

RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 4

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF CARBONDALE TOWN COUNCIL IN
SUPPORT OF SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Carbondale has long supported the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) in principal and practice at our Water Department; and

WHEREAS, wise stewardship of our natural resources involves protection of local water supplies for the generations to come; and

WHEREAS, protection of the public water supplies is best accomplished by measures that prevent contamination, rather than remediating and treating up contaminated water supplies after the fact; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carbondale supports proactive programs to ensure source water protection;

WHEREAS, all Town of Carbondale and Garfield County residents and taxpayers have economically benefited from the presence of industries involved with the extraction of minerals and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the oil and gas production process involves the use of industrial fluids and chemicals during drilling, hydraulic fracturing and "workover" operations; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing of underground formations is accomplished by injecting a complex mix of fluids and chemicals, along with sand and water, under very high pressure to create fractures in those formations; and

WHEREAS, there is concern that some of the chemical constituents injected during hydraulic fracturing may have potential adverse health effects; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, regulation of hydraulic fracturing fluids was exempted from federal regulations, thereby allowing the use of these substances without the federal oversight or scientific standards that would be otherwise applicable; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Carbondale has stood firm in the past to ensure the highest degree of openness and transparency at all levels of government; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Town of Carbondale supports: federal legislation to remove the current exemption of fracking chemicals from the SDWA.

Approved and adopted this 25 day of May, 2009.

TOWN OF CARBONDALE, COLORADO


~~MICHAEL HASSIG, Mayor~~

John F. Foulkrod

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Cathy Duffy, Town Clerk

Lynn Young, Deputy Town Clerk

