

EXECUTIVE ORDER

ALAMOSA RIVER WATERSHED RESTORATION TASK FORCE

- WHEREAS, the Alamosa River Watershed in Conejos County is of major importance to the residents of the Alamosa River Watershed and to the State of Colorado; and
- WHEREAS, the community has developed a grassroots Alamosa River Watershed initiative with community goals for the watershed that include agricultural water supply for irrigation, domestic water supply, fishing, wildlife, recreation, flow and flood management, cultural pride and subsistence, riparian habitat improvement and management, and stream stabilization; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Colorado and its respective agencies support the achievement of the community goals for the watershed and is willing to help identify and assist in accessing financial and technical assistance to help the community achieve its goals for the Alamosa River Watershed; and
- WHEREAS, the achievement of the community's vision and plan for the Alamosa River Watershed includes addressing many issues including water quantity, water quality, river restoration, flood control, restoration of native vegetation and elimination of noxious weeds, acid mine drainage, and completion of the remediation at the Summitville Mine.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado, DO HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Alamosa River Watershed Restoration Task Force is hereby established.
2. The Alamosa River Watershed Restoration Task Force shall consist of the following representatives:
 - a. thirteen (13) representatives from the Alamosa River Watershed including a representative of the Conejos Board of County Commissioners, the Alamosa/La Jara Water Conservancy District, Valle del Sol and ROAR (Restore Our Alamosa River), the Alamosa River Watershed Project, the Summitville TAG, Rio Grande National Forest/BLM, the local Natural Resource Conservation Service, Rio Grande Water Conservation District, and five community members; and
 - b. the executive directors or their representatives from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Public Health and Environment, the Department of Local Affairs, the Department of Agriculture, Colorado State University, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

the Office of the State Engineer, the Colorado Water Conservation Board, The Nature Conservancy, the Regional Administrator of EPA, and Great Outdoors Colorado.

3. The Alamosa River Watershed Restoration Task Force shall, through a professionally facilitated process, complete its report and recommendations to the Governor and the organizations identified in this Executive Order within six months. This shall include the development of an action plan building upon earlier efforts for the entire reach of the Alamosa River Watershed that identifies:
 - a. the management goals (e.g., agricultural water supply, domestic wells, flood control, fishing, minimum stream flows, wildlife and recreation);
 - b. the action items necessary to achieve those goals;
 - c. the assignment of organizational responsibility and timelines for the completion of each of the action items identified;
 - d. the identification of financial and technical resources that might be accessed to complete each of the action items identified and the responsible party for pursuing such funds; and
 - e. the existing and ongoing efforts of the Alamosa River Watershed Project.
4. The Alamosa River Watershed Restoration Task Force shall also make recommendations on the actions necessary to continue the efforts of this Task Force beyond the expiration of this Executive Order.
5. The actions of the Task Force are not intended to replace or diminish on-going locally led river restoration efforts.
6. The term of this Task Force shall be for one year unless otherwise extended by executive order.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado
this 22nd day of Day of June, 1998.

Roy Romer
Governor