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Santa Fe County Manager, Commissioners, Judges, and Federal and State Officials break ground for new judicial complex



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FROM THE MANAGERS DESK...

As I write to you today, our nation, state, and local community are all facing a challenging economic forecast. According to economic experts, we are officially in a recession. All of us are becoming more familiar with the words “cost cutting,” “bailout,” and even “layoffs.” Santa Fe County is no different. Although past prudent financial planning has helped us navigate relatively unscathed so far, we are taking a proactive approach to prepare for the worst, while hoping for the best.

We have adopted the following steps:

- Freeze on some in state and out of state travel.
- Decreased Supplies & Contractual Services budgets by 5%.
- Implemented “hiring freeze” for non-essential positions Countywide.
- Implemented strict energy efficient measures.
- Eliminated the ARC Program with Youth Development Program.
- Frozen Merit Pool and Merit Increases.
- Requested immediate reimbursement from all outside agencies.
- Only authorized the purchase of Capital Purchases that are necessary for day-to-day function.

After reviewing the Property Tax receivables and gross receipt taxes being collected in mid December, we will review further measures in cost savings and implementation strategies for the Board of County Commissioners to consider during the Mid-Year Budget review in January.

I have been meeting with a 51-member focus group comprised of County staff from every department created to come up with ideas for how to deal with the current economic crisis. We will strive to preserve current levels of programming and services while continuing to be financially viable.

Challenges test our mettle, our ability to survive – those creative enough to adjust and reinvent themselves in changing times will thrive. I view the current financial challenge as an opportunity to improve how Santa Fe County operates - how to become more efficient and effective than ever before. I believe that we will come out of this crisis better equipped for the future, with more innovative ways of serving residents than ever before.

As we come to the end of 2008, it is a time to reflect on what has been accomplished and to look ahead at what is to come in 2009. Some highlights of the past year include:

- The creation and adoption of a new oil and gas drilling ordinance and, as a result, a new template for planning growth in Santa Fe County.
- The completion of a project that is a model of sustainable design, the new Public Works Facility
- Breaking ground on the new Steve Herrera Judicial Complex
- Agreement for Annexation with the City of Santa Fe
- Approval of 5 out of 6 bond issues to support County projects

Looking forward, we will be focusing on:

- New Growth Management Plan for County
- New County Land Development Code
- New Strategic Plan (informed by a County-wide survey)
- Projects receiving funding by passage of new bond issue
- Construction of new Steve Herrera Judicial Complex

All our efforts will continue to be stimulated by the fuel of continuous improvement at all levels, particularly in the areas of customer service, transparency, communication, and accountability in the use of public resources.

May you enjoy the riches of the holiday season - being with family, friends, and loved ones.



Sincerely,

Roman Abeyta
Santa Fe County Manager

HUMAN RESOURCES – DEVELOPING LEADERS

Santa Fe County Human Resources Division is pleased to announce Santa Fe County's Leadership Development Program. This program is designed to offer all employees the opportunity to develop both personally and professionally and to be responsive, effective, and efficient. The Leadership Development Program consists of The Leadership Skills Series; The Supervisory/Leadership Series and Employee Development Courses. All employees that are in a supervisory capacity are required to attend the Leadership Skills Series, and The Supervisory/Leadership Series. Additionally, there are numerous workshops that are offered annually.

The Santa Fe County Leadership Skills Series

The first session of the Santa Fe County Leadership Skills Series begins with an overview of an Introduction to Leadership. The second session is training on Teamwork. The third session is Submitting to Authority, and the last session is Using Executive Intelligence at Santa Fe County. After each session, the County Manager gives the floor to each participant to talk about their experience as it relates to the specific topic. This series has been a great success since it began, and each series has been completely full.

The Santa Fe County Supervisory Series

The Santa Fe County Supervisory Series is a series of pertinent supervisory training that each employee in a supervisory capacity is required to complete. This series provides training for supervisory personnel in the areas of Leadership Style, Employment Law, Discipline, Resolving Grievances, Conflict Resolution, Diversity, Coaching, Performance Management, Interviewing Skills, and the Budget Process.

COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA VIGIL

FILM INDUSTRY IN SANTA FE COUNTY—DEVELOPMENT OF THE SANTA FE STUDIOS PROJECT



Since 2003, the film industry has supported over 110 film and television productions and created a \$2 Billion economic impact for New Mexico (Source: NM Film Office). A successful State incentives program, including a 25% tax credit and up to \$15 Million interest free production loans, has been instrumental in attracting the industry to our state. During the period from 2003-2007, 32 motion pictures were shot in Santa Fe County with an aggregate production expenditure of \$173 Million. The larger economic impact within the County was estimated to be \$520 Million for this same period. Santa Fe County recognizes the potential and significant economic role of the media and film industry and the prospective job creations for County residents. In support of these efforts, the County designated a Media District located off Highway 14 and has entered into an agreement with Santa Fe Studios to develop over 65 Acres of land to design and create film production facilities and ancillary multimedia and related projects.

Concerted efforts have been taken to foster a viable public and private partnership to ensure that local economic and workforce development is supported. The Santa Fe Studios Project is committed to recruit local labor and talent while offering opportunities to educate and create a skilled workforce necessary for a long series of film and multi-media productions. Towards this end, an estimated 800,000 hours of above-minimum wage jobs--via apprenticeships, other on the job training and career advancement--will be created within six years of the first phase of the Project. Partnerships with other institutions that are engaged in media and film training and productions, such as the Santa Fe Community College, will be further solidified as a result.

In a period where economic uncertainty prevails, investment of resources into the local community and economy plays a key strategic role of building community sustainability for the region. In addition to the focus on enhancing the local workforce, the Santa Fe Studios Project contributes to other community development efforts to include a significant investment in local and regional infrastructure improvements. Most noteworthy is the potential development of long-haul fiber broadband infrastructure. This development is supported by various regional stakeholders as the greater public benefits will reach beyond the immediate Media Park and Santa Fe Studios Project requirements. The community benefits into ancillary areas may include, but not limited to, successful recruitment and location of clean-renewable technology companies, expansion of e-Government services, extension of education and training opportunities into rural areas, and the use of e-Health services.

Lastly, the Santa Fe Studios Project is intended to be constructed with Green Building concepts. The County is currently exploring the complementary potential for utilization of renewable energy sources and distribution for this Project and as well for the extended usages of other adjacent County owned and operated facilities. As the County recognizes the need to address the greater energy, economic and community issues of the region, integrated efforts supporting the Santa Fe Studios Project is an earnest attempt to incorporate short-term initiatives within the context of long-term sustainable planning and implementation.

COMMISSIONER PAUL CAMPOS REGIONAL ENERGY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED TO STUDY AND DEVELOP NEW ENERGY POLICY



The BCC has passed a resolution establishing the Santa Regional Planning Authority (RPA) Energy Subcommittee to study, consolidate information, and develop policy recommendations for joint regional energy initiatives. Understanding that energy initiatives are regional in nature, the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County will be collaborating on energy initiatives to assure regional benefit.

An ad hoc energy group made up of County and City of Santa Fe officials and staff have been meeting and deliberating on energy matters for more than a year.

Both the City and County have adopted the U. S. Conference of Mayor's Agreement on Climate Change, which supports the Kyoto Protocol standards on reduction of global greenhouse gases emissions. The ad hoc energy working group has discussed various issues such as incorporating the procurement of green products and services as part of the purchasing processes, promotion of a florescent light bulb exchange program, an outreach program for awareness of energy efficiency awareness, a technical assessment of a municipal/county utility system and the potential for development of distribution systems.

The City and County, respectively, are exploring the potential for alternative sources of energy and distribution systems for project ready initiatives such as a Photovoltaic System for the City Wastewater Treatment Plant and the County Media Park.

The City has adopted The Sustainable Santa Fe Plan that, among other things, includes policies on climate change, energy efficiency, building code and construction standards, and carbon emission reduction efforts. The County is considering similar policies and actions.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS UTILIZES COMMUNITY SERVICE FUNDS FOR PATTY ADAM SENIOR CENTER & ENERGY EFFICIENCY

At the December 9 Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting, Commissioner Paul Campos presented two Community Service Fund projects for the Board to consider and approve.

The BCC approved the use of District 4 Community Service Funding of \$2,000 to the Santa Fe County Community Services Department, Community Health and Human Services Division for the Provision of Supporting the Patty Adam Senior Center in Eldorado. The funds will assist in providing funding for the purchase and installation of a freezer unit as well as for the procurement of activity class services, which may include tin work, weaving, clay, computer literacy, and line dancing at the Patty Adam Senior Center in Eldorado.

