

**RESOLUTION 2015-080**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COCHISE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, HEREFORD NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, AND THE NATURE CONSERVANCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF COORDINATING WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION IN THE SIERRA VISTA SUBWATERSHED BY ESTABLISHING THE COCHISE CONSERVATION AND RECHARGE NETWORK; AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY, OR THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS AND AGENTS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION.**

**WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Vista General Development Plan VISTA 2030 has a goal to "maintain and protect the natural environment and resources of Sierra Vista and the surrounding area" and the specific objective to "manage water resources in concert with other entities in a manner which conserves the supply of surface and groundwater"; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Vista has adopted a policy to promote and encourage activities that assure our residents have a reliable quantity and quality of water necessary to promote and support a diverse and sustainable economy without adversely impacting the riparian resources of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Vista has adopted a policy of cooperating with other governmental agencies; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Vista has adopted a policy of working with appropriate agencies and organizations to encourage and promote water conservation by all water users and activities leading toward a comprehensive water management plan that assure the policies and objectives of the City are met; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Vista desires to participate in the Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network to encourage implementation of water conservation policies and projects.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

That the policies and objectives contained in the City of Sierra Vista General Development Plan VISTA 2030 be, and hereby are, reaffirmed; and that the settled policies regarding a reliable water supply, protecting the San Pedro River, and cooperating with other governmental agencies to encourage and promote water conservation be, and hereby is, reaffirmed.

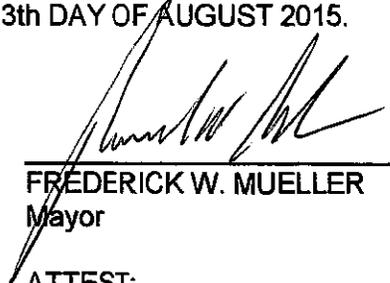
SECTION 2

It is the desire of the City of Sierra Vista to participate in the Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network along with other agencies and organizations to identify, analyze and implement policies and projects to conserve water resources of the Sierra Vista Sub-watershed of the San Pedro River

SECTION 3

The City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney or their duly authorized officers and agents are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this resolution.

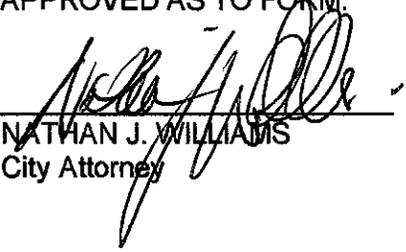
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, THIS 13th DAY OF AUGUST 2015.

  
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FREDERICK W. MUELLER  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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JILL ADAMS  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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NATHAN J. WILLIAMS  
City Attorney

PREPARED BY:  
CHARLES P. POTUCEK  
City Manager

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Among**

**CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, HEREFORD  
NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE NATURE CONSERVANCY**

**Establishing**

### **THE COCHISE CONSERVATION AND RECHARGE NETWORK**

#### **I. Introduction**

This agreement creates a partnership to facilitate and implement sound water resource management and conservation strategies in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed.

This agreement establishes the Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network (the "Network") that will meet as necessary to accomplish the Purpose set forth below.

#### **II. Purpose**

The implementation of regional water management projects to meet the long-term water needs of the Sierra Vista Subwatershed by preserving the base flows of the San Pedro River and ensuring the long-term economic viability of local communities by promoting and implementing recharge and conservation efforts. .

#### **III. Membership**

City of Sierra Vista: (A.R.S. § 11-952)  
Cochise County Flood Control District (A.R.S. § 11-952)  
Hereford NRCD (Natural Resource Conservation District)  
The Nature Conservancy

#### **IV. Cooperation**

The parties to this memorandum of understanding agree to the following:

- A. Participate in the Network that will meet regularly to accomplish the purpose identified in paragraph II.
- B. Assist in identifying sources of funding to meet objective in support of the Network's purpose identified in paragraph II.

#### **V. Implementation and Administration**

- A. The Network will elect a chair and vice chair in January of every other year to serve two year terms in odd years.
- B. Each member shall designate its primary representative(s) and alternate(s) to the Network Advisory Commission in writing.
- C. The Network will provide an annual progress report on actions and projects for review by member agencies and the public.

D. The Network may change its organizational structure including the establishment of new committees to assist in achieving its purpose identified in paragraph II.

**VI. Responsibilities of Members**

Participating agencies and their representatives shall attend meetings for the purpose of advancing the goals and objectives of the Network. Agency representatives are responsible for briefing their management and coordinating within their individual agency or organization.

**VII. Limitations**

Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as limiting or affecting the legal authorities or decision-making of any of the participants of this MOU, or require expenditure of funds. Any party to this agreement may cancel this agreement by written notification at least 30 days prior to the termination date.

**VIII. Electronic Signatures**

The parties agree that any party may sign this MOU with an electronic/digital signature, and that such signature shall have the same effect as though signed by hand.

**IX. Additional Members**

The Network may add members with the approval of a majority of current members.

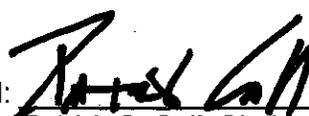
**For the Member Agencies**

City of Sierra Vista

Signed:   
Rick Mueller, Mayor

Date: 08-13-15

Cochise County Flood Control District

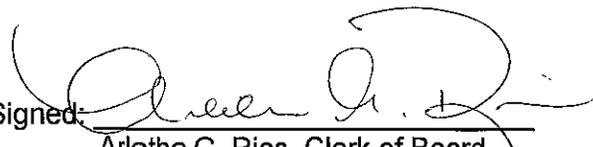
Signed:   
Patrick G. Call, Chairperson

Date: 6-22-15

ATTEST:

Signed:   
Jill Adams, Clerk

ATTEST:

Signed:   
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of Board

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Hereford NRCD (Natural Resource  
Conservation District)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Nature Conservancy

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_