

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SANTA FE ENSURE THAT SUFFICIENT WATER IS RELEASED INTO THE SANTA FE RIVER TO SUPPORT TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURE AROUND LA BAJADA AND LA CIENEGA.

WHEREAS, residents of the areas around La Bajada and La Cienega in Santa Fe county have practiced traditional irrigated agriculture for generations; and

WHEREAS, these areas were once known as the "breadbasket of New Mexico"; and

WHEREAS, these communities are among the oldest settlements in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, residents of these communities continue to maintain their lands and customs by wise and productive use of their land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the heritage of these communities is important for retaining the diversity of people and cultures that truly makes Santa Fe unique; and

WHEREAS, the waters of the Santa Fe river are critical for the agriculture of these communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the city of Santa Fe and the county of Santa Fe work together to ensure that sufficient water is released into the Santa Fe river to

support traditional agriculture in the areas of La Bajada and La Cienega; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the members of the Santa Fe city council and the Santa Fe county board of county commissioners.