The BCC also approved \$18,000 in District 4 Community Service Funding to the Santa Fe County Community Services Department for the purchase and installation of energy efficient fixtures at

Santa Fe County facilities. In September 2006, the BCC passed Resolution # 149, A Resolution to Endorse the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement Adopting Higher Performance Energy Efficient Building Standards. As outlined in the resolution, the BCC supports:

“All other new construction, renovations, repairs, and replacements of County buildings shall employ cost-effective, energy- efficient, green building practices to the maximum extent possible.”

Santa Fe County aims to be a leader in the community and set the example by utilizing energy efficient lighting and fixtures throughout its facilities. This has a dual benefit – both in energy efficiency and cost savings.

Energy efficient measures may include:

- Conversion of T-12 magnetic lighting with new T-8 lamps with electronic ballasts provide better light and consume about 40% less energy.
- Occupancy sensors in intermittent use areas allow lights to automatically shut off thus reducing lighting and cooling expenses and generally provide good return on investment.
- Programmable Thermostats to control the heating and air conditioning of facilities.

Recent energy audits of County facilities revealed the best opportunity for energy savings via implementation of energy efficient measures were: the Downtown Administration Building, the Adult Facility, the Juvenile Facility and the Safety Complex. A majority of these four facilities already have some energy efficiency measures implemented but may need one component such as programmable thermostats to be installed/implemented.

Other facilities that are now being targeted for energy efficiency measures will include: Community Services Department Office, Human Resources Department Office, the Law Complex, and Community Centers/ Fire Stations.

“Now is the time to invest in better care for our seniors and taking control of our energy consumption,” said Commissioner Campos “it is an investment in our collective future.”

COMMISSIONER MIKE ANAYA EDGEWOOD SENIOR CENTER REOPENS

Santa Fe County celebrates the Grand Re-Opening of the Edgewood Senior Center tomorrow, November 7th at 10:30 am at 114 Quail Trail in Edgewood. “We honor our seniors” said County Commissioner Mike Anaya “They are the backbone of our community and I’m glad we could give them a better place for them to connect.” The \$290,480 (\$50,000 from Santa Fe County) renovation project included:



- Renovation and addition of approximately 1,740 sq ft
- Additional dining area and office
- Additional portal approximately 660 sq ft
- New handicap ramp and reversal of existing ramp
- Interior work on existing fire truck bay



The project took approximately 150 days to complete. For more information, call 281-2515.

LITTLE COUNTY PROJECT SOLVES BIG PROBLEM; MADRID GETS PUBLIC TOILETS

Santa Fe County unveiled the first self-contained public toilets in Madrid next to the Mineshaft Tavern and Madrid Fire Station. A donation of property by local residents and about \$35,000 invested by the County made the project an actuality.

COMMISSIONER HARRY MONTOYA

THE AAMODT WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT



This September, New Mexico Senators, Pete Domenici, R-NM and Jeff Bingaman, D-NM, went to Congress to authorize settlements for two water rights cases in Northern New Mexico that have been unresolved for over twenty years. They co-sponsored the Aamodt and Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 2008.

The Act resulted from settlements of two longstanding water rights disputes in Northern New Mexico --- the Aamodt and Taos water rights adjudications. The Aamodt adjudication is reportedly the oldest case on the federal docket. The two settlements were the product of years of negotiations between American Indian leaders and local, state, and federal officials. The settlements assure water resources for a number of pueblos and also provides for water needs generally in the relevant communities and the legislation therefore authorizes the secretary of the interior to approve the settlement of the water rights claims asserted by the Nambé, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Tesuque and Taos pueblos and to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin.

With respect to the Aamodt settlement, the agreement provides for construction of a large water project to utilize water from the Rio Grande, much like the Buckman Direct Diversion project. The federal government will pay for about two-thirds of the cost of the project, currently estimated to cost \$178 million, with the state and other parties contributing the rest.

The parties reached settlement in the Aamodt case after six years of intensive settlement talks ordered by the federal court, and mediated by a judge. In 2006, along with other settling parties, the County, the four Pueblos, the City of Santa Fe, and the State of New Mexico signed the Aamodt settlement agreement. The settlement resolved the long pending water rights case. Now the settling parties, including the seven governmental entities, have urged the United States to join as a signatory to the settlement agreement.

Although Santa Fe County did not have water rights at issue in the Aamodt case, the County agreed to become a party to the settlement and has pledged to make a substantial local contribution to help implement it. The County believes the settlement is highly desirable for two reasons. First, the settlement achieves a fair and equitable resolution of the competing claims to water in one of the most water-short areas of the west. Second, the centerpiece of the settlement is a regional water system that will greatly alleviate water shortages and water quality problems in the basin.

The Taos settlement involves several small projects aimed at improving water quality, efficiency, and management in the Taos Valley. The federal government would contribute approximately \$114 million to that project and the state will contribute approximately \$20 million.

The legislation approving the settlements was not enacted before the present Congress adjourned; the legislation will be introduced early in the next Congress. Given the obvious local economic benefit provided by the two settlements, and given the current troubling economic times, it is expected that the congressional delegation will strongly support the projects, and that a bill will be presented to President Obama for approval in 2009.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA CONTINUED...

SANTA FE COUNTY REJOINS NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT

On August 12, 2008, the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) passed Resolution 2008-12 that made Santa Fe County, once again, a member of the NCRTD. This followed an earlier decision by the Board of County Commissioners to withdraw from the NCRTD on July 7, 2008.

On the same day, the NCRTD Board approved and adopted Resolution 2008-13 directing the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners to adopt identical ordinances calling for a joint election on the question of imposing a one-eighth percent gross receipts tax. This measure subsequently went to vote and passed in the General Election on November 4.

The NCRTD anticipates approximately \$4.5 million in revenues from this tax with fifty percent (\$2.5 million) going to the Rail Runner service, \$1.9 million to the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County, and \$300,000 to the NCRTD for the Rail Runner Express connection. Santa Fe County Planning Staff is working with the Santa Fe Trails Transit Director and the Regional Planning Authority (RPA) to develop a coordinated Transit Service Plan for the City and the County. This Service Plan will emphasize connection to the Rail Runner stations.

USE OF COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD PROGRAM EXPLODES

Usage of the Santa Fe County prescription drug discount program was up over 300% during the Summer of 2008 compared to the same time last year. From May to August 2008, 3,531 people utilized the discount on prescription drugs for themselves and their pets compared to 602 people using the program during the same period in 2007. The average savings was over 20% and \$11 per prescription filled. Santa Fe County residents saved over \$76,000 this summer. "As we all face increased belt tightening, this program can make a real difference" said County Commissioner Harry Montoya "I'm glad to see so many people taking advantage of this free program."

What It Is: The Santa Fe County prescription drug discount card program helps consumers save money on their prescription medications any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance. The free cards may be used at any participating retail pharmacy. The discount card is not insurance.

Savings: Savings average 20 percent; some discounts may be more, and some less, depending on the drug and quantity purchased. Cardholders are eligible for higher discounts on a three-month supply of some medications through mail service. Cardholders also can save on pet prescriptions at participating retail pharmacies.

Who It's For: The cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance.

Pets: 70% of pet prescriptions overlap with human ones. The residents simply ask the veterinarian to write out a prescription and then they can have it filled at a network participating pharmacy.

What It Costs: Unlike many other card programs, there is no enrollment cost or membership fee. The cardholder pays the negotiated discount price or the pharmacy's retail price, whichever is lower. The average discount is 20 percent.

Additional Benefits: The program has a safety feature that alerts pharmacists when one drug may conflict with another medication the cardholder is taking, if the prescriptions were obtained with the card.

The Santa Fe County discount card program remains a useful option now that Medicare Part D has been implemented. For example, the card can be used when a Medicare Part D plan doesn't cover a drug.

Where You Get the Card: Available at most local pharmacies or by calling 992.9841.

SOMBRILLO WASTEWATER SYSTEM

The much anticipated preliminary engineering report (PER) that Santa Fe County originated has been completed and details various approaches to establishing a wastewater system for the residents in the Sombrillo area of Northern Santa Fe County. The County utilities staff will be utilizing this report along with the input from the citizens who will be served by an eventual system to ultimately determine what type of system would best serve the needs of this community. A public meeting that will feature the report findings and also obtain the input of the area residents will soon be scheduled. Gathering the input from the residents is a very important and crucial part of the process and the participation of the area residents is strongly encouraged at the soon to be scheduled meeting.

Santa Fe County wants to make sure and address the wastewater issue for the residents in the Sombrillo community and by having the information contained in the PER gathered, a solution to this issue is now one step closer to being achieved. A preliminary engineering report is a necessary prerequisite for a public project that is anticipated to be constructed with public funds. In order to be considered to receive most public funds whether that be from state or federal funding sources a PER must be completed so that it can be shown that a possible project is technically feasible.

