

## RESOLUTION NO. 19

### SERIES 2014

#### RESOLUTIONS OF THE CRESTED BUTTE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CORE VALUES OF OUR COLORADO RIVER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Richard Van Gytenbeek, a representative of Trout Unlimited, made a presentation to the Crested Town Council at a regular Town Council meeting on October 20, 2014, explaining the goals of the “*Our Colorado River Program*” to develop successful partnerships and cooperative efforts and present a united Western Slope on positions of commonality in the State Water Plan process;

WHEREAS, the Town Council supports efforts to engage in cooperative and collaborative efforts to ensure that any State Water Plan developed in Colorado honors the long-held traditions and water laws of the State, and recognizes the importance of Western Slope interests and needs for water; and

WHEREAS, the Core Values developed by Trout Unlimited are general principles with which the Town Council can agree.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO, THAT:

1. The Town Council hereby provides support for the Core Values as follows:
  - 1.1. **Cooperation**. Work together to ensure that the Colorado River is able to meet our diverse needs, from agriculture to recreation and tourism. Cooperation is the key to sustaining our present and growing our future.
  - 1.2. **Protect Our Quality of Life**. Maintain our open spaces through a vigorous agricultural sector and ensure that our rivers and streams are flowing and healthy.
  - 1.3. **Modernize Irrigation**. Upgrade our aging irrigation infrastructure systems to make them more productive, economical and habitat-friendly.
  - 1.4. **Innovative Management**. Explore new ways to meet our water supply needs through innovative conservation and management practices.
  - 1.5. **Keep Our Rivers at Home**. Leave water in its home basins and oppose new, large scale, river-damaging trans-basin diversions of water from the Colorado River to the Front Range.

The Town Council hereby finds that the foregoing support for the Core Values is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors of Crested Butte.

2. The support of these Core Values by the Town shall not be used by Trout Unlimited or any other person or entity as being indicative of support for any specific project or proposal affecting or involving private property rights, including water rights, land use proposals or regulations, ballot initiatives or in any other manner that is not consistent with the intent and spirit of these resolutions and without the prior written approval of the Town Council.

3. The support expressed for these principles is limited to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Crested Butte Municipal Code and the Crested Butte Area Plan. The support expressed for these Core Values shall not be interpreted as creating an obligation on the Town to participate in any project or specific implementation of these Core Values, nor shall it be interpreted as waiving any power or authority of the Town.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL THIS 3<sup>rd</sup>  
DAY OF November, 2014.

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

By: *Aaron J. Huckstep*  
Aaron J. Huckstep, Mayor

ATTEST

*Lynelle Stanford*  
Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

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