

RESOLUTION No. 2013-037

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
OURAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Supporting the Core Values of the Our Colorado River Program

WHEREAS, Richard Van Gytenbeek, a representative of Trout Unlimited, made a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners at their regular meeting on November 12, 2013, explaining the goals of the Our Colorado River program to develop successful partnerships and cooperative efforts and present a united Western Slope on positions of commonality in the State Water Plan process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County has broad powers and authority under the law to protect and promote the health, welfare and safety of the people within its jurisdiction, the authority to regulate land use planning and environmental quality and protection, pursuant to C.R.S. 30-11-101 and 29-20-104; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners supports efforts to engage in cooperative and collaborative efforts to protect the water rights of all water users in Ouray County and to ensure that any State Water Plan developed in Colorado honors the long-held traditions and water laws of the State under the prior appropriation doctrine, and recognizes the importance of Western Slope interests and needs for water; and

WHEREAS, the Core Values developed by Trout Unlimited are general principles with which the County can agree, understanding that by agreeing to these general principles, the Board of County Commissioners is not expressing its support for any site-specific application of these principles by Trout Unlimited, or any specific project of Trout Unlimited; nor does this expression of support in any way limit the right of the County to disagree with any site-specific application, or limit the right of the Board of County Commissioners to exercise its powers or authority with respect to land use regulation, or protection of water rights.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

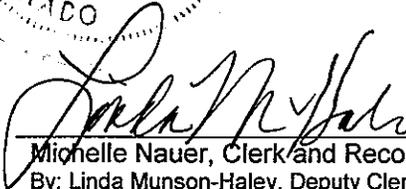
1. The Chair is authorized to provide written support for the Core Values as follows:
 - **Cooperation, Not Conflict:** Work together to ensure the Colorado River is able to meet our diverse needs, from agriculture to recreation and tourism. Cooperation is the key to sustaining our present and growing our future.
 - **Protect Our Quality of Life:** Maintain our open spaces through a vigorous agricultural sector and ensure that our rivers and streams are flowing and healthy.
 - **Modernize Irrigation:** Upgrade our aging irrigation infrastructure systems to make them more productive, economical, and habitat-friendly.
 - **Innovative Management:** Explore new ways to meet our water supply needs through innovative conservation and management practices.
 - **Keep Our Rivers at Home:** Leave water in its home basins and oppose new, large scale, river-damaging transbasin diversions of water from the Colorado River to the Front Range.
2. The support of these Core Values by the County shall not be used by Trout Unlimited or any other person or entity as being indicative of support for any specific project or proposal affecting or involving private property rights, including water rights, land use proposals or regulations, ballot initiatives, or in any other manner that is not consistent with the intent and spirit of this Resolution and without the prior approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

3. The support expressed for these principles is limited to the extent that they are consistent with the Ouray County Master Plan and the Ouray County Land Use Code. The support expressed for these Core Values shall not be interpreted as creating an obligation on the County to participate in any project or specific implementation of these Core Values, nor shall it be interpreted as waiving any power or authority of the Board of County Commissioners, as provided by law.

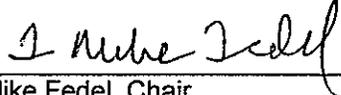
APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013.

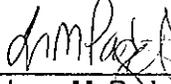
Voting for: Commissioners Fedel, Padgett and Batchelder
Voting against: None

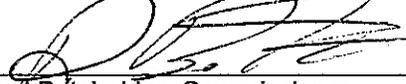



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By: Linda Munson-Haley, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO


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Lynn M. Padgett, Vice-Chair


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