

**SANTA FE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION No. 2019 - 5**

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**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COUNTY'S APPLICATIONS  
FOR A FEDERAL WATERSMART GRANT TO BUILD  
AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY PROJECT**

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**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County ("County") is committed to diversifying its water supply and developing storage options to ensure that the County is better prepared for and more resilient to drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's Utilities Division has identified its primary strategic goal to meet this commitment as ensuring access to a backup supply of water equal to the County's average annual demand; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the County, pursuant to a WaterSMART grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation ("USBOR"), determined that aquifer storage and recovery is a viable method for storing this backup supply of water; and

**WHEREAS**, the USBOR is accepting applications for WaterSMART grants to support the construction of aquifer storage and recovery systems that build the capacity of local governments to manage drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, Rancho Viejo de Santa Fe, Inc. ("RVSF") has conducted a pilot study of aquifer storage and recovery, including the drilling of injection and production wells, on its property in the Community College District; and

**WHEREAS**, RVSF has committed to pay for any additional funding to construct an aquifer storage and recovery system on its property that exceeds the amount of any WaterSMART grant awarded by the USBOR; and

**WHEREAS**, the County estimates that the combined financial contributions of USBOR and RVSF will pay all of the cost of constructing an aquifer storage and recovery system to serve the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager has the authority to submit grant applications up to \$500,000 under County Resolution 2018-99; and

**WHEREAS**, the County submitted a WaterSMART grant application to the USBOR on March 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the USBOR requires an applicant for a WaterSMART grant to submit a resolution of its governing body authorizing the submittal of the grant application n no later than thirty (30) days after submitting the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners affirms the County Manager's authority to submit the WaterSMART grant application to construct an aquifer and storage and recovery system to serve the County.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

By: Anna T. Hamilton  
Anna T. Hamilton, Chair

ATTEST:  
Geraldine Salazar  
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk



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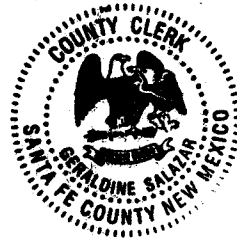
Approved as to form:

R. Bruce Frederick  
R. Bruce Frederick, County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE )  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ss

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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
Deputy Estrella Martinez County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM  
Geraldine Salazar