

# SANTA FE COUNTY

## Resolution No. 2005 - 61

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### A Resolution Supporting the Implementation of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in New Santa Fe County Buildings

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**WHEREAS**, development of renewable energy and promotion of energy efficiency can significantly improve New Mexico's energy reliability and security, economic development and environment; and

**WHEREAS**, as a state with abundant sunshine, New Mexico has the opportunity to achieve national and global leadership in research, design, construction, manufacturing and development of renewable energy;

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico's dense forests pose both a fire hazard and an economic opportunity to develop thermal energy using forest biomass;

**WHEREAS**, developing thermal energy using forest biomass also creates economic incentives for responsible and necessary commercial thinning of our forests; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting responsible use of New Mexico's naturally renewable energy resources and increasing energy efficiency is important to Santa Fe County, the State, and the national economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County supports the following:

1. Santa Fe County to implement to the extent practicable the following standards in all new county facilities:
  - A. Renewable Energy – All new Santa Fe County buildings constructed after the date of this Resolution shall be designed and constructed to derive at least 10 percent (10%) of their energy from a renewable resource. A renewable resource may include: solar, wind, or the use of thermal energy from biomass fuels for heating and or cooling. This goal may also be met

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through the purchase of renewable energy credits (as defined by the Department of Commerce Energy Office) from an energy producer.

- B. Energy Efficiency – The design for all County buildings constructed after the date of this Resolution shall include energy efficiency standards consistent with New Mexico Building Codes and Standards.
  - C. LEED Standard – All County buildings constructed after the date of this Resolution shall meet at least the “silver” Leadership certification in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) standard.
2. The Santa Fe County Projects and Facilities Management Department shall submit a report to the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners in writing via electronic submission, by September 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, summarizing:
- A. Actions taken to achieve the renewable and energy efficiency goals of this Resolution;
  - B. The extent to which the goals has been achieved; and
  - C. If the goal was not achieved, an explanation why it was not achieved and an assessment of what can be done to achieve the goal.
3. All Departments of Santa Fe County government are also encouraged to review and comply with the design standards set forth in this Resolution.

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**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Michael D. Anaya*

Michael D. Anaya, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

*Valerie Espinoza*

Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

*Stephen C. Ross*

Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



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I hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 12TH Day Of May, A D., 2005 at 14:35 And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1379555 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

*Marcella P. [Signature]*  
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe NM

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
Valerie Espinoza  
County Clerk, Santa Fe NM