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 2 **such as, the intense variability of supply from year to year, the historical pattern**
 3 **of extended periods of drought, the complexities related to water rights, public**
 4 **welfare interests of the community, and the need for wise stewardship to**
 5 **protect water for future generations; and**

6 **WHEREAS, alternative actions for managing demand and supply have been**
 7 **identified for the Region, which should be pursued and implemented in a**
 8 **collaborative effort; and**

9 **WHEREAS, Local governments will select specific alternative actions for**
 10 **implementation based upon the needs of the community; and**

11 **WHEREAS, the MRCOG, WRB, and the WA have developed the Regional**
 12 **Water Plan; and**

13 **WHEREAS, the sixteen designated water planning regions of the state are**
 14 **expected to submit regional water plans to the New Mexico Interstate Stream**
 15 **Commission for acceptance and use in the statewide water plan; and**

16 **WHEREAS, the Interstate Stream Commission has requested that each**
 17 **Regional Water Plan be accepted or endorsed by local governments in the**
 18 **Region prior to its submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission.**

19 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
 20 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

21 **Section 1. The City of Albuquerque accepts the Middle Rio Grande Regional**
 22 **Water Plan as the guidance document for developing and implementing**
 23 **coordinated local and regional water management programs; and**

24 **Section 2. The Albuquerque City Council endorses the 11th Goal in Section**
 25 **1.3.3 and the items in Recommendation R2-12 of the Middle Rio Grande Region**
 26 **Water Plan that were approved by Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly; and**

27 **Section 3. The City of Albuquerque shall work with its fellow members of**
 28 **the Middle Rio Grande Water Board and the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly**
 29 **to procure funding to hire a manager/planner for the implementation and**
 30 **continual updating of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan; and**

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1 **Section 4. The City of Albuquerque authorizes the Middle Rio Grande**
 2 **Regional Water Plan for submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission for**
 3 **approval and integration into the State Water Plan; and**

4 **Section 5. The City of Albuquerque expresses its gratitude for the tireless**
 5 **effort of the MRCOG Water Resources Board and the volunteer efforts of the**
 6 **Water Assembly and the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez sub-regions Steering**
 7 **Committees in developing an acceptable plan for all water users and**
 8 **stakeholders in the region.**

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2004
 2 BY A VOTE OF: 7 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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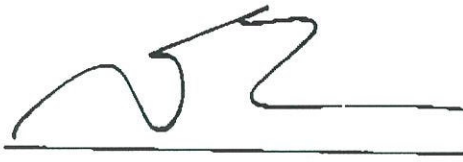
Excused: Loy, Mayer



Michael Cadigan, President
 City Council

APPROVED THIS 30th DAY OF March, 2004

Bill No. R-04-37



Martin J. Chavez, Mayor
 City of Albuquerque

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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City of Belen**Resolution No. 2004-01****A RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF WATER IN THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE
REGION; ACKNOWLEDGING A COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLANNING PROCESS; AND
ACCEPTING THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the diverse communities, water users and stakeholders in the Water Planning Region through the local governments within the counties of Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia wish to work cooperatively to protect, preserve and enhance the sustainability of water resources of the Region; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) and its Water Resources Board (WRB), in partnership with the grass roots Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly (WA) which is comprised of diverse constituencies in the Region, have undertaken a regional planning process with extensive public involvement over a 7-year period; and

WHEREAS, the planning process had the benefit of funding assistance from the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, contributions from local governments in the Region, and substantial volunteer expertise, time, and other in-kind contributions from the WRB and the WA and sub-regional committees; and

WHEREAS, recent water studies project that the current average annual consumptive use of water in this region exceeds the renewable supply; and

WHEREAS, if nothing is done to improve water management in the region, additional future water demand of 95,000 acre-feet per year by the year 2050 is projected for the Middle Rio Grande region; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous issues involved in water resource management such as, the intense variability of supply from year to year, the strong potential for extended periods of drought, the complexities of water rights as a personal property, public welfare interests of the community, and the need for wise stewardship to protect water for future generations; and

WHEREAS, alternative actions for managing demand and supply have been identified for the Region, which should be pursued and implemented by an individual entity, or by entities working together in a collaborative effort; and

WHEREAS, local governments will select specific alternative actions for implementation based upon the particular needs of their community; and

WHEREAS, the MRCOG/WRB and the WA have developed the Regional Water Plan and have agreed on a preferred scenario and recommendations to balance the effects upon stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the sixteen designated water planning regions of the state are expected to submit regional water plans to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission for acceptance and use in the statewide water plan; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Stream Commission has requested that each Regional Water Plan be acceptable to the local governments in the Region prior to its submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission.

WHEREAS, The Governing Body;

1. Accepts the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan as the guidance document for developing and implementing coordinated local and regional water management programs; and
2. Authorizes the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan for submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission for approval and integration into the State Water Plan; and
3. Expresses its gratitude for the extensive and extended effort of volunteers of the Water Assembly, the dedication of the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez sub-regions Steering Committees and the support and contributions of the MRCOG Water Resources Board in developing a plan which strives to balance the needs of all water users and stakeholders in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Belen that this resolution been duly herd is hereby adopted this 22nd day of January 2004.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of January 2004.



