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**STEVE McCUTCHEON**

*CITY ADMINISTRATOR*

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Dear Carlsbad and Eddy County residents:

The City of Carlsbad, Eddy County and the legislative body of Southeastern New Mexico consider the safe remediation of the "South Y" Brine Well to be the highest priority. We very much understand and share the concerns of our citizens, and we pledge to support the state as it works to remedy this issue. Significant progress has been made over the past few months, including:

- Legislative approval calling for the upcoming creation of a Carlsbad Brine Well Remediation Advisory Authority, as designated by the State of New Mexico Legislature, which will include the mayor of the City of Carlsbad, the chair of the Eddy County commission and the manager of the Carlsbad Irrigation District, as well as several state cabinet positions (any group may appoint a designee). This group, which advises the state's Oil Conservation Division, will officially form July 1, but members have already started preliminary discussions.
- The allocation of \$250,000 in state funds for a design-build for a Request For Proposals (RFP) for remediation of the Carlsbad brine well contingent on matching funds of \$125,000 from the City of Carlsbad and \$125,000 from Eddy County. Both the city and the county are expected to vote on matching these funds during meetings in early June.
- The state has also begun preliminary work in researching the preparation of an RFP, so that we can hopefully begin moving forward immediately once the board officially convenes in July.

We appreciate the tremendous assistance provided by knowledgeable members of Carlsbad's community, including Don Purvis, John Heaton and Dr. Ned Elkins. We're very pleased to see progress moving forward in resolving this issue, and we will continue to provide regular updates over the next few months.

Sincerely,

Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway

Eddy County Commission Chairman Stella Davis, District 4

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