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RESOLUTION NO. 08-09-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING THE TOWN OF PAYSON'S AND NORTHERN GILA COUNTY COMMUNITIES' ACCESS TO AND USE OF THE WATER ALLOCATION IDENTIFIED IN THE ARIZONA WATER SETTLEMENT ACT OF 2004, P.L. 108-451 AND PROPOSING A FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TOWN OF PAYSON TO CONSTRUCT A PIPELINE FOR THAT PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the Arizona Congressional delegation expended considerable effort on the Arizona Water Settlement Act of 2004, P.L. 108-451; and

WHEREAS, a key component of the Act is the availability of 3500 acre feet (Town of Payson 3,000 and northern Gila County communities 500 acre feet) annually of surface water from C.C. Cragin Reservoir (formerly Blue Ridge Reservoir) for use in northern Gila County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Payson expects to construct and operate a 14.5 mile long pipeline along E. Houston Mesa Road to deliver C.C. Cragin Reservoir water to Payson and northern Gila County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Payson has indicated an interest in assisting northern Gila County communities with the joint use of the Town of Payson's pipeline for the benefit of communities where it is economically feasible and prudent to distribute C.C. Cragin water; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to construct only one pipeline for the benefit of all final participating Payson area communities in order to lessen the costs of construction and the environmental impacts of construction on the Tonto National Forest; and

WHEREAS, potential participating rural communities or water purveyors are not yet legally organized to make commitments for use of the water or for sharing costs of the engineering, design, permit, or construction costs to upsize the pipeline, and the Town of Payson must immediately move forward with its Special Use Permit and engineering processes; and

WHEREAS, Gila County wishes to insure the availability of an adequate main-line distribution system for the 500 acre feet of available water to rural northern Gila County communities by forming a financial partnership with the Town of Payson to upsize the pipeline and to provide the proportionate costs incurred to upsize the pipeline to adequately distribute Gila County's allocation of water; such costs not to exceed 4 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Gila County wishes to ultimately recover costs of the upsized pipeline from the communities and water purveyors that will use the pipeline.

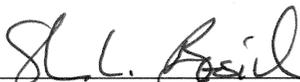


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gila County Board of Supervisors supports the Town of Payson's Tonto National Forest Special Use Permit application and the associated plans to construct one pipeline in the Tonto National Forest to provide C.C. Cragin Reservoir water to the Town of Payson and northern Gila County communities, as intended in the Arizona Water Settlement Act of 2004, P.L. 108-451.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2008, at Globe, Gila County, Arizona.

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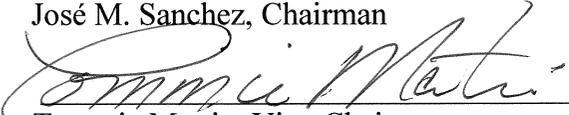
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