

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION № 2014- 44

REQUESTING SUPPORT OF THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FOR THE ENDANGERED SPECIES TRANSPARENCY & REASONABLENESS ACT, HR 4315

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the Valencia County Administration Building 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 4-38-1 (1884) the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate shall be exercised by a board of county commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Sections 4-37-1 et seq. provides that counties have the authority, not inconsistent with statutory or constitutional limitations placed on counties, to discharge those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the county and its inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, New Mexico counties have been inundated by expanded and new listings of endangered species; and,

WHEREAS, the impacts to New Mexico counties of these listings includes economic, social and human resource reductions that many times are unknown to the counties prior to proposed listings; and,

WHEREAS, the tactics used by groups to force these listings preclude inclusion of counties in the initial planning of any recovery effort and are not consistent with other federal acts; and,

WHEREAS, facing current economic conditions, New Mexico counties believe that transparency and accountability must be paramount in any proposed recovery process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County hereby requests our New Mexico Congressional Delegation to SUPPORT HR 4315 passed by the United States House of Representatives on July 29, 2014 and further requests that all bills brought before Congress that will benefit New Mexico counties by adding transparency, accountability and that further modernize the Endangered Species Act be favorably voted for.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 3rd day of September, 2014.

Charles D. Eaton
Chairman, District IV

Mary J. Andersen
Commissioner, District I

Jhonathan Aragon
Commissioner, District V

Attest:

Pegas Carabajal, County Clerk