CURRY COUNTY #2010-56
In Support of FY 2012 Federal Funding in the amount of
$25 million to advance the Eastern NM Rural Water System Project

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Clovis, Elida, Grady, Melrose, Portales, Texico, and the County of Curry serving as members of the Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority ("ENMWUA") for the purpose of planning, designing, constructing, and operating the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System ("ENMRWS") to provide a sustainable long-term water supply for municipal and industrial uses: and

WHEREAS, the two-county area (Curry and Roosevelt) to be served by the proposed water system has severely diminished and declining groundwater resources and is inadequate to sustain existing and projected future demand in the region; and

WHEREAS, a Preliminary Engineering Report, Preliminary Design, a Draft Environmental Assessment, draft Biological Assessment and cost estimates for the construction of a regional water system which will include the intake/diversion structure, water treatment facility, pumping stations, storage facilities, pipelines and related infrastructure are completed; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the project for construction on March 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the project is being developed under a financing strategy which includes authorization by the United States Congress, the New Mexico Legislature, and local governments to provide cost-share funds for construction of the overall system; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Legislature has authorized financing for the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System of approximately $20 million through HB-88a in 2002 and through appropriations in fiscal years 2005 through 2010 as a priority statewide project, and, passed HB 15 creating the ENMWUA in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the ENMWUA passed and adopted a Finance Plan (Operations and Maintenance Plan) on July 15, 2010 that provides a roadmap for local, state and federal cost sharing allowing for the project to be completed within ten (10) years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that time is of the essence in this matter and the Board of Curry County Commission strongly supports a federal appropriation of $25 million in FY 2012 and urges President Obama and the US Bureau of Reclamation to act quickly to partner with the ENMWUA and the State of New Mexico to implement this critical infrastructure project;

Presented, Discussed and Approved, this 5th day of November, 2010 at a meeting of the Board of Curry County Commissioners held in Clovis, New Mexico.

Robert O. Sandoval, Chairman

Caleb Chandler, Vice Chairman

(SEAL)

Frank H. Blackburn, Member

Daniel J. Stoddard, Member

Wendell Bostwick, Member

ATTEST:

Coni Jo Lyman, Curry County Clerk