

GRANT COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO.R-12-12  
RECOGNIZING A WATER EMERGENCY AND CALLING FOR ACTION TO  
SUPPORT ALL COMPONENTS OF A REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM

**Whereas**, the Grant County and the State of New Mexico have been in extreme to exceptional drought conditions for the past few years and the forecast is for it to continue; and

**Whereas**, the precious commodity of water to the mining district is being depleted and the current drought conditions are not helping the situation; and

**Whereas**, the Village of Santa Clara has not been able to prove up their water rights in the Twin Sisters Creek infiltration galleries; and

**Whereas**, the Tri-City Waste Water Treatment Facility, that serves Bayard, Santa Clara, Hurley, and will soon serve North Hurley and Hanover, is discharging nearly 800 acre feet of water that is going to the tailing dam and being mixed with process water from the mine; and

**Whereas**, the City of Bayard has a plan to reuse approximately 150 to 170 acre feet of this water to irrigate the baseball fields in the City; and

**Whereas**, the Grant County Commission has put forth a project to use the remainder of the 800 acre feet of water in a reservoir that will help replenish the ground water for the benefit of the Village of Santa Clara, the City of Bayard and help the Town of Hurley with their need of a water source as well as create economic development;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, the Board of Grant County Commissioners declares an emergency situation to stop wasting this precious resource of water. They also call upon all members of this community to come together and back all the projects that have been presented to build a stronger regional water system and stop the loss of the water from the Tri-City Waste Water Treatment Facility. We need to come together as a community and state to come up with a plan to save this resource.

**Passed, Approved and Adopted by the Board of Grant County Commissioners this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2012.**

**Attest:**

  
Brett Kasten, Commission Chairman

  
Gabriel Ramos, Commissioner District 1

  
Christy Miller, Commissioner District 3

  
Robert Zamarripa  
County Clerk

