

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF OTERO COUNTY DECLARING OUR OFFICIAL INTENT TO RESCIND OUR POSITION OF NEUTRALITY AND ASSERT OUR OFFICIAL OPPOSITION FOR THE TERRANEARPMCS SALT BASIN DEEP BOREHOLE RESEARCH PROJECT FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE), WITHIN OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have received numerous communications from Otero County Citizens opposing the above project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have attended the outreach meetings conducted by TerranearPMC and heard overwhelming opposition from County residents.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have been furnished a copy of the DOE / TerranearPMC legal contract.

WHEREAS, the DOE contract requires that the contractor TerranearPMC involve the Board of County Commissioners as part of “public support” and “local community” public outreach.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have always and will always support the rights of private individual property holders to conduct business with whomever and for whatever purposes they choose that are legal.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners may express support by resolution without impacting private property rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF OTERO COUNTY, in belief that the DOE Salt basin Deep Borehole Research Project is opposed by many citizens within Otero County, poses risks to the County and poses risks to many residents of the County, do hereby rescind our position of neutrality and assert our opposition for this project.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of October, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Janet White, Chair

Susan Flores, Vice-Chair

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