

# SANTA FE COUNTY

## Resolution No. 2008 - 194

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### A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS A BUDGET FOR THE INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION THAT INCLUDES A RECURRING BUDGET ITEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING FOUR REGIONAL WATER PLANS EACH YEAR

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**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 represent collaborative strategies to address water needs;

**WHEREAS**, regional water plans were reviewed and approved by many local governments in the state;

**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 a 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;

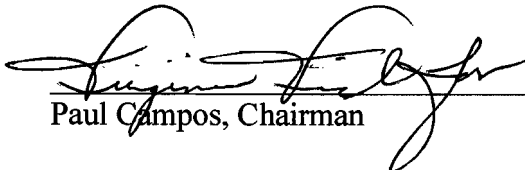
**WHEREAS**, there is a need to develop better and more consistent hydrologic data and increased coordination among regions and associated basins;

**WHEREAS**, communities in New Mexico need to update their plans and strategies to ensure an adequate water supply for their citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County urges the State Legislature to pass a budget for the Interstate Stream Commission that includes a recurring budget item of an additional \$345,000 for the update of four regional water plans each year.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS3**

  
Paul Campos, Chairman



**ATTEST:**

  
Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk

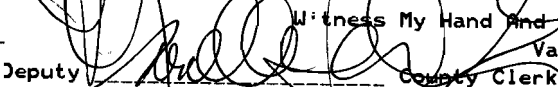
**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney

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Valerie Espinoza  
County Clerk, Santa Fe,