Ronnie Torres, Mayor

Attest:



Sally G. Garley, CMC City Manager

(Governing Body) of the Town of Bernalillo

Resolution No. 02-09-04

**A RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF WATER IN THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE
REGION; ACKNOWLEDGING A COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLANNING PROCESS; AND
ACCEPTING THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the diverse communities, water users and stakeholders in the Water Planning Region through the local governments within the counties of Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia wish to work cooperatively to protect, preserve and enhance the sustainability of water resources of the Region; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) and its Water Resources Board (WRB), in partnership with the grass roots Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly (WA) which is comprised of diverse constituencies in the Region, have undertaken a regional planning process with extensive public involvement over a 7-year period; and

WHEREAS, the planning process had the benefit of funding assistance from the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, contributions from local governments in the Region, and substantial volunteer expertise, time, and other in-kind contributions from the WRB and the WA and sub-regional committees; and

WHEREAS, recent water studies suggests that the current average annual consumptive use of water by all users in this region exceeds the renewable supply; and

WHEREAS, water management must improve in the region in order to meet future water demand by the year 2050 as projected for the Middle Rio Grande region; and

WHEREAS, there are substantial issues involved in water resource management such as, the intense variability of supply from year to year, the historical pattern of extended periods of drought, the complexities of water rights as a personal property, public welfare interests of the community, and the need for wise stewardship to protect water for future generations; and

WHEREAS, alternative actions for managing demand and supply have been identified for the Region, which should be pursued and implemented by an individual entity, or by entities working together in a collaborative effort to pinpoint authority and responsibility in a reasonable time table; and

WHEREAS, the MRCOG/WRB and the WA have developed the Regional Water Plan and have agreed on a preferred scenario and recommendations to balance the effects upon stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the sixteen designated water planning regions of the state are expected to submit regional water plans to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission for acceptance and use in the statewide water plan; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Stream Commission has requested that each Regional Water Plan be accepted or endorsed by local governments in the Region prior to its submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Town of Bernalillo:

1. Accepts the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan as a basis for implementing coordinated local and regional water management programs contingent on funding availability; and
2. Authorizes the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan for submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission for approval and integration into the State Water Plan; and
3. Expresses its gratitude for the tireless efforts of the MRCOG Water Resources Board and the volunteer efforts of the Water Assembly and the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez sub-regions Steering Committees in developing an acceptable plan for all water users and stakeholders in the region.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the Town of Bernalillo this 09th day of February 2004.



Charles J. Aguilar, Mayor

Attest:



Lester H. Swindle, Town Administrator



**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLANNING
PROCEES AND PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE
REGIONAL WATER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico must develop a State Water Plan to protect the State's water resources from interstate claims to New Mexico's water resources. The State has sixteen designated water planning regions; each region is expected to submit a regional water plan to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission for acceptance and use in the statewide water plan; and

WHEREAS, Middle Rio Grande Water Planning Region includes the diverse communities, water users and stakeholders in Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia Counties who wish to work cooperatively to protect, preserve and enhance the sustainability of water resources of the Region; and

WHEREAS, the grass roots Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly which is comprised of diverse constituencies in the Region, in partnership with the Mid Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) and its Water Resources Board (WRB), have undertaken a regional planning process with extensive public involvement over a 7-year period; and

WHEREAS, the planning process had the benefit of funding assistance from the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, contributions from local governments in the Region, and substantial volunteer expertise, time, and other in-kind contributions from the Water Assembly and sub-regional committees; and

WHEREAS, the Water Assembly and MRCOG/WRB have developed the Regional Water Plan presenting a preferred scenario and recommendations to balance the effects upon stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, recent water studies project that the current average annual consumptive use of water in this region exceeds the renewable supply; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous issues involved in water resource management such as the intense variability of renewable supply from year to year, the strong potential for extended periods of drought, the complexities of water rights as a personal property, public welfare interests of the community, and the need for wise stewardship to protect water for future generations; and

WHEREAS, alternative actions for managing supply and demand have been identified for the Region, which should be pursued and implemented by an individual entity, or by entities working together in a collaborative effort; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Stream Commission has requested that each Regional Water Plan be made acceptable to the local governments in the Region prior to its submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission.

1 WHEREAS, local governments will select specific alternative actions for implementation based upon the
2 particular needs of their community; and,
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4 WHEREAS, the City of Rio Rancho has been very proactive in managing its water resources as evidenced
5 by its active water conservation program, water reuse program and its draft water resources
6 management plan.
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9 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RIO**
10 **RANCHO THAT IT:**

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- 12 1. Acknowledges the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan as a guidance document for
13 developing and implementing coordinated local and regional water management programs with
14 the following provisions:
 - 15 A. That all water users within the planning area should rely on renewable water resources such
16 as reuse water and aquifer storage and recovery projects where feasible.
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 - 18 B. The Office of the State Engineer should assume responsibilities concerning development of
19 the Statewide and Regional implementation strategies for the management of water resources.
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 - 21 C. That all water consumption should be accurately accounted for while determining specific
22 implementation strategies in obtaining a balanced approach to water management.
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 - 24 D. That legislative funding mechanisms should be developed so that all water users pay their fair
25 share in the costs associate with reducing consumption of our region's water resources.
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 - 27 E. That all water users should bear an equal responsibility in reducing consumption rates; this
28 includes the residential/ municipal/ industrial, agricultural, and river/bosque water users.
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 - 30 F. That water resources should not dictate or control the amount of community or economic
31 growth, as this condition is not placed on other non-urban water users.
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 - 33 2. Authorizes the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan for submittal to the Interstate Stream
34 Commission for approval and integration into the State Water Plan; and
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 - 36 3. Expresses its gratitude for the extensive and extended effort of volunteers of the Water Assembly,
37 the dedication of the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez sub-regions Steering Committees and the support of
38 the MRCOG Water Resources Board in developing a plan which strives to balance the needs of
39 all water users and stakeholders in the region.
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42 **ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH 2004**

