

Concerning the exportation of water out of the Estancia Basin

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe is proposing to acquire water rights in the Estancia Basin and transport water into their municipal drinking water system by pipeline from the Estancia Basin to the City of Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, the Estancia Basin is being depleted due to extensive and historical ground water mining resulting in serious water level declines; and

WHEREAS, the Estancia Basin has been designated a Critical Management Area by the Office of the State Engineer, requiring greater protection to ensure future ground water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Estancia basin has not been adjudicated by the State of New Mexico, and declared water rights far exceed historical pumping; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the ground water in the Estancia Basin is saline or brackish, although the extent and characteristics are not known, and there is a concern by residents of the Estancia Basin that Basin water quality in general is deteriorating for a reasons due to extensive pumping; and

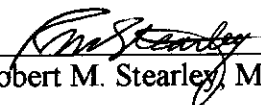
WHEREAS, growth projections for the communities in the Estancia Basin, particularly along the I-40 corridor, anticipate increased residential and economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Town of Edgewood, that the exportation of water out of the Estancia Basin is not supported for the following reasons:

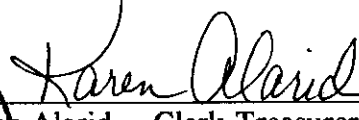
1. There is a growing uncertainty about the future availability of ground water in the Estancia Basin, while the Basin communities are dependent on a sustainable water supply to ensure their continued and future economic vitality.
2. There is no benefit to the communities of the Estancia Basin when water is exported out of the Estancia Basin. Furthermore, exploration of water establishes a bad precedent and diminishes the self sufficiency of communities in the Basin.
3. The exportation of water from the Estancia Basin is detrimental to the public welfare of the Basin residents and communities which is to protect the customs, culture, environment, and economic health and stability of Basin residents.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of January, 2005.

ATTEST:


Robert M. Stearley, Mayor




Karen Alarid, Clerk-Treasurer