

RESOLUTION NO. MCM: 96-80

REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF AIR QUALITY IN THE GRAND VALLEY

WHEREAS, clean air is one of the most valuable resources contributing to the high quality of life in the Grand Valley, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley airshed is subject to frequent and intense air pollution episodes during the winter months, and

WHEREAS, the Mesa County residents have expressed serious concern about limited visibility of the Valley's spectacular views, and increased respiratory problems as a result of air pollution episodes, and

WHEREAS, air pollution may place nearly half of the Grand Valley population at risk in terms of their health, particularly young children and senior citizens, and

WHEREAS, wood smoke and road dust have been shown to be primary sources of particulate air pollution in air samples of the Grand Valley, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Mesa County Colorado supports and endorses the Mesa County voluntary No Burn Program which was established in 1990, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley airshed is in compliance with federal air quality standards and is currently classified by the EPA as an attainment area, and

WHEREAS, loss of attainment status would place strict limitations on local control of federal and local resources for planning and capital construction projects, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley is experiencing a steady growth rate of about 2 percent annually, and

WHEREAS, retaining the Grand Valley's air quality as population grows will require local air quality control measures, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley Air Quality Planning Committee, GVAQPC, as the air quality planning agency for the Grand Valley, has made air quality protection recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

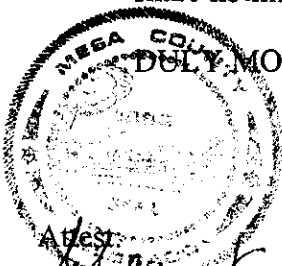
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MESA COUNTY, COLORADO THAT:

1. It is a high priority goal of the Board of County Commissioners to maintain the air quality of the Grand Valley as a valuable natural resource.
2. The air quality of the Grand Valley is critical to the current and future quality of life, health, safety and welfare of the residents of and visitors to Mesa County.
3. In order to protect air quality in the Grand Valley, the Board of County Commissioners, will develop and promote the following:
 - a. public education on the role of wood burning on wintertime inversions, proper woodburning techniques and clean alternatives to wood burning,
 - b. wood stove change out programs, with an emphasis on positive, proactive, incentives,
 - c. a ban on the installation of non- EPA-certified wood burning devices,
 - d. adoption of appropriate and effective road sanding/deicing and sweeping guidelines,
 - e. local means to retain the Grand Valley's federal air quality attainment status, including on-going coordination between the Board of County Commissioners, the City of Fruita, the City of Grand Junction, the Town of Palisade and the GVAQPC.
4. The Board of County Commissioners will support and promote travel management techniques such as, car pooling, educational sessions for employers, van-pooling, park and ride systems, ride-share hotlines, and multi-modal transportation means.

DULY MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED, this 6th day of May, 1996.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MESA COUNTY

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