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45 **Jim Owen, Mayor**

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48 **Date**

49 **ATTEST:**

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51 **Cheryll A. Johns, Acting City Clerk**

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RESOLUTION 2004-2

CONCERNING THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF WATER IN THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGION; ACKNOWLEDGING A COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLANNING PROCESS; AND ACCEPTING THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER PLAN

WHEREAS, the diverse communities, water users and stakeholders in the Water Planning Region through the local governments within the counties of Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia wish to work cooperatively to protect, preserve and enhance the sustainability of water resources of the Region; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) and its Water Resources Board (WRB), in partnership with the grass roots Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly (WA) which is comprised of diverse constituencies in the Region, have undertaken a regional planning process with extensive public involvement over a 7-year period; and

WHEREAS, the planning process had the benefit of funding assistance from the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, contributions from local governments in the Region, and substantial volunteer expertise, time, and other in-kind contributions from the WRB and the WA and sub-regional committees; and

WHEREAS, recent water studies suggests that the current average annual consumptive use of water by all users in this region exceeds the renewable supply; and

WHEREAS, water management must improve in the region in order to meet future water demand by the year 2050 as projected for the Middle Rio Grande region; and

WHEREAS, there are substantial issues involved in water resource management, such as, the intense variability of supply from year to year, the historical pattern of extended periods of drought, the complexities of water rights as a personal property, public welfare interests of the community, and the need for wise stewardship to protect water for future generations; and

WHEREAS, alternative actions for managing demand and supply have been identified for the Region, which should be pursued and implemented by an individual entity, or by entities working together in a collaborative effort to pinpoint authority and responsibility in a reasonable time table; and

WHEREAS, the MRCOG/WRB and the WA have developed the Regional Water Plan and have agreed on a preferred scenario and recommendations to balance the effects upon stakeholders; and

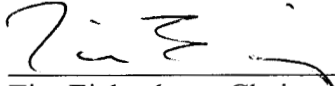
WHEREAS, the sixteen designated water planning regions of the state are expected to submit regional water plans to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission for acceptance and use in the statewide water plan; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Stream Commission has requested that each Regional Water Plan be accepted or endorsed by local governments in the Region prior to its submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AMAFCA Board of Directors:


1. Accepts the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan and authorizes the Plan to be submitted to the Interstate Stream Commission for approval and integration into the State Water Plan, with its thanks to the MRCOG Water Resources Board and the Water Assembly; and
2. Upholds the Water Plan by continuing to utilize best management practices for reducing storm water borne pollution, watershed protection, reduction of storm water runoff and preventing soil erosion; and
3. Continues to incorporate water pollution control and enhanced aquifer recharge as integral components of flood control projects, subject to the physical constraints within AMAFCA's flood control system; and
4. Provides assistance in the Region's water quality goals by its testing of storm water and making that data available as needed; and
5. Includes constructed and maintained wetlands, where appropriate, for secondary storm water treatment at flood control facilities.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED THIS 17th day of March, 2004.



Tim Eichenberg, Chairman
AMAFCA Board of Directors

Attest:



Ronald D. Brown, Secretary / Treasurer

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4 the intense variability of supply from year to year, the strong potential for extended periods of
5 drought, the complexities of water rights as a personal property, public welfare interests of the
6 community, and the need for wise stewardship to protect water for future generations; and

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13 Water Plan presenting a preferred scenario and recommendations to balance the effects upon
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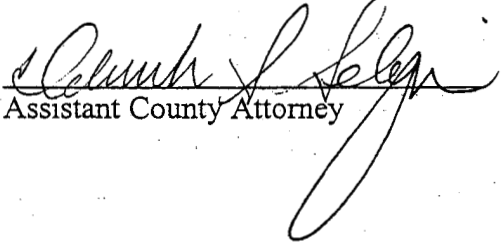
21 WHEREAS, the Governing Body ;,

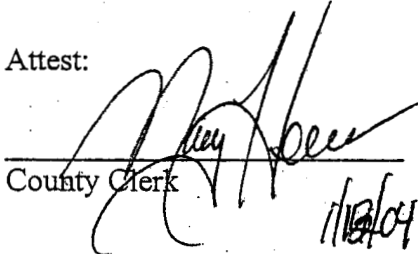
- 22 1. Accepts the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan as the guidance document for
23 developing and implementing coordinated local and regional water management
24 programs; and

- 3 2. Authorizes the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan for submittal to the Interstate
4 Stream Commission for approval and integration into the State Water Plan; and
5 3. Expresses its gratitude for the extensive and extended effort of volunteers of the
6 Water Assembly, the dedication of the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez sub-regions Steering
7 Committees and the support of the MRCOG Water Resources Board in developing a
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9 region.

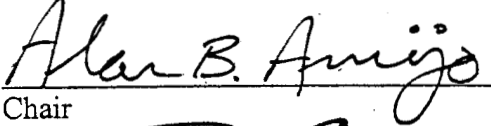
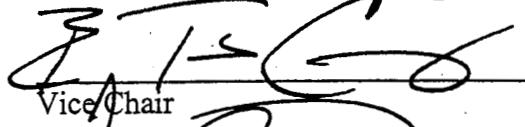
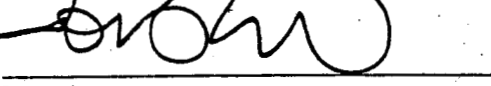
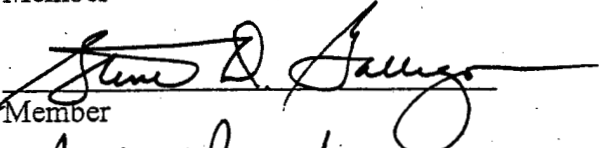
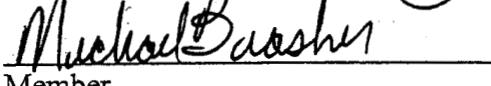
10 **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners, the
11 governing body of the County of Bernalillo that this resolution been duly heard is hereby
12 adopted this 13th day of January 2004.