The location of the Sombrillo community is at a unique location within Santa Fe County that brings into play many possible governments and jurisdictions who may be involved in serving this community's wastewater needs. Because of this reason a PER was also needed to gather a full look at the various options associated with the multiple governmental jurisdictions. Ensuring that the best possible technical solution is chosen while utilizing the cooperation of the surrounding jurisdictions will also help in obtaining funding and support for funding for this wastewater solution.

Having the input and the support of the community and also surrounding jurisdictions thus far has allowed for this first step to be achieved in a timely manner with positive results.

COMMISSIONER JACK SULLIVAN

AT TERM'S END



I would like to acknowledge and thank the entire Santa Fe County staff, the Commission and county residents, especially those of District 5, for the support they have provided to me in fulfilling my duties as a Santa Fe County Commissioner for the past eight years. If I tried to name every staff person and volunteer who has contributed, I would certainly miss someone very important to our team's success, and I wouldn't want to do that.

Certainly I want to acknowledge Roman Abeyta and Steve Ross and their staffs, as well as all our Division and Department Directors and their staffs for their dedication and hard work. I couldn't have fielded all my constituent inquiries without their help, or the diplomatic efforts of my Constituent Liaison, Jennifer Jaramillo. I would like also to offer my thanks to our County Chaplain, Jose Villegas. At each Commission meeting his thoughtful prayers have allowed me to reflect on what I'm doing, and why I'm doing it. It gives me the inspiration I need to carry on.

Nor should we forget all the volunteers who make the county function – those who serve on the CDRC, the EZC, COLTPAC, the community development review committees, our many senior center volunteers, the Vista Grande library board, the road advisory committee, the housing boards, our health policy and planning commission, our fire and EMT personnel, our DWI, youth and maternal health volunteers, the corrections advisory committee and the many ad hoc committees formed over the years to advise the Commission on issues such as energy and affordable housing.

Additional thanks go to the media, especially Santa Fe's newspapers and their hard working reporters, for enduring sometimes long and tedious meetings. Their efforts to capture the story behind the formalities provide the primary resource available to the public to learn about the workings and decisions of county government, as well as notification of upcoming issues of interest to residents.

I certainly can't let my term end without acknowledging the support and patience of my wife Vickie, who has been there as my unwavering advocate and supporter to share the successes, as well as to provide a patient listening post for the occasional frustrations.

With these important thank-yous said, I'm proud of what we have accomplished during this 8-year period, including many first ever initiatives, capital improvement projects, ordinances and regulations. Key in all of this has been far greater public transparency in the County decision-making process and greater Commission scrutiny of County programs, expenditures and land use proposals. Several notable team accomplishments and initiatives have been:

- The first ever televising of County Commission meetings initiated in 2001
- Successful completion of an historic water service agreement with the City of Santa Fe al locating disputed Rio Grande San Juan Chama water rights.
- An agreement with the City of Santa Fe for joint ownership and management of the Buckman Direct Diversion Project, a \$200,000,000 project (largest ever in the City or County) to divert, treat and deliver water from the Rio Grande. The project is under construction with completion in 2011.
- First County water conservation and water harvesting ordinance, including a requirement for instant hot water heating devices to conserve water.
- Countywide road inventory and master plan, completed in 2002.

- County Fair Grounds master plan
- Completion of the Regional Emergency Communication Complex (RECC) with joint City/County participation for dispatch and emergency services.
- Construction of new fire stations in key locations throughout the county, and passage of a bond issue to provide a greater level of full time staffing.
- First ever county Sobering Center for short term treatment of substance abusers (previously incarcerated in the County jail), plus staffing and housing of a new Care Connection program to provide long term follow up and federal voucher assistance.
- Takeover of the operation of the County jail (600 + beds) and youth detention facility from private operators.
- First ever inclusive affordable housing ordinance in Santa Fe County requiring 30% affordable housing in all new subdivisions. 446 affordable homes are now obligated and 214 have been constructed and closed.
- Passage of an ordinance requiring developers to identify water sources and proof of water availability at master plan approval stage, curtailing land speculation and sprawl.
- Reduction in the use of variances as re-zoning loopholes.
- Construction of a new \$18,000,000 public works complex with the first 100' wind generator in the county to assist in powering the facility.
- Completion of construction and operational funding provided for the county's first and only library in Eldorado.
- Startup of the county's first commuter bus service route
- Opening of three satellite offices to reduce need for constituents to travel to Santa Fe to conduct county business.
- Completion of a comprehensive growth management plan and annexation agreement, approved by the City, enlarging the City and eliminating city/county jurisdictional conflicts of the past.
- Completion of construction and opening of a new senior center serving the rapidly growing 285 Corridor, the first senior center to be independently operated by the county providing lunches, senior activities and meals on wheels to seniors unable to travel.
- Voter approval for a \$38,000,000 judicial complex - sited and beginning construction in downtown Santa Fe to maintain the City's urban vitality.
- Completion of a major hydrologic evaluation of county water resources and, with public input, and a water sustainability report to plan for a reliable county water supply in future drought years.
- A site and financial evaluation for a combined County/private partnership affordable housing project - to be located on the former County Public Works Department site.
- Initiation of standard contracts for county health care providers.
- More thorough financial community benefit reporting by our Sole Community Provider Christus/ St. Vincent Hospital and continued active negotiation of an annual Memorandum of Understanding providing services and funding to Santa Fe non-profits and other providers.
- Completion of a new Oil and Gas Element of the Santa Fe County General Plan, as well as an Oil and Gas Ordinance for the Galisteo Basin. This is a part of a new countywide General Plan that will more specifically address four unique areas of our county.

Having accomplished all this and much more that I haven't mentioned, it goes without saying that there is still more to do. There are opportunities and challenges ahead for the new Commission. Some of these include:

- Completion of a major revision to the County Land Use Code, with focus on better land

use planning, elimination of conflicting code provisions and closing water service and family transfer loopholes that affect public health and safety.

- Completion of the recently-begun new County Land Use plan – a proactive rather than reactive approach to planning for the future.
- Providing greater enforcement of the County land use code and subdivision approval conditions by adequately funding and assuming the inspection duties currently performed by the Construction Industries Division of the State.
- Implementing a well monitoring program in subdivisions with approved water budgets to conserve water and meet the goals of our conjunctive water use strategy.
- Implementing regional water service to the Eldorado area and the northern part of the County, plus regional sewer service south along State Route 14 and in the Pojoaque area.
- Initiating a County transit system through the Regional Planning Authority, in cooperation with the City, utilizing dedicated gross receipts tax revenues from the recent election.
- Providing greater oversight of the North Central Regional Transit District to control excessive spending, to track federal funds and establish a service plan based on demonstrated demand.
- Restructuring the Sole Community Provider health services program for greater County and public input and transparency by Christus/St. Vincent Hospital.
- Upon completion of the new Judicial Complex, renovation of the old District Court and complete reorganization of county office space to provide better constituent service.
- With the successful road bond issue, revision of the 2002 Comprehensive Road Improvement Plan before funding future road projects, to integrate road planning with future land use planning.
- Restructuring of the Metropolitan Planning Organization to better reflect County rather than NMDOT priorities for transportation.

In summary, my belief is that you will enjoy your job if you bring a passion to it and advocate for your ideas. In that regard, I can tell you that I have enjoyed my job and the opportunity to do just that.

The County's accomplishments as well as its current direction highlight our response to several objectives that I heard from constituents during two campaigns, and throughout my tenure as a Commissioner:

1. Better cooperation with the City in all governmental issues,
2. Better communication with the community,
3. Better planning for and control of our scarce water supplies and aquifer,
4. Better land use planning and subdivision control, restricting sprawl and requiring greater green and sustainable components in subdivision and building plans, and
5. Better roads.

The County is well on its way to achieving these objectives and I am proud to have been a part of the effort. Again my thanks to all who have worked so diligently to efficiently provide the basic services the county must provide on a day-to-day basis, as well as those whose thinking out of the box has moved the County forward to the cutting edge on a number of new initiatives.

Good luck and Godspeed.

Jack Sullivan

COMMISSIONER ELECT LIZ STEFANICS



I look forward to serving not only District 5 constituents but the entire county in the coming year. I would invite anyone who wishes to attend to come and be part of the Commissioner Swearing In Ceremony on January 1st, 2009 at 12:00 noon. The seat that I will be filling is to serve the constituents of our county.

