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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-52

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Ives
Councilor Rivera
Councilor Dimas
Councilor Dominguez

A RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF "A WATER CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN FOCUSING ON VOLUNTARY OUTDOOR IRRIGATION".

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe aspires to become the water conservation capital of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe has invested in a robust and diverse portfolio of water sources and the City has many options available to meet the water supply needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe, the region of Northern New Mexico and the State of New Mexico continue to explore ways to conserve residential consumption of water and power and to inspire its residents to care for our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City's Water Emergency Plan Ordinance, 25-5 SFCC 1987, the City could declare and impose water restrictions to reduce demand which could cause economic hardship for Santa Fe businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, the summer irrigation season has the highest water use and the biggest demand on our precious and limited water resources; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has
2 updated its forecast model to predict a dry spring and above average temperatures; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe’s reservoir levels are at/or seasonal near record lows,
4 therefore, peak irrigation demand will require increased pumping of aquifers in the City and Buckman
5 well fields; and

6 **WHEREAS**, surrounding communities are adopting either voluntary or mandatory water
7 restrictions; and

8 **WHEREAS**, with the encouragement of the Mayor and City Council, residents and
9 businesses are encouraged to voluntarily reduce their water consumption; and

10 **WHEREAS**, from May , to October , 2013, the City of Santa Fe wishes to inspire its
11 residents and its neighboring communities to conserve water.

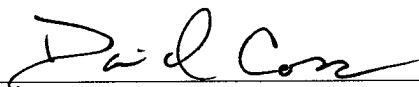
12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
13 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that:

14 **SECTION 1.** The City of Santa Fe agrees and supports a "Water Conservation Campaign
15 focusing on Voluntary Outdoor Irrigation” for Santa Fe residents and said campaign will be
16 administered by the City of Santa Fe’s Water Conservation Office;

17 **SECTION 2.** The program is to be implemented immediately and will continue into future
18 years, through a series of communication and outreach strategies, either new or existing, to encourage
19 Santa Fe residents and businesses to conserve water.

20 **SECTION 3.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

21 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 29th day of May, 2013.

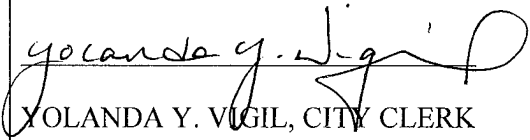
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24 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

1 ATTEST:

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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

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