


1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2008-70

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10 A RESOLUTION

11 **URGING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS A BUDGET FOR THE**
12 **INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION THAT INCLUDES A RECURRING BUDGET**
13 **ITEM OF AN ADDITIONAL \$345,000 FOR ONGOING REGIONAL WATER**
14 **PLANNING.**

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16 **WHEREAS**, adequate water supply is a prerequisite to the health and economic
17 wellbeing of New Mexico's communities; and

18 **WHEREAS**, water is a fragile and finite resource; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Legislature in 1987 determined that "the future water
20 needs of New Mexico can best be met by allowing each region of the state to plan for its water
21 future"; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Legislature established sixteen water planning regions in
23 New Mexico; and

24 **WHEREAS**, regional water plans outline the alternatives and strategies for closing the
25 gap between available water supply and projected future demand; and

1 **WHEREAS**, regional water plans were developed by many local organizations and
2 represent collaborative strategies to address regional water needs; and

3 **WHEREAS**, regional water plans are tools for better local, regional, and state-wide
4 decision-making and water project implementation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, regional water plans were developed, reviewed and approved by many
6 local governments in the state; and

7 **WHEREAS** all sixteen of the water planning regions have completed regional water
8 plans, and had them accepted by the Interstate Stream Commission between 1999 and 2008; and

9 **WHEREAS**, changes may have occurred since the regional water plans were accepted,
10 such as new regulatory requirements, new hydrologic studies, changing population growth rates,
11 and effects on water supplies due to drought and potentially from climate change; and

12 **WHEREAS**, ongoing funding is needed to update regional water plans, develop better
13 and more consistent hydrologic data, increase coordination among regions and associated basins,
14 and implement the strategies recommended in the regional water plans; and

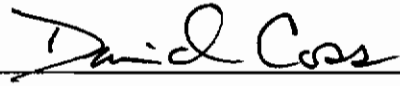
15 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Legislature determined that “the state can assist the
16 regions in planning future water use by implementing a state appropriation program to ensure an
17 adequate supply of water for each region”; and

18 **WHEREAS**, communities in New Mexico need to update their plans and strategies to
19 ensure an adequate water supply for their citizens.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
21 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body urges the New Mexico State Legislature to pass
22 a budget for the Interstate Stream Commission that includes a recurring budget item of an
23 additional \$345,000 for the ongoing regional water planning needs.

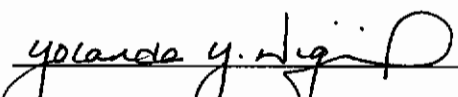
24 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of August, 2008.
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