



*Rio Arriba*  
**Board of County Commissioners**

Resolution No. 2018-004

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**Declaring the Rio Arriba County Commission's Opposition to the  
Closure of Laguna del Campo, formerly referred to as Burns Canyon Lake**

**WHEREAS**, the Chama-Tierra Amarilla region relies substantially on the fishing and outdoor recreational industry for its economic well-being, and major public and private investment has been made over the years with the expectation of continued strategic public support to include the recreational activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rio Arriba County Commission has come to learn that the State Game Commission of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has voted in executive session to close Laguna del Campo, formerly known as Burns Canyon Lake, a favorite fishing spot of the local community for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, Laguna del Campo is one of the few remaining areas in the state that is easily accessible to local children and the elderly who love to fish; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rio Arriba County Commission is an elected body that represents the citizens of the County including the Chama-Tierra Amarilla regional communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rio Arriba County Commission has experienced considerable outcry from its constituents regarding the closure of Laguna del Campo; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rio Arriba County Commission is committed to fighting for its constituents' long-standing customs, practices and traditions as they relate to fishing and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Game Commission of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has chosen to close Laguna del Campo instead of investing in its continued existence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rio Arriba County Commission hereby declares its opposition to the closure of Laguna del Campo, and requests that the State Game Commission rescind its vote, and establishes a dialogue with the local community in the hopes that a solution that results in the continued existence of Laguna del Campo can be found.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Rio Arriba County that:

1. The Rio Arriba County Commission formally requests that the State Game Commission of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish rescind its vote to close Laguna del Campo; and

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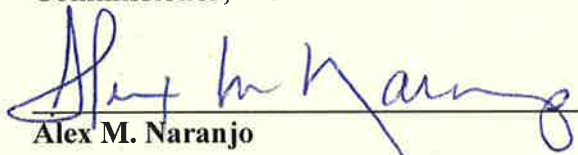
2. The Rio Arriba County Commission formally requests that the State Game Commission of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish creates a dialogue with the local community to explore solutions for keeping Laguna del Campo open and accessible for decades to come.

**SIGNED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2017.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**



**Danny J. Garcia, Chairman  
Commissioner, District III**

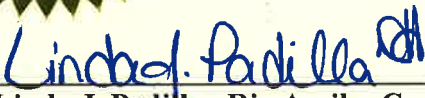


**Alex M. Naranjo  
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**ATTEST:**   
**Linda J. Padilla, Rio Arriba County Clerk**