

RESOLUTION NO. 24-27

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Huerfano County is located in the Arkansas River Basin with major population centers located along the Huerfano and Cucharas Rivers, tributaries to the Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners recognize that the use and security of water and agricultural resources is critical to protecting the welfare of the residents of Huerfano County and the Arkansas River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (“SECWCD”) and the City of Aurora acting by and through its Utility Enterprise (“Aurora”) entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement in October 2003 (“2003 IGA”); and

WHEREAS, the SECWCD Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2024 – 03D on April 9, 2024, urging Aurora to refrain from violations of the 2003 IGA in the interests of regional cooperation and relationships between water rights owners and entities in the Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Huerfano County, Colorado does hereby support the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District and other Arkansas Basin entities in their respective resolutions opposing Aurora's purchase of additional Arkansas River Basin water rights for the purpose of safeguarding both the welfare of Huerfano County residents as well as those of all of Southeastern Colorado, now and into the future.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 11th day of JUNE 2024.



ATTEST:

County Clerk and Recorder and
Ex-Officio Clerk to said Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

BY _____
John Galusha, Chairman

Arica Andreatta, Commissioner

Karl Sporleder, Commissioner