy, are often forced to choose among basic necessities like food, clothing, healthcare, transportation and shelter, and often need to rely on emergency public services and charities to make ends meet;

WHEREAS, wage theft causes unnecessary stress and financial hardship for workers and their children;

WHEREAS, employers who engage in this unscrupulous behavior undercut ethical businesses that are following the rules, putting them at an unfair disadvantage;

WHEREAS, the State Legislature passed a law in 2009 that provides protection against

retaliation to workers who are victims of wage theft and additional penalties to employers who do not pay their workers the wages they owe;

WHEREAS, wage theft creates a hostile working environment and undermines the ability of workers to promote healthy, safe, respectful and productive working conditions;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County abhors wage theft and strongly supports the dignity of workers in the workplace and in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County supports efforts by community, labor and faith organizations, the New Mexico Attorney General, the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, and the U.S. Department of Labor to eliminate the practice of wage theft in the state.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of 2011.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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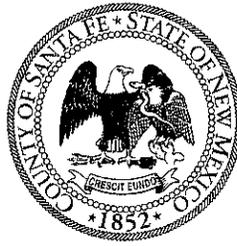


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Katherine Miller
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 13, 2011

TO: Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners

FR:  Rita B. Maes, Constituent Services Liaison on behalf of Commissioner Virginia Vigil

RE: Local Liquor Excise Tax Resolution

Chair Vigil is introducing a resolution to join the City of Santa Fe to strongly urge the New Mexico State Legislature to amend the Local Liquor Excise Tax Act to include New Mexico counties with a population and net taxable value similar to Santa Fe County the option to impose a local liquor excise tax upon the approval by Santa Fe County voters.

The resolution also authorizes the use of the tax proceeds to fund social service programs to serve persons impacted by alcohol and drug abuse.

The City of Santa Fe passed, approved and adopted a similar resolution at their November 30, 2011 City Council meeting.

Your approval is greatly appreciated.

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2011-_____

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE LOCAL LIQUOR EXCISE TAX ACT TO INCLUDE NEW MEXICO COUNTIES WITH THE REQUISITE POPULATION AND NET TAXABLE VALUE THE OPTION TO IMPOSE A LOCAL LIQUOR EXCISE TAX, UPON APPROVAL BY SANTA FE COUNTY VOTERS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE TAX PROCEEDS TO FUND SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS TO SERVE PERSONS IMPACTED BY ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

WHEREAS, in 2002, 2003, 2008 and 2009, various governmental entities adopted resolutions requesting that the New Mexico state legislature amend the Local Liquor Excise Tax Act, §§7-24-8 through 7-24-16 NMSA 1978 (hereinafter the "Act");

WHEREAS, such amendments would have allowed all counties in New Mexico to impose a local liquor tax upon approval of the local voters and authorize the use of the tax proceeds to fund social service programs serving persons impacted by alcohol and drug abuse;

WHEREAS, according to *The Economic Cost of Alcohol Abuse in New Mexico* report prepared by the New Mexico Department of Health, the economic costs associated with alcohol abuse in New Mexico in 2007 amounted to an estimated \$2.8 billion or more than \$1,400 for every person in the state;

WHEREAS, the Act currently allows class B counties, having a population of more than fifty-six thousand but less than seventy-five thousand, and having a net taxable value of more than \$500,000,000 but less than \$700,000,000 to enact an ordinance imposing an excise tax on a retailer in an amount not to exceed 5%, upon approval of the voters of the county;

WHEREAS, the Act currently allows such counties to dedicate the use of the revenue from the excise tax to fund educational programs and the prevention and treatment of alcoholism and drug abuse within a county;

1 **WHEREAS**, according to the Act, prior to the adoption of the ordinance, a county is
2 required to enter into a joint powers agreement with the governing body of the most populated
3 municipality and the governing bodies of any other municipalities in the county that choose to be
4 parties to the agreement to provide for the use and administration of the tax proceeds;

5 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to combat DWI in New Mexico, the New Mexico Attorney
6 General's Office has also lobbied the legislature to expand the Act to allow more counties in
7 New Mexico to have the option to impose a local liquor excise tax;

8 **WHEREAS**, McKinley County is currently the only county in New Mexico that has
9 imposed the local liquor excise tax;

10 **WHEREAS**, the Act should be amended to authorize class A counties and counties with
11 a population and net taxable value similar to Santa Fe County the option to impose the liquor tax
12 as well as the authority to use the tax proceeds to fund social service programs serving persons
13 affected by alcohol and drug abuse; and