Many challenges await us in January – oil and gas, growth management, hospital services, road conditions, public transportation, and careful monitoring of the county’s budget. Together with the skill of the County Manager, his directors, and their staff, the Board of County Commissioners will be handling business in a careful, respectful and professional manner.

Many residents of Santa Fe have requested more transparency and the county has been willing to initiate new activities and participate in community discussions for future activities and changes to enhance transparency. I will continue to support the county’s endeavors in transparency.

I would like to thank Commissioner Jack Sullivan for ably serving his constituents through two terms of office, to thank the numerous volunteers who sit on the county’s committees and task forces to review and forward recommendations, and finally to thank the hard working staff of the county in completing their daily work in a professional and dedicated manner.

I wish everyone a peaceful, safe, and happy holiday season.

ABOUT THE COMMISSIONER...

Liz received her undergraduate academic training from Eastern Kentucky University then proceeded to obtain a MS from the University of Wisconsin and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. She has also completed post doctoral work at the Ohio State University and the University of New Mexico in Law, and as a Certified Risk Manager for Public Entities from AICPCU IIA.

Liz served as State Senator in the New Mexico State Legislature from 1993-96. During Governor Richardson’s administration, Liz has been appointed Director of the New Mexico Health Policy Commission, Director of the Risk Management Division, and Deputy Secretary of the New Mexico Health and Human Services Department.

Liz’s work in the private sector includes serving as Regional Advocacy Manager at the National Government Relations Office, American Cancer Society in Washington, D.C

COMMISSIONER ELECT KATHY HOLIAN



I am honored to have been elected Santa Fe County Commissioner in District 4. Prior to now, my experience in SF County issues has been in my role on the County Development Review Committee. While I've enjoyed working on the CDRC for seven years, this last several months has been the most interesting of my tenure, due to the oil and gas drilling issue and the expanded role of the CDRC as it becomes the County's official planning commission.

In one of our most recent CDRC meetings, I was pleased to move for recommendation of passage of the Oil and Gas Element of the Santa Fe County General Plan and for passage of the ordinance regulating oil and gas drilling on all lands in the County. The ordinance is truly innovative, comprehensive, and will, I believe, be a model for other communities in the West. It protects our precious environmental, archaeological, and scenic resources -- as much as currently possible given the constraints of federal, state, and common law.

I would like to emphasize how important it is that this planning has been taking place in the context of County-wide growth management. For purposes of planning, the County is divided into four areas: El Norte, El Centro, Galisteo, and Estancia. Now is a crucial time for the citizens of Santa Fe County to get involved in this most critical public process. We must act now to protect our cultural and natural resources. The people of Santa Fe County will be able to determine -- collectively and by consensus -- what our County will look like, five, ten, twenty, years from now. The future that we envision is really in our hands.

Our success in this venture will be directly tied to how well we work together as a community. As Wallace Stegner wrote about the American West: "This is the native home of hope. Only when it fully learns that cooperation, not rugged individualism, is the pattern that most characterizes and preserves it, then it will have achieved itself and outlived its origins. Then it has the chance to create a society to match the scenery."

We have the scenery; now, together, we must build the vision for our community.

ABOUT THE COMMISSIONER...

Kathy Holian was elected as Santa Fe County Commissioner for District 4 in November. A County resident for the past 25 years, she was a Computational Physicist at Los Alamos Lab until last January. Today she continues to serve there as a retired Guest Scientist. Commissioner Paul Campos appointed her to the County Development Review Committee in 2001 where she has been making land use recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. She has long been a proponent of the New Urbanist model of clustered development and infill. Mrs. Holian and her husband Brad reside in Sunlit Hills near Seton Village with their two horses and four dogs.

PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY AND FAMILY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON FROM THE SANTA FE COUNTY SHERIFF

During rough economic times and during the holiday's property crimes tend to increase. Auto Burglaries, Home Burglaries, Robbery and thefts increase. We should always be vigilant and protect ourselves from crime, but it will be especially important in the coming months and year. Here are some tips to protect your self and your property.

- Lock items in the trunk of your car or keep them out of view. Park your car in an area which has adequate lighting.
- Females should never walk to their car at night alone. Get security to escort you or leave in groups.
- Hold your keys or a small can of pepper spray in your hand. Keys make an excellent weapon and can stun someone just enough to give you a chance to get away. Carry a whistle on your key chain. If someone seems suspicious use the whistle or get on your cell phone and call someone who can call for help if something goes wrong.
- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break into.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day. Use motion detector lights outside.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or fliers to build up while you are away. Arrange with the post office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.
- Push-button locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.
- Know who belongs or does not belong in your neighborhood. If someone looks suspicious, call the police to have them checked out.
- Keep your yard clean and bushes and trees trimmed. You don't want to give burglars a place to hide or remain concealed as they come in and out of your yard.
- If you have an alarm system, use it, even if you are only leaving for a short time. While they may not prevent burglaries they do reduce the amount of items taken and many times when the alarm goes off the burglar will leave without taking anything. Whether you have an alarm system or not buy signs that say you have an alarm and place them around your home.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WIND TURBINE TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY FOR NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY, LANDMARK OF SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

Santa Fe County has erected a 10 kW wind turbine to generate electricity for its new Public Works facility. The turbine has been erected and is in operation. When the facility opens, the turbine will generate electricity for the facility. "The new Public Works facility and the wind turbine exemplifies Santa Fe County's commitment to energy efficiency and green building" says Jack Sullivan, County Commissioner "It is important that we are conscientious to move into the future responsibly."

The new Public Works Facility is located on a 37-acre site along Highway 599 northwest of the intersection with Airport Road and has approximately 45,000 square feet of new buildings and structures, including:

- administrative office building
- vehicle maintenance building
- sign shop
- vehicle wash bay
- wind turbine to generate electricity
- material and equipment storage yard
- vehicle fuel station



The facility will take advantage of state-of-the-art technology and design to be energy and cost efficient along with low operations and maintenance costs. Additional green elements in the project include:

- All major buildings have passive solar heating features with heat stored in concrete mass walls.
- Shading is provided to shield the walls from the summer sun.
- Buildings are naturally ventilated with operable windows on the North and South sides for cross-ventilation.
- Extensive use of natural light reduces electricity consumption.
- Vehicle Wash Building uses 4 hydronic solar panels to pre-heat the wash water.
- All buildings are heated by a single centrally located high-efficiency gas-fuelled boiler. The system can be converted to burn other types of fuel including biomass.
- Water efficient plumbing fixtures used throughout. Circulation pumps eliminate the wait for hot water at faucets.
- Vehicle wash equipment recycles water up to 7 times.
- Rainwater from the roofs is captured and stored in underground tanks to be re-used for landscape irrigation.
- Native grasses and trees used for landscaping greatly reduce the need for irrigation.



County Manager Roman Abeyta, Commissioner Vigil, Commissioner Montoya, and Commissioner Sullivan, Join Senator Jeff Bingamin, (D-NM) for a tour of the new facility.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

SANTA FE COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The County has begun the process of updating the 1999 County's Growth Management Plan/General Plan. The County's Growth Management Plan Update kicked off with a Special County Development Review Committee meeting on December 4th, 2008.

The County has created four Growth Management Areas: El Norte, El Centro, Galisteo and Estancia. The County will hold Public Meetings on January 20, 21, 28 and 29, 2009, one in each Growth Management Area to address County-wide issues and will hold community meetings to gain input for each Area in March/April.

