



County Manager's Monthly Newsletter

From the Santa Fe County Manager

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Board Of County Commissioners Upcoming Schedule

All Regular Meetings are held on Tuesday in the County Commission Chambers at 102 Grant Ave.

February 9
(please note the meeting on 2/9 will start at noon)

February 23
March 8
March 29
April 12
April 26

BCC meetings will start at 2 p.m.

The Housing Authority Board meeting on the last Tuesday of each month will start at 1 p.m.

All regular meetings are broadcast live at www.santafecountynm.gov and on Comcast Ch. 28 or you can listen live on Que Suave AM810

Visit

www.santafecountynm.gov and click our events calendar for a full schedule of upcoming meetings, events and closures.

Legislative Edition

In the spirit of the Legislative Session, we are having some fun with the newsletter and highlighting a few Legislative specific items including:

- Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) Priority Projects
- 2015 Santa Fe County Resolutions Enacted on Specific Legislative Issues
- Projects within our community that have legislative allocated funding

Don't worry, we are still highlighting some great stuff from around the County too! So please read on and enjoy!

4-H Youth in Santa Fe take 5th Place at National Competition

Santa Fe County 4-H youth Jenny Paige, Justin Cummings, Kalie Gillespie and Marissa Lury took 5th place overall in the Consumer Decision Making Contest. The Consumer Decision Making Contest requires youth to rank similar products based on standards of quality; to observe, compare and make decisions based on facts; and to organize thoughts and defend decisions. The ability to make wise decisions is a vital 21st Century learning skill. Decision-making is an important life skill that young people need to develop for use in individual decision-making as well as in making decisions in groups.



In addition to competing, Western National 4-H Roundup provides youth opportunities to participate in leadership workshops, access to nationally renowned inspirational speakers, and establish new friendships with fellow 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) members and leaders. These opportunities encourage greater personal growth, further development of leadership and citizenship skills, and spark new career ideas in areas of business, agriculture, science, industry, education and the arts.

Jenny, Justin, Kalie and Marissa are senior 4-H members. In addition to 4-H contests, they participate in various projects, and hold leadership positions at the club and county levels. Youth in 4-H may choose from over 100 projects, including categories such as animal science, horticulture and agronomy, engineering science, personal growth, home economics, and consumer education and home management.

If you are interested in getting your family involved in the Santa Fe County 4-H program, contact Jacqueline Baca or Christina Turner at 471-4711.

Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) Priority Projects

(Santa Fe County Resolution No. 2015-111)

Pojoaque Recreation Complex Improvements	\$585,500
Agua Fria Village Utility Sewer Design	\$1,000,000
Improve Cerrillos and Madrid Fire Stations	\$500,000
Old Santa Fe Trail Bike Lanes	\$962,500
Purchase Land for Eldorado Fire Station	\$105,000

ICIP Priority Projects Descriptions

Pojoaque Recreation Complex Improvements

\$585,500

Improvements to the Pojoaque Recreation Complex will include the construction of some of the following: basketball court, playground, skate park, perimeter walking trail, etc.

Agua Fria Village Utility Sewer Design

\$1,000,000

The residents of Agua Fria are requesting funding to extend municipal wastewater services to serve the area. The extension of wastewater collection service would serve residential and commercial areas of the community. The project would provide for safer wastewater collection and eliminate the reliance in the area on septic systems and the related risk of groundwater contamination.

Improve Cerrillos and Madrid Fire Stations

\$500,000

The Santa Fe County Fire Department is requesting funding to construct the Cerrillos Fire Station and add to the Madrid Fire Station for additional space and apparatus storage.

Old Santa Fe Trail Bike Lanes

\$962,500

Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe are improving connectivity for bikeways and this 1.75 miles of road widening segment would add another leg to the current project of Santa Fe County.

Purchase Land for Eldorado Fire Station

\$105,000

This acquisition of land is for the purpose of building a new fire station in the community of Eldorado.

2015 Santa Fe County Resolutions Enacted on Specific Legislative Issues

Resolution No. 2015-164

A Resolution to Support the New Mexico Association of Counties' Resolution to Restore Detention Center Funding

This resolution supports an increase in the 2016 General Appropriations Act that would fund the County Detention Facilities Reimbursement Act at a level sufficient to reimburse counties for the actual cost of holding the three categories of prisoners specified under the Act. The cost to counties for housing the three categories of offenders covered by the Act is currently \$5,525,453 according to the New Mexico Sentencing Commission.

