

**SANTA FE COUNTY**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 26, 2016**

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Robert A. Anaya, Chair - District 3  
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**I. A.** This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:15 p.m. by Chair Miguel Chavez in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**B. Roll Call**

Roll was called by County Clerk Geraldine Salazar and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**Members Present:**

- Commissioner Miguel Chavez, Chair
- Commissioner Henry Roybal, Vice Chair
- Commissioner Robert A. Anaya
- Commissioner Kathy Holian
- Commissioner Liz Stefanics

**Members Excused:**

None

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**D. State Pledge**

**E. Moment of Reflection**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Jaesin, the State Pledge by Margaret Barela Zia and the Moment of Reflection by Brittney Montoya of the Assessor's Office.

**F. Approval of Agenda**

- 1. Amendments**
- 2. Tabled or Withdrawn Items**

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Manager Miller, do you want to walk us through the agenda and let us know if there's been anything added or deleted?

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Yes, Mr. Chair. On page 3 of your agenda, under Action Items, item III. D. 1, an approval of a professional services agreement, that has been withdrawn, so we will not need to hear that again.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Could you give us a timeline on when that would be coming back to BCC?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, it's withdrawn, not tabled. It is likely not to come back. That has yet to be determined what we'll be doing with that contract though.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. But the work that's included in that project will still be needed to be done.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, there are some items we're discussing on that relative to negotiation with the contractor.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So this is infrastructure build-out study for water and sewer lines. Is that correct?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, that's correct. And there were other things proposed in that contract as well.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay.

MS. MILLER: The next item, item III. D. 4, under Action Items, consideration and possible comment on Town of Edgewood petition for annexation involving numerous properties. That has been added to the agenda since last Tuesday.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: And on that item, if I could, Ms. Miller, I want to acknowledge we do have some members from the Town of Edgewood, Mayor Hill and I think Chuck Ring, Councilor is here. If you would please stand. Thank you. So that has been added to the agenda.

MS. MILLER: Yes, Mr. Chair. Then on page 4, item VII. A. 1, a, b and c, VII. B. and VII. C – these are all matters from the County Attorney, executive session with threatened or pending litigation, three potential items of litigation, and possible action on those, and potential approval of a settlement agreement. All three of those items have been added to the agenda since last Tuesday.

Then under Public Hearings, item VIII. A. 1, ordinance for a Local Economic Development Act project at Caja del Rio, the senior living project, that has been tabled until February 9<sup>th</sup> BCC meeting. Those are all of the changes I have to the agenda and stand for any questions or recommendations by the Board for other changes.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: The only other thing I would add at this time, just in the interest of time and interest of those that are here this afternoon, there's two items I think that are generating more interest. That would be the resolution endorsing the establishment of the La Bajada National Monument and a presentation from staff, update and presentation regarding the Santa Fe County actions along the Santa Fe River in La Cienega. Those two items, we are going to allow public comment on the resolution, which is usually standard. On the staff presentation, not so much, but we are always open to public comment, but in the interests of time I have asked staff to limit our comments to three minutes each. If you feel that you need – you have to have more time you can go back to the end of the line and depending on time, we can accommodate more comments. But I wanted to share that with the public at this time.

So having said that then we would need a motion to approve the amended.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I just have one question and that is whether you would like to move the presentation up to the same – either before or after the resolution so that those are heard at the same time.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: I think that was probably not a bad idea. I think

there is some overlap in concern from the residents, so if that would be acceptable to the other members that would be find.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, I'm sorry I'm late. Could somebody just tell me what we are changing?

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: We're considering grouping the resolution on the establishment of the La Bajada National Monument and the staff presentation on County actions along the Santa Fe River in La Cieneguilla. The idea is to group those two items together on the agenda, one being heard after the other. Or more closer together I guess. Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I will make a motion to approve the agenda as amended with also the change in scheduling.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So we would hear staff presentation B after C. 1 then.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Correct.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second.

**The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.** [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

**I. G. Approval of Minutes**

**1. Approval of November 24, 2015 BCC Meeting Minutes**

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, I move for approval of the minutes.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none.

**The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.** [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

**H. Honoring Our Veterans and Service Men and Women**

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: We are not officially honoring veteran service men and women this afternoon but we always keep them close in our minds and try to accommodate them to the extent possible.

**I. Employee Recognitions**

**1. Recognition of Santa Fe County EDGE Graduates**

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, as you know, Santa Fe County is very supportive of the Association of Counties EDGE program, which is an excellence in

government education program to either become certified in an area of their career field, like GIS technician or a property appraiser or clerks or also, more general certifications, like certified public official and certified public supervisor, as well as certified public manager.

So every year, throughout the year, the Association of Counties has courses and they have courses in a variety of different classes and in January, and I also believe in June, at their annual meetings, they have a graduation. So last week we had graduation with the County staff as well as County staff from a variety of counties at the Association of Counties' mid-winter conference, and I am proud to say we had five graduates in different programs at Santa Fe County.

So as I said, the actual EDGE stands for Education Designed to Generate Excellence in public sector, and the program is through the New Mexico State University's cooperative extension service and the County College, which is funded by the New Mexico Association of Counties. And then each county that puts a student in the program pays about \$50 per course. So we're really glad to be a strategic partner and since 2010 we have had quite a few County employees be involved in the program, either taking classes or going on to receive certifications.

So just this last January I think we've in total supported reimbursement from 2010 to now, over 2,700 courses to date, and we graduated 30 EDGE participants, and the five most recent graduates who graduated this January are Mark Garland, who is in Growth Management, a GIS analysis and he received the GIS specialist designation. Maryann Martinez, who is in our Treasurer's Office, she's the senior mobile home specialist, and she received her certification and a certified public official. Matthew Roybal, who also received a certification as certified public official, and he's in Growth Management and is a GIS technician. Julian Sena, who is in Growth Management and a GIS technician also received his certificate of certified public official, and Claudia Borchert, who also received her certified public official designation and she's our Public Works Utilities Director. And I believe, though it isn't on here, but I want to say that our Treasurer also received and graduated this last January and received either his treasurer's certificate or certified public official. I can't remember off the top of my head but he did receive and graduate. And as I said, we have 30 employees who have received different certifications. So I would like to give them a hand of applause and recognition for their achievements.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: I was hoping that the recipients of the EDGE graduates would be able to receive their certificates at this time. I don't know if they are all here or not. I know Claudia is here.

MS. MILLER: Claudia is here and I have her certificate if you'd like to give her her certificate. I'm not sure about the GIS technicians.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: We have one other employee, if you'd want to come forward please.

MS. MILLER: So if the Treasurer, Claudia, Mark Garland, Mr. Roybal, Maryann are here, if you could come forward, we do have certificates for you. And Julian. Oh, look.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So please, we'd like to take a photograph. I know we did take a photograph at the conference but I do want to comment. I know that Commissioner Stefanics attended along with Commissioner Roybal. I attended part of the

conference. But I will say that there were 700 attendees at the New Mexico Association of Counties conference this year, so very well attended. I think the outcome and the workshops were very productive, and certainly the EDGE courses add to our toolbox so that our employees are better than what we were before. So I thank all of you.

Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez, just briefly, we set the bar high with the EDGE courses as a County, from the Commission through the elected offices to the management team, to make sure that we participated and that we gave our staff the opportunity to fulfill these classes and better improve their skills in the service of the public. So to each of you and all the prior recipients, I thank you very much and congratulate you on your efforts. Thank you for having the ambition to do the courses and to fulfill those requirements, but I also appreciate very much the service you provide day in and day out to the citizens. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya.  
Commissioner Stefanics, and then I'll go to Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd like to congratulate the graduates of this year and the graduates from all the past years. Thankfully, Santa Fe County is in the position of being able to put some funds into the education department to support all of our employees, continuing on their education, and I'm very happy that you're supporting the County College, and hopefully these courses are not only going to help you advance in your career here, but probably give you some skills that you're bringing to teach your peers alongside with you. So thank you very much for putting your time and energy into this.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Roybal, do you have any comments at this time?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'd also like to thank you guys for taking the initiative and going above and beyond, to excel in your positions and taking the opportunity to actually advance in your position. So I really appreciate that extra effort and good job to you guys.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: And at this time I want to expand and give New Mexico Association of Counties a little more credit, expand on a comment Commissioner Anaya made, regarding benefits to our County employees, which is really, really good. But New Mexico as a whole, each of our 33 counties in the state of New Mexico are members of the Association of Counties. That's not always the case. So not only is our County represented by the state of New Mexico, on a national level, when it comes to the National Association of Counties, is very well represented and participates. And so we gain from that benefit. So I wanted to put that out there as well.