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14 **APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:**

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16 Assistant County Attorney

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Chair

Vice Chair

Member

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Member

(A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF WATER IN
THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGION; ACKNOWLEDGING A
COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLANNING PROCESS; AND ACCEPTING THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER PLAN)

VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS

RESOLUTION 562-04

WHEREAS, the diverse communities, water users and stakeholders in the Water Planning Region through the local governments within the counties of Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia wish to work cooperatively to protect, preserve and enhance the sustainability of water resources of the Region; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) and its Water Resources Board (WRB), in partnership with the grass roots Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly (WA) which is comprised of diverse constituencies in the Region, have undertaken a regional planning process with extensive public involvement over a 7-year period; and

WHEREAS, the planning process had the benefit of funding assistance from the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, contributions from local governments in the Region, and substantial volunteer expertise, time, and other in-kind contributions from the WRB and the WA and sub-regional committees; and

WHEREAS, recent water studies suggests that the current average annual consumptive use of water by all users in this region exceeds the renewable supply; and

WHEREAS, water management must improve in the region in order to meet future water demand by the year 2050 as projected for the Middle Rio Grande region; and

WHEREAS, there are substantial issues involved in water resource management such as; the intense variability of supply from year to year, the historical pattern of extended periods of drought, the complexities of water rights as a personal property, public welfare interests of the community, and the need for wise stewardship to protect water for future generations; and

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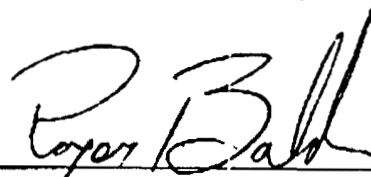
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body:

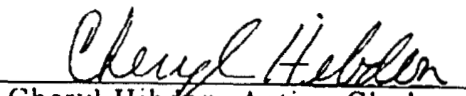
1. Accepts the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan as the guidance document for developing and implementing coordinated local and regional water management programs; and
2. Authorizes the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan for submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission for approval and integration into the State Water Plan; and
3. Expresses its gratitude for the tireless efforts of the MRCOG Water Resources Board and the volunteer efforts of the Water Assembly and the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez sub-regions Steering Committees in developing an acceptable plan for all water users and stakeholders in the region.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Village of Bosque Farms this 19th day of February 2004.



Roger Baldwin, Mayor

Attest:



Cheryl Hibdon, Acting Clerk



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VILLAGE OF CORRALES RESOLUTION NO. 2004-03

GARY KANIN
MAYOR

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL WATER PLAN FOR THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGION

WHEREAS, it appears that the State of New Mexico is entering an extended drought comparable or worse than the drought of the 1950's, and

WHEREAS, the aquifer under Corrales and the Middle Rio Grande Region is declining due to water mining, and

WHEREAS, the region is overusing its allotment of surface water making it difficult to meet compact obligations, and

WHEREAS, the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments and the Water Assembly have developed a water plan that addresses many of the ways to balance water use with sustainable supplies, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Corrales is unique in the Middle Rio Grande Region due to its rural and agricultural lifestyle and proximity to the river, and

WHEREAS, Corralesños rely on surface water for agriculture and self supplied wells for domestic uses, and

WHEREAS, Corrales has a long history agricultural, historical and agricultural beneficial use of water,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Village of Corrales, accepts in principal the Middle Rio Grande Water Plan as a general guideline in developing the Corrales Water plan in accordance with the Corrales Master Plan.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED this 27th day of January 2004.

VILLAGE OF CORRALES

By: Gary Kanin
The Honorable Gary Kanin
Mayor, Village of Corrales

ATTEST:

Ruthie Black
Ruthie Black
Acting Village Clerk

(SEAL)

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COUNCILOR

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John H. Garcia, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 333
A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
THE RIO PUERCO Y RIO JEMEZ SUB-REGIONAL WATER PLAN

WHEREAS, the diverse communities, water users and stakeholders in Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Sub-regional Water Planning Region, part of the Middle Rio Grande Water Planning Region, wish to work cooperatively to protect, preserve and enhance the sustainability of water resources of the Region, and

WHEREAS, the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Sub-regional Water Planning Steering Committees, which are comprised of diverse constituencies in the watersheds, have undertaken a regional water planning process with extensive public involvement, and

WHEREAS, the planning process had the benefit of \$35,000 in grants from the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, as well as contributions from Cuba Soil & Water Conservation District and other participants, and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committees have identified numerous issues including the intense variability of supply from year to year, the strong potential for decades of drought, the relationship between surface water and ground water, the need to respect water rights as personal property, the need to recognize public welfare interests of the community, and the need for wise stewardship to protect future generations, and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committees have adopted the following mission statement: *The residents of the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Sub-watersheds promote a sustainable balance between the availability and use of water, promote healthy watersheds, and retention of a rural lifestyle to benefit local communities and residents, and,*

WHEREAS, the Steering Committees have adopted the following goals:

- Ensure treaty, water and acequia rights to preserve and protect local agricultural traditions.
- Restore and manage the watersheds on public and private land to enhance water production, retention, and quality, to reduce the threat of wildfire, and to preserve natural systems dependent on water.
- Retain land use patterns that support and ensure a rural lifestyle and economy.

