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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

BILL NO. 2013-5

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Coss
Councilor Bushee

AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO THE VOLUNTARY RIVER CONSERVATION FUND, ARTICLE 25-8 SFCC 1987; AMENDING SECTION 25-8.2 SFCC 1987 TO EXPAND THE USE OF THE DONATED FUNDS TO INCLUDE PROJECTS THAT WILL IMPROVE THE FLOW OF WATER IN THE SANTA FE RIVER IN WAYS THAT ENHANCE THE ECOSYSTEMS OF THE SANTA FE RIVER AND ITS RIPARIAN CORRIDOR.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE:

Section 1. Section 25-8.2 SFCC 1987 (being Ord. #2006-28, §7) is amended to read:

25-8.2 Voluntary River Conservation Fund.

A. The city shall create a voluntary contribution program/voluntary check-off provision on its monthly utility billing statements for the citizens to donate money to the city for deposit in the voluntary river conservation fund.

(1) Money deposited in the voluntary river conservation fund before _____, 2013 [effective date of this ordinance] shall be dedicated to [for] the purchase, acquisition, long-term leasing of consumptive water rights in quantities sufficient to sustain

1 the total water demand for either a living Santa Fe River or for the preservation and
2 continuation of sufficient water flowing through the Rio Grande.

3 (2) Money deposited in the voluntary river conservation fund after
4 _____, 2013 [effective date of this ordinance] shall be dedicated to projects that
5 improve the flow of water in the Santa Fe River in ways that enhance the ecosystems of the
6 Santa Fe River and its riparian corridor.

7 B. The city shall make public on at least an annual basis regular reports of all funds
8 allocated and all purchases, acquisition, leases of water rights made and proposed, ongoing and
9 completed projects [as a result of this] resulting from the use of the voluntary river conservation fund.

10 C. ~~[The]~~ Subject to the Bateman act, the city shall appropriate sufficient funding that
11 matches (on a dollar for dollar basis) on an annual basis all money that is contributed by the public to
12 the voluntary river conservation fund.

13 ~~[D.— The city shall use the proceeds from the river conservation fund for the purchase,~~
14 ~~acquisition, long term leasing of consumptive water rights in quantities sufficient to sustain the total~~
15 ~~water demand for either a free flowing Santa Fe River or for the preservation and continuation of~~
16 ~~sufficient water living through the Rio Grande.]~~

17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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20 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY