



RESOLUTION 2008-47

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEDICATED AND ONGOING STATE FUNDING FOR UPDATING REGIONAL WATER PLANS.

WHEREAS, water throughout the State of New Mexico is a fragile and finite resource and adequate water resources are a prerequisite to the health and economic security of New Mexico's communities; and

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

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

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; and

WHEREAS, regional water plans were drafted by local organizations, represent collaborative strategies for addressing water needs, and have been reviewed and approved by many local governments in the state; and

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

WHEREAS, regional water plans provide tools for coordinated decision-making and water project implementation, and there is a need for increased cooperation among regions and associated basins; and

WHEREAS, extended periods of drought and the effects of climate change further threaten New Mexico's communities; and

WHEREAS, significant changes have occurred since the regional water plans were accepted, such as new regulatory requirements, more recent hydrologic and geohydrologic studies, increasing population and urbanization, water quality degradation, and diminishing sources of water supply; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to develop more accurate and consistent hydrologic and geohydrologic data as a basis for making decisions regarding community development as it affects water resources; and

WHEREAS, communities in New Mexico need to continually update their plans and strategies to ensure adequate water supply for their citizens.

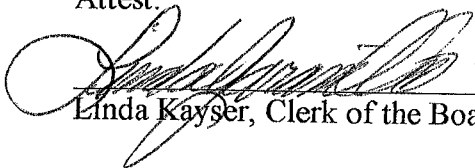
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE Board of County Commissioners of Torrance County:

That the Governing Body of County Commissioners of Torrance County urges the New Mexico State Legislature to dedicate funding for the Interstate Stream Commission that includes an annually recurring budget item of \$400,000 for the update of at least four regional water plans each year.

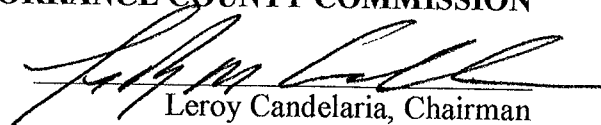
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of August, 2008.

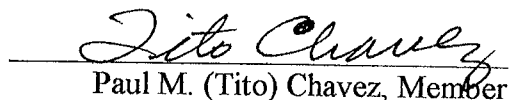


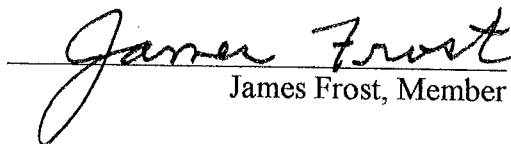
Attest:


Linda Kayser, Clerk of the Board

TORRANCE COUNTY COMMISSION


Leroy Candelaria, Chairman


Paul M. (Tito) Chavez, Member


James Frost, Member