- Promote education for area residents regarding the connection between land use, water and environmental health, and ways to conserve water. These concepts should be incorporated into the curriculum of area schools.
- Support the cultural and spiritual values of water, and the universal need for an importance of water.
- Provide for monitoring implementation of the water plan.
- Promote the conservation of water, and

WHEREAS, through this planning process, the Steering Committees have developed a set of objectives and alternatives to support the mission and goals, which may be pursued jointly by the Steering Committees, by an individual entity, or by entities working together in a cooperative effort; and

WHEREAS, the sixteen regions of the state are expected to submit a regional plan to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission for acceptance and use in the statewide water plan, and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Stream Commission has requested that each Regional Water Plan be endorsed by the local governments in the Region prior to its submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committees decided to ask for endorsements from major land managers and water use planners / providers as well;

WHEREAS, The Village of Jemez Springs has received a request for endorsement of the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Subregional Water Plan, and

WHEREAS, The Village of Jemez Springs has specifically reviewed a portion of the Plan titled "Vision Statement-Environment Perspective", which makes reference to maintaining endangered species, and

WHEREAS, The Village of Jemez Springs finds that recent proceedings under the law commonly referred to as the Federal Endangered Species Act ~~have been a hindrance to the efforts of various~~ organizations to provide a reliable source of water to our communities, and

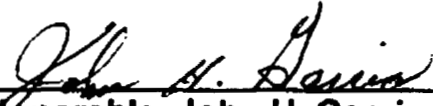
WHEREAS, The Village of Jemez Springs finds that recent proceedings under the law commonly referred to as the Federal Endangered Species Act are a substantial hindrance to the accomplishment of the Mission Statement adopted by the steering committee and referred to in the preceding paragraphs:

The residents of the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Sub-watersheds promote a sustainable balance between the availability and use of water, promote healthy watersheds, and retention of a rural lifestyle to benefit local communities and residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing body of Jemez Springs that to the extent, if any, that the regional water plan is intended or construed to evidence approval of the law referred to as the Federal Endangered Species Act, the plan is not endorsed by the Governing body of Jemez Springs.

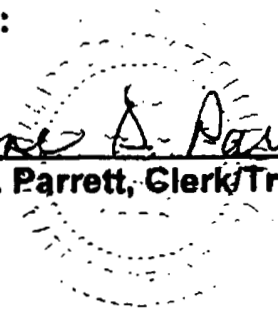
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, subject to the exception noted above, the Village of Jemez Springs endorses the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Subregional Water Plan, and will evaluate the alternatives in developing water plans.

This resolution was passed by the Governing Body of Jemez Springs during its regular meeting on the 10th day of December in the year 2003.


Honorable, John H. Garcia
Mayor, Village of Jemez Springs

ATTEST:


Diane D. Parrett, Clerk/Treasurer





Village of Los Lunas

Resolution No. 04-04

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COUNCIL OF GOVTS

**A RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF WATER IN THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE
REGION; ACKNOWLEDGING A COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLANNING PROCESS; AND
ACCEPTING THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the diverse communities, water users and stakeholders in the Water Planning Region through the local governments within the counties of Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia wish to work cooperatively to protect, preserve and enhance the sustainability of water resources of the Region; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) and its Water Resources Board (WRB), in partnership with the grass roots Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly (WA) which is comprised of diverse constituencies in the Region, have undertaken a regional planning process with extensive public involvement over a 7-year period; and

WHEREAS, the planning process had the benefit of funding assistance from the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, contributions from local governments in the Region, and substantial volunteer expertise, time, and other in-kind contributions from the WRB and the WA and sub-regional committees; and

WHEREAS, recent water studies suggests that the current average annual consumptive use of water by all users in this region exceeds the renewable supply; and

WHEREAS, water management must improve in the region in order to meet future water demand by the year 2050 as projected for the Middle Rio Grande region; and

WHEREAS, there are substantial issues involved in water resource management such as, the intense variability of supply from year to year, the historical pattern of extended periods of drought, the complexities of water rights as a personal property, public welfare interests of the community, and the need for wise stewardship to protect water for future generations; and

WHEREAS, alternative actions for managing demand and supply have been identified for the Region, which should be pursued and implemented by an individual entity, or by entities working together in a collaborative effort to pinpoint authority and responsibility in a reasonable time table; and

WHEREAS, the MRCOG/WRB and the WA have developed the Regional Water Plan and have agreed on a preferred scenario and recommendations to balance the effects upon stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the sixteen designated water planning regions of the state are expected to submit regional water plans to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission for acceptance and use in the statewide water plan; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Stream Commission has requested that each Regional Water Plan be accepted or endorsed by local governments in the Region prior to its submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body:

1. Accepts the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan as a basis for implementing coordinated local and regional water management programs; and
2. Authorizes the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan for submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission for approval and integration into the State Water Plan; and
3. Expresses its gratitude for the tireless efforts of the MRCOG Water Resources Board and the volunteer efforts of the Water Assembly and the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez sub-regions Steering Committees in developing an acceptable plan for all water users and stakeholders in the region.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the Village of Los Lunas this 12 day of February, 2004.



