



**VALENCIA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION No 2022-111**

**SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION, AS A PROJECT SPONSOR IN THE USDA-NRCS WFPO
WATERSHED & FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT FOR THE BELEN WATERSHED FLOOD
PROTECTION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 17:00 PM in the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 4-38-1 (1884) the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate shall be exercised by a board of county commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1 (1975) provides that, “[a]ll counties are granted the same powers that are granted municipalities except for those powers that are inconsistent with statutory or constitutional limitations placed on counties. Included in this grant of powers to the counties are those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of any county or its inhabitants”; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA, 1978, Section 4-38-18 (1976) provides that a Board of County Commissioner has the duty and authority “[t]o represent the county and have the care of the county property and the management of the interest of the county in all cases where no other provision is made by law;” and,

WHEREAS, the Belen area of Valencia County has historically been subjected to devastating flooding which has caused untold hardship and misery to the inhabitants of the area and their property; and,

WHEREAS, in recent years the flooding events have increased in frequency and intensity; and,

WHEREAS, the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)’s Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program helps units of federal, state, local and tribal of

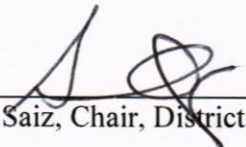
government (project sponsors) protect and restore watersheds up to 250,000 acres. This program provides for cooperation between the Federal government and the states and their political subdivisions to work together to prevent erosion; floodwater and sediment damage; to further the conservation development, use and disposal of water; and to further the conservation and proper use of land in authorized watersheds; and,

WHEREAS, the USDA's NCRS offers financial and technical assistance through this program for flood prevention; and,

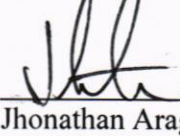
WHEREAS, the MRGCD and Valencia County have determined that the Belen area would greatly benefit from a Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program project and that such participation will protect the health safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the County; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County that it hereby supports the County's participation, as a full project sponsor, in partnership with the MRGCD, in the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service's Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program for the Belen Watershed Flood Protection Project.

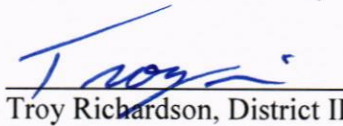
APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 16th day of November 2022.



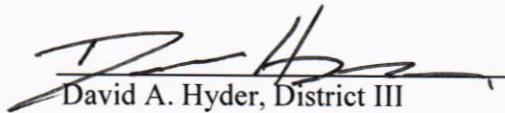
Gerard Saiz, Chair, District I



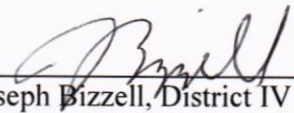
Jhonathan Aragon, Vice-Chair, District V



Troy Richardson, District II




David A. Hyder, District III



Joseph Bizzell, District IV

Attest:



Mike Milam, County Clerk

