

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING EXPORTATION OF WATER
FROM THE RIO GRANDE BASIN**

WHEREAS, the economic and cultural well-being of the citizens of Alamosa is tied to and dependent upon the strength of the agricultural community that gives Alamosa 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 sector and the entire population of Alamosa and the San Luis Valley; and

WHEREAS, the exportation of water from the Rio Grande basin to other basins is a direct threat to the prosperity of the City of Alamosa and 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 aquifer from which the City of Alamosa derives its water supply; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been made aware of a scheme for the exportation of water out of the Rio Grande basin, similar to past attempt 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 City Council does not believe either of those statements to be true, and, as noted above, believes the scheme to export water from the Rio Grande basin will harm the economic and cultural prosperity of the citizens of Alamosa and of the San Luis Valley;

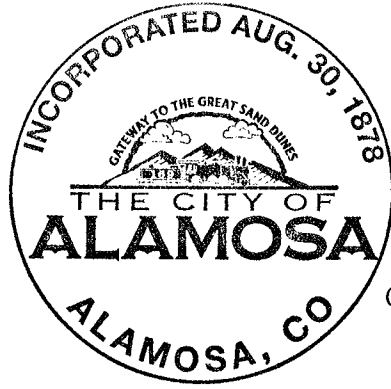
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALAMOSA, COLORADO:

Section 1: The City Council of the City of Alamosa, Colorado opposes any attempt to export water from the Rio Grande basin to another basin.

Section 2: The City Council 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.

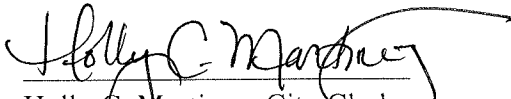
Section 3: This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED, THIS 3rd DAY OF April, 2019.

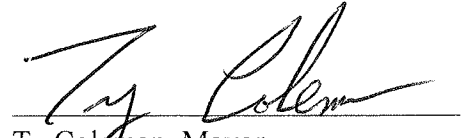


ATTEST

CITY OF ALAMOSA, COLORADO



Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk



Ty Coleman, Mayor