Louis F. Huning, Mayor

Attest:



Phillip Jaramillo, MMC, Village Administrator

VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-1-1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF WATER IN THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGION; ACKNOWLEDGING A COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLANNING PROCESS; AND ACCEPTING THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER PLAN

WHEREAS, the diverse communities, water users and stakeholders in the Water Planning Region (Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia Counties) wish to work cooperatively to protect, preserve and enhance the sustainability of water resources of the Region; and

WHEREAS, the grass roots Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly which is comprised of diverse constituencies in the Region, in partnership with the Mid Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) and its Water Resources Board (WRB), have undertaken a regional planning process with extensive public involvement over a 7-year period; and

WHEREAS, the planning process had the benefit of funding assistance from the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, contributions from local governments in the Region, and substantial volunteer expertise, time, and other in-kind contributions from the Water Assembly and sub-regional committees; and

WHEREAS, recent water studies project that the current average annual consumptive use of water in this region greatly exceeds the renewable supply; and

WHEREAS, if nothing is done to improve water management in the region, additional future water demand of 95,000 acre-feet per year by the year 2050 is projected for the Middle Rio Grande Region; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous issues involved in water resource management such as, the intense variability of supply from year to year, the strong potential for extended periods of

drought, the complexities of water rights as a personal property, public welfare interests of the community, and the need for wise stewardship to protect water for future generations; and

WHEREAS, alternative actions for managing supply and demand have been identified for the Region, which should be pursued and implemented by an individual entity, or by entities working together in a collaborative effort; and

WHEREAS, local governments will select specific alternative actions for implementation based upon the particular needs of their community; and,

WHEREAS, the Water Assembly and MRCOG/WRB have developed the Regional Water Plan presenting a preferred scenario and recommendations to balance the effects upon stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the sixteen designated water planning regions of the state are expected to submit regional water plans to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission for acceptance and use in the statewide water plan; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Stream Commission has requested that each Regional Water Plan be made acceptable to the local governments in the Region prior to its submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission; and

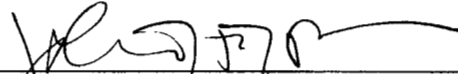
WHEREAS, the Governing Body:,

1. Accepts the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan as the guidance document for developing and implementing coordinated local and regional water management programs but reserved the right to modify or reject any specific provision of the plan that conflicts with the Village master plan or requires funding by the Village that is not fully reimbursable by another government entity, or in the opinion of the Village Board of Trustees would impose significant financial burden on the citizens of the Village.

2. Authorizes the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan for submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission for approval and integration into the State Water Plan; and
3. Suggests that the plan be modified to include regulations that require all new commercial and residential developments to submit specific water conservation measures as a condition of approval by governing bodies.
4. Authorizes the Water Resources Board to negotiate with the Interstate Stream Commission, the State Engineer's Office, and the regions upstream and downstream to reconcile the conflicts between the regional plan and the State Water Plan.
3. Expresses its gratitude for the extensive and extended effort of volunteers of the Water Assembly, the dedication of the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez sub-regions Steering Committees and the support of the MRCOG Water Resources Board in developing a plan which strives to balance the needs of all water users and stakeholders in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, that this resolution has been duly heard and is hereby adopted this 28th day of January 2004.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque this 28th day of JANUARY, 2004.



John H. Hooker
Mayor

Attest:



Annabelle Silvas
Village Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**CONCERNING THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF WATER
IN THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGION;
ACKNOWLEDGING THE WATER PLANNING PROCESS; AND
ACCEPTING THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER PLAN**

No. M-03-22-04-88

WHEREAS, the diverse communities, water users and stakeholders in the Water Planning Region (Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia Counties) came together to plan for the sustainability of the water resources of the Region; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly, which is comprised of diverse constituencies in the Region, in partnership with the Mid Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) and its Water Resources Board (WRB), have undertaken a regional planning process with extensive public involvement over a 7-year period in which the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Participated and provided input, which input was considered but not all included within the resultant planning documents; and

WHEREAS, the planning process had the benefit of funding assistance from the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, contributions from local governments in the Region, and substantial volunteer expertise, time, and other in-kind contributions from the Water Assembly and sub-regional committees; and

WHEREAS, studies reveal that the current average annual consumptive use of water in this region greatly exceeds the renewable supply; and

WHEREAS, hypothetical scenarios indicated that if nothing is done to improve water management in the region, additional future water demand of 95,000 acre-feet per year by the year 2050 is projected for the Middle Rio Grande Region; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous issues involved in water resource management such as, the intense variability of supply from year to year, the strong potential for extended periods of drought, the fact that water rights are protected by the New Mexico Constitution as real property of the beneficial users that cannot be taken with out compensation, public welfare interests of the community, the need for wise stewardship to protect water for future generations; the fact that the law of prior appropriation applies to all of the water rights within the Rio Grande Basin, and protects Indian and non-Indian water users alike, and any description of the legal rights of the parties in this plan is merely descriptive and is not being accepted as a correct statement of the law or facts; and

WHEREAS, alternative actions for managing supply and demand, some of which directly affect the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and its constituents, have been identified for the Region, and the most feasible of these should be investigated to determine their costs and benefits for the District and its constituents consistent with the law of prior appropriation, the protection of water rights, the Conservancy Act and the Pueblo water rights and reserved water rights doctrines; and

WHEREAS, after study, and in the event such actions are practical and do not deny the rights of District Constituents, including the Pueblos, the District may select specific alternative actions for implementation based upon the particular needs of its constituents and, as framed, all of the proposals and recommendations are discretionary and require further study prior to implementation and all proposals and recommendations, including, but not limited to, R3-2, R3-1, R4-1.R4-2, and R2-11, will be evaluated by the MRGCD prior to implementation and some may not need to be implemented and in the case of others implementation may indeed be inappropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the Water Assembly and MRCOG/WRB have developed the Regional Water Plan presenting a preferred scenario and recommendations to balance the effects upon stakeholders with the understanding these scenarios are hypothetical scenarios that reflect the value judgments of the participants ; and

WHEREAS, the sixteen designated water planning regions of the state are expected to submit regional water plans to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission for acceptance and use in the statewide water plan, and the District encompasses parts of two of those regions; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Stream Commission has requested that each Regional Water Plan be made acceptable to the local governments in the Region prior to its submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission.

