

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PROJECT TO EXTEND REGIONAL WATER SERVICE TO EXISTING IMPROVEMENT AND SERVICE DISTRICTS AND OTHER WATER SYSTEMS COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS "WATER DISTRICTS" LOCATED WITHIN THE DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA AS ESTABLISHED BY THE DECEMBER 21, 2010 CITY/COUNTY JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR THE GILLETTE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City of Gillette conducted a Long Term Water Supply, Level II Study which identified an additional parallel Madison pipeline with an expanded well field, booster stations, treatment facilities and storage reservoirs in order to meet long term water supply needs for the Gillette Area.

WHEREAS, the City of Gillette has applied for and was approved funding commitments from the Wyoming State Legislature for the Design, Permitting, Easements and Construction for the Gillette Madison Pipeline Project.

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Water Development Commission completed an October 2009 Gillette Regional Master Plan Level I Study which identified a Regional Water Service area that will benefit existing Water Districts surrounding Gillette.

WHEREAS, the City of Gillette, with assistance from Campbell County, completed a May 2010 Regional System Potential Participant Connections (Level II) Study which provided detailed construction budget cost estimates to extend regional water service to existing Water Districts surrounding Gillette.

WHEREAS, the City of Gillette and Campbell County, with assistance from the Wyoming Water Development Commission, executed a December 21, 2010 Regional Water Joint Powers Agreement that identifies a Designated Service Area, Organization Structure, Financial Strategies and Governance Methods for future management of the Gillette Regional Water Supply System.

WHEREAS, the Campbell County Voters approved \$20 million from future revenues received through a Specific Purpose Excise Tax (Capital Facilities Tax) to pay for the 33% local match to extend Regional Water Service from the new Gillette Madison Pipeline to existing Water Districts located within the Designated Service Area for the Gillette Regional Water Supply Project.

WHEREAS, the City of Gillette will submit a Level III Project Application to the Wyoming Water Development Commission in August 2011 requesting engineering design, permitting, easement and construction funding for 67% of the costs necessary to extend Regional Water Service from the new Gillette Madison Pipeline Project to existing Water Districts located within the Designated Service Area as established by the December 21, 2010 Joint Powers Agreement.

