

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

RESOLUTION No. 2011- 88

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WATER FOCUS
GROUP AND DIRECTING UTILITY STAFF TO UPDATE THE CONJUNCTIVE
MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SANTA FE BASIN**

WHEREAS, groundwater supplies in the Santa Fe Basin are considered a reliable but not a renewable supply of water and for this reason the aquifer underlying the Santa Fe Basin should be thought of as a supplemental source of water, not a primary supply;

WHEREAS, surface water from the Rio Grande delivered by the Buckman Direct Diversion is a renewable water supply but may suffer from reduced flows due to prolonged drought of other catastrophic condition;

WHEREAS, on March 19th 2008, the Board of County Commissioners ("the Board") approved its Resolution No. 2008-51 which accepted the proposed draft of the Conjunctive Management Plan for the Santa Fe Basin ("CMP"), directed staff to solicit public comment and formally consult with the Pueblos of Tesuque, Pojoaque, Nambe, San Ildefonso and the City of Santa Fe, and directing formal presentation of the final plan to the Board;

WHEREAS, on January 13th 2009, the Board approved, by resolution, the final CMP;

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2009, the Board directed staff to establish a "Water Focus Group" to provide more detailed public input, conduct additional technical analyses, and propose permit language and an effective public outreach process;

WHEREAS, on January 6th 2011, the Buckman Direct Diversion project became operational and began delivering water to the citizens of Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, based on the enormous time and effort put forth by the WFG, key recommendations and strategies were formulated that are of value to Santa Fe County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, as follows:

1. As provided in the report of the WFG, County staff should enter into negotiations with the City of Santa Fe for back-up supply through the Sangre de Cristo Water System.
2. The CMP must be amended to include recommendations and strategies for future applications which include legal protections, monitoring and mitigation, well location methodology and the public outreach process. The CMP should also address the probability of water supply shortages and system outages and specific timing and phasing of needed back-up supply and production capabilities as water demands increase over time
3. A Citizen Group should be appointed to assist when public concerns or major policy issues related to the CMP arise or as needed.

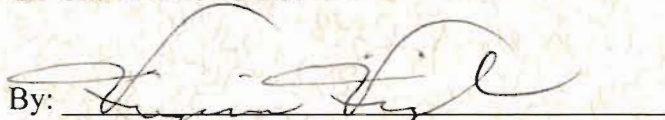
4. County staff shall immediately assess the potential of aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) or other technologies to address storage of the County's full allotment of water in the BDD project, management of water surpluses, water shortages, water delivery system infrastructure failures, and replenishment of the aquifer. ASR investigations must include evaluating the extent to which the Santa Fe River could be used for groundwater recharge – thus also facilitating the community interest in a flowing Santa Fe River. As appropriate, staff must develop initial plans for implementation of ASR. Any ASR proposal or implementation should be carefully reviewed by the citizen group described in paragraph 3 herein, and vetted through the appropriate public process.

5. Staff shall cooperate with the City of Santa Fe, La Cienega, La Cieneguilla, Agua Fria, Santa Fe Basin Water Association and Eldorado Area Water, Sanitation District and other stakeholders as identified to partner in regional back-up strategies. Collaboration with these entities and the Office the State Engineer to propose Water Right Administration Guidelines for the Santa Fe Basin is a desired outcome.


6. Staff shall regularly monitor the La Cienega/ La Cieneguilla springs as soon as a funding source is identified.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14 day of JUNE, 2011.

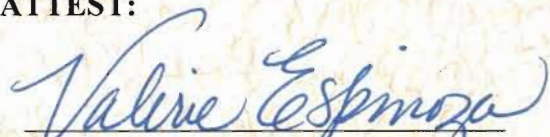
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By: 
Virginia Vigil, Chair

Approved as to Form:



Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney

ATTEST:


Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss
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