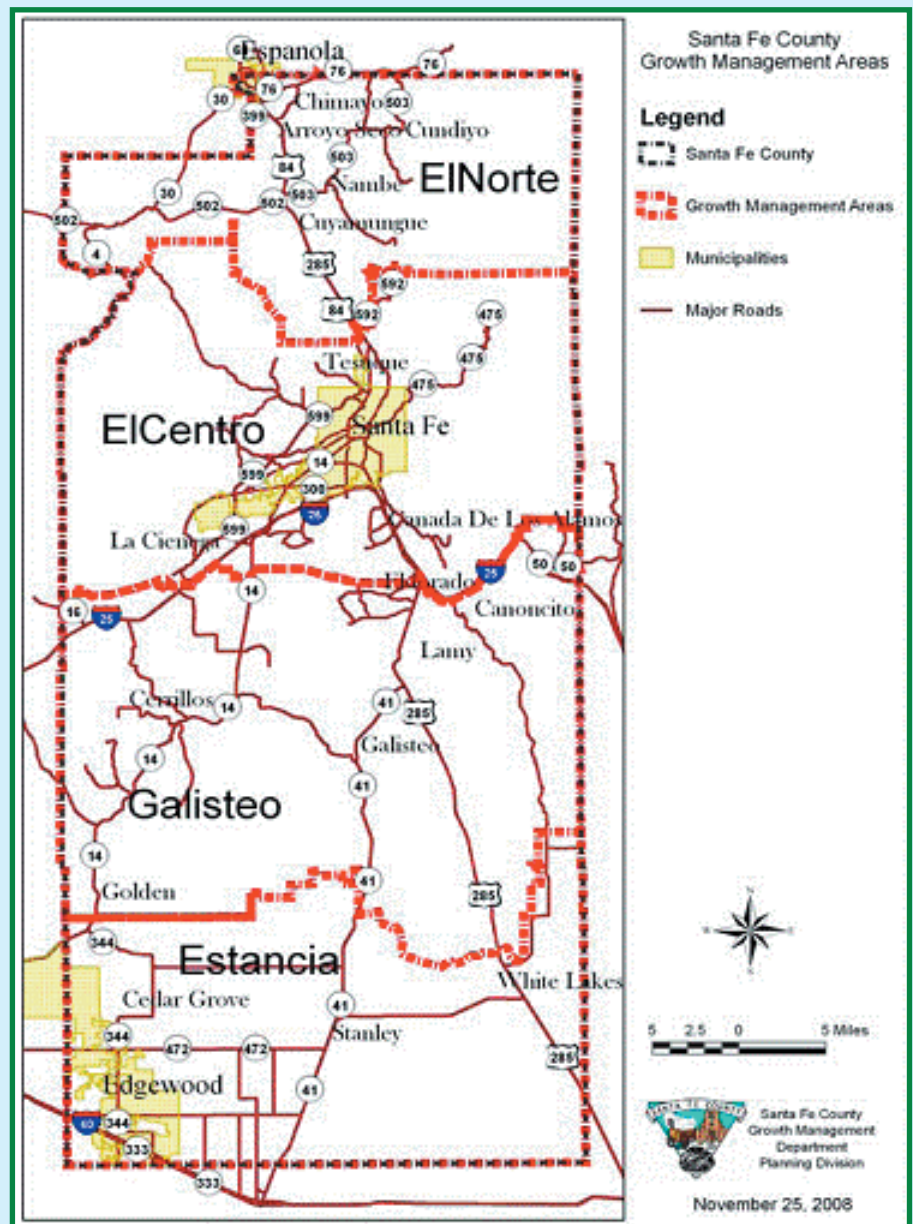
The Plan will identify goals, objectives, policies and strategies for the County. The goals of the update include addressing growth and development patterns, affordable housing, economic development, sustainable development, alternative energy, natural and cultural resource protection, water and wastewater, transportation, open space, public facilities, and services. The Plan process will build on previous and on-going planning efforts in the County and will include many opportunities for public participation.

Public participation is a significant component of this project, and we invite you to learn more and get involved over the course of the next several months. The County has created a Community Information

Center on the second floor of the County Administrative Offices adjacent to the Land Use offices for public input. The public is invited to complete a survey which is available at the community information center and is available online at www.plansantafecounty.org <<http://www.plansantafecounty.org/>> .

For further information on the County's Growth Management Plan, contact Project Manager, Robert Griego @ 986-6215 or go to:

http://www.santafecounty.org/about_us/growth_management_department.php





Construction Begun on Buckman Direct Diversion Project

Recently, the Joint Venture Team of CH2M Hill/Western Summit Constructors began construction on the Buckman Direct Diversion (BDD) project. The BDD project will divert water from the Rio Grande at a site about 4 miles below the Otowi Bridge and pipe it to a new City of Santa Fe/Santa Fe County Water Treatment Plant. (Note: The Plant is for City and County water customers only; Las Campanas will build a separate plant for its residents.) From there, the treated water will be delivered to City/County customers through new pipelines. Las Campanas is sharing in the diversion structure, raw water lift station and part of the transmission pipeline, but will build its own transmission pipeline(s).

In general, construction crews will work from **7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday**, although longer work hours may be required on occasion for emergencies or in response to weather conditions.

Construction dates are approximate and may vary due to unexpected circumstances or weather conditions.

Why is the BDD needed now?

The Buckman Direct Diversion is needed now because the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County do not have enough drinking water, and Las Campanas needs its own supply of drinking water. The water this region *does* have could be dramatically reduced by circumstances we cannot control – such as a prolonged drought or a fire in the watershed. The longer we wait the less certain we are of maintaining a reliable supply of drinking water under all conditions. Also, by adding another source of drinking water, we can allow the aquifer which supplies our groundwater wells to rest.

When will construction be done?

Construction of the BDD is expected to last through spring 2011.

Do I need to worry about not having water or power during construction?

No power interruptions are needed. If crews do need to shut off your water for a planned activity, they will notify you in advance.

Where should I go if I have questions or want more information?

You can visit the Buckman Direct Diversion project website (www.bddproject.org) for more information. If you have questions that are not answered or would like to discuss concerns with someone, please contact:

Barbara Crockett

CH2M HILL/Western Summit JV

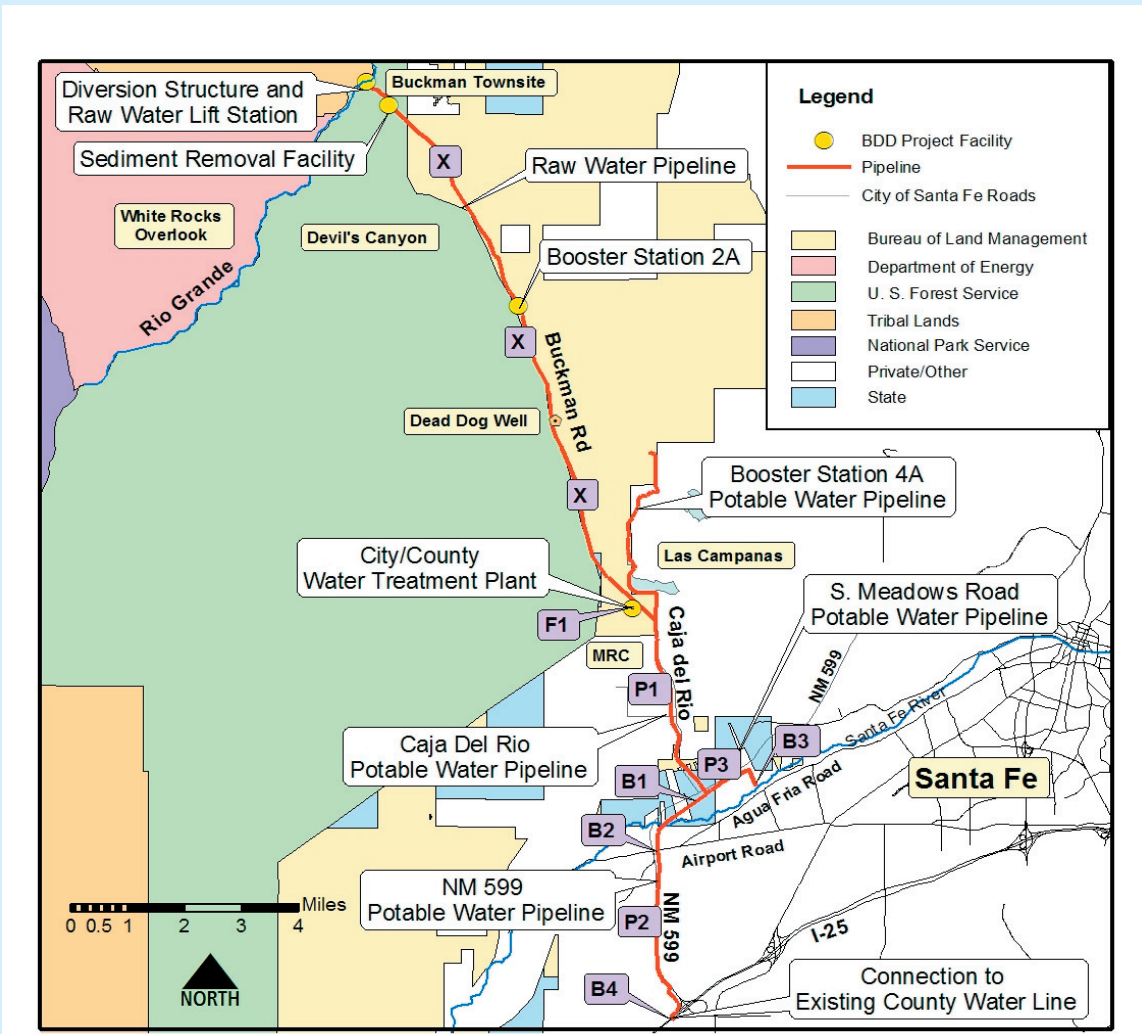
Community Liaison

Office: (505) 884-5600

Direct Line: 505-855-5234

Cell: 505-239-4772

Email: Barbara.Crockett@CH2M.com



Planned Construction Phases for the BDD – November 2008-January 2009:

P1 – Pipeline installation from the Water Treatment Plant Site & Caja del Rio Road to NM 599 Frontage Road – From October 2008 through January 2009.

