

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Southwestern County Commission Alliance

This Joint Powers Agreement (Agreement) creating the Southwest County Commission Alliance (SWCCA) is made between the counties of southwest New Mexico (Grant County, Luna County, Catron County, Hidalgo County, Sierra County and Socorro County) and the joiner of parties (with statutory obligations to protect the health, safety and well-being) who may desire and are authorized by actions of their governing boards to so participate. All such entities are political subdivisions of government located in the greater region of southern New Mexico and empowered to enter into such a joint powers agreement under the laws of the State of New Mexico.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the parties are all recognized as political subdivisions of the state, and

WHEREAS, the parties agree to participate jointly in efforts to protect the resource base they have sworn to uphold, and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that they have been affected by exclusion of effective coordination required by federal law in order to maintain and uphold the guaranteed rights and privileges of local citizenry and the protection of our natural resources for the benefit of our citizens in southwest New Mexico,

WHEREAS, the parties agree to unite in all endeavors aimed at elevating the importance of the inclusion of county commissions in initial stages of planning and identified specifically through coordination with the federal, state and local resource agencies relative to that which affects their citizenry,

NOW THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed among the parties that the method by which this agreement shall be accomplished is as follows:

Creation of and Agreements of the SWCCA

- A. There is hereby created the SWCCA pursuant to the authority granted to counties by 4-36 and 4-37, NMSA 1978, composed of one (1) member each to be appointed by the parties to the— see E below).
- B. This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 11-1-1 through 11-1-7.
- C. The purpose of the Agreement shall be to bring together the Southwest New Mexico counties to address local issues with federal, state and local resource agencies in planning

and management regarding resource issues and opportunities in order to secure and protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens within the SWCCA authority.

- D. Each member serving shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
- E. At the first official meeting of the SWCCA the members shall select a chairperson, vice chair, and secretary who shall serve one year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.
- F. The SWCCA may vote to allow the participation of other parties of similar regional interest as ex-officio members. Ex-Officio members will act in an advisory and informational role only to the Alliance and will not have a vote on action items.
- G. The SWCCA shall meet in compliance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of New Mexico.
- H. The SWCCA shall not conduct business unless a quorum is present.
- I. The SWCCA shall not act to obligate any members to financial burdens.
- J. Any member may withdraw from Agreement and the SWCCA without recourse at any time.
- K. This Agreement shall become effective when executed by the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration.
- L. This Agreement may only be amended by a written agreement executed by all members and approved by the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration.
- M. The SWCCA, consisting of elected member of the participating Counties, assumes no liability for any actions conducted under this Agreement.
- N. Under no conditions does this JPA suggest or imply any change of the sovereign powers assigned to the individual Counties party to the Agreement.

ATTEST as noted on date subscribed upon signature (following pages):

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COUNTY OF GRANT

Approved this 12th day of July, 2012.

Brett Kasten

07-12-12

Brett Kasten, Commission Chair

Date

Attest:

Robert Zamarripa

7-12-12

Robert Zamarripa, County Clerk

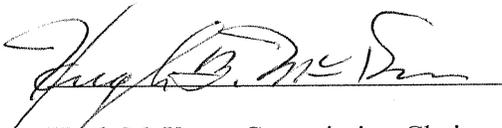
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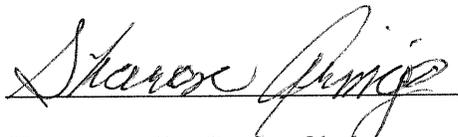
COUNTY OF CATRON

Approved this 6th day of July, 2012.


Hugh McKeen, Commission Chair

7/6/12
Date

Attest:


Sharon Armijo, County Clerk

7-6-12
Date

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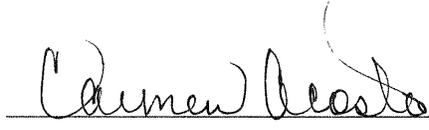
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Approved this 3rd day of July, 2012.


Richard Chaires, Commission Chair

July 3, 2012
Date

Attest:


Carmen Acosta, County Clerk

July 3, 2012
Date

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COUNTY OF LUNA

Approved this 9th day of August, 2012.

Jay Spivey

Jay Spivey, Commission Chair

8-9-12

Date

Attest:

Karen Smyer

Karen Smyer, County Clerk

8-9-12

Date

By Natalie Pacheco
Chief Deputy Clerk

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COUNTY OF SIERRA

Approved this 24 day of July, 2012.



Walter Armijo, Commission Chair

7/24/2012

Date

Attest:

Absent

Connie Greer, County Clerk

7/24/2012

Date

by Amanda B. Cardona,
Chief Deputy Clerk

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COUNTY OF SOCORRO

Approved this 10 day of July, 2012.

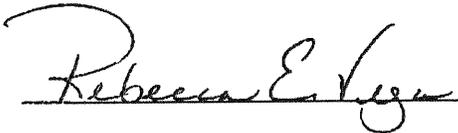


Danny Monette, Commission Chair

7/10/12

Date

Attest:



Rebecca Vega, County Clerk

7/10/12

Date

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Approved this 7 day of Sept., 2012.

Thomas Clifford
Printed Name: Thomas Clifford

9/7/12
Date

Witness:

Paul Kippert
Printed Name: PAUL KIPPERT

9/7/12
Date