



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 21, 2025

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: 2025 Letter of Support for the PROTECT Grant Application, Presented by Talia Hansen, Economic Development

RECOMMENDATION: Sign a letter of support

SUMMARY

The Economic Development Department is requesting the San Juan County Commission's support for the San Juan and Piute Counties Drainage Resiliency Planning Study by signing a letter of support for the 2024 PROTECT Grant Application. This study will evaluate drainage infrastructure and culverts in the two counties, prioritize necessary upgrades, and address increasingly severe precipitation patterns to improve infrastructure resiliency and public safety.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

The San Juan and Piute Counties region has faced significant challenges due to flooding, including extensive road damage and closures that disrupt access for residents, businesses, and emergency services. In August 2022, a major storm caused severe erosion along State Route 211, leading to a month-long closure and significant economic and public safety impacts. Similar incidents have occurred on SR316, SR163, and US191, emphasizing the need for targeted drainage system improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT

The County's participation in this project will not require direct financial contributions.