CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-4

INTRODUCED BY:

[Signatures]

A RESOLUTION

EXpressing the Governing Body's desire to employ a youth conservation corps program to assist the city in making improvements to the Santa Fe River.

WHEREAS, the health and restoration of the Santa Fe River and its associated watershed is a priority of the City of Santa Fe and our community; and

WHEREAS, the health and restoration of the Santa Fe River and its watershed involves trash removal, biohazardous waste removal, vegetation management and extensive erosion control; and

WHEREAS, restoring the Santa Fe River and its associated watershed is fundamental to the social and environmental well being of Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, the City Children and Youth Commission recognizes the importance of helping young people identify interests and develop skills that lead to work opportunities; and

WHEREAS, "fostering positive youth development throughout the community for teens and young adults," is the third goal of the 2005 Children and Youth Strategic Plan; and
WHEREAS, educational and workforce development are primary goals of the 2004 City
of Santa Fe Economic Development Strategy; and

WHEREAS, development of workplace skills for our youth is integral to Santa Fe’s
economic and social wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe seeks to develop opportunities for youth in city
government through mentoring programs, internships and paid positions; and

WHEREAS, providing employment opportunities for youth in river restoration,
integrates the needs of youth workforce development, creating meaningful lives for our youth,
and working toward a living Santa Fe River to the benefit of our entire community; and

WHEREAS, providing employment and workforce development opportunities to youth
is a service critically needed by our community; and

WHEREAS, the city desires to support programs that reintegrate the large number of
Santa Fe’s high school dropouts into our community; and

WHEREAS, due to the complex and labor intensive nature of river restoration, the above
work would be best executed by youth conservation corps teams with experience in similar work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the governing body desires to:

1. provide educational and workforce development opportunities for youth through river
   restoration work when possible; and

2. contract with youth conservation corps programs to assist the city in making
   improvements to the Santa Fe River and its associated water shed.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2007.

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DAVID COSS, MAYOR
ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY