RESOLUTION #R-14-10-31-1

A RESOLUTION PRIORITIZING THE PROJECTS RELATED TO THE ARIZONA WATER SETTLEMENT ACT

WHEREAS, The 2004 Arizona Water Settlements Act Section 212(i) has specific language to include the “Southwest New Mexico Water Planning Group” or its successor as a consulting agency to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission in the 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 Water Planning 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, the communities, water users, and stakeholders in the Southwest New Mexico Water Planning Region including Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, and Luna Counties, wish to work cooperatively to protect and conserve the water resources of the planning region and to ensure that the water supplies assured to New Mexico under the AWSA are utilized for the benefit of the planning region.

WHEREAS, it is 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Gila/San Francisco Water Commission that through a meeting held on October 21, 2014 a list of priorities was approved by unanimous vote utilizing a classification system of projects with priorities as follows:

1. Diversion
2. Water Delivery
3. Conservation
4. Watershed Restoration
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Gila/San Francisco Water Commission that with the exception of the number 1 priority all other projects will be prioritized by utilizing the listing provided by Resolution #R-12-02-21-1 within their respective category and that these priorities be recommended to the Interstate Stream Commission for consideration.

Diversion
1. Southwest Regional Water Supply Project (Deming Diversion)
2. Gila Basin Irrigation Commission Diversion
3. Hidalgo County Off-stream Storage
4. Grant County Reservoir
5. San Francisco Watershed Rehab (Irrigation portion)

Water Delivery
6. Luna Ditch Association
7. Sunset and New Model Ditches
8. Pleasanton Eastside Ditch
9. Grant County Water Commission Regional Supply
10. Coalition Diversion

Conservation
11. Gila Conservation Fund
12. Deming Conservation Fund
13. Deming Water Reuse

Watershed restoration
14. San Francisco Watershed Rehab
15. Grant Soil and Water Conservation Watershed Rehab
16. NMSU Watershed restoration and Monitoring

Passed, Approved and Adopted by the Gila/San Francisco Water Commission this 31st day of October, 2014.

Anthony Gutierrez – Chairman GSFWC