

**TOWN OF RED CLIFF  
RESOLUTION 4, SERIES 2021**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF RED CLIFF, COLORADO,  
SUPPORTING HEALTHY RIVERS AND WATERSHEDS**

**WHEREAS**, all local wildlife depends on the water in local rivers and streams for sustaining their habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, the drinking water provided throughout Eagle County originates from local rivers and streams; and

**WHEREAS**, local river recreation, such as, but not limited to, fishing, tubing, kayaking, rafting, paddle boarding and swimming, is dependent upon healthy rivers and streams; and

**WHEREAS**, local mountain resorts make snow utilizing water from local rivers and streams; and

**WHEREAS**, residents and visitors associate healthy rivers and streams with Eagle County's identity and value the aesthetics and beauty of such rivers and streams; and

**WHEREAS**, the communities of Eagle County rely on healthy rivers and watersheds for economic health; and

**WHEREAS**, downstream users, such as, but not limited to, urban and rural communities, industrial and agricultural production, wildlife and habitat is largely dependent upon the good practices of upstream water users, including those in Eagle County; and

**WHEREAS**, a collective effort to reduce water use helps to keep more water flowing in our streams; and

**WHEREAS**, outdoor water use has the greatest potential for loss, due to evaporation and other causes; and

**WHEREAS**, regardless of whether users receive water from the town or through private water rights, overuse and misuse of water anywhere in the valley ultimately impacts the Eagle River; and

**WHEREAS**, the waters of the Eagle River, which reside entirely within Eagle County, are under increasing pressure from urbanization, climate change and transmountain diversions at the same time that the flow of the river is decreasing due to long term drought.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we encourage all water users, whether residential, commercial, municipal or public spaces and parks, to use the least amount of water as possible at any given time, but in particular during drought; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, our community should scrutinize its outdoor water use, such as for lawn watering; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, our community is encouraged to learn more about irrigation, xeriscaping and more through local, regional and state resources, such as Eagle River Watershed Council ([erwc.org](http://erwc.org)), Eagle County Extension ([eaglecounty.us/csuextension](http://eaglecounty.us/csuextension)), Colorado River Water Conservation

District ([coloradoriverdistrict.org](http://coloradoriverdistrict.org)), Colorado Water Conservation Board ([cwcb.colorado.gov](http://cwcb.colorado.gov)), and Water Education Colorado ([watereducationcolorado.org](http://watereducationcolorado.org)).

**INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND RESOLVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.**



TOWN OF RED CLIFF

  
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Duke Gerber, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Melissa Matthews, Town Clerk