

## **Resolution # R-03-13**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico has been allocated eighteen thousand (18,000) acre-feet of water from the Gila River pursuant to USC Public Law 90-537, the Colorado River Basin Act; and,**

**WHEREAS, water resources are a key component to economic development in the Grant County area; and,**

**WHEREAS, Grant County has been actively pursuing, with the assistance of the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, the diversion of the 18,000 acre feet as promised under the settlement decree in Arizona vs. California (Gila/CAP project); and**

**WHEREAS, Senator Kyle (R-AZ) has introduced SB 437, known as the "Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act" in which the eighteen thousand (18,000) acre-feet has been designated to southwestern New Mexico; and,**

**WHEREAS, Rep. Hayworth (R-AZ) has introduced HB 885 a companion bill to SB 437, which also designates the 18,000 acre-feet to southwestern New Mexico.**

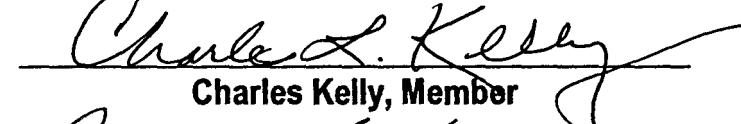
**NOW, THEREFORE be it hereby resolved that the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GRANT COUNTY that:**

- 1. Senate Bill 437, introduced by Senator Kyle and scheduled to be heard in the United States Senate in the Fall of 2003, is supported by the Grant County Commission and support of the bill by Senator Domenici and Senator Bingaman is hereby requested; and,**
- 2. House Bill 885 (companion bill) introduced by Rep. Hayworth, and scheduled to be heard in the United States House of Representative in the Fall of 2003 is supported by the Grant County Commission and support of the bill by Congressman Steve Pearce is hereby requested.**

**DONE, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2003 at Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico.**

BOARD OF GRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Henry Torres, Chairman

  
Charles Kelly, Member

  
Joseph Arellano, Member

Approved To Form:

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Grant County Attorney

Attest:

  
Jeff Carbajal  
Grant County Clerk