

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-15**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Calvert

6 Councilor Bushee

7 Councilor Ives

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **URGING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE, DURING THE 2013 SESSION TO**
12 **PASS A BUDGET FOR THE INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION THAT INCLUDES A**
13 **RECURRING BUDGET ITEM OF AN ADDITIONAL \$400,000 FOR THE UPDATE OF**
14 **FOUR REGIONAL WATER PLANS EACH YEAR.**

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

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

20 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Legislature also determined that "the state can assist the
21 regions in planning future water use by implementing a state appropriation program to ensure an
22 adequate supply of water for each region"; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the first regional water plan was completed and accepted by the Interstate
24 Stream Commission in 1999 and the last regional water plan was completed and accepted by the
25 Interstate Stream Commission in 2008; and

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

3 **WHEREAS**, regional water plans were reviewed and approved by many local governments
4 in the state; and

5 **WHEREAS**, regional water plans outline the alternatives for closing the gap between
6 available water supply and demand; and

7 **WHEREAS**, regional water plans are tools for better decision-making and water project
8 implementation; and

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

10 **WHEREAS**, drought and climate change further threaten New Mexico’s communities; and

11 **WHEREAS**, water supply and demand are not static but change continuously; and

12 **WHEREAS**, a number of changes have occurred since the regional water plans were
13 accepted, such as new regulatory requirements, new hydrologic studies, changing population growth
14 rates, and changes in water supply due to drought and climate change; and

15 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to develop better and more consistent hydrologic data and
16 increased coordination among regions and associated basins; and

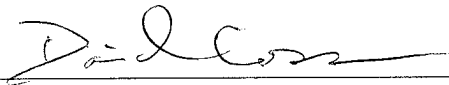
17 **WHEREAS**, communities in New Mexico need to update their plans and strategies to ensure
18 an adequate water supply for their citizens.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
20 **CITY OF SANTA FE that** the Governing Body hereby urges the State Legislature, during the 2013
21 Legislative Session, to pass a budget for the Interstate Stream Commission that includes a recurring
22 budget item of an additional \$400,000 for the update of four regional water plans each year.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that** the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this
24 resolution to the City’s lobbyist and the City’s State Legislative Delegation.

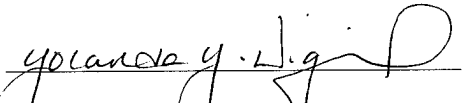
25 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 30th day of January, 2013.

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DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:



YOLANDA Y VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY