

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-02

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RECURRING FUNDING FOR
REGIONAL WATER PLAN UPDATES

WHEREAS, adequate water resources are a prerequisite to the health and economic wellbeing of New Mexico's communities;

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Legislature in 1987 determined that "the future water needs of New Mexico can best be met by allowing each region of the state to plan for its water future";

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Legislature also determined that "the state can assist the regions in planning future water use by implementing a state appropriation program to ensure an adequate supply of water for each region";

WHEREAS, the first regional water plan was completed and accepted by the Interstate Stream Commission in 1999 and the last regional water plan was completed and accepted by the Interstate Stream Commission in 2008;

WHEREAS, regional water plans were drafted by many local organizations and local governments collaborating with citizens, local businesses and local and state governments, which developed represent collaborative strategies to address local and state water needs;

WHEREAS, regional water plans outline the alternatives for closing the gap between available water supply and demand;

WHEREAS, regional water plans are tools for better decision-making and water project implementation;

WHEREAS, water is fragile and finite resource;

WHEREAS, drought and climate change further threaten New Mexico's communities;

WHEREAS, water supply and demand are not static but change continuously;

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WHEREAS, a number of changes have occurred since the regional water plans were accepted, such as new regulatory requirements, new hydrologic studies, changing population growth rates and changes in water supply due to drought and climate change;

WHEREAS, there is a need to develop better and more consistent hydrologic data and increased coordination among regions and associated basins;

WHEREAS, regional water plans, whether prepared by local communities or by the Interstate Stream Commission, must be periodically reviewed and updated to account for the new regulatory requirements, new hydrologic studies, changing population growth rates, and changes in water supply due to drought and climate change to ensure an adequate water supply for citizens of New Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners supports recurring funding for regional water plan updates, and urges the State Legislature to pass a budget for the Interstate Stream Commission that includes a recurring budget item of an additional \$400,000 for the update of regional water plans each year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that other entities may sign onto this resolution at any time, and it shall remain open ended.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 8th day of January, 2013.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

By: Kathy Holian
Kathy Holian, Chair

Attest:

Geraldine Salazar 1/29/13
Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk



Approved to form:

Stephen C. Ross
Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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Marcella Salazar
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

