

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-129

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING AND SUBMITTING ALTERNATIVES TO THE  
SANTA FE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR REVISING THE  
COUNTY'S SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE TO IMPROVE SOLID WASTE  
DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners recently received a report from the County's fiscal personnel that the County's Solid Waste Program is facing significant cost increases in the disposal of solid waste during Fiscal Year 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, according to that report, those cost increases cannot be met with existing revenues and as a result the Solid Waste Program may incur a deficit of \$1.7 million in Fiscal Year 2010 and be unable to meet its operating costs; and

**WHEREAS**, various alternatives may be available to address the projected deficit, such as changing the fee structure for solid waste permits, providing for a County-wide assessment for disposing of solid waste and improving recycling opportunities for County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the issue of solid waste removal is complex and requires input from the public and County staff as to how the County's Solid Waste Program could be improved to provide for more recycling, reduce overall costs, utilize a fee structure or revenue source that may enable it to become self-sufficient and less susceptible to unexpected cost increases and generally improve delivery of services to County residents.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

- A. The Santa Fe County Solid Waste Task Force (Task Force) is hereby established for the purpose of developing and submitting alternatives to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the County's Solid Waste Program (the Program).
- B. The Task Force shall study the Program, including its current fee structure, current services, recycling efforts, and such other areas as the Task Force may identify as appropriate for the purpose of presenting to the Board of County Commissioners various alternatives regarding the following issues, and such others as the Task Force finds appropriate:

1. Is the current permit and fee structure for the Program adequate to meet its funding needs? What opportunities exist for the Program to be self-sufficient and less susceptible to unexpected cost increases?
  2. What types of changes to the Program's current permit and fee structure, such as modifying types of permits available and corresponding permit fees, could be made to improve services for county residents? Whether a county-wide assessment for funding solid waste removal and disposal might be appropriate?
  3. If an increase in permit fees is found to be necessary for the Program to meet its operating costs, what is the best way to phase-in such an increase during the current fiscal year to reduce its impact on county residents?
  4. Whether any correlation exists between illegal dumping and increases in solid waste disposal fees and whether there are ways to stop or reduce occurrences of illegal dumping? Whether opening up transfer stations to city residents would be of benefit to the County?
  5. Whether increasing recycling opportunities within the County could benefit the Program in the form of reduced costs, as well as benefit County residents?
  6. What are the experiences of other New Mexico Counties in solid waste disposal that might yield valuable lessons for Santa Fe County?
- C. The Task Force shall consist of one resident from each Commission District appointed by the Commissioner for that District, one representative from the County Treasurer's office, one representative from the County Attorney's Office and such other staff as the County Manager determines necessary to assure the Task Force has information regarding the Program.
- D. The Solid Waste Task Force shall present its findings and recommendations, including a written report, to the Board of County Commissioners on August 25, 2009.
- E. Depending on the recommendations of the Task Force, the Board of County Commissioners may direct staff to develop an ordinance for consideration at a future meeting.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED THIS 28 day of July, 2008.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY



By: *[Signature]*  
Mike Anaya, Chair

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Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney



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