

SANTA FE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-133

**A RESOLUTION TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE CITY OF SANTA FE
GIVE PRIORITY TO THE RELEASE OF SUFFICIENT RECLAIMED WATER TO
DOWNSTREAM USERS OF LA CIENEGUILLA, LA CIENEGA, THE VILLAGE OF
LA BAJADA AND TRIBES FOR HISTORIC AGRICULTURAL TRADITIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe has an ongoing process for allocating reclaimed water produced by the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant;

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Fe is aware of the many demands for the City's reclaimed water and the City's position that the reclaimed water is a resource that is controlled by the City;

WHEREAS, the City's decisions regarding water over the last several decades have had a significant impact on water resources in the Lower Santa Fe River Watershed;

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Fe encourages the City of Santa Fe to recognize its unique capacity for participation in the protection and preservation of this vital water course;

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Fe requests a more active participation in the discussions and the committee hearings revolving around the use of effluent water from the treatment facility;

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Fe acknowledges and supports the efforts of the Santa Fe River Traditional Communities Collaborative (SFRTCC) which consists of representatives from: the Villages of La Bajada, La Cieneguilla and La Cienega; the Pueblo of Cochiti; the Santa Fe Watershed Association; Wild Earth Guardians; and legislative dignitaries;

WHEREAS, non-member governmental agencies who attend SFRTCC meetings in advisory capacities and provide technical support and guidance include, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico Game and Fish, Office of the State Engineer, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County Staff and Santa Fe-Pojoaque Soil and Water Conservation District;

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners through County Resolution Number 2011-101, and the New Mexico State Legislature through 2012 House Memorial 74, have formally recognized the problems with the lack of water flows to traditional farms and ranches in the Lower Santa Fe River Watershed;

WHEREAS, SFRTCC will consider its responsibility in addressing these legislative initiatives during the river restoration planning process.

BCC CLERK RECORDED 10/12/2012

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County to request that the City of Santa Fe give priority to release of sufficient reclaimed water to the downstream users of La Cieneguilla, La Cienega, the Village of La Bajada and the Pueblo of Cochiti for historic and agricultural traditions.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 2012.

By: *Liz Stefanics*
Liz Stefanics, Chair

Attest: *Valerie Espinoza*
Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk



Approved as to form:

Stephen C. Ross
Stephen C. 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 12TH Day Of October, 2012 at 04:14:15 PM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1684455 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Deputy *Marcella [Signature]*) Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM