



Naco Sanitary District

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RESOLUTION NO. 3/7/2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NACO SANITARY DISTRICT

DATE: March 7, 2025

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE WASTEWATER MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Naco Sanitary District (“District”) is responsible for ensuring safe, reliable wastewater management to protect public health, environmental quality, and economic vitality within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the sole-source aquifer serving Naco, Arizona, and surrounding areas has been contaminated by a sulfate plume, threatening water quality, public health, and community sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Wastewater Mitigation Plan, including upgrades to the existing wastewater treatment plant and constructed wetlands, is critical to eliminating effluent discharge into the Green Bush Draw, mitigating sulfate contamination, and safeguarding the aquifer; and

WHEREAS, this project aligns with federal and state environmental regulations and leverages partnerships with the City of Bisbee, USDA, EPA, and other stakeholders to ensure long-term local resilience;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NACO SANITARY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Project in the Best Interests of Residents

This project is in the best interests of District residents because it:

1. **Protects Public Health:** Eliminates exposure to contaminated groundwater, reducing risks of waterborne illnesses.
2. **Preserves the Environment:** Mitigates sulfate plume expansion and restores the sole-source aquifer through sustainable wastewater treatment and constructed wetlands.
3. **Ensures Regulatory Compliance:** Meets EPA and ADEQ standards, avoiding penalties and ensuring long-term operational viability.
4. **Supports Local Infrastructure:** Modernizes aging wastewater systems to meet current and future community needs.

Section 2: Estimated Economic Impact

The project is anticipated to generate the following economic benefits:

- 1.Job Creation: 30–50 temporary construction jobs and 2-5 permanent operations positions.
- 2.Cost Savings: Avoids potential healthcare costs and environmental fines.
- 3.Property Value Stabilization: Prevents declines in residential and commercial property values due to water contamination.
- 4.Economic Development: Attracts grants and business opportunities by ensuring water security and modern infrastructure.

Section 3: Commitment of Local Cash Contribution

The District hereby commits \$25,000 as a local cash contribution toward the total project cost. This commitment will be funded through:

- 1.District Reserves: Allocation of \$10,000 from existing capital reserves.
- 2.Rate Stabilization Fund: Utilization of \$15,000 earmarked for infrastructure upgrades.

Section 4: Adoption

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board of Directors.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th day of March, 2025, by the Board of Directors of the Naco Sanitary District.



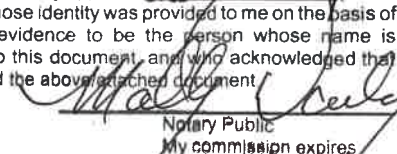
Charles A. Behney

Chairperson, Board of Directors

ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly signed by the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Naco Sanitary District.

State of ARIZONA
County of Cochise
On this 12 day of March, 2025
before me personally appeared Charles A. Behney (name
of signer), whose identity was provided to me on the basis of
satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is
subscribed to this document, and who acknowledged that
he/she signed the above-attached document.


Notary Public
My commission expires 01/30/2027

