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SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 014

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2025 WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2024, the Santa Fe County (County) Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted Resolution No. 2024-038, A Resolution Updating the Purpose and Activities of the Water Policy Advisory Committee (WPAC) and Repealing and Replacing Resolution No. 2019-95; and

WHEREAS, paragraph 18 of Resolution No. 2024-038 states that at the Board's second meeting in January of each year, the WPAC shall present to the Board for its approval a report of progress towards adopted goals from the previous year and a draft work plan and meeting calendar for that year; and

WHEREAS, the Board appointed ten (10) voting members and one (1) non-voting County Commissioner to serve on the WPAC for a three-year term from May 15, 2024, through May 15, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the newly formed WPAC convened in eight (8) regular and special meetings from May to December 2024, where members received training on Results-Based Accountability Framework and briefings from County support staff on County policies, procedures, and programs; and

WHEREAS, the WPAC unanimously approved its 2025 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule at its January 9, 2025, regular meeting for recommendation to the Board for approval, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the WPAC's 2025 Work Plan focuses on twelve (12) strategically identified priorities within three categories of focus – 1) Stormwater Management; 2) Drinking & Wastewater Management; and 3) Outreach; and

WHEREAS, the WPAC established three working groups and assigned members and leadership from each of the three County departments who support WPAC to each working group; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-038, Paragraph 19, the WPAC will present reports of its activities and recommendations to the Board in April, July and October 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. The Board hereby approves the Water Policy Advisory Committee's 2025 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule (Exhibit A).

2. The WPAC may propose amendments to the 2025 Work Plan to the Board for its approval in accordance with Resolution No. 2024-038.
3. The Board may amend the 2025 Work Plan at any time in accordance with Resolution No. 2024-038.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

**SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: *Camilla Bustamante*
Camilla Bustamante, Chair



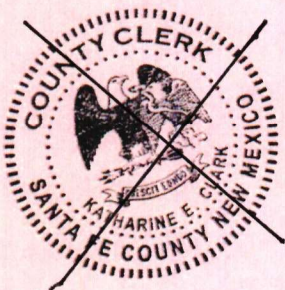
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Katharine E. Clark
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 1/29/2025

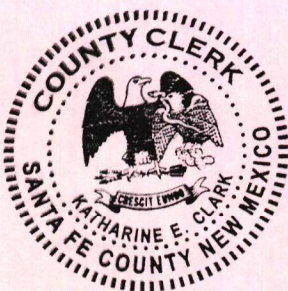
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Approved as to form:

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Santa Fe County Attorney



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Exhibit A

Water Policy Advisory Committee 2025 Work Plan

Stormwater Management Working Group

Michael Carr, Compliance (Lead)

Jacqueline Beam, Sustainability

Andrew Harnden, Planning

1. Develop and present recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on revisions and additions to the Sustainable Land Development Code related to water conservation, harvesting and reuse, stormwater management, and code requirements for new developments. (In progress with staff with a six-month timeline, led by Michael Carr and Jacqueline Beam)
2. Develop a Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Facility Master Plan and GSI Maintenance Training Guide (In progress with staff with a six-month timeline, led by Jacqueline Beam)
3. Review information to develop proposals for a County Compost Facility and Biogas Capture Project and provide recommendations to the BCC for inclusion in Planning considerations for County wastewater infrastructure expansion. (In progress with staff with a six-month timeline, led by Andrew Harnden)

Drinking & Wastewater Management Working Group

Travis Soderquist, Utilities (Lead)

Michael Carr, Compliance

Andrew Harnden, Planning

1. Develop a framework for potential customers to efficiently navigate the process of connecting to the County utility system or requesting that the County take over an existing system. (Requires completion of an after-action report on Canada de Los Alamos application and requires review and potential request to amend Resolution No. 2015-121. Eight-month timeline). (Travis Soderquist)
 - A. Develop and present recommendations to the BCC for La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Drinking Water Contamination Mitigation. Including a bilingual, digital, and door-to-door survey. (Three-month timeline – present to BCC in late March/early April.) (Andrew Harnden)
2. Review PFAS report dealing with the extent of contamination, clean-up timeline, alternatives analysis, and advise the BCC on most efficient path forward. (Nine-month timeline by end of 2025.) (Travis Soderquist)
3. Review policy, procedures, and enforcement for a Countywide Domestic Well Monitoring Program. (Review Phase I findings in DBS&A report on Sustainability website and BoardDocs material for BCC meeting; Phase II to embed policies and procedures in the County system that track and monitor water usage and metering for domestic wells will begin in Spring 2025.) (Michael Carr)
4. Santa Fe 2100 Water Plan - Work with the City of Santa Fe to prepare for the growth and expansion of infrastructure and increased water demand.

The following tasks will be considered as time and information become available:

5. Pursue petition return-flown credit application
6. Promote Aquifer Storage Recovery (ASR) at the Quill Plant. (Active project kicked off by staff in November 2024; funding extended through 2026)

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7. Solicit community representation and engagement regarding the scope of work considerations during the project development phase

Outreach Working Group

Andrew Harnden, Planning (Lead)

Travis Soderquist, Utilities

Brickman House, Sustainability

1. Recommend the initiation for developing a Joint Powers Agreements (JPAs) with the City of Santa Fe for stormwater and wastewater management. (Six-month timeline.) (Andrew Harnden)
2. Support efforts for more cooperation/coordination with the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) (1) to require NMED to update and share its septic tank database with the County and require septic permit applicants to submit to County before NMED and (2) to require OSE to update GIS mapping to show well-head meter diversion points so the County can better estimate water use per acre. (10-month timeline.) (Andrew Harnden)
3. Develop educational materials and partnerships that promote watershed health and water conservation. (Six-month timeline) (Andrew Harnden)
4. Support Primacy of surface waters in the state.

The following tasks will be considered as time and information become available:

5. Develop maps and a database of all NMED-approved septic systems and wells, arroyos, and rain garden/catchment areas in Santa Fe County
6. Develop a guideline/information packet for communities to form 501(c)(3) watershed associations
7. Support strategies with USDA NRCS to increase agricultural producers' awareness of Soil Health Program

Subject to developments with other entities that may affect timely implementation.

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**Water Policy Advisory Committee
2025 Meeting Calendar**

The Water Policy Advisory Committee will hold regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Plaza Conference Room located in the County Administration Building, 240 Grant Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501. Specifically, meetings will be held on the following dates in 2025:

January 9, 2025

February 13, 2025

March 13, 2025

April 10, 2025

May 8, 2025

June 12, 2025

July 10, 2025

August 14, 2025

September 11, 2025

October 9, 2025

November 13, 2025

December 11, 2025

The Santa Fe County Water Policy Advisory Committee strives to make its meetings accessible to the public through alternatives to in-person attendance, such as virtual meeting platforms. These alternatives, however, are not guaranteed due to internet and other service disruptions and equipment failures, and duly noticed meetings may be held notwithstanding that those alternatives are unexpectedly unavailable. Accordingly, members of the public assume the risk that they may be unable to watch, listen to and/or participate in Water Policy Advisory Committee meetings through such alternatives.

Subject to the above disclaimer, the County intends to allow members of the public to listen to and participate in Water Policy Advisory Committee meetings virtually. For instructions on joining the meeting virtually, visit www.santafecountynm.gov/joinwpac.

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