

**VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-447**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING OUR LOCAL WATERSHED FROM FUTURE DEGRADATION BY PETITIONING THE NEW MEXICO WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION TO DESIGNATE THE RIO HONDO AND LAKE FORK AS AN OUTSTANDING NATIONAL RESOURCE WATERS

WHEREAS, the Rio Hondo Watershed provides clean water for residents and visitors who enjoy recreating in the watershed;

WHEREAS, the recreational uses of the watershed such as fishing, camping, swimming, hiking, biking, snowmaking, and wildlife viewing depend on a clean and healthy watershed;

WHEREAS, the Rio Hondo Watershed provides critical water resources to the communities in the Taos area and provides clean water to the numerous agriculturally and culturally significant acequia systems;

WHEREAS, clean water is essential for the health and wellbeing of the Village of Taos Ski Valley residents;

WHEREAS, the local economy is dependent on clean water to support recreation-based economic activities;

WHEREAS, Outstanding National Resource Waters protections outlined in state water quality regulations prohibit new and increased pollution to waters designated as an Outstanding National Resource Waters;

WHEREAS, Outstanding National Resource Waters protections protect and do not inhibit traditional and historic uses of waters designated as an Outstanding National Resource Waters;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY that the Village supports pursuing Outstanding National Resource Waters protections for the Rio Hondo and Lake Fork;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Village will join as a petitioner with other interested parties in petitioning the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission to designate the Rio Hondo and the Lake Fork as an Outstanding National Resource Waters.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 27th day of October, 2020.

MUNCIPAL GOVERNING BODY OF VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO


Christof Brownell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Marie Wooldridge, Village Clerk