14 **WHEREAS**, if the Act is amended, Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe would, in
15 accordance with the Act, enter into a joint powers agreement to direct and authorize the Santa Fe
16 County DWI Planning Council to oversee the use of the tax proceeds in accordance with the
17 needs and priorities of the residents of Santa Fe County.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Santa Fe County Board of
19 County Commissioners supports and joins the City to strongly urge the New Mexico State
20 Legislature to amend the Act to:

21 (1) Authorize counties with a population and net taxable value similar to Santa Fe
22 County the option to impose a local liquor tax upon approval of the local voters; and

23 (2) Authorize the use of the tax proceeds to fund social service programs serving
24 persons impacted by alcohol and drug abuse.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that staff is directed to send copies of this resolution to

1 the City of Santa Fe's governing body, Santa Fe's state legislative delegation, the governor and
2 other necessary organizations deemed necessary by the BCC.

3 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2011.

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

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8 Virginia Vigil, Chair

9 **ATTEST:**

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11 Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk

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13 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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15 Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney

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Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

DATE: December 1, 2011

TO: Board of County Commissioners

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager. *km*

FROM: *CB* Chris M. Barela, Constituent Service Liaison District 3

RE: Resolution requesting that the City of Santa Fe release additional effluent into the Santa Fe River to support the historical agricultural needs in the village of La Cienguilla and in the village of La Bajada.

ISSUE:

On the agenda under **Matters from the Commission**, is a resolution requesting the Commission and County Manager to support and to request to the City of Santa Fe to release additional effluent into the Santa Fe River for agricultural purposes.

REQUEST ACTION:

Commissioner Robert A. Anaya respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners to support and approve this item.

1 THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
2 OF SANTA FE COUNTY

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4 RESOLUTION NO. 2011- _____

5 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF SANTA FE RELEASE
6 ADDITIONAL EFFLUENT INTO THE SANTA FE RIVER TO SUPPORT THE
7 HISTORICAL AND CURRENT AGRICULTURAL NEEDS IN THE
8 COMMUNITY VILLAGES OF LA CIENEGUILLA AND LA BAJADA
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10 WHEREAS, Santa Fe County has been experiencing severe drought conditions,
11 including above normal temperatures with little or no precipitation;
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13 WHEREAS, numerous streams including the Santa Fe River have experienced
14 decreased water levels;
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16 WHEREAS, the villages of La Cieneguilla and La Bajada encompass a segment
17 of the Santa Fe River which also conveys water that is released from the City of Santa
18 Fe's waste water treatment plant;
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20 WHEREAS, the villages of La Cieneguilla and La Bajada are traditional acequia-
21 based communities that utilize the Santa Fe River and whose culture and heritage are
22 intrinsically tied to water and agriculture;
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24 WHEREAS, the County is experiencing increased urbanization and development
25 that is contributing to the loss of water in the Santa Fe River; and
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27 WHEREAS, there is a critical need for the villages of La Cieneguilla and La
28 Bajada to maintain a traditional and sustainable local, small farming and ranching
29 economy that is essential to the health and economic well-being of County residents.
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31 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County
32 Commissioners of the County of Santa Fe requests that the City of Santa Fe release
33 additional effluent water into the Santa Fe River to continue to support the historical and
34 current agricultural needs in the downstream community villages of La Cieneguilla and
35 La Bajada.
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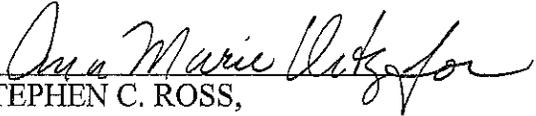
37 PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2011.

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9 STEPHEN C. ROSS,
10 SANTA FE COUNTY ATTORNEY

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Katherine Miller
County Manager

DATE: December 1, 2011

TO: Board of County Commissioners

VIA:  Katherine Miller, County Manager

FROM:  Chris M. Barela, Constituent Service Liaison District 3

RE: Proclamation in Memoriam of Gerald Gonzales

ISSUE:

On the agenda under **Matters from the Commission**, is a proclamation in memoriam and to honor the life of Gerald Gonzales, former Santa Fe County Manager.

REQUEST ACTION:

Commissioner Robert A. Anaya respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners to honor the life in memoriam of Gerald Gonzales on December 13th, 2011.

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FOR THIS ITEM**

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