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MEMORANDUM

DATE: *January 20, 2016*

TO: *Board of County Commissioners*

VIA: *Michael Kelley, Public Works Department Director*
Katherine Miller, County Manager

FROM: *Charles Nylander, Chair, Water Policy Advisory Committee*

ITEM AND ISSUE: *BCC Meeting February 9, 2016*
Resolution No. 2016-___, A Resolution Adopting the Water Policy Advisory Committee's Calendar Year 2016 Work Plan

SUMMARY:

Water Policy Advisory Committee (WPAC) seeks approval of its 2016 work plan developing and reviewing policies regarding 1) the County's portion of the Pojoaque Basin regional water system; 2) applications from water or wastewater utilities seeking from County acquisition; 3) the Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC); 4) the water and wastewater utility master plan; and 5) water allocation.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution No. 2013-42, adopted by the BCC on April 30, 2013, created the WPAC. Paragraph 10 of the resolution says:

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.

Paragraph 9 of the resolution outlines the various tasks that the WPAC may include in a work plan. For the 2015 calendar year, the WPAC 2015 accomplished the following:

- reviewed water allocation status in Santa Fe County and recommended Sustainable Land Development Code revisions;

- reviewed Santa Fe Basin Climate Change Study - A 40-year water supply plan for the Santa Fe Basin;
- review Santa Fe County resolution establishing policies and principles to govern the development of Santa Fe County water utility rate schedules; and
- reviewed and commented on Santa Fe County proposed resolution on procedures governing the acquisition, integration and provision of technical assistance to community water and wastewater systems.

DISCUSSION:

The WPAC solicited feedback for possible 2016 tasks from both the BCC and from staff. The feedback received has been incorporated in the proposal presented. The attached work plan represents the Committee's best estimate of its capacity. As the year progresses, the Committee will gain a better understanding of its capacity and may seek to amend the work plan accordingly.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Approval of subject resolution.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - _____**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WATER POLICY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE'S CALENDAR YEAR 2016 WORK PLAN**

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2013, Board of County Commissioners ("Board") of Santa Fe County approved Resolution No. 2013-42 creating the Water Policy Advisory Committee ("WPAC"); and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 10 of Resolution No. 2013-42 requires that the WPAC chair present to the Board for approval at the Board's second meeting in January of each year a draft work plan for the upcoming calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the WPAC has developed a draft Calendar Year 2016 Work Plan, attached to this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. The attached WPAC Calendar Year 2016 Work Plan is hereby approved.
2. If the WPAC in the course of executing the approved work plan deems it necessary to modify it, the chair of the WPAC shall bring the recommended modification to the Board for approval.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

By: _____
Miguel M. Chavez, Chair

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Gregory S. Shaffer, Santa Fe County Attorney

**SANTA FE COUNTY WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(WPAC)**

CALENDAR YEAR 2016 WORK PLAN

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
February 9, 2016	Present draft WPAC 2016 work plan to BCC for approval.
2016 Task 1:	Provide input to and review the County's water policies and work products on the Aamodt Settlement and the County-owned portion of the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System.
2016 Task 2:	Review preliminary and final applications for retail and wholesale water and/or wastewater service pursuant to Resolution 2015-121 a resolution adopting procedures governing acquisition, integration, and provision of technical assistance to community water and wastewater systems (ongoing).
2016 Task 3:	Review of the Sustainable Land Development Code (ongoing).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
July 26, 2016	WPAC will present a status report on the Aamodt Settlement and the County-owned portion of the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System and provide recommendations as appropriate.
2016 Task 4:	Provide input to and review the County's water and wastewater master plans and provide recommendations regarding the master plans and how they address regional water planning needs and issues.
2016 Task 5:	Review water allocation status in Santa Fe County and develop/review draft water allocation policies.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
January 26, 2017	WPAC presentation of policy recommendations with a proposed resolution regarding the County's water and wastewater master plans and water allocation policies; present draft WPAC 2017 work plan to BCC for approval.

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DATE: February 9, 2016

TO: Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Miguel Chavez, County Commissioner District 2

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager

RE: **RESOLUTION 2016- __: A Resolution Recognizing the Value of National Public Lands to Santa Fe County.**

Background and Summary

Nearly one-third of the United States belongs to US citizens in the form of public lands. As the nation's urban and suburban populations expand, public lands and open spaces become ever more important. Santa Fe County has an abundance of public lands that are used by the public for a variety of purposes including hiking, hunting, fishing and camping.

