

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 101

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DROUGHT MITIGATION MEASURES IN THE  
SANTA FE RIVER

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County has been experiencing drought conditions, including above normal temperatures and little or no precipitation;

WHEREAS, numerous streams including the Santa Fe River have decreased water levels;

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County, City of Santa Fe and BLM own property at upper La Cienega encompassing a segment of the Santa Fe River which conveys water that is released from the City of Santa Fe waste water treatment plant;

WHEREAS, colonies of beavers are now inhabiting the upper portions of the Santa Fe River, including properties owned by the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, and the Bureau of Land Management, and are creating dams that may be obstructing the flow of water to downstream users;

WHEREAS, the Community of La Bajada has received no water from the Santa Fe River for over a month, resulting in a hardship and impact on agricultural land use and the community water system; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County is coordinating efforts with the City of Santa Fe and BLM to implement drought mitigation measures to enhance water flow in the Santa Fe River and to provide water to the residents of La Bajada;

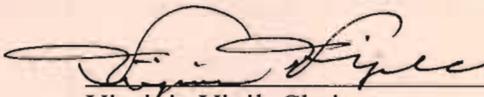
**NOW THEREFORE,, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SANTA FE COUNTY RESOLVES , AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The County shall coordinate efforts with the City of Santa Fe to provide immediate drought relief assistance to the La Bajada community.
2. The County shall coordinate with the New Mexico Game and Fish Department, so that the Department can conduct an immediate assessment of the number of beaver dams in the area and begin a beaver deceiver (flow device) program to improve river flow across county property. This effort will involve collaboration between the Santa Fe County Open Space Program, the City of Santa Fe and BLM.

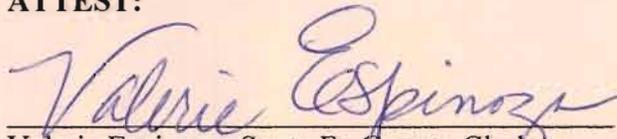
3. The County will coordinate efforts with the City of Santa Fe, BLM and New Mexico Game and Fish to improve flow across all properties upstream
4. The County shall collaborate with the City of Santa Fe and BLM to evaluate water conveyance system options for piping water back into the river at some point in the area by passing the beaver dams.
5. The County will create a working group to continue resolving the issues created by the Beaver dams. The working group may include representatives from Santa Fe County, the City of Santa Fe, BLM, NM Game and Fish, La Bajada community members, La Cienega community members, La Cieneguilla community members, Cochiti Pueblo, Office of the State Engineer, Army Corps of Engineers.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26 day of July, 2011.

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

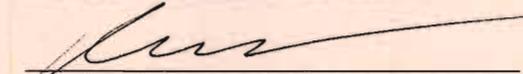
  
Virginia Vigil, Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney

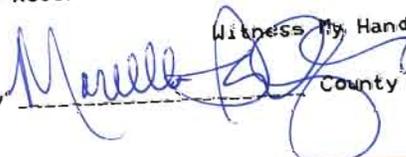


COUNTY OF SANTA FE                    )  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO                ) ss

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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
Valerie Espinoza  
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM



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