RESOLUTION 2010-239

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS NOS. 1998-105, 1998-132, 2000-14, 2001-01, AND 2001-46 AND CREATING THE COUNTY OPEN LANDS, TRAILS, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COLTPAC).

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) seeks to advance efforts county-wide to acquire, protect, manage, and restore open lands and important cultural and historical landscapes, and to promote construction and maintenance of trails and parks for the benefit and use of County residents and visitors, and to build awareness of the importance of land conservation and restoration, through education and land stewardship, and

WHEREAS, the County Open Land and Trails Planning Advisory Committee (COLTPAC) was first established in 1998 to assist in implementing the County's Wildlife, Trails, and Historic Places Program, and

WHEREAS, since that time the Program has matured and is now the Open Space and Trails Program and functions within the Community Services Department and the goals of the committee have changed, and

WHEREAS, the BCC desires to establish a Committee to accomplish these goals,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESCINDS RESOLUTIONS NO. 1998-105, 1998-132, 2000-14, 2001-01, and 2001-46, AND PROCLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The BCC hereby establishes the County Open Lands, Trails, and Parks Advisory Committee, "COLTPAC" (the Committee).
- 2. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the BCC, acting through and with the assistance of the Open Space and Trails Program staff, on matters related to open space, trails, and parks.
- 3. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee are:
 - a. to evaluate applications by property owners and to recommend to the BCC property to be acquired for open space, trails, and parks;
 - b. to advise on the funding for the Open Space and Trails Program;
 - c. to assist in updating and reviewing the Open Space and Trails Plan, adopted by Resolution No. 2000-60, as necessary;
 - d. to examine and make changes to the criteria for property selection when necessary;
 - e. to establish volunteer subcommittees to address specific concerns for open space and trails and parks, and;
 - f. to work with County staff to provide public outreach.

- 4. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the BCC based on letters of interest, qualifications, county-wide representation, and advice from Open Space and Trails Program staff. Members should be of diverse backgrounds, representative of the varied users of Santa Fe County open space, trails, and parks. Desirable expertise among the membership of the Committee includes experience on matters such as conservation, restoration, natural and cultural resources, community interests, education, trails planning and construction, hydrology, agriculture, wildlife, water, management and stewardship, public administration, and finance.
- 5. The Committee shall be made up of nine (9) members appointed by the BCC. Of the initial appointments, five (5) shall serve for a two -year term, and four (4) shall serve for a three -year term. Subsequent terms shall be for three years. Members shall serve for no more than two (2) consecutive terms, including those members who compose the existing committee and whose terms expire on December 31, 2010. Those existing members whose terms expire on December 31, 2010 and who have only served for one term are eligible to serve one more term of two (2) years. The chairperson shall serve for a two-year term and shall be selected by majority vote of the members of the Committee. The BCC shall make an appointment to fill any vacancy of an unexpired term. Members may be removed by the BCC with or without cause.
- 6. All Committee members shall reside within Santa Fe County. One member shall be appointed by each Commissioner from residents of their Commission District; the remaining members shall be at- large and may reside in any area of the County and be nominated by any Commissioner. Notwithstanding the geographic distribution of the members, all members shall be charged with representing the best interests of the County as a whole.
- 7. The Committee shall meet as often as necessary to carry out its work, but not less than quarterly. The meetings of the Committee shall be held in the Commission Chambers and such other locations as may be conducive to visible and publicly accessible meetings. Meetings shall be held in accordance with Resolution No. 2009-1, A Resolution Determining Reasonable Notice for Public Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, and for Boards and Committees Appointed by or Acting Under the Authority of the Board of County Commissioners as well as the County's Resolution Establishing Rules of Order for Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County and for Certain Specified Committees.
- 8. The County should allocate a sufficient budget to ensure advertising in accordance with the County's Open Meetings Act Resolution. However, the terms of this Resolution are contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorizations being made. If sufficient appropriations and authorizations are not made or given by the County, the Commission shall cease operation until such time as funding allows for compliance with publication and noticing requirements.
- 9. All matters coming before the Committee shall be resolved by majority vote of the quorum.
- 10. The County Manager shall appoint a member of the County Open Space and Trails Program staff to serve as liaison to the Committee. The liaison shall be responsible for

stenographic services during meetings. The liaison shall ensure that packets are prepared for Committee members prior to each meeting, and that notices and agendas are created and posted in accordance with the County's Open Meetings Act Resolution.

_ DAY OF <u>LC</u>, 2010 PASSED, APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED THIS _ BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

Harry Montoya, Chairman

Attest:

Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney

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