



All Pueblo  
Council of  
Governors

Officers:  
James R. Mountain, Chairman  
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RESOLUTION

ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS  
RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2024-02

URGING NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT  
AND APPROVE PUEBLOS WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENTS

**WHEREAS**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors (APCG) is comprised of the New Mexico Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Zia, and Zuni and one Pueblo in Texas, Ysleta del Sur, each having sovereign authority to govern their own affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the All Pueblo Council of Governors is to advocate, foster, protect, and encourage the social, cultural, and traditional well-being of the Pueblo Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, the 20 Pueblos possess governmental authority and sovereignty over their lands and over the protections of their languages, cultures, and traditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pueblos have occupied the southwest since time immemorial with the first documented Tribal leadership meeting occurring in 1598 under the Spanish crown; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to the founding of the United States, the well-established agricultural Pueblo communities' water uses were not only recognized under both Spain and Mexico it was also protected; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States asserted sovereign authority over the Pueblos in New Mexico under the Treaty of Guadalupe Hildalgo, which protected rights recognized by prior sovereigns including the Pueblos; and

**WHEREAS**, increased water uses by non-Indians for irrigation, dam construction, and diversion of water have severely reduced the Pueblos' access to current water supplies; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors contends Congress to uphold its solemn obligation and fulfill the federal trust responsibility to the Pueblos in securing water rights settlements; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors urges the New Mexico Congressional Delegation to fully support and authorize the passage of the Pueblos' water rights settlements. Specifically, the:



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Acoma

- S.4896 - Rio San Jose and Rio Jemez Water Settlement Act of 2023
- S. 4898 - Pueblos of Acoma and Laguna Water Rights Settlement Act of 2022
- S. 4505, H.R. 8685 - To approve the settlement of water rights claims of Ohkay Owingeh in the Rio Chama Stream System, to restore the Bosque on Pueblo Land in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes
- Pueblo of Zuni - Zuni Water Rights Settlement Act and Salt Lake Protection Act (Legislation yet to be introduced)

Cochiti

Isleta

Jemez

Laguna

Nambe

Ohkay Owingeh

Picuris

Pojoaque

Sandia

San Felipe

San Ildefonso

Santa Ana

Santa Clara

Santo Domingo

Taos

Tesuque

Ysleta del Sur

Zia

Zuni

## CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. APCG 2024-02 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024, and at which time a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 18 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

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By:

James R. Mountain, APCG Chairman

ATTEST:

Governor Arden Kucate, APCG Secretary