Now, therefore, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, provides the following caveats to its acknowledgment of the Regional Plan and subject to those caveats accepts the Plan as set out below:

1. The conclusion to arbitrarily focus on a reduction in agriculture as a source of water to meet future deficits reflects perceptions and values of participants not a planning choice based upon analysis of alternatives; equally plausible are reductions in growth of cities, industrial demand, environmental demand, to the degree the Plan suggests that the District or its constituents or the Pueblos concur in this value choice. This is not an accurate assertion of positions;
2. The Plan references all parties should bear the burden of shortage on a pro-rata basis. This is not the Law in New Mexico. We operate in a prior appropriation system, unless and until the Constitution is amended, and the rights of Pueblos and land grant owners under the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo are altered and compensation is paid, this assertion is not consistent with the views of the MRGCD;
3. Achieving "Water Savings" in agriculture is a complex topic, not easily understood by persons outside the agricultural field. Savings can only be accomplished on a system-wide basis through reductions in evaporation, transpiration and percolation to contaminated aquifers. Lining of ditches does not accomplish any of these, and it may increase surface evaporation. Reduction of phreatophytes, when properly executed may reduce transpiration. Lining of ditches may increase delivery efficiency but does not mean a reduction in system water use. To the degree the suggestions in the plan contradict these principles, the District does not agree with them.

Finally, major errors have taken place worldwide, when governments subsidize or manage crop selection. To the degree this Plan suggests that certain proposed things should be done to conserve water, the District disagrees with it;

4. Acceptance of this document does not support the proposition that the authority provided in the Conservancy Act should be altered or amended. To the degree this document conflicts with the "Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Water Policies Plan" the latter shall control.
5. Subject to the above caveats, the District accepts the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan as a supplemental guidance document for developing and implementing coordinated local and regional water management programs; and
6. Authorizes the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan for submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission for approval and integration into the State Water Plan; and Expresses its gratitude for the extensive and extended effort of volunteers of the Water Assembly, the dedication of the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez sub-regions Steering Committees and the support of the MRCOG Water Resources Board in developing a plan that strives to balance the needs of all water users and stakeholders in the region.

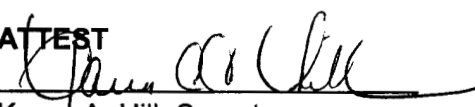
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors, the governing body of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, that this resolution being duly heard is hereby adopted this 22nd day of March, 2004.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT



José U. Otero, Chairman

ATTEST



Karen A. Hill, Secretary

**SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION NO. 2-5-04.9**

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**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT
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REGIONAL WATER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the diverse communities, water users and stakeholders in the Water Planning Region (Sandoval, Bernalillo, and Valencia Counties) wish to work cooperatively to protect, preserve and enhance the sustainability of water resources of the Region; and

WHEREAS, the grass roots Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly which is comprised of diverse constituencies in the Region, in partnership with the Mid Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) and its Water Resources Board (WRB), have undertaken a regional planning process with extensive public involvement over a 7-year period; and

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WHEREAS, recent water studies project that the current average annual consumptive use of water in this region greatly exceeds the renewable supply; and

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WHEREAS, alternative actions for managing supply and demand have been identified for the Region, which should be pursued and implemented by an individual entity; and

WHEREAS, the Water Assembly and MRCOG/WRB have developed the Regional Water Plan presenting a preferred scenario and recommendations to balance the effects upon stakeholders; and

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Resolution No. 2-5-049

WHEREAS, the sixteen designated water planning regions of the state are expected to submit regional water plans to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission for acceptance and use in the statewide water plan; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Stream Commission has requested that each Regional Water Plan be accepted by local governments in the Region prior to its submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE SANDOVAL COUNTY COMMISSION:

1. **Accepts the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan as the guidance document for developing and implementing coordinated local and regional water management programs to the extent that they address these overriding principles:**
 - A. **That all water use within the planning area should rely on renewable water resources.**
 - B. **That all water consumption should be accurately accounted for before determining specific implementation strategies in obtaining a balanced approach to water management.**
 - C. **That all water users should bear an equal responsibility in reducing consumption rates by residential/ municipal/industrial, agricultural, and river/bosque uses.**
 - D. **That legislative funding mechanisms should be developed so that all water users pay their fair share in the costs associated with reducing consumption of our region's water resources.**
 - E. **That the State Engineer's Office should be the Agency tasked with the development of Statewide and Regional implementation strategies for the management of water resources.**
2. **Authorizes the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan for submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission for approval and integration into the State Water Plan; and**
3. **Expresses its gratitude for the extensive and extended effort of volunteers of the Water Assembly, the dedication of the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez sub-regions Steering Committees and the support of the MRCOG Water Resources Board in developing a plan that strives to balance the needs of all water users and stakeholders in the region.**

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Resolution No.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, the governing body of the County of Sandoval, that this resolution is hereby adopted this 5 day of ~~January~~, 2004.