Payments in Lieu of Taxes" (PILT) are Federal payments to local governments that help offset losses in property taxes due to non-taxable Federal lands within their boundaries. Following any type of transfer, the amount of PILT funds will be reduced as the formula used to compute the payments is based on population, receipt sharing payments, and the amount of Federal land within an affected county. Santa Fe County received \$698,926 in PILT in FY 2015. The amount in FY 2014 was \$668,483 and was \$682,763 in FY 2013.

Recommendation

It is recommended that this resolution be passed in order to encourage continued national ownership and management of important federal public lands in Santa Fe County as well as recognize the value they hold to our constituents.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - _____**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF NATIONAL
PUBLIC LANDS TO SANTA FE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County ("County") has a wealth of spectacular high-alpine landscapes and ecosystems on located on national public lands, including rivers, forests, wetlands, meadows and other natural resources; and

WHEREAS, these public lands within the County are the basis of our quality of life, offering extensive public recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Americans from across the nation visit our public lands to participate in activities like hiking, hunting, fishing and camping and thereby support our local and state economies; and

WHEREAS, the County works collaboratively with the United States Forest Service ("USFS"), the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"), the New Mexico State Parks Division, municipal governments and other agencies and organizations within Santa Fe County to improve public land management on a landscape scale; and

WHEREAS, these public lands provide important habitat for native wildlife populations including but not limited to bighorn sheep, elk, deer, black bear, mountain lion, pine marten, marmot, pika, and Rio Grande cutthroat trout; and

WHEREAS, these public lands within the County have historically been a valuable source of fish, game, food and medicinal herbs for traditional Hispano and Native American communities and families; and

WHEREAS, many of the watershed and Acequias originate on these public lands, providing local communities with clean water supplies; and

WHEREAS, Americans from across the United States value federal public lands as part of our national heritage, and desire to have them protected for future generations to benefit from and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, County residents participate extensively in volunteerism, helping to maintain trails, build bridges, clean up debris, provide education to visitors and much more, because of their respect and appreciation of the value of these lands for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 3,989 abandoned mines on federal public land in New Mexico, and it is estimated that New Mexico taxpayers could face between \$385 million and \$842 million in cleanup costs, should the state assume liability for the abandoned mines located on BLM and USFS lands; and

WHEREAS, the USFS spent over \$240 million in FY2011 and FY 2012 to fight wildfires on public lands in New Mexico, a cost that New Mexico taxpayers would have to pay for, should federal public lands be transferred to the state; and

WHEREAS, federal funds, labor, personnel, equipment and other specialized fire-prevention and fire-suppression assets are essential to protecting our communities from wildfire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County support continued national ownership and management of these treasured federal public lands in Santa Fe County, as well as in the United States generally, as national assets for all Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board recognizes the irreplaceable value these lands provide to our economy, recreation, quality of life and national heritage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

By: _____
Miguel M. Chavez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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DATE: February 3, 2016

TO: Board of County Commissioners

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager

FROM: 
Chris M. Barela, Constituent Service Liaison

RE: A resolution to support state legislation that would meet real ID act requirements and ensure NM residents do not need to obtain a passport to board a commercial US Airline.

Board of County Commission meeting February 9, 2016

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

The legislature has to date tried and failed to adopt new standards for issuance of state driver's licenses and identification cards which would meet federal requirements.

Real ID act of 2005 establishes standards for issuance of state driver's licenses and Identification cards, New Mexico driver's licenses do not currently meet those standards and NM residents may be required a passport to board a US commercial airplane.

REQUEST ACTION:

Commissioners Robert A. Anaya, respectfully request that the Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners support this resolution in favor of state legislation that meet real ID act requirements.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution

SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-____

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADOPTION OF STATE LEGISLATION MEETING
REAL ID ACT REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE NEW MEXICO RESIDENTS DO NOT
HAVE TO OBTAIN A PASSPORT TO BOARD COMMERCIAL AIRPLANES
WITHIN THE UNITED STATES**

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2005 President George W. Bush signed into law the REAL ID Act of 2005, Pub.L. 109-13, establishing standards for the issuance of state driver's licenses and identification cards; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico driver's licenses do not currently meet those standards; and

WHEREAS, residents of states whose driver's license requirements do not meet the standards set forth in the REAL ID Act of 2005 may be required to utilize passports to board commercial airplanes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County does not want residents to have to obtain passports in order to board commercial airplanes; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has to date tried and failed to adopt new standards for issuance of state driver's licenses and identification cards which would meet federal requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County supports a compromise by our legislators in order to adopt legislation which will comply with the REAL ID Act of 2005, with the objective of ensuring that residents are not required to utilize passports to board commercial airplanes.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 9th day of February, 2016.

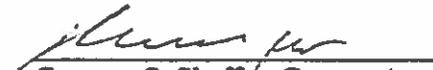
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Attest by:

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Approved to Form by:


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