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## BOARD APPROVES WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

Bernalillo County Commissioners last night unanimously approved awarding a Water Conservation Plan Contract. The contract calls for an assessment of current water use in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County, development of educational and public information programs, the creation of economic incentives, recommended regulation and ordinance changes and the development of a strategy to implement the plan.

**“This is a first step in dealing with water conservation, what are the issues, what do we need to look at and how do we educate people,” says Alan B. Armijo, Commission Chair. “A portion of this contract includes making recommendations and any changes or restrictions would have to come back to the board with public input and public hearings.”**

Commissioner Teresa Cordova requested that the consultant include a component to the plan adding the value of agriculture in replenishing the aquifer, which is part of water conservation. The company that received the contract, Weston Solutions, will have eight months to complete the scope of work.

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