

**RESOLUTION OF ALAMOSA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RE: A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE EXPORTING OF WATER FROM THE RIO GRANDE BASIN.**

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**WHEREAS**, Alamosa County, is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado and is geographically located within the Rio Grande Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, the conservation, protection and use of the water resources of the Rio Grande basin are vital to the continued economic and cultural prosperity of the citizens of Alamosa County, the San Luis Valley, and visitors from around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the water resources of the Rio Grande basin are critical to the continued agricultural production of the San Luis Valley which is the key economic driver for many of the Valley's residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the water resources of the Rio Grande basin are critical to wildlife and protected areas such as the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge, the Baca National Wildlife Refuge, and the San Luis Lakes State Wildlife Area;

**WHEREAS**, the water resources of the Rio Grande basin are critical to the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve which receives nearly 500,000 visitors annually; and

**WHEREAS**, once again, the valuable water resources of the Rio Grande basin are being threatened by a private entity who propose to construct a pipeline to export this water to the front range; and

**WHEREAS**, in or to protect the economy, culture, and well-being of the citizens of Alamosa County, it is necessary to join the Rio Grande Water Conservation District in safeguarding and maintaining the waters available to Alamosa County citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the export of water from the Rio Grande basin to other basins is a direct threat to the economy, culture, and well-being of Alamosa County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the exportation of water from the Rio Grande basin to other basins is contrary to Alamosa County and Rio Grande Water Conservation's District's joint goal of the sustainable and continued use of water within the Rio Grande Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the current obligations of the Rio Grande Water Compact, the Rio Grande basin already exports a substantial amount of this critical natural resources to downstream states and additional exportation would cause irreparable harm; and

**WHEREAS**, Alamosa County has consistently and vigorously opposed attempts to export water from the Rio Grande Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, such past opposition has defeated attempts to export water from the Rio Grande basin and protected the economy, culture, and well-being of Alamosa County Residents.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALAMOSA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** that:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Alamosa County continue to oppose any attempt to export water from the Rio Grande basin.
2. The Board of County Commissioners of Alamosa County will commit such resources as are necessary to oppose any such export attempt.



DONE THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October, 2020 by roll call vote

Commissioner Yohn:	Yea	Nay
Commissioner Sigmond:	Yea	Nay
Commissioner Allen:	Yea	Nay

ATTEST

Belina Ramirez  
Belina Ramirez, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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