

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-26

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Joseph Maestas

Councilor Peter Ives

A RESOLUTION

**SUPPORTING PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION, SENATE BILL 665 (“SB 665”),
RELATING TO WATER WELLS, LEASES, HEARINGS AND ABANDONMENT.**

WHEREAS, the 60 day session of the 2015 Legislative Session began on January 20, 2015;
and

WHEREAS, SB 665, has been introduced for consideration by the 52nd Legislature - State of
New Mexico - First Session, 2015; and

WHEREAS, SB 665 would allow the use of a leased water right during the pendency of the
hearing process for a limited period and limited amount of water; and

WHEREAS, SB 665 would allow drilling of supplemental or replacement wells for the
amount of water originally permitted to or declared by the water right owner regardless of the amount
of historic beneficial use of the water; and

WHEREAS, SB 665 would require filing of certain evidence by protestants to determine
standing in administrative hearings on water right issues; and

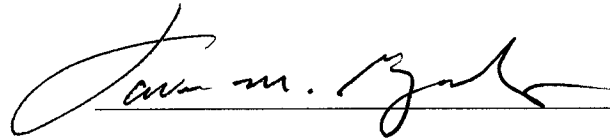
WHEREAS, SB 665 would provide that the non-use of water does not automatically result in

1 the loss of water rights in certain instances.

2 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
3 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby supports SB 665, relating to water wells,
4 leases, hearings and abandonment as it relates to municipal, county, and member-owned community
5 water systems.

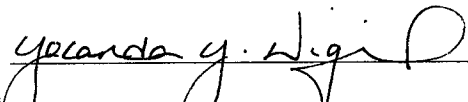
6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this
7 resolution to the City of Santa Fe lobbyist and the City of Santa Fe State Legislative Delegation.

8 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2015.


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JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

11 ATTEST:

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14 VOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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18 KELLEY BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY