RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RESPOND TO CORE CARBON AND RARE EARTH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, AND RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the Coalition and Emery County have been cooperating on the development of the San Rafael Energy Research Center; and

WHEREAS, carbon and coal have been key economic components in several of the Coalition’s member counties, including Carbon, Emery and Sevier counties; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Energy has issued a funding opportunity announcement (FOA) related to core carbon and rare earth minerals a summary of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the FOA is in multiple phases; and

WHEREAS, the first phase of the FOA anticipating eight grants and is to review existing studies and develop a plan for the practical development of alternate uses of carbon coal and associated rare earth minerals, etc.; and

WHEREAS, further phases will result in the establishment of a national research center related to the outcomes of the FOA; and

WHEREAS, a national research center, such as the national carbon capture research center in Alabama, is a significant ongoing enterprise; and

WHEREAS, if the Coalition is awarded one of the grants, it will be required to provide 25% match funding; and

WHEREAS, the development of rare earth minerals and alternate uses of carbon coal could have a significant impact within member counties of the Coalition:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Board of the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition, Utah as follows:

1. The Governing Board finds that it would be highly desirable to obtain a funding grant under the FOA and that the resulting research would have a substantial benefit to member counties of the Coalition.

2. The Governing Board finds that it will be appropriate and desirable to team with organizations and groups with appropriate technical background and interests related to the FOA, such as Pacific Corp, academic institutions and professors,
consultants in the fields of geology, mining engineering, chemistry, and other fields consistent with the FOA, including the Navajo Nation if it so desires.

3. The Governing Board acknowledges that if the Coalition responds to the FOA and is awarded a grant, the Coalition will be required to provide matching funds in the amount of 25%, and the Board hereby authorizes and commits matching funds sufficient for a response to the FOA and further authorizes the Executive Director to organize and team with proper professionals to be responsive to the FOA and otherwise prepare a response to the FOA, which response is due on January 5, 2021.

4. The Coalition Board authorizes the Executive Director to sign such contracts and agreements necessary and helpful to submit a response to the FOA and the Board further authorizes the attestation of the Executive Director’s signature and application of the Coalition seal to the same and to take all other actions reasonable and desirable related to the FOA.

5. All parts of this Resolution are severable, and if any section, clause or provision of this Resolution shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of any such section, clause or provision shall not affect the remaining sections, clauses or provisions of this Resolution.

6. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its approval and adoption.
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this November 13, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner ________________ and Seconded by Commissioner ________________.

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(COALITION SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Eric Johnson, Legal Counsel