P2 – Pipeline installation from NM 599 Frontage Road & Airport Road to intersection of NM 599 and I-25 – From December 2008 through February 2009.

P3 – Pipeline installation from Caja Del Rio Road & NM 599 Frontage Road to intersection of NM 599 Frontage Road and South Meadows Road – From January through March 2009.

F1 – Water Treatment Plant Construction – From October 2008 through February 2011.

B1 – Tunneling for Pipeline at NM 599 Frontage Road & Cattle Crossing – From early through mid-to-late November 2008.

Tunneling for Pipeline at NM 599 & Airport Road – In mid November 2008. **NOTE: Some lane restrictions and traffic impacts may be required.**

B3 – Tunneling for Pipeline at NM 599 & South Meadows Road – In mid-to-late November 2008.

B4 – Tunneling at NM 599 & I-25 – In late November. **NOTE: Some lane restrictions and traffic impacts may be required.**

Also, from October 2008 through January 2009, crews may be clearing vegetation (trees, shrubs and grasses) in the affected construction areas (marked with an X) as needed. These sites will be restored after construction is completed.

RIDER ALERT (12/8/08)

DECEMBER 2008 PARK AND RIDE SCHEDULE CHANGE



Monday, December 15, 2008 - The current temporary New Mexico Park and Ride and Shuttle Service passenger boarding area at the NMDOT General Offices will relocate back to the newly constructed bus loop at the South Capital Rail Runner Station adjacent to Pen Road across from the NM Rail Runner Express boarding area, between Alta Vista Street and Cordova Road. To see a schematic layout of the new bus loop please see the back of this rider alert, or see the Transit & Shuttle Connections in Santa Fe brochure at www.nmparkandride.com.

Wednesday, December 17, 2008 - The new South Capitol Station Shuttle schedule will go into effect to coincide with the start of NM Rail Runner Express service to Santa Fe.

Wednesday, December 17, 2008 – With the start of Rail Runner service to Santa Fe, Purple Route service to/from the US550 Rail Runner Station will be discontinued. (7:00am and 8:10 am northbound from US 550 and the 4:45pm and 5:50pm southbound from PERA)

Monday, December 22, 2008 -The new NM Park and Ride Schedule will become effective. All schedules are posted on the Park and Ride web site at www.nmparkandride.com and will be available on the buses shortly.

The public comment period on the NM Park and Ride draft schedule was completed November 17, 2008. Thanks to everyone who emailed in a comment or attended one of the eight public meetings. The service changes will include the following (*text in italics are changes to the schedule that have been made since the public comment period ended*):

Purple Route: The revised Purple Route will provide four morning trips from Santa Fe at South Capitol Station to Los Alamos and three afternoon trips from Los Alamos to South Capitol Station; all departures and arrivals in Santa Fe will allow transfers between Rail Runner Express trains and Purple Route buses. The route between Albuquerque and Santa Fe will be discontinued to avoid duplication of service with the Rail Runner Express and to allow an increase in service on other Park and Ride routes. Once the NM 599 Station is open the Purple Route buses will proceed directly from that location to Los Alamos, bypassing the Rail Runner South Capitol Station. *Park and Ride Purple Route monthly passes will be honored on Rail Runner Express for December 2008 only. Unlimited trips on Park and Ride and NM Rail Runner Express are allowed with a Park and Ride Systemwide Monthly Pass (\$150).*

Orange Route: Service will be expanded to include additional service between Las Vegas and Santa Fe. *A stop will be established at the northeast corner of the Exit 319 interchange off of I-25 adjacent to the convenience store. See schedule for buses that will serve this stop.*

Green Route: All morning buses will depart three minutes earlier than the current schedule. The afternoon schedule will not be affected. *No other changes since completion of public comment period.*

Red Route: Service will be expanded to include four morning and three afternoon trips from Española to Santa Fe plus three morning and four afternoon trips from Santa Fe to Española. Connections to and from Rail Runner Express to the Red Route were accommodated to the maximum extent possible. *The Pojoaque pick-up and drop-off location will be changed to Buffalo Thunder Resort effective December 22, 2008. The currently scheduled 5:30am departure at Española southbound to Santa Fe has been moved to 5:54am*

Blue Route: *The Pojoaque pick-up and drop-off location will be changed to Buffalo Thunder Resort effective December 22, 2008.* Some bus departure times have been adjusted by three minutes. All other scheduled arrival and departure times will remain unchanged. The District 5 stop will be discontinued once the NM 599 station is completed, and a new shuttle originating at NM 599 will serve District 5. *The schedule has been modified so a Southbound AM bus will reach South Capitol Station at 7:45am.*

South Capitol Station Shuttle: *Effective December 17, 2008,* the South Capitol Shuttle will meet all northbound arriving and southbound departing NM Rail Runner Express trains at the South Capitol Station, as well as some peak direction Orange and Red Route Park and Ride buses. The West Complex stop will be discontinued. Expanded frequency on Santa Fe Trails Route #2 into the South Capitol station will provide service to the West Complex. Santa Fe Trails connecting service along Cerrillos Road and St. Francis Drive can be utilized at South Capitol Station on their #2 and #4 Routes, respectively. Additional stops will be made at Rodeo Business Park and the Bureau of Land Management Offices in the vicinity of Rodeo Road and Sawmill Road. Once the NM 599 station is completed a new shuttle originating at NM 599 will serve the Department of Public Safety and District 5. Please consult the separate South Capitol Shuttle schedule and route map at www.nmparkandride.com. *Minor schedule modifications have been made to accommodate connections.*

Turquoise and Silver Routes: No changes have been made from current effective schedule.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Green Route Española - Los Alamos Northbound				
Española	TA-3	Los Alamos Medical Ctr	20th/ Central	
5:12am	5:42am	5:47am	5:52am	
5:32am	6:02am	6:07am	6:12am	
5:52am	6:22am	6:27am	6:32am	
6:12am	6:42am	6:47am	6:52am	
6:32am	7:02am	7:07am	7:12am	
6:52am	7:22am	7:27am	7:32am	
7:12am	7:42am	7:47am	7:52am	
7:32am	8:02am	8:07am	8:12am	
7:52am	8:22am	8:27am	8:32am	
8:12am	8:42am	8:47am	8:52am	
8:32am	9:02am	9:07am	9:12am	
8:52am	9:22am	9:27am	9:32am	
9:12am	9:42am	9:47am	9:52am	
9:32am	10:02am	10:07am	10:12am	
9:52am	10:22am	10:27am	10:32am	
10:12am	10:42am	10:47am	10:52am	
10:32am	11:02am	11:07am	11:12am	
10:52am	11:22am	11:27am	11:32am	
11:12am	11:42am	11:47am	11:52am	
11:32am	12:02pm	12:07pm	12:12pm	
11:52am	12:22pm	12:27pm	12:32pm	
12:12pm	12:42pm	12:47pm	12:52pm	
12:32pm	1:02pm	1:07pm	1:12pm	
12:52pm	1:22pm	1:27pm	1:32pm	
1:12pm	1:42pm	1:47pm	1:52pm	
1:32pm	2:02pm	2:07pm	2:12pm	
1:52pm	2:22pm	2:27pm	2:32pm	
2:12pm	2:42pm	2:47pm	2:52pm	
2:32pm	3:02pm	3:07pm	3:12pm	
2:52pm	3:22pm	3:27pm	3:32pm	
3:12pm	3:42pm	3:47pm	3:52pm	
3:32pm	4:02pm	4:07pm	4:12pm	
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4:12pm	4:42pm	4:47pm	4:52pm	
4:32pm	5:02pm	5:07pm	5:12pm	
4:52pm	5:22pm	5:27pm	5:32pm	
5:12pm	5:42pm	5:47pm	5:52pm	
5:32pm	6:02pm	6:07pm	6:12pm	

Red Route Española - Pojoaque - Santa Fe Southbound						
Española	Pojoaque	Santa Fe Lot	Sheridan/ Palace	PERA (Capitol)	Alta Vista	South Capitol Station
5:54am	6:14am	—	6:34am	6:44am	6:54am	6:55am ^{RR}
6:25am	6:45am	—	7:05am	7:15am	7:25am	7:26am ^A
7:56am	8:16am	—	8:36am	8:46am	8:56am	8:57am ^A
8:40am	9:00am	—	9:20am	9:30am	9:40am	9:41am
4:16pm	4:36pm	4:51pm	—	5:01pm	5:11pm	5:12pm ^{RR}
5:20pm	5:40pm	5:55pm	—	6:05pm	6:15pm	6:16pm ^{RR}
6:15pm	6:35pm	—	—	7:00pm	7:10pm	7:11pm

