

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-04

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UPDATED REGIONAL WATER PLANS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION

Whereas adequate water resources are a prerequisite to the health and economic wellbeing of New Mexico's communities;

Whereas the New Mexico Legislature in 1987 determined that "the future water needs of New Mexico can best be met by allowing each region of the state to plan for its water future";

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

Whereas the first regional water plan was completed and accepted by the Interstate Stream Commission in 1999 and the last regional water plan was completed and accepted by the Interstate Stream Commission in 2008;

Whereas regional water plans were drafted by many local organizations and represent collaborative strategies to address water needs;

Whereas regional water plans were reviewed and approved by many local governments in the state;

Whereas regional water plans outline the alternatives for closing the gap between available water supply and demand;

Whereas regional water plans are tools for better decision-making and water project implementation;

Whereas water is a fragile and finite resource;

Whereas drought and climate change further threaten New Mexico's communities;

Whereas water supply and demand are not static but change continuously;

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

Whereas there is a need to develop better and more consistent hydrologic data and increased coordination among regions and associated basins;

Whereas communities in New Mexico need to update their plans and strategies to ensure an adequate water supply for their citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body for the Town of Edgewood hereby adopts this Resolution in support of updated Regional Water Plans to be submitted to the Interstate Stream Commission.

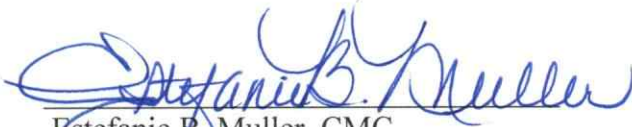
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body for the Town of Edgewood urges the State Legislature to pass a budget for the Interstate Stream Commission that includes a recurring budget item of an additional \$400,000 for the update of four regional water plans each year.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 20th day of FEBRUARY, 2013.



Brad E. Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:



Estefanie B. Muller, CMC,
Clerk-Treasurer