



Agenda Item Number: 2008-1-8A

## BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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**Meeting Date:** January 22, 2008

**Department:** Commission **Staff Contact:** Thaddeus Lucero, County Manager  
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John Dantis, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety  
Tim West, Deputy County Manager for Public Works  
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**TITLE:** Legislative Priorities – Second Session of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States of America

**ACTION:** Motion to approve Administrative Resolution AR -2009 establishing the County's federal legislative priorities for the Second Session of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States of America.

### **SUMMARY:**

Staff has worked closely with the Washington lobbyist in establishing realistic federal legislative priorities. The attached resolution identifies federal funding requests for County projects, which cannot be achieved without federal support...

South Valley Flood Reduction Project - \$8,000,000 for the Project to proceed to construction with the re-budgeting of General Investigative funding to construction General funding in the 2009 Federal fiscal year; and

Valley Water and Sewer Project - \$6,700,000 of Federal funding in the 2009 Federal fiscal year to fund additional drinking water and sanitary sewer infrastructure in the North and South Valley of Bernalillo County; and

Eubank Blvd Reconstruction Project - \$5,900,000 of Federal funding in the 2009 Federal fiscal year to fund design and acquire rights of way for the Eubank Blvd Reconstruction project; and

Stanford Public Health Clinic - \$2,000,000 of Federal funding in the 2009 Federal fiscal year to fund design and construction of a replacement facility, and for furnishings and equipment, and

Central New Mexico Environmental Infrastructure Funding Increase – Raise the authorization limit for the Section 593 funding from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000. The increased authorization level still provide the opportunity to seek critical federal funding for continuing assistance for completion of the Valley Utilities Project, the Southwest Valley flood Control Project and additional projects in Central New Mexico.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

1. AR -2008 Establishing Bernalillo County Federal Legislative priorities for the Second Session of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States of America

# **STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

## **COUNTY MANAGER**

See summary. With Board approval, staff will direct the lobbyists to seek appropriate sponsorship and coordinate with the Congressional Delegation. I recommend Board approval. TL 1/14/08

## **DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

The County is statutorily required to house the Public Health Facility; \$2.4 million of the legislative funding is in place at this time to fund the project. The County intends to pursue additional legislative funding during the 2008 session. I recommend Board approval. JMB 1/15/08

## **DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION**

The South Valley Flood Reduction and Valley Utilities Projects have been in either planning, design and/or construction for several years with previous Federal funding appropriations having them made for them. This request is a continuation for Federal funding for the projects as has been made previously. The Eubank Blvd Project has been funded in part (\$15.6 million) through the Transportation Improvement Plan at the regional government level beginning in 2010. The Corps of Engineers are funded with Section 593 Federal funds currently capped at \$50 million for the Central New Mexico Area of Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia Counties. The request to increase the Section 593 CAP will enable additional funds to be available to the US Army Corps of Engineers for multiple infrastructure projects throughout the three County areas. I recommend approval. TW 1/11/2008