Resolution No. 2015-165

A Resolution to Support the New Mexico Association of Counties' Resolution to Support Funding for a Statewide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Assessment

This resolution is offered as a means of support for an appropriation to conduct a statewide EMS assessment through the New Mexico Department of Health EMS Bureau, in coordination with the State Fire Marshal, and to reconvene the NMAC EMS Task Force, to develop additional policy recommendations regarding appropriate funding levels and mechanisms for recurring EMS services funding.

Resolution No. 2015-166

A Resolution to Support the New Mexico Association of Counties' (NMAC) Resolution to Support Funding for the New Mexico 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) to Develop Light Detection and Ranging Technology (LiDAR)

This resolution supports legislation that would allocate funding to be used in collaboration with other federal, local, and tribal funds to match federal funding from the National 3D Elevation Program. LiDAR applications include watershed and water resource management, infrastructure planning and development, and precision agriculture and forestry management.

Resolution No. 2015-167

A Resolution to Support the New Mexico Association of Counties' Resolution to Support Gross Receipts Tax Reform

This resolution advocates for the partnering of Counties with state government to work cooperatively to find solutions to Gross Receipts Tax Reform issues.

Resolution 2015 –173

A Resolution In Support Of New Mexico Grown Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for School Meals

The healthy kid, healthy economy concept promotes the purchase of New Mexico fruits and vegetables for school lunch programs in order to enhance the diet of school children and help school meal programs comply with new Federal rules that require additional servings of fruits and vegetables in school lunches.

Legislative Edition

Romero Park - \$75,000 of Legislative funding

Romero Park, formerly known as Agua Fria Park, is located off County Rd 62 in the historic Village of Agua Fria. Santa Fe County received a patent for the 70 acre park from the Bureau of Land Management under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act in 1971. The park was originally developed in the 1970s under the Federal Land Water and Conservation Fund Program which obligates the County to maintain the recreation facilities in perpetuity. In May of 2013 Santa Fe County hired a landscape architect, design office, to develop a master plan for the park and provide construction documents for an initial phase of park improvements. The Phase I improvements include a new community lawn, playground, for children ages 5-12 year old, shade structure and family picnic area, new access drive and parking, connector trails and walkways, signage, landscaping and irrigation and incorporates select existing park facilities.



Pojoaque Fire Station Solar System (additional fire stations scheduled) - \$ 182,000 of Legislative funding

A 10.4 kilowatt solar photovoltaic system was completed on the roof of the Pojoaque Regional Fire Station last fall. The system is expected to reduce the fire station's electric bills by over \$2,300 per year. The County used a portion of \$182,000 in state capital outlay funds provided by the NM State Legislature to solarize five County fire stations. A contractor has been retained to put solar systems on the Hondo #2 and Turquoise Trail Fire Stations. Those projects should be completed before the beginning of Spring. The remaining state funds will be used to solarize the Agua Fria #2 (La Tierra) and Edgewood Regional Fire Stations.



Pojoaque Valley Recreation Complex - \$353,800 of legislative funding

In 2014, Santa Fe County purchased the Pojoaque Valley Recreation Complex from the Pojoaque Valley School District. The Pojoaque Valley School District received funds to develop the original recreational facility. Santa Fe County entered into an Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Pojoaque Valley School District to transfer the sponsorship of the Pojoaque Valley Recreation Complex to Santa Fe County. The Pojoaque Valley Recreation Complex is a 11.05 acre area of public land along the Rio Tesuque off Oweenge Road within Santa Fe County. It is an existing community park with two grass sports fields (one softball field and one multi-purpose field) with sports field amenities, sports lighting, a restroom/ concessions building, utility building, storage building, and parking areas.

The Phase I improvements consisted of replacing the existing grass multipurpose field with a new artificial turf multipurpose field, installing new field perimeter fencing and gates, improving and refurbishing the existing dugouts, concession/restroom and utility buildings, and developing a parking area. Phase II improvements include access, safety, utility improvements, site amenities and additional parking.



“Solarize Santa Fe!” Helps Push Santa Fe County to the Top

The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department recently distributed statewide 2015 county home solar installation data indicating that Santa Fe County ranked second in the state in per capita installations, behind state leader Grant County.