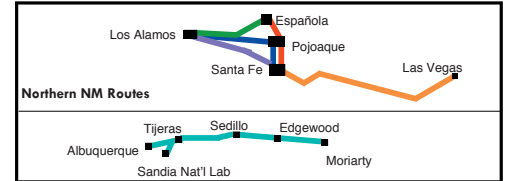
Blue Route Santa Fe - Pojoaque - Los Alamos Northbound								
District 5	South Capitol Station	PERA (Capitol)	Santa Fe Lot	Sheridan/ Palace	Pojoaque	TA-3	Los Alamos Medical Center	20th/ Central
5:23am	5:43am ^{RR}	—	5:53am	—	6:08am	6:38am	6:41am	6:48am
5:47am	6:07am ^{RR}	—	6:17am	—	6:32am	7:02am	7:05am	7:15am
6:45am ^{RR}	6:55am ^{RR}	—	7:05am	—	7:20am	7:50am	7:53am	8:00am
7:22am	7:42am ^{RR}	—	7:52am	—	8:07am	8:37am	8:40am	8:47am
2:10pm	2:20pm	—	2:30pm	—	2:50pm	3:20pm	3:23pm	3:30pm
3:10pm	3:20pm	—	3:30pm	—	3:50pm	4:20pm	4:23pm	4:30pm
3:42pm	3:52pm	—	4:02pm	—	4:22pm	4:52pm	4:55pm	5:02pm
4:40pm	4:50pm	—	5:00pm	—	5:20pm	5:50pm	5:53pm	6:00pm

Northbound						
South Capitol Station	Alta Vista	PERA (Capitol)	Sheridan/ Palace	Santa Fe Lot	Po- joaque	Española
5:24am	5:25am	5:35am	—	5:45am	6:00am	6:25am
6:55am ^{RR}	6:56am	7:06am	—	7:16am	7:36am	7:56am
7:44am ^{RR}	7:45am	7:55am	—	8:05am	8:20am	8:40am
3:15pm	3:16pm	3:26pm	3:36pm	—	3:56pm	4:16pm
4:20pm ^A	4:21pm	4:30pm	4:40pm	—	5:00pm	5:20pm
5:15pm ^A	5:16pm	5:25pm	5:35pm	—	5:55pm	6:15pm
6:51pm ^{RR}	6:52pm	7:01pm	7:11pm	—	7:31pm	7:51pm

Los Alamos - Pojoaque - Santa Fe Southbound								
20th/ Central	Los Alamos Medical Center	TA-3	Pojoaque	Santa Fe Lot	Sheridan/ Palace	PERA (Capitol)	South Capitol Station	District 5
6:45am	6:50am	6:55am	—	—	—	—	7:45am	—
6:48am	6:51am	6:58am	7:28am	—	7:48am	7:58am	8:08am	—
7:15am	7:18am	7:25am	7:55am	—	8:15am	8:25am	8:35am	—
8:00am	8:03am	8:10am	8:40am	—	9:00am	9:10am	9:20am	—
8:47am	8:50am	8:57am	9:27am	—	9:47am	9:57am	10:07am	—
3:30pm	3:33pm	3:40pm	4:10pm	4:25pm	—	—	4:35pm	—
4:30pm	4:33pm	4:40pm	5:10pm	5:25pm	—	—	5:35pm	5:55pm
5:02pm	5:05pm	5:12pm	5:42pm	5:57pm	—	6:07pm	6:17pm ^{RR}	6:37pm
6:00pm	6:03pm	6:10pm	6:40pm	6:55pm	—	—	7:05pm	—

Orange Route Las Vegas - Santa Fe Southbound				
Las Vegas	Exit 319	Alta Vista	South Capitol Station	PERA (Capitol)
5:35am	—	6:35am	6:36am ^A	6:46am
6:25am	6:54am	7:25am	7:26am ^A	7:36am
5:25pm	5:54am	6:25pm	6:26pm	6:36pm
6:25pm	6:54pm	7:25pm	7:26pm	7:36pm

Northbound				
PERA (Capitol)	South Capitol Station	Alta Vista	Exit 319	Las Vegas
5:10am	5:20am	5:22am	5:22am	6:25am
4:10pm	4:20pm ^A	4:22pm	—	5:25pm
5:10pm	5:20pm ^A	5:22pm	5:22pm	6:35pm



LEGEND for all Schedules
^{RR} Connects with NM Rail Runner Express — No stop
^A Connects with South Capitol Station Shuttle

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South Capitol Station Shuttle (From Rail Runner Express and Park and Ride)								
South Capitol Station	Alta Vista	San Mateo	Hospital	Galisteo	ARK/Pollon	Rodeo Business Park	BLM	Dept. Public Safety/District 5
5:50am	5:51am	5:56am	6:00am	6:01am	6:05am	6:10am	6:15am	6:25am
6:43am	6:44am	6:49am	6:53am	6:54am	6:58am	7:03am	7:08am	7:18am
6:58am	6:59am	7:04am	7:08am	7:09am	7:13am	7:18am	7:23am	7:33am
7:43am	7:44am	7:49am	7:53am	7:54am	7:58am	8:03am	8:08am	8:18am
8:52am	8:53am	8:58am	9:02am	9:03am	9:07am	9:12am	9:17am	9:27am
12:02pm	12:03pm	12:08pm	12:12pm	12:13pm	12:17pm	12:22pm	12:27pm	12:37pm
5:45pm	5:46pm	5:51pm	5:55pm	5:56pm	6:00pm	6:05pm	6:10pm	6:20pm
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8:02pm	8:03pm	8:08pm	8:12pm	8:13pm	8:17pm	8:22pm	8:27pm	8:37pm

South Capitol Station Shuttle (To Rail Runner Express and Park and Ride)								
Dept. Public Safety/District 5	BLM	Rodeo Business Park	ARK/Pollon	Galisteo	Hospital	San Mateo	Alta Vista	South Capitol Station
5:33am	5:43am	5:48am	5:53am	5:57am	5:58am	6:03am	6:08am	6:10am
6:33am	6:43am	6:48am	6:53am	6:57am	6:58am	7:03am	7:08am	7:10am
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3:33pm	3:43pm	3:48pm	3:53pm	3:57pm	3:58pm	4:03pm	4:08pm	4:10pm
4:33pm	4:43pm	4:48pm	4:53pm	4:47pm	4:58pm	5:03pm	5:08pm	5:10pm
5:38pm	5:48pm	5:53pm	5:58pm	6:02pm	6:03pm	6:08pm	6:13pm	6:15pm
7:38pm	7:48pm	7:53pm	7:58pm	8:02pm	8:03pm	8:08pm	8:13pm	8:15pm
8:51pm	9:01pm	9:06pm	9:11pm	9:15pm	9:16pm	9:21pm	9:26pm	9:28pm

Days of Service
 The Santa Fe Shuttles connecting to NM Rail Runner Express and NM Park and Ride operates on all weekdays that NM Rail Runner Express operates.

Passenger Safety
 Passengers may only board and disembark at designated stops. Open food and beverage containers and pets are prohibited. Service animals permitted.

Connections with NM Rail Runner Express and NM Park and Ride
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A Systemwide NM Park and Ride Monthly Pass (\$150) is valid for use on NM Rail Runner Express. For a current train schedule go to www.nmrailrunner.com.

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 Effective December 17, 2008**

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 South Capitol Station Shuttle

CLERK'S ELECTION REPORT: HISTORIC

By the numbers:

97,600 – registered voters in Santa Fe County

72,516 – number who voted in Santa Fe County

73% - percentage of registered voters who actually voted

As your Chief Election Officer for Santa Fe County, I want to express great appreciation for ALL those involved in the election process in this profound and historic General Election.

Both new and experienced voters showed interest by updating their voter registrations with the County Clerk's Office, with many signing up to vote for the first time. For example, Elliott Martin who, on his eighteenth birthday, came to the Clerk's Office to register to vote. He became one of the 97,600+ voters registered, and the 73% who voted in this General Election.

Many of our County residents became temporary employees to assist in the Early and the absentee voting. They, along with other experienced poll-workers, worked at the five Early Sites around the county and in the Clerk's Office downtown, serving record numbers of early voters.