February, 2004

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF SANDOVAL COUNTY



Daymon Ely, Chairman



William Sapler, Vice Chairman



David Bency, Member



Jack E. Thomas, Member



Elizabeth C. Johnson, Member

ATTEST:



Victoria Dunlap, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



David Mathews, County Attorney

Southern Sandoval County
Arroyo Flood Control Authority



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**SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO
FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY
(SSCAFCA)**

David Stoliker, P.E.
Executive Director

RESOLUTION 2004-7

CONCERNING THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF WATER IN THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGION; ACKNOWLEDGING A COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLANNING PROCESS; AND ACCEPTING THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER PLAN

WHEREAS, the diverse communities, water users and stakeholders in the Water Planning Region within the counties of Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia wish to work cooperatively to protect, preserve and enhance the sustainability of water resources of the Region; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) and its Water Resources Board (WRB), in partnership with the grass roots Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly (WA) which is comprised of diverse constituencies in the Region, have undertaken a regional planning process with extensive public involvement over a 7-year period; and

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WHEREAS, recent water studies suggests that the current average annual consumptive use of water by all users in this region exceeds the renewable supply; and

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WHEREAS, alternative actions for managing demand and supply have been identified for the Region, which may be pursued and implemented by an individual entity or by entities working together in a collaborative effort; and

WHEREAS, local governments may select specific alternative actions for implementation based upon the particular needs of the community, the mission of the entity and its constraints; and

WHEREAS, the sixteen designated water planning regions of the state are expected to submit regional water plans to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission for acceptance and use in the statewide water plan; and

WHEREAS, the MRCOG/WRB and the WA have developed the Regional Water Plan and have agreed on a preferred scenario and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Stream Commission has requested that each Regional Water Plan be accepted or endorsed by local governments in the Region prior to its submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of SSCAFCA that:

SSCAFCA accepts the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan as the guidance document for developing and coordinating local and regional water management programs recognizing the constraints and management limitations of local and state governments.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED this 17th day of February, 2004.

Southern Sandoval County Arroyo
Flood Control Authority

By: William C. Yarbrough
William C. "Dub" Yarbrough
Chairman, SSCAFCA

(SEAL)

Richard Deubel

Richard Deubel

Acting Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 176**CONCERNING THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF WATER IN THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGION; ACKNOWLEDGING A COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLANNING PROCESS; AND ACCEPTING THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER PLAN.**

- WHEREAS:** The diverse communities, water users and stakeholders in the Water Planning Region through the local governments within the counties of Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia wish to work cooperatively to protect, preserve and enhance the sustainability of water resources of the region; and
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- WHEREAS:** Alternative actions for managing demand and supply have been identified for the region, which should be pursued and implemented by an individual entity, or by entities working together in a collaborative effort; and

WHEREAS: Local governments will select specific alternative actions for implementation based upon the particular needs of their community; and

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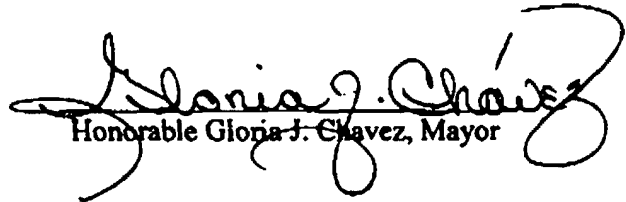
WHEREAS: The Interstate Stream Commission has requested that each Regional Water Plan be acceptable to the local governments in the Region prior to its submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission.

WHEREAS: The Village Council;

1. Accepts the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan as the guidance document for developing and implementing coordinated local and regional water management programs; and
2. Authorizes the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan for submittal to the interstate Stream Commission for approval and integration into the State Water Plan; and
3. Expresses its gratitude for the extensive and extended effort of volunteers of the Water Assembly, the dedication of the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez sub-regions Steering Committees and the support and contributions of the MRCOG Water Resource Board in developing a plan, which strives to balance the needs of all water users and stakeholders in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Tijeras that this resolution been duly heard is hereby adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of February 2004.


 Honorable Gloria J. Chavez, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Estefanie B. Muller, Village Clerk/Treasurer

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Resolution No. 2004 - 10

**A RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF WATER IN THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body:


1. Accepts the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan as a basis for implementing coordinated local and regional water management programs; and
2. Authorizes the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan for submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission for approval and integration into the State Water Plan; and
3. Expresses its gratitude for the tireless efforts of the MRCOG Water Resources Board and the volunteer efforts of the Water Assembly and the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez sub-regions Steering Committees in developing an acceptable plan for all water users and stakeholders in the region.
4. Develop and implement a strong water conservation plan in the jurisdiction.
5. Press to balance region-wide water use with a renewable supply.
6. Work in close coordination with other jurisdictions in the Region.
7. Consider water implications before making local decisions.
8. Acknowledge that sound water management is vital for the economy.
9. See that a healthy greenbelt is a valued attribute of the Region.

Done this 18th day of February, 2004

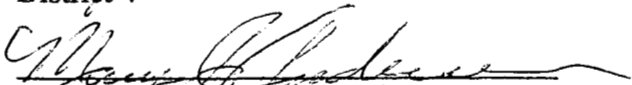
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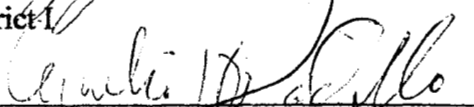
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Attest: 

Tina Gallegos, Valencia County Clerk