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RESOLUTION OF THE NEW MEXICO INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION REGARDING THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER PLAN

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WHEREAS, in 1987 the New Mexico Legislature recognized the need for water planning to protect the essential and finite water resources of the state by enacting legislation entitled "Authorizing the Interstate Stream Commission to Fund Regional Water Planning Efforts"; and

WHEREAS, the state was subsequently divided into 16 planning regions and the Interstate Stream Commission developed a template for the creation of regional plans, and, as appropriations allowed, provided funding to individual regions for the development of regional plans; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Rio Grande water planning region was established as encompassing Valencia and most of Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties including the Pueblos of Jemez, Zia, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Sandia and Isleta, portions of the Pueblos of Santa Clara, Cochiti, Santo Domingo and Laguna, a portion of the Jicarilla Nation and a portion of the Tohajiilee Chapter of the Navajo Nation; the municipalities of Rio Rancho, Albuquerque, Jemez Springs, Cuba, San Isidro, Bernalillo, Corrales, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bosque Farms, Los Lunas, and Belen; the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority and the Southern Sandoval County Flood Control Authority; the Cochiti, Albuquerque and most of the Belen Divisions of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and numerous other parties and a significant portion of the middle Rio Grande bosque; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Stream Commission contracted with the Mid Region Council of Governments to complete the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan; and

WHEREAS, funding of over \$1.3 million was provided to complete the plan as follows:

The Interstate Stream Commission provided grants totaling \$562,000 to the Mid Region Grande Council of Governments between 1989 and 2001 for purposes of completing the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan; and

Local governments contributed funds in the amount of \$441,000; and

The Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly contributed funds in the amount of \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, additional in-kind services and funding were provided by Sandia National Laboratories, the Utton Transboundary Center of the University of New Mexico and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and