

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING EXPORTATION OF WATER FROM THE RIO GRANDE BASIN

WHEREAS, the export of water will threaten the environmental, cultural and economic well-being of public lands that surround the San Luis Valley, which supports the strength of the agricultural, recreational and educational community that gives this region it's health and vitality; and

WHEREAS, the conservation, protection, and use of the water resources of the Rio Grande basin are vital to the continued prosperity of both the agricultural and recreational sector and the entire population of San Luis Valley residents and the American public who are the beneficiaries of these lands; and

WHEREAS, the exportation of water from the Rio Grande basin to other basins is a direct threat to the prosperity of biodiversity, wildlife, waterfowl and the health and well-being of all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the exportation of water from the Rio Grande basin and the aquifers thereof impacts the sustainability of the water supply, including the sustainability of the confined and unconfined aquifers from which the San Luis Valley wetlands derive its water supply; and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council (SLVEC) has been made aware of a scheme for the exportation of water out of the Rio Grande basin, similar to past attempts to export water from the Rio Grande basin, being promoted by an entity calling itself Renewable Water Resources, LLC, and claiming that the water exportation scheme was " Created by the people of the San Luis Valley;" and " benefits everyone;" and

WHEREAS, the SLVEC does not believe either of those export scheme statements to be true, and, as noted above, believes the scheme to export water from the Rio Grande basin will harm the environmental, economic and cultural prosperity of the citizens of the United States and of the San Luis Valley;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SLVEC, whose office is located within the

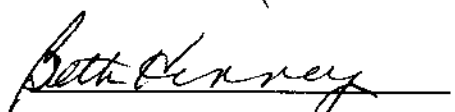
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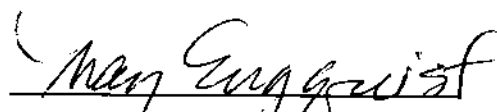
Section 1: The Board of Directors of SLVEC opposes any attempt to export water from the Rio Grande basin to another basin.

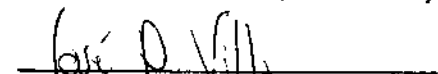
Section 2: The SLVEC directs staff to monitor any schemes to export water out of the Rio Grande basin, in particular the Renewable Water Resources scheme referenced above; and identify appropriate junctures to oppose such export schemes, including, but not limited to, the filing of statements of opposition in water court, and coordination with other entities opposing such export schemes, such as the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

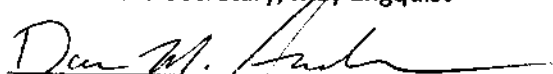
Section 3: This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

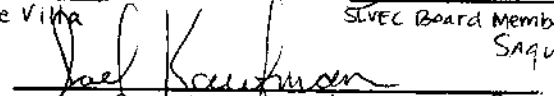
PASSED AND ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED, THIS DAY, June 10th, 2020


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