

## **RESOLUTION #R-12-02-21-1**

**WHEREAS**, the 2004 Arizona Water Settlements Act Section 212(i) has specific language to include the “Southwest New Mexico Planning Group” or its successor as a consulting agency to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission in selection of projects for funding through the AWSA; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Gila/San Francisco Water Commission is the direct successor to the Southwest New Mexico Study Group and is representative of the four southwest counties of New Mexico, a majority of the municipalities, soil and water conservation districts, ditch associations and irrigation commissions; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Gila/San Francisco Water Commission is dedicated to the interests of these same entities concerning municipal water supply, agricultural water supply, infrastructure improvements, and conservation practices while maintaining a healthy ecosystem for both the San Francisco River and the Gila River alike; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of the Gila/San Francisco Water Commission and the residents of Southwest New Mexico to represent the needs of the area through the process approved by the Interstate Stream Commission for prioritization and selection of projects being considered for funding.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Gila/San Francisco Water Commission that a priority list has been made utilizing a scoring system by each individual commissioner and then formulating an average score for each project submitted under the Tier II application process. 10 being the highest and 1 the lowest.

1. Gila Basin Irrigation Commission	8.3
2. Luna Ditch Association	7.9
3. Gila Conservation Fund	7.4
4. Sunset and New Model Ditches	7.3
5. Hidalgo County Off-stream Storage	7.2
6. Pleasanton Eastside Ditch	7.2
7. San Francisco Watershed Rehab	7.1
8. Grant Soil and Water Conservation Watershed Rehab	6.1
9. Grant County Reservoir	5.8
10. Bayard Effluent Reuse	5.8
11. Deming Diversion Project	5.7
12. NMSU Watershed Restoration and Monitoring	5.7
13. Deming Conservation Fund	5.6
14. Deming Water Reuse	5.6
15. Grant County Water Commission Regional Supply	5.4
16. Gila National Forest Watershed Restoration	4.5
17. Coalition Diversion-Rosgen	4.4

18. Gila National Forest San Francisco Diversion	4.1
19. Stream Dynamics Water Harvesting	3.8
20. New Mexico Forestry Industry Assoc.	3.8

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Gila San Francisco Water Commission would request that the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission to consider the following recommendations:

- The Interstate Stream Commission take great consideration the initial purpose of the AWSA and its intention to provide an opportunity for the State of New Mexico to retain 14000 acre feet of water within Southwest New Mexico.
- The commission recognizes that watershed restoration projects garner great support even though scores were low in the evaluation process. Recognizing that these projects should create stable water flows in rivers and streams.
- The commission supports one conservation fund for the four counties of Southwest New Mexico.
- The commission acknowledges overlap in several of the diversion, infrastructure, and conservation projects alike.

Done, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2012 at Silver City, New Mexico.

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