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Cc: Commissioner
Subject: Resolution 2019-13 People's Water Compact.pdf
Attachments: Resolution 2019-13 People's Water Compact.pdf

County Commissioners,

Please find attached a copy of the Granite County Resolution opposing the adoption of the CSKT Water Compact and supporting The People's Water Compact for your information.

Best regards,

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION 2019-13

**A GRANITE COUNTY RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY LEGISLATION ADOPTING THE
CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES (CKST)-MONTANA WATER
COMPACT AND SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE'S WATER COMPACT**

WHEREAS, the State of Montana generally governs property rights, including water rights within the state; and,

WHEREAS, the CKST-Montana Water Compact was adopted by the Montana legislature in 2015, but awaits approval by the United States Congress, participating tribes, and the Montana Water Court; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Granite County Commissioners believe there is strong evidence to show the CKST-Montana Water Compact was improperly passed by the Montana legislature as it was never passed in committee, that this Compact is unconstitutional under the Montana Constitution, fails to protect existing waters rights of all Montanans, and is an illegal taking of certain existing water rights of Montanans; and,

WHEREAS, there are constitutional alternatives to the CKST-Montana Water Compact that have been or will be proposed, specifically the People's Water Compact, that would better protect all of Montanan's water rights; and,

WHEREAS, has determined to oppose the CKST-Montana Water Compact by this formal Resolution because of its deficiencies and better alternatives, all as stated above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Granite County Commissioners strongly opposes the CKST-Montana Water compact because it is unconstitutional and is not in the best interests of the State of Montana or its residents. It is strongly encouraged that any and all legislation currently proposed to ratify the CKST-Montana Water Compact should be voted down.

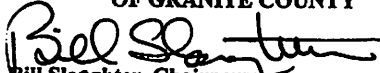
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners strongly support the People's Water Compact and encourage its adoption into law.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED this Resolution supersedes any previous resolutions on the same matters and will be effective immediately upon adoption in accordance with § 7-5-123, MCA.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Boards directs for this current Resolution to be promptly released to the public, Montana legislature, Montana Governor, Montana A.G., and members of Congress representing Montana; and also directs that this Resolution be entered into the minutes and signed by the Chair of this Board in accordance with § 7-5-121, MCA.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 9th day of April, 2019 A.D.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GRANITE COUNTY


Bill Slaughter, Chairperson


Scott C. Adler, Commissioner


Charles L. Hinkle, Commissioner

ATTEST: 
Sarah Graham, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:


Blaine C. Bradshaw, Granite County Attorney

