SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-48

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE MULTI-AGENCY AND MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL SANTA FE AREA WILDFIRE OPERATIONS PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Area, identified as the five mile extraterritorial zone and including lands under the jurisdiction and/or fire management responsibility of Santa Fe County, the City of Santa Fe, USDA Forest Service, NMEMNRD – Forestry Division, USDI Bureau of Land Management, and USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, has an extensive wildland urban interface where many homes and properties are at high risk from a serious wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Municipal Watershed, which supplies a significant portion of the City of Santa Fe's potable water, is also at high risk from wildfire; and

WHEREAS, wildfires in the wildland urban interface tend to be very complex, with confusion rampant in the early hours or days; and

WHEREAS, determining who has responsibility for wildfire suppression and who will pay the bills in the middle of an incident is therefore not desirable; and

WHEREAS, no one agency has enough local resources to fight a major fast moving wildfire in the urban interface; and

WHEREAS, in the initial attack phase of an incident the responding fire agency must have the ability to rapidly access additional regional resources and expertise in order to mount an effective fire suppression effort; and

WHEREAS, a method must exist to provide preplanned coordination among all of the agencies affected so as to establish a safe, efficient, and organized inter-agency response and a

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unified incident command system to an incident in order to save lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF SANTA FE COUNTY that:

Section 1. The COUNTY supports the County Fire Department's efforts to work with their regional fire suppression partners in an effort to prepare for a wildland urban interface fire.

Section 2. The COUNTY supports the concept of a multi-agency response to a wildfire within the jurisdiction of the County, municipal boundaries and the extraterritorial zone given the understanding that such a wildfire could negatively impact lives and property values.

Section 3. The COUNTY supports the provisions of the Santa Fe Wildfire Operations Plan (Attached).

Section 4. The COUNTY recognizes that the plan is a working document that will need to be amended in the future as local resources and personnel change.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 27 day of April, 2004.

PAUL CAMPOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

REBECCA BUSTAMANTE, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

3-30-04

STEVE ROSS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 29TH Day Of April, A.D., 2004 at 16:43
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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

Deputy

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