

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-30**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL  
URGING CONTINUED PUBLIC ACCESS TO HAIWEE  
RESERVOIR FOR RECREATIONAL FISHING**

**WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) has prepared an Initial Environmental Study and has issued a Notice of Intent to adopt a Negative Declaration with regard to the proposed closure of Haiwee Reservoir to public access; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Constitution Article 1, Section 25 states that the people have the absolute right to fish on and from public lands owned or previously owned by the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the DWP was forced to obey the California Constitution through threatened litigation in 1994, and now claims The California Supreme Court and the Office of the Attorney General state the right to fish is not absolute; and

**WHEREAS**, the DWP further claims closure of Haiwee Reservoir would protect the water supply from acts of terrorism and sabotage; and

**WHEREAS**, continued public access to Haiwee Reservoir for recreational fishing is of vital interest and concern to the people of the City of Ridgecrest and residents and visitors traveling through the Indian Wells Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the vague and wide-ranging concerns cited in the DWP's Negative Declaration violate the constitutional rights of the people; and

**WHEREAS**, the DWP will consider passage of the Negative Declaration on either May 3 or May 17, 2005.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest, California, its opposition to the closure of Haiwee Reservoir to the public for recreational fishing.

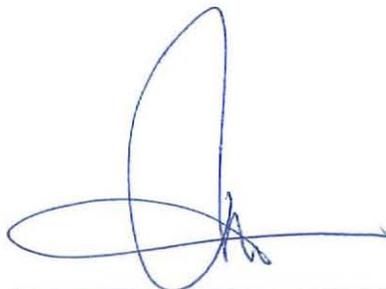
**APPROVED AND ADOPTED**, this 20th day of April 2005, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

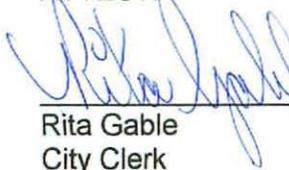
ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



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Marshall "Chip" Holloway, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Rita Gable  
City Clerk

