

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2013- 42

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A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners seeks to create and maintain a coherent water policy that encompasses the full spectrum of water use and meets, to the extent possible, the needs of all water users;

**WHEREAS**, the County's Sustainable Growth Management Plan identifies water as an important County matter and in particular lists seven key water issues and eight keys to sustainability that will require a full community effort to address or implement;

**WHEREAS**, the County has numerous existing water policy documents that require occasional updating and cross-referencing;

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2011-88 requires that a water focus group be convened to discuss aquifer storage and recharge (ASR) when the County begins to address this issue;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of all residents of Santa Fe County to address water issues in a regional manner, including utility water service, source of supply, irrigation, and water reuse;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of the County Commissioners (BCC) that:

1. A Water Policy Advisory Committee (the Committee) is hereby created for the express purpose of providing factual information to the BCC regarding water, wastewater, and water management within the County and regionally.
2. The Committee shall be comprised of 12 voting members appointed by the BCC.
3. Six members of the Committee will be appointed for an initial term of two years and six members shall be appointed for an initial term of three years. Thereafter Committee members shall serve terms of three years. In the event of a vacancy, the BCC shall appoint a member to serve out the remainder of the departing member's term, taking into consideration any recommendation from the Committee and Public Works staff to fill that vacancy. There shall be no limitation on the number of consecutive terms that a member may serve. Members may be removed by the BCC with or without cause.

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4. Committee members shall annually elect a chair and a vice-chair by majority vote of the quorum.
5. The Committee shall meet as often as necessary to carry out its work, but no less than quarterly. The meetings of the Committee shall be held in the County Public Works facility and such other locations as may be conducive to visible and publicly accessible meetings. Meetings shall be held in accordance with all relevant County policies with regard to public notice, open meetings, and rules of order.
6. All matters coming before the Committee shall be resolved by majority vote of the quorum.
7. All Committee members shall reside within the exterior boundaries of Santa Fe County.
  - a. One committee member shall be from a mutual domestic water consumers' association;
  - b. One committee member shall be from a soil and water conservation district;
  - c. One committee member shall be a member of an acequia association;
  - d. One committee member shall be from the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee;
  - e. One committee member shall be from the central water planning area;
  - f. One committee member shall be from the northern water planning area;
  - g. One committee member shall be the public member of the Buckman Direct Diversion Board;
  - h. The balance of the committee members shall be chosen by commissioners from their respective districts.

Membership should span a wide range of expertise and experience not limited to water. Expertise may be demonstrated by membership in an established community water group; by professional practice in the field of water, wastewater, hydrology, agriculture, or similar; or by other documented relevant professional or volunteer experience. Individuals with expertise in the water policies and practices of other governmental entities in the region are also qualified to serve on the Committee. Interested residents must submit a letter of interest and documented qualifications. In the event more than one individual seeks appointment to a position on the Committee, the Public Works Department will be asked to rank the competing applicants.

8. The County Manager shall appoint a member of the County Staff to serve as liaison to the Committee.
9. The scope of duties of the Committee shall include the following:
  - a. To make recommendations related to water policies in the County land development code, with focus on making recommendations in areas such as: land restoration practices and techniques that lead to water collection, restoration, and conservation; implementation of grey water and closed re-circulating systems; agricultural land

restoration; protection of waterways such as the Santa Cruz River, within existing water resource allocations; etc.

- b. To make recommendations related to County water and wastewater utility growth;
  - c. To assist the County in addressing proposed aquifer storage and recharge activities, design plans, and projects;
  - d. Explore the concept of an independent regional water authority or authorities, including interfacing with the City of Santa Fe, the City of Espanola, the Town of Edgewood, mutual domestic water consumer associations, and other regional water users regarding a regional water authority or authorities;
  - e. Recommend updates to the current 40-year Water Plan, the Conjunctive Management Plan, or other plans;
  - f. Such other water related topics and issues as directed by the BCC.
  - g. Identify and flag applications for appropriations that affect the County.
10. Within two months of the creation of the Committee and at the second BCC meeting in January of each year thereafter, the chair of the Committee shall present to the BCC for approval a draft work plan for the upcoming calendar year or portion thereof. The work plan shall include a list of tasks or topics to be addressed by the Committee over the year along with a delivery schedule of updates, reports, and other deliverables. The chair may from time to time amend this work plan with approval from the BCC. The BCC can amend this work plan at any time. The chair shall update the BCC in accordance with this work plan.
11. The Committee may be incorporated into other County standing committees or otherwise dissolved at any time.

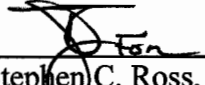
**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.  
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

By: Kathy Holian  
Kathy Holian, Chair

Attest: Geraldine Salazar 4/30/13  
Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk



Approved to form:



Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



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Geraldine Salazar  
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM