

RESOLUTION # 005-2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CRESTONE OPPOSING EXPORTATION OF WATER FROM THE RIO GRANDE BASIN

WHEREAS, the economic and cultural well-being of the citizens of Town of Crestone is tied to and dependent upon the strength of the surrounding agricultural community; and

WHEREAS, the conservation, protection, and use of the water resources of the Rio Grande basin are vital to the continued prosperity of both the agricultural sector and the entire population of Town of Crestone and the San Luis Valley; and

WHEREAS, the exportation of water from the Rio Grande basin to other basins is a direct threat to the prosperity of the Town of Crestone and of all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the exportation of water from the Rio Grande basin and the aquifers thereof impacts the sustainability of the water supply; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been made aware of a scheme for the exportation of water out of the Rio Grande basin, similar to past attempts to export water from the Rio Grande basin, being promoted by an entity calling itself Renewable Water Resources, LLC, and claiming that the water export scheme was "Created by the people of the San Luis Valley," and "benefits everyone;" and

WHEREAS, the Town Board does not consider either of those statements to be true, and, as noted above, believes the scheme to export water from the Rio Grande basin will harm the economic and cultural prosperity of the citizens of Town of Crestone and of the San Luis Valley;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CRESTONE, COLORADO:

Section 1: The Town Board of the Town of Crestone, Colorado opposes any attempt to export water from the Rio Grande basin to another basin.

Section 2: The Town Board directs staff and its water attorneys to monitor any schemes to export water out of the Rio Grande basin, in particular the Renewable Water Resources scheme referenced above, and identify appropriate remedies to oppose such export schemes, including, but not limited to, the filing of statements of opposition in water court, and coordination with other entities opposing such export schemes, such as the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

Section 3: This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

DONE and **SIGNED** this 10th day of June, 2019.

Attest:

Allyson Ransom
Allyson Ransom, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Eugene L. Farish, Town Attorney

Kairina Danforth
Kairina Danforth, Mayor

DONE and SIGNED this 10th day of June, 2019.

OF CHIEF
Attest:
1-15-2019

K. Danforth
Kairina Danforth, Mayor

Allyson Ransom
Allyson Ransom, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Eugene L. Farish
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