



Torrance County

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-04 A

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE *ESTANCIA BASIN REGIONAL WATER PLAN: YEAR 2010 UPDATE* AND THE ASSOCIATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES OF THE ESTANCIA BASIN WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Estancia Basin is a hydrologically closed drainage basin located predominantly within Torrance County and significantly within Torrance, Bernalillo, and Santa Fe Counties; and

WHEREAS, the groundwater resources of the Estancia Basin are vulnerable to rapid depletion by wells and are experiencing on-going marked and readily observable declines in water levels in the Valley Fill alluvial aquifer, the Estancia Basin's primary aquifer; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous water user constituencies with the Estancia Basin who are dependent on the renewable, sustainable, and fresh water resources of the Estancia Basin; and,

WHEREAS, the groundwater resources are a necessary and vital resource for cultural and economic sustainability of the basin and are currently in a state of being over withdrawn and no excess water is readily available for export and use outside of the basin; and,

WHEREAS, the various governmental entities of the Estancia Basin desire to work cooperatively to protect, preserve, and enhance the longevity of the water supplies of the Estancia Basin; and,

WHEREAS, the implementation of water resource planning and management shall respect local government sovereignty with the Estancia Basin, and implementation must be approved by the affected jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee was established by a three-party Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Torrance County, Santa Fe County, and Bernalillo County in 1995 to provide for the coordination of water planning activities affecting the Estancia Basin; and,

WHEREAS, the MOU specified that the committee membership was to include a governmental representative for each County, a municipal/developer/utility representative for each County, an agricultural representative for each County, a representative from each of the three Soil and Water Conservation Districts located with the planning region, and one at large representative, totally 13 voting members; and

WHEREAS, the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee was generally assigned the responsibility to perform an advisory role to various governments on matters concerning the water resources of the Estancia Basin, and was specifically given the responsibility to promote and participate in water resource planning activities affecting the Estancia Basin and to investigate and recommend water resource management policies and strategies for consideration by the various governments with jurisdiction in the Estancia Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan was initially formulated and submitted by the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee in 1999, and that the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission desires and has directed that the plan be updated every five years, and that the Water Plan has not been updated since its initial issuance; and

WHEREAS, in discharge of its responsibilities, the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee has expended state and county funds, utilized in-kind resources of the counties, cities, and soil and water conservation districts, and has provided numerous volunteer hours of the Committee members in formulation of the *Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan: Year 2010 Update*; and

WHEREAS, to the best of its ability, the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee has conducted monthly meetings in accordance with Open Meeting requirements, has held public meetings at various stages of the report in order to facilitate public comments, has provided each governmental entity with copies of the update for review and comment prior to each of the public meetings, has similarly presented the final draft of the update for both public and governmental review and comment; and it is judged by this body to have otherwise strived for an open and welcoming public involvement process in formulation of the original plan and the update; and

WHEREAS, this governing body, having no additional substantive comment on the update:

- (1) Accepts the *Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan: Year 2010 Update* as the guidance document for developing and implementing coordinated local and regional water management programs; and,
- (2) Endorses the *Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan: Year 2010 Update* for submittal to the Interstate Stream Commission for approval and integration into the updates of the State Water Plan; and,

(3) Expresses its gratitude for the extensive and on-going volunteer efforts of the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the governing body of Torrance County that this resolution having been duly heard is hereby adopted this 27 day of January, 2010.



Torrance County Commission

Jim Frost

Jim Frost, District 1

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Linda Kayser for Linda Kayser
T.C. Clerk

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

[Signature]

Attorney



COUNTY OF TORRANCE
Resolution No. 2010- 04 B

**A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING TORRANCE COUNTY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT
DIVISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL DWI GRANT AND DISTRIBUTION
PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted Section 11-6A-1 through 11-6A-6 NMSA 1978 as amended to address the serious problems of Driving While Intoxicated in the State; and

WHEREAS, a program is established to make grant and distribution funding available to counties and municipalities for new, innovative or model programs, services or activities to prevent or reduce the incidence domestic abuse related to DWI, DWI, alcoholism and alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, the county DWI planning council and other governmental entities approval must be received in order to apply for grant and distribution funding; and

WHEREAS, the County along with participating agencies is making application to the Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division for program funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the COUNTY OF TORRANCE that the County Chairperson on behalf of the County and all participating entities is authorized to submit an application for DISTRIBUTION AND GRANT
(DISTRIBUTION AND/OR GRANT)

program funding under the regulations established by the Local Government Division.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the governing body at its meeting of FEBRUARY 10, 2010 .

James Frost
County Commission Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Mast
DWI Planning Council Representative

Linda Kayser
County Clerk (SEAL)