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Solar Installations*

Santa Fe County's 167 solar installations represented over \$5.3 million in economic activity. Santa Fe's per capita installation rate was more than double that of Bernalillo County.

Santa Fe County through its Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency division launched the “Solarize Santa Fe!” program in 2014 when the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution 2014-49. Solarize Santa Fe! is a public outreach, marketing and technical assistance campaign to let homeowners and businesses know about how incredibly cost-effective solar systems are and to answer any questions for those considering installing solar power on their property. “The Solarize Santa Fe! outreach and education efforts are contributing to our county's high rate of solar installations,” said Craig O'Hare, the County's “Solar Guy”. O'Hare continued, “Solar systems are financially attractive to the home and business owner and are very affordable because solar has come down in price by over 60 percent in the past five years and because of the continued presence of state and federal tax credits.”

“In some ways, solar photovoltaic electric systems are essentially free because homeowners are able to eliminate nearly all of their monthly electric bill and replace it with a lower monthly loan payment for their solar system,” said O'Hare.

For presentations to your organization or for objective solar advice for your home or business, contact Craig at (505) 992-3044 or cohare@santafecountynm.gov

Late last year, the U.S. Congress extended the federal 30 percent income tax credit for solar systems for another five years. The tax credit was scheduled to expire at the end of 2016. The New Mexico 10 percent state income tax credit is scheduled to expire at the end of this year, unless the New Mexico Legislature and the Governor extend the credit. Legislation, SB 13 and HB 26, has been introduced in the current legislative session which would extend the state income tax credit for another nine years. With the 30 percent federal income tax credits extended for another five years, continued solar system cost reductions will hopefully accelerate solar installations in the County.

Free Solar Power!

- “ZERO COST” solar possible
→ Loan payments = reduction of your utility bill
- “40% OFF” with solar tax credits! 
- Call for **FREE SOLAR** advice for homes and businesses
- **INCREASE** the resale value of your home!

Solarize Santa Fe!
A SANTA FE COUNTY CAMPAIGN



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County Commissioners in Support of Behavioral Health Disabled Homeless Help Funding

The Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution 2016-13, a Resolution in Support of Behavioral Health Disabled Homeless Help Funding during the January 26, 2016 meeting. The Board also approved the Stepping Up Initiative Resolution 2015-66, Supporting the National Stepping Up Initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails and signing on to the initiative's call to action. Through the Stepping Up initiative, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center, and the American Psychiatric Foundation are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.

On January 20, 2016, Commissioner Chavez, Chairman of the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners, welcomed county officials from throughout the State of New Mexico to the 2016 New Mexico Association of Counties (NMAC) Legislative Conference. The annual Legislative Conference helps NMAC members present county perspectives to our legislators.

During Commissioner Chavez' comments, he focused primarily on the participation of Santa Fe County in the "Stepping Up Initiative" which was approved by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners in April 2015 (Resolution No. 2015-66).

"I was proud to represent the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners at this conference," Commissioner Chavez said. "I am very appreciative that I was permitted to call attention to this very important issue and that our neighboring counties seemed so receptive to the effort."

Each year, there are an estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses admitted to jails across the nation. Once incarcerated, individuals with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of returning to incarceration than those without these illnesses. Through the Stepping Up Initiative, it has become apparent that there is a lack of "wrap around" support services for individuals with behavioral health issues following incarceration in jails.

From the County Manager

Artwork on display in County Chambers—The ARTsmart Partners with Santa Fe Community Foundation's Dollars4Schools on Santa Fe Youth Development Program Exhibition is now on display in the County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Ave. Please stop by and see if, if you have not already.

Santa Fe County artists are eligible for Ignite funding—Ignite is a program that supports innovative, permanent public art installations on City of Santa Fe sites throughout the community. Ignite provides funds up to \$10,000 from the City of Santa Fe for public art projects. Funds may be used for materials, supplies, and installation costs. All projects must be completed by June 30, 2016 and result in a permanent work of art. For the purposes of this project, a permanent artwork must last for a minimum of 10 years.



For more information or to apply visit www.SantaFeArtsCommission.org or call 505-955-6707.



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County Sheriff’s Office – (505) 986-2455
SFC Adult Correctional Facility – (505) 428-3861

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