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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COMPREHENSIVE
SANDOVAL COUNTY OIL AND GAS ORDINANCE**

Resolution No. 2017-01

WHEREAS, the Coronado Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is an independent local governmental political subdivision of the State of New Mexico, located in Sandoval County, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in enacting the Soil and Water Conservation District Act, NMSA §§ 73-20-25 - 73-20-48, the New Mexico Legislature declared that “the land, waters and other natural resources are the basic physical assets of New Mexico, and their preservation and development are necessary to protect and promote the general health and welfare of the people of the state” and “the improper use of land and related natural resources, soil erosion and water loss result in economic waste in New Mexico through the deterioration of the state’s natural resources”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, Coronado SWCD is authorized to promote and preserve “the conservation, development, beneficial application and proper disposal of water” and to “conserve and develop the natural resources of the state, provide for flood control, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of New Mexico”; and

WHEREAS, the Act defines natural resources as “land, except for oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land; soil; water; air; vegetation; trees; wildlife; natural beauty; scenery; open space; and human resources, when appropriate” [§ 73-20-27(I)];

WHEREAS, in accordance with its purpose and mission, Coronado SWCD recognizes the need for a comprehensive Sandoval County ordinance that takes into consideration all potential aspects of the oil and gas exploration and development processes in order to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the people, the land and water, the watersheds and the entire ecosystem, for all current and future inhabitants; and

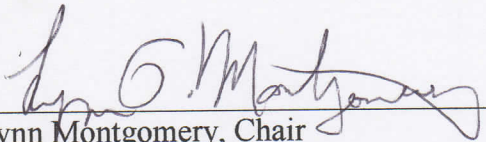
WHEREAS, neither federal regulations nor New Mexico regulations and enforcement procedures adequately address the impacts of oil and gas exploration and development at the local government level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CORONADO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT that:

1. The District actively supports the enactment by Sandoval County of a comprehensive oil and gas ordinance; and

2. The District specifically supports the inclusion of the following requirements in the ordinance:

- Control public nuisances – traffic, dust, pipeline routing, worker housing;
- Adequately address pollution possibilities – water, air, land, noise, light;
- Strongly protect the Albuquerque Basin Aquifer;
- Require detailed, pre-permit assurances of safe behavior by all contractors, subcontractors and personnel;
- Require pre-development baseline testing for soil, air and water;
- Require regular, independent monitoring and inspections;
- Control ancillary impacts – waste disposal, abandoned wells;
- Cover impact costs – road maintenance, review and inspections, law enforcement, emergency services, etc.; and
- Include meaningful violation penalties.



Lynn Montgomery, Chair
Coronado Soil and Water Conservation District

May 18, 2017

This resolution passed upon motion by Lynn Montgomery and seconded by
Patricia Bolton.

VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Lynn G. Montgomery
Lynn Montgomery, Chair

Yes/No

Alfred Baca
Alfred Baca, Vice Chair

Yes/No

Patricia Bolton
Patricia Bolton, Secretary-Treasurer

Yes/No

Gary Miles
Gary Miles, Supervisor

NO
 Yes/No

Marvin Mendelow
Marvin Mendelow, Supervisor

Yes/No

ATTEST:

Carolyn Kennedy
Carolyn Kennedy, District Manager

5/18/17
Date