So now we'll go down and join you and take some photographs and congratulate you one more time, but I'm forgetting Commissioner Holian. I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Education is always very important, no matter what stage you are in life, and I'll have to say that the EDGE classes I think though are particularly relevant to the knowledge and expertise that's needed for government work. So all of you who've taken the EDGE classes, I really appreciate your putting the time and effort into taking the classes and the effort that's required to doing the homework for it and that sort of thing as well. I know from talking

to people who've taken EDGE classes that they are very intense; they're not easy. So again, thank you, and congratulations to all of our EDGE graduates.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: If any of the graduates want to share any comments with the audience or with us at this time you're more than welcome to do that also.

[Photographs were taken.]

**I. I. 2. Recognition of Santa Fe County Employee of the Quarter, 4th Quarter Awards (October-December 2015)**

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, as you know, we have an Employee of the Quarter program that we've beefed up over the last couple of years, and the purpose of the Employee of the Quarter program is to recognize employees who make a significant contribution to Santa Fe County during the previous three months. The significant contribution might include providing excellent service to customers, developing and implementing new programs that will benefit the overall organization. It could be for providing exemplary performance in their regular daily duties to Santa Fe County, or just demonstrating a willingness to work above and beyond the call of duty. It could also be any other contribution that the nominee, which is typically co-workers, believe to be noteworthy.

Each recognition team selects one department or elected office Employee of the Quarter for their team, and then from those five teams, each one of those Employees of the Quarter is recommended for the overall Countywide Employee of the Quarter. And then a group of three individuals are selected in order to evaluate those that are recommended from the departments or the functional areas, and the three who do the recommendation for the overall Employee of the Quarter are not related to the work done by those nominees.

So this quarter, for the quarter ending December, so fourth quarter of 2015, from the Public Safety sector, Naomi Salazar. Is Naomi here? There she is. Why don't you come up, Naomi? So Naomi is the department administrator for Public Safety. She was hired in May of 2003. She has a great ability to listen, to provide appropriate feedback and successfully de-escalate angry members of the public that results in satisfied customers and eliminates the potential for litigation or other conflicts. She also assists in directing multiple department and completing assignments and meeting deadlines.

From the Community Services Department, Chrisann Romero. Chrisann is the administrative assistant to Growth Management and she's been with us since September 23, 2013 and as the Commission is well aware, Growth Management has had quite a year this past year, particularly the last quarter of 2015 with the adoption of the new SLCD. So Chrisann was an integral team player during the Planning Division's recent community outreach project by answering hundreds of phone calls and emails, answering questions from the public, directing calls to the appropriate staff members, coordinating the compilation of multiple SLDC and zoning map documents and coordinating the mailing of over 34,600 letters to property owners in Santa Fe County. It included spending several hours standing at the post office just to complete the certified mailing. So Chrisann had quite a quarter last quarter and we really appreciate the work that she did.

Under the Public Works group, David Ruiz. David, are you here? David I don't think could make it today, but David Ruiz is the maintenance tech senior. He's been with the County since August 26, 2013. He puts extra effort and hard work into the demolition of the old Dance Station and the removal of carpet and walls and all kinds of materials that were in there to prepare the office space for the Senior Services. David continually goes above and beyond to assist in other areas and is always willing to lend a hand regardless of the task. So we thank David for his work and congratulate him.

