

**EBID Resolution 2012-07 regarding the  
Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument**

**Whereas**, the Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument proposal is the latest of several attempts to expand restrictive access designations onto lands in Dona Ana County. Similar to past proposals, EBID had no input into the conceptual underpinnings of the plan and the effect on its operations and members. As such, many EBID issues are not addressed.

**Whereas**, EBID's drainage and distribution system is subject to flood waters downstream from Elephant Butte and

**Whereas**, such water, if properly planned for and controlled, constitutes an innovative addition to the water resources of EBID, and

**Whereas**, EBID is responsible for numerous flood control dams and stormwater channels within the Lower Rio Grande watershed, and

**Whereas**, the Rio Grande in the reach running through EBID is listed as impaired by E. coli bacteria, and a major source is stormwater runoff from the watersheds to be included in the designation, and

**Whereas**, the danger from stormwater events as well as microbial management is not going to diminish, but will get more critical in the future, and

**Whereas**, the proposed designation would virtually eliminate any ability of conservation agencies to restore or improve the impaired watersheds that contribute dangerous and destructive flood water, sediment, and pathogens to the lands and river in the EBID area, and

**Whereas**, the need for watershed access for infrastructure rehabilitation, construction, enhancement, monitoring, maintenance, and planning will become more critical as Southern NM continues to grow.

**Now Therefore Be it Resolved**, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2012 the Board of Directors of EBID voted to respectfully oppose the Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument and Senate Bill 1024.

**Let it be Further Resolved**, EBID cannot operate and manage its water resources, and specifically stormwater and floodwaters that impact its drainage and delivery system with less access; and, on the contrary, must have expanded access to the watershed for current and future flood and stormwater developments all of which have serious and increasing implications to the health, safety, and wellbeing of its members and their personal property.

(Signed document on file at EBID Offices, 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, NM)

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James Salopek, Chairman

Willie Koenig, Secretary