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### **SELENIUM CONTROL PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency has advocated for regulations stating that greater than two parts-per-billion of the selenium in Colorado's rivers and streams constitute a threat to threatened and endangered fish and duck species, and

**WHEREAS:** The counties of Montrose, Mesa and Delta have developed a collaborative process to work with the federal government to solve the selenium issue, and

**WHEREAS:** The two parts per billion goal has not been proven as adequate by scientific review and no historical baseline survey of Western Colorado's river system has been completed establishing if 2 parts per billion can be achieved, and

**WHEREAS:** Selenium is a naturally occurring geological material in Western Colorado, and

**WHEREAS:** Government solutions have focused on the agriculture industry and have yet to take into account other possible contributors to selenium in streams (i.e. septic tank percolation), and

**WHEREAS:** Community leaders are developing innovative programs that include agriculture changes and development priorities to make the best impact on selenium levels without impacts on the local economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the CLUB 20 Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting on September 8, 2000, that CLUB 20 supports the efforts of the local community to combat the selenium leaching into Western Colorado streams and rivers and expanding the search for a solution beyond the agriculture community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that CLUB 20 demands the federal government justify the 2 part per billion proposed rule through scientific review and conduct a baseline study to determine if said standard is even achievable by historic standards.

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