

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2012- 106

**A RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING
PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES TO THE SANTA FE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR DEVELOPING LA BAJADA RANCH**

WHEREAS, in November of 2009 Santa Fe County acquired 470.55 acres of former ranch land near the traditional community of La Cienega, south of the City of Santa for \$7 million;

WHEREAS, County staff changed the name of the property from Santa Fe Canyon Ranch to La Bajada Ranch in order to recognize the historical name given to the property and to distinguish the current planning effort from previous development plans;

WHEREAS, at the time of the purchase, and since that time, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) has directed staff to work with the community at La Cienega and the larger County constituency to plan for appropriate development of the property;

WHEREAS, County staff completed a land suitability analysis that determined which portions of the property are suitable for development and which portions should be reserved as conservation land;

WHEREAS, the County seeks to request proposals for projects for both those areas designated for development and those areas designated for conservation;

WHEREAS, the members of the Santa Fe County community at large possess expertise in various fields that will be critical in assisting the County to evaluate proposed development projects; and

WHEREAS, various experts have expressed a willingness to volunteer to help

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the County evaluate proposed projects for La Bajada Ranch.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HEREBY RESOLVES AND PROCLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The BCC hereby established the La Bajada Ranch Steering Committee (the Committee). The Committee shall be organized as set forth herein and shall have the authority and purpose as set forth herein.

2. The express purpose of the Committee is to evaluate and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners project alternatives for La Bajada Ranch. That evaluation and the recommendations will be developed to ensure the following:

- a. Land uses and development projects will be compatible with the land, will respect the surrounding communities and local agricultural practices, and will be sustainable.
- b. Development projects will strive to serve the diverse needs of greater Santa Fe County residents.
- c. Development standards will conform to the goals and strategies in the Sustainable Growth Management Plan (2010).
- d. Development projects will strive to maximize Santa Fe County's investment in the property while adhering to a strict set of development criteria.
- e. Development will conserve the unique cultural, agricultural, historical, and biological resources of the property.

3. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee are to:

- a. Solicit project proposals for implementation at La Bajada Ranch;
- b. Evaluate all project proposals submitted for the La Bajada Ranch;
- c. Provide a written report to the BCC in which the strengths and weaknesses of

each proposal are set forth and obstacles to accomplishing each proposal are identified. The report should also rank the projects according to an objective ranking system.

d. The following criteria shall be utilized to evaluate projects for those portions of the property designated by the County as the Ranch Compound and the

Conservation Property:

- i. Supports a community function for the greater county community;
- ii. Supports tourism;
- iii. Is self-supporting
- iv. Supports conservation of the natural environment;
- v. Helps interpret the pre-history and history of Santa Fe County for county residents and visitors.
- vi. Increases the conservation value of the property;
- vii. Provides a service for under-served or at risk populations;
- viii. Fills an economic development or social service niche for the County;
- ix. Provides a unique service to the county;
- x. Improves the quality of the environment and quality of life for neighboring communities.

e. The following criteria will guide the evaluation of projects for the portion of the property designated by the County as **Development Areas**:

- i. Is self-supporting;
- ii. Increases revenue for the County;
- iii. Provides a model for sustainable development
- iv. Provides a service for under-served or at risk populations;
- v. Avoids or mitigates negative impacts to the terrain, soils, and ecology of the property;
- vi. Is "sustainable" as defined in the SGMP;
- vii. Realizes a market need;
- viii. Fills an economic development or social service niche for the County;
- ix. Provides a unique service to the County;
- x. Makes strong economic sense and provides returns on the county's existing investment;
- xi. Provides a model for future development in other parts of the County;
- xii. Supports the long range economic development, tourism, or energy plans for the State of New Mexico;

- xiii. Fills a niche in the housing market;
- xiv. Improves the quality of the environment and quality of life for neighboring communities.

4. The Committee shall be made up of fourteen members, thirteen of whom are appointed by the BCC. Of the initial appointments, six shall serve for an initial two year term, and the remaining seven shall serve for an initial three year term. The County Commissioner from District 3 shall be the fourteenth member of the Committee. Members may be removed by the BCC with or without cause. All other members shall have expertise within one or more of the following areas:

- a. Community representation of La Cienega /La Cieneguilla;
- b. Commercial and residential development;
- c. The Santa Fe County housing market;
- d. Tribal representation;
- e. Development of educational programs;
- f. Green infrastructure;
- g. Renewable energy and energy conservation;
- h. Tourism/economic development;
- i. Water and ecology;
- j. A member of the Board of County Commissioners other than from District 3.
- k. A resident from each of the commission districts whose Commissioners are not on the Committee.

5. The Committee shall provide a preliminary written report and recommendation at a public meeting of the BCC within twelve months of the date of adoption of this Resolution. Additional assignments shall be accomplished by amendment to paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Resolution.

6. The Committee shall meet as often as necessary to carry out their work, but not less than once per month. The meetings of the Committee shall be held in the Commission Chambers and such other locations as may be conducive to visible and publicly accessible meetings. Meetings shall be held in accordance with the County's Resolution Determining Reasonable Notice for Public Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, and for Boards and Committees Appointed by or Acting Under the Authority of the Board of County Commissioners as well as the County's Resolution Establishing Rules of Order for Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County and for Certain Specified Committees.

7. All matters coming before the Committee shall be resolved by majority vote of the quorum.

8. The Steering Committee will be facilitated by staff from the Public Works Department, Projects, Facilities, and Open Space Division. The County Manager shall appoint a member of the County staff to serve as liason to the Committee. The liason shall be responsible for stenographic services during meetings. The liason shall ensure that packets are prepared for Committee members prior to each meeting, and that notices and agendas are created and posted in accordance with the County's Open Meetings Act Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 28 day of August,
2012.

Liz Stefamds
Liz Stefamds, Chair

ATTEST:

Valerie Espinoza by vt
Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen C. Ross
Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



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County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM