

Resolution Reaffirming the Council's Support for the Jemez y Sangre Area Cloud Seeding Project.

WHEREAS, the Jemez y Sangre Water Planning Council (JySWPC) found that "cloud seeding holds promise for increasing snowpack and surface water supplies for existing water rights holders and enhancing stream flow for health of ecosystems." The Council further recommended that "the JySWPC will convene a workshop to develop partnerships, seek funding for one or several pilot cloud seeding projects, and work with ongoing state initiatives." (JyS Regional Water Plan, March 2003 [accepted by Interstate Stream Commission on April 23, 2003]).

WHEREAS, after the workshop occurred and at the recommendation of the Technology Committee, the Council decided (February 2004) the Cloud Seeding Project should move forward with its own organization structure rather than continuing as a project of the JySWPC. The reasons for this included:

- JySWPC is not equipped to be the fiscal agent.
- The cloud seeding project may have a constituency that does not map perfectly against the geography of Region 3 both including areas outside Region 3 and not all of Region 3. Tailoring a project to an area that makes sense scientifically and from a stakeholder perspective should not be complicated by the stakeholder base of JySWPC.
- The Cloud Seeding Project as is the case with most operational projects will need to be able to make decisions more rapidly than on a monthly cycle.
- The Cloud Seeding Project as is the case with most operational projects may expose the JySWPC to risks that are greater than members are authorized to accept.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the JySWPC that:

The JySWPC reaffirms its support for the JyS Area Cloud Seeding Project consistent with the JyS Regional Water Plan findings and recommendations.