

RESOLUTION NO. R-009-_____

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF
HOUSE BILL 09-1129 CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF
PILOT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFICIAL USE OF CAPTURED
PRECIPITATION IN NEW REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS**

WHEREAS, the development and provision of an adequate, sustainable and reliable water supply is of vital importance to the health and welfare of the citizens of Douglas County; and

WHEREAS, there is general recognition of the combined effects of population growth, increased reliance on naturally non-renewable ground water supplies from the Denver basin aquifers as a public water supply, periodic drought, projected growth and increasing needs for water conservation and reliable, renewable, and sustainable water supplies; and

WHEREAS, local, regional, intra and inter watershed, and state-wide cooperation is necessary and essential for the timely development of reliable and sustainable water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the harvesting of rainwater is currently allowed and encouraged in other western states although it violates current Colorado law; and,

WHEREAS, the harvesting of rainwater provides an opportunity to decrease the reliance on non-renewable groundwater sources and existing tributary water for outdoor irrigation; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that any rainwater legislation must fit within the State's system of prior appropriation of water rights and require immediate augmentation so that there is no injury to any senior water right; and

WHEREAS, pilot projects would be a method to identify the water conservation benefits of rainwater harvesting to the State and Douglas County and also allow data to be collected to demonstrate what, if any, precipitation would ultimately reach existing water sources, thereby guiding the promulgation of future rules and regulations on rainwater harvesting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, Colorado (the "Board") seeks to acknowledge the importance of House Bill 08-1129 concerning the authorization of pilot projects for the beneficial use of captured precipitation in new real estate developments sponsored by House member Marsha Loooper and Senate members Harvey and Romer; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 09-1129 provides a valuable first attempt for Colorado to analyze, through up to ten pilot projects, the benefits to the State's water conservation efforts from large scale domestic rainwater harvesting techniques on new construction; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, State of Colorado, that the Board endorses and recommends approval of House Bill 09-1129.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2009, at Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO,**

BY: _____
JACK A. HILBERT, Chair

ATTEST:

MELISSA PELLETIER
Deputy Clerk