

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-6**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Peter N. Ives

6 Councilor Signe I. Lindell

Councilor Renee D. Villarreal

7 Councilor Christopher M. Rivera

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR VOLUNTARY GRAY WATER HARVESTING IN**
12 **THE CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO BY MEANS OF AN EXISTING REBATE**
13 **PROGRAM.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe aspires to become the water conservation capital of the
16 nation; and

17 **WHEREAS**, water is a vital substance without which human, animal, and plant life
18 cannot exist, and is of especially high value in a high-altitude, arid environment such as Santa Fe
19 where supply may intermittently be interrupted and become insufficient to meet demand; and

20 **WHEREAS**, demand for water in northern New Mexico has increased over the past fifty
21 years due to population increases and the City of Santa Fe becoming a top tourism destination in
22 the Southwest; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe and the surrounding territory has experienced severe droughts at
24 various times in recent years; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the ability of Santa Fe's reservoirs, aquifers in the City and Buckman well

1 fields, and permissible intake from the Buckman Diversion facility to supply Santa Fe's water
2 needs is limited, and cannot expand infinitely to meet increasing demand; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe has one of the leading water conservation programs in
4 the country, but, to date, gray water harvesting, a potential means for reducing consumption of
5 potable water, has not received significant attention as part of the conservation program, and the
6 water consumption reductions it can provide have not been realized; and

7 **WHEREAS**, harvesting and proper use of gray water for irrigation and other outdoor
8 purposes can significantly reduce consumption of potable water for these purposes; and

9 **WHEREAS**, it is unequivocally in the best interest of Santa Fe, its residents, and its
10 businesses to act wisely and decisively to ensure its supply of clean water will be sufficient to
11 meet its needs into the future; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe residents and businesses are encouraged by the Mayor and City
13 Council to voluntarily reduce their water consumption.

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
15 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that:

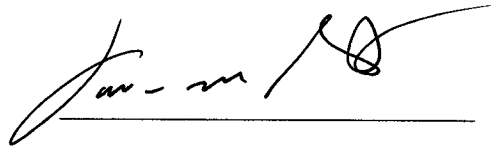
16 SECTION 1. The City of Santa Fe supports Incentives for Gray Water Harvesting in the
17 City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, by means of a rebate program, and wishes to begin with a
18 'Laundry to Landscape' diversion incentive, as 'Laundry to Landscape' is typically a relatively
19 easy and inexpensive way to retrofit existing homes to harvest gray water, and with a return on
20 investment of fewer than nine months.

21 SECTION 2. The City of Santa Fe Water Division will implement a program to provide a
22 rebate for installing an operational gray water diversion system. The City of Santa Fe Water
23 Division is authorized to include this rebate program within the existing Water Conservation
24 Rebate Program, and to expend funds appropriated to that Program for this purpose; no new
25 funding is authorized for the gray water diversion program.

1 SECTION 3. The program is to be implemented immediately and will continue into
2 future years, through communication and outreach strategies and provision of rebates to assist
3 Santa Fe home and building owners and builders to conserve water and reduce their costs for
4 doing so.

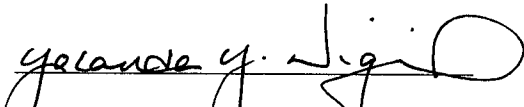
5 SECTION 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

6 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of January, 2018.


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10 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

11 ATTEST:

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14 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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18 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY