

Commissioner Glorer moved for adoption
of the following Resolution

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF RIO GRANDE, STATE OF COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO 2019-_____

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EXPORT OF WATER FROM THE SAN LUIS
VALLEY AND THE RIO GRANDE BASIN TO THE FRONT RANGE**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Rio Grande County recognizes that agriculture is central to the history and modern economy of Rio Grande County; and

WHEREAS, Rio Grande County is one of six counties situated within the San Luis Valley; and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Valley is the second largest potato growing region in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in addition to potato farming, agricultural activities within Rio Grande County include the farming of grains and produce as well as livestock ranching, all of which rely upon locally sourced water from mountain springs, artesian wells, and the Rio Grande River; and

WHEREAS, prospective land use projects and municipal growth within Rio Grande County are largely dependent upon the continued availability of sufficient water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande Basin is an already over-appropriated aquifer, and the conditions of the aquifer have been compounded by a 19-year drought; and

WHEREAS, the water of the San Luis Valley is seemingly under constant threat from interests outside of the San Luis Valley, including a recent proposal to drill wells and establish a pipeline and delivery system to export water from the San Luis Valley to the Front Range; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Rio Grande County believes any export of water from the San Luis Valley to the Front Range, or elsewhere, would have a potentially crippling effect on the economy of the San Luis Valley and, in turn, the residents and interests of Rio Grande County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for Rio Grande County, Colorado:

THAT, the Board of County Commissioners for Rio Grande County hereby opposes any plan to export water from the San Luis Valley to the Front Range, or elsewhere.

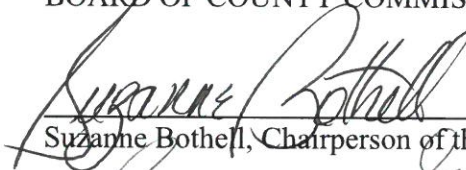
MOVED, READ, AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Rio Grande, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held the 18 day of December, 2019.

ATTEST:

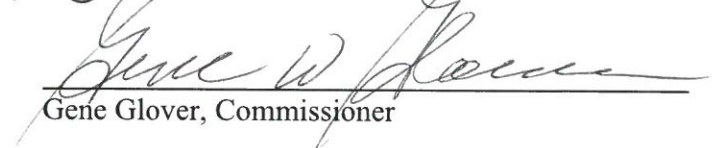


Clerk of the Board of
County Commissioners

RIO GRANDE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Suzanne Bothell, Chairperson of the Board



Gene Glover, Commissioner



John Noffske, Commissioner

Commissioner _____ seconded adoption of the foregoing Resolution. The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Suzanne Bothell

Yes

Vote

Commissioner Gene Glover

Yes

Vote

Commissioner John Noffske

Yes

Vote