Hundreds of residents were trained by our Deputy Clerk, Denise Lamb and served as election workers on Election Day at the 86 precincts throughout Santa Fe County, from Edgewood to Chimayo and from La Cienega to Glorieta and all the precincts at polling places in between.



The two Divisions in the County Clerk's Office – Elections and Records – put in very long hours with no weekends off during many weeks before the election. In fact, the Recording Staff managed their daily responsibilities while assisting their Election colleagues with their election tasks. Their graciousness to the voters and their customers in the face of confusion and misinformation was marvelous. They amazed me everyday with their abilities and professionalism.

My job as your County Clerk is sometimes daunting and always rewarding. We had our detractors and our critics during this election but the negativity was minuscule when compared to the overwhelming positive support and acknowledgements that we received from many voters in Santa Fe County.

I personally responded to each of the thousands of emails and phone calls I received during this

election, and it was rewarding when I received emails from voters who acknowledged the good work that we do at the Clerk's Office. For instance, when Ms. Mary Ann Armijo emailed me on November 3, 2008 stating - "I wish to take this opportunity to thank the workers and the Santa Fe County Clerk at the early voting place on Rodeo Rd. I recently went through back surgery for four collapsed discs and had not voted. I was dreading going and voting in my walker and waiting for a long time. To my surprise, I was quickly taken care of and I voted and was back at home resting in a very short time. God bless you all and thank you so much for making it easier for me to vote."



Mr. Peter Burman also emailed me on November 17, 2008 saying "Just a note to thank you for your help in enabling me to vote absentee this month. Voting is so important to me. I have never missed an election since I first voted at the age of eighteen, some twenty-five years ago. To me, our country is the greatest in the world and the right to vote is one of our greatest freedoms. So, thank you for making it possible for me to vote while I was out of the country."

I know that this is what my job is all about – assisting residents exercise the freedom that our wonderful country has to offer us. As the election official in Santa Fe County, I have the opportunity to work with a great staff at the Clerk's Office to deliver this public service to all voters. It is a huge responsibility and I am grateful for the trust, and faith the public has given me by electing me once again.

These positive acknowledgements mean so much to my staff and I. Especially when the entire Clerk's staff worked long and difficult hours without complaint and at a great sacrifice to their families to ensure that the 2008 General Election in Santa Fe County was an honest and fair process. I humbly thank the voters for my re-election. I am impressed and grateful for the lively participation in our national election by so many people in our Santa Fe County!



Thank you to all who participated and exercised your right to VOTE!

Valerie Espinoza
Santa Fe County Clerk

COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT SEEKS TO PREVENT WINTER TRAGEDY

Following the recent tragic, fire-related deaths of two senior residents in northern Santa Fe County, the Santa Fe County Fire Department (SFCFD) is urging residents take immediate action. SFCFD is providing the following information in an attempt to educate residents in hopes of making homes safer when using alternative heating sources. The department is extremely concerned with how these alternative heating sources are being used, especially in the homes of the senior and those with children.

A recent Red Cross/NFPA survey shows that most Americans are concerned about home heating costs and many will use alternative heating sources this winter to heat their homes. Home heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires during the months of December, January and February.

Knowing what to do in the event of a fire is particularly important for older adults. At age 65, people are twice as likely to be killed or injured by fires compared to the population at large. As the number of senior adults age 65 and older continues to grow and currently make up about 12 percent of the population - it's essential to take the necessary steps to stay safe.

The Fire Department offers the following information for older and senior adults:

(1) Install smoke alarms. At a minimum make sure smoke alarms are installed in every sleeping room. If possible, have a telephone installed where you sleep in case of an emergency. The majority of fatal fires occur when people are sleeping and because smoke can put you into a deeper sleep rather than waking you it's important to have a smoke alarm that can wake you. If anyone in the home is deaf or their hearing is diminished consider installing a smoke alarm that uses a flashing light in addition to an audible alarm.

(2) Be fire safe. Keep flammable materials away from heating sources such as wood stoves or portable heaters.

(3) Keep exits open. Make sure that all doors and windows are operable and can be opened during an emergency. Security bars on doors or windows should have an emergency release device in the event of a fire. Make sure windows and doors are not blocked or worse, nailed shut. The senior, especially those with impairments, need clear paths to get out of their homes during a fire.

FACTS & FIGURES

- In 2005, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 62,200 reported U.S. home structure fires, with associated losses of 670 civilian deaths, 1,550 civilian injuries, and \$909 million in direct property damage.
- In 2005 heating equipment fires accounted for 16% of all reported home fires (second behind cooking) and 22% of home fire deaths. Space heaters, whether portable or stationary, accounted for one-third (32%) of the home heating fires and three-fourths (73%) of home heating fire deaths in 2005.
- Excluding small confined fires, heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress, or bedding, is by far the leading factor contributing to home heating fires (27%) and home heating fire deaths. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, such as the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable heater.
- Only use heating equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Never use your oven for heating.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.

- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- For fuel burning space heaters, always use the proper fuel as specified by the manufacturer
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room and burn only dry, seasoned wood. Allow ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container, which is kept a safe distance from the home.
- For wood burning stoves, install chimney connectors and chimneys following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation.
- Make sure all fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- In addition to a smoke alarm, install and maintain carbon monoxide (CO) alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning.
- If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not attempt to light the appliance. Turn off all the controls and open doors and windows. Call the fire department and your local gas utility company.
- Test smoke alarms at least monthly during the months of November, December and January.

ADDITIONAL FIRE PREVENTION TIPS FOR SENIORS

http://santafecounty.org/fire/fire_prevention.php

For more information

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WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT SANTA FE COUNTY?

Primary/Direct Sources of Information:

- Website (www.santafecounty.org)
- Public Meetings (in person and televised on GOV-TV Comcast Ch. 28, every Tuesday, all day)
- Public Information Requests (Public Records Custodian, Robin Gurule, 986.6212, rgurule@co.santa-fe.nm.us)
- Meeting Minutes (www.santafecounty.org)
- Newsletters (www.santafecounty.org) and available by request at 986.6200, and published 3 times annually and distributed via local libraries, community centers, senior centers, and County offices)
- Email Lists (you can sign up at www.santafecounty.org)
- Direct Mail
- Flyers (posted in high traffic areas for specific events/meetings)
- Advertising of meetings in newspapers (legal section of all local papers in Santa Fe County)
- Podcasts available on iTunes and County website (Winter 2008)
- TV shows on GOV-TV (Winter 2008)

Secondary/Indirect Sources of Information:

- Local Newspapers
- Local TV Stations
- Local Radio Stations

SFC COUNTY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Apply for Jobs online at:

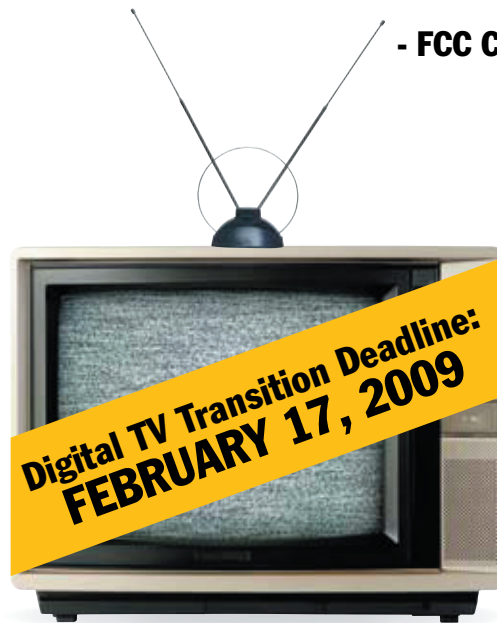
http://santafecounty.org/about_us/employment_applications.php

Read the SFC Budget at:

http://santafecounty.org/asd/finance_department.php

“On February 17, 2009, Your TV is Changing. Are You Ready?”

- FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin



After February 17, 2009, TV stations will broadcast only in digital. If you watch TV using rabbit ears or a rooftop antenna, you must take action before February 17, 2009.

If you have a new TV with a digital tuner, you can already receive digital broadcasts. Or, if you get your local broadcast channels from a pay service like cable or satellite, digital broadcasting should have no effect on you. If you have any questions, call your provider.

But, if you have an older TV with rabbit ears or rooftop antenna, **you need to act:**

- 1 Connect your TV to a digital-to-analog converter box. **Or**
- 2 Buy a digital television (a TV with a built-in digital tuner). **Or**
- 3 Subscribe to a pay TV service such as cable or satellite.

For more information:

DTV.gov • 1-888-CALL-FCC (Voice) • 1-888-TELL-FCC (TTY)



THE DIGITAL TV TRANSITION
What You Need To Know About DTV