



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-67

RESOLUTION FOR SIERRA COUNTY TO FINANCIALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE CANTRELL DAM PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Sierra County met in a duly noticed Regular Commission meeting on October 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sierra County Administration Building, 1712 North Date Street, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 4-38-1 (1884), the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate shall be exercised by its Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1 et seq., authorizes counties to adopt resolutions and ordinances, not inconsistent with statutory or constitutional limitations, necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity, and improve the order, comfort, and convenience of the County and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Truth or Consequences, with the financial assistance of the Sierra County Flood Commissioner, is undertaking the Cantrell Dam Project to address existing deficiencies in the dam and associated drainage infrastructure, including improvements necessary to mitigate flooding, sediment accumulation, and erosion affecting the City of Truth or Consequences, Williamsburg and surrounding areas of Sierra County; and

WHEREAS, the Cantrell Dam Hydrology and Hydraulics Report, prepared by Wilson & Company in March 2023, identified deficiencies in the existing dam infrastructure, including deteriorated and obstructed outlet structures, and evaluated improvements intended to address flooding and drainage conditions downstream of the dam; and

WHEREAS, the report identified flooding concerns affecting downstream properties and public infrastructure and recommended improvements to the existing drainage system to reduce flooding and improve the conveyance of stormwater; and

WHEREAS, in late 2024, the Sierra County Board of County Commissioners adopted a Resolution of Support for the City of Truth or Consequences Cantrell Dam Project, recognizing the project as a critical priority for Sierra County due to significant public safety concerns

associated with flooding and sediment erosion affecting local infrastructure, including the Sierra County Fairgrounds and surrounding residential areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that improvements associated with the Cantrell Dam Project will provide substantial public benefits to residents of both the City of Truth or Consequences, Williamsburg, and Sierra County, including the protection of public infrastructure, mitigation of flood risks, and improvement of stormwater management and drainage conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners further recognizes that the Cantrell Dam Project serves an important County purpose, notwithstanding that the project is being undertaken by the City of Truth or Consequences and the Sierra County Flood Commissioner, because the improvements will benefit County facilities, infrastructure, residents, and the general public; and

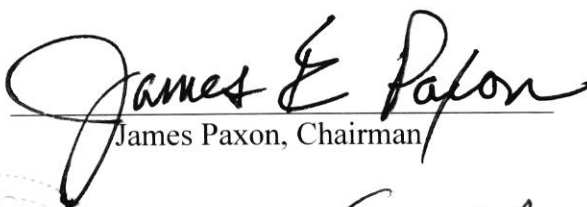
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to financially participate in the Cantrell Dam Project by contributing Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to the City of Truth or Consequences for construction costs associated with the project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the proposed financial contribution serves a legitimate and substantial public purpose by promoting public safety, reducing the risk of flooding, protecting public property and infrastructure, and improving drainage conditions within Sierra County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sierra County that it hereby approves and authorizes Sierra County's financial participation in the Cantrell Dam Project through a contribution in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to the City of Truth or Consequences, which funds shall be used exclusively for construction costs associated with the Cantrell Dam Project, including construction of improvements intended to address flooding, sediment and erosion control, drainage deficiencies, and related public infrastructure improvements.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED this 20th day of October, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SIERRA COUNTY


James Paxon, Chairman


Hank Hopkins, Vice-Chairman


Sandy Jones, Commissioner

Attest:


Amy Whitehead, County Clerk

