



“Connecting Business and Community”

Dear Douglas County Board of County Commissioners,

The Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce and Board of Directors is submitting this letter for your consideration regarding the Renewable Water Resources Proposal. We ask that you vote against this effort as it would have nothing short of a devastating effect on the economy and future of the San Luis Valley.

We represent our membership of over 250 businesses and organizations in Alamosa and the surrounding region, whose opposition of this effort is overwhelming. Our water resources have already been stressed going on two decades, and to cause further depletion would cause irreparable harm to our agricultural industry, the primary industry in our economy. We have been offered a **one-time** \$50 million community payment which is **less** than the **annual** economic loss this project would cause, estimated at a minimum of \$53 million. As most any chamber will tell you, each dollar spent will circulate locally an average of seven times, further compounding these annual losses.

In a way, we have the benefit of hind-sight. As the exportation of water from other communities such as Crowley County, CO ruined their agricultural industry, and permanently damaged surrounding businesses, and the overall quality of life of those who called that area home. It doesn't take much to extrapolate how this proposal would do the same to the SLV, decimating a region that depends deeply on the agricultural industry embedded within.

We ask you to vote against the Renewable Water Resources Proposal, and to consider the people and businesses of the SLV in your decision, as well as the genuine harm this short-sighted proposal would undoubtedly cause for our economy for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and please feel welcomed to reach out to us to discuss further,

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