Under Support Services, Lynette Kennard. Lynette Kennard is our accounting and finance reporting manager. She's been with us since January 20, 2015 and as the Board wells knows, last meeting we had the approval of our audit and we had one minor finding for the entire County which is an outstanding accomplishment by County staff and in particular by Finance and leadership by Lynette. Lynette put in tremendous hours of work. She worked tireless to coordinate and complete the audit and the comprehensive annual financial statements and report to submit to the State Auditor in addition to performing a variety of reconciliations and other processes due to the shortage of key staff in her division, all the while maintaining her calm and positive attitude and carrying out her day-to-day duties. Lynette was there late hour after late hour after late hour, making sure we met our deadline actually ahead of time. So thank you, Lynette.

And then our final but certainly not last area of recognition, our Sheriff's Department, Jessica Rodarte. Is Jessica here? Jessica is the Sheriff's records supervisor and I'm sure you can appreciate how many records the Sheriff has, so she has quite a daunting task in front of her. She's been with the County since September 20, 2009. Jessica is an exemplary supervisor and employee who is extremely knowledgeable about her position and the positions that she supervises. Jessica is a great intermediary between divisions within the department and highly affluent in her ability to negotiate two conflicting sides of a situation. Jessica has a difficult job and she does an excellent job at it. So, thank you, Jessica.

So those are your five employees the four that are here are Employees of the Quarter from the separate divisions.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So let's give all the five employees a big, big round of applause. And now the drum roll. Who's going to do the drum roll?

MS. MILLER: So as I said, this is always a challenging task for the group of three that get to select the one who wins. All of them are deserving of winning the Employee of the Quarter Countywide. It's not a fun job because they have all gone above and beyond and we definitely appreciate their efforts. But the Employee of the Quarter that was named this quarter is Lynette Kennard.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Congratulations, Lynette, anything that you want to share with us at this time?

LYNETTE KENNARD (Finance Department): Absolutely. Congratulations to everyone on your accomplishments, and thank you so much to Carole for your nomination. It's really appreciated. Being the lead for the CAFR this year was definitely not an easy task but the Finance Division pulled together as a team and we made sure it was completed on time. The Finance Division staff has the most hard-working, dedicated employees I've ever seen and I'm honored and privileged to be a part of it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you. Comments from the Commission?  
Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well, a special congratulations to you, Lynette, but I would also like to say congratulations to all of you who were chosen to be considered for this honor. And I would also like to thank Katherine for putting the information in our packet this time as to how all the nominees went above and beyond in their jobs. It's really good to remind us on the Board as to how many employees we have who do go the extra mile. And I'm really very proud of the service that our County employees give to the people of this community. I think it's really important to remember that you really make a difference in people's day-to-day lives and I am just so proud. So, again, thank you and congratulations.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you. Congratulations to everyone, but I would like to say that I think many of our departments are hard working and I know that Finance stays on top of everybody with purchase orders, with share with the budget, and I thank you very much for that extra effort but thank you all and please, all departments, keep up the good work.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Congratulations to Lynette, yourself, and all the employees. I want to do an extra shout-out for Naomi here and all the employees here that have been awarded, Jessica, each and every one of you, but those employees that have been here a long time too. I think experience, longevity at Santa Fe County is very much an asset. So I congratulate you, Lynette, all three of you and a special shout-out to Naomi and those tenured, long-standing employees that have been committed to Santa Fe County many, many years. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya.  
Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I just wanted to say congratulations to Lynette also. I know that I've seen you on different boards that I sit on and you always are busy and a hard worker so I appreciate that. And I want to say congratulations to all of you that were nominated and I would like to commend you for your hard work and encourage you to continue to excel. Just a sincere thank you to each and every one of you. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So, Manager Miller, what's the rest? You have a presentation?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, yes, I do, for all of the employees that were nominated, they receive a certificate and two hours of administrative leave, and then for Lynette, she receives an additional certificate and eight hours of administrative leave as well as this really heavy, lovely award for her work, and her name is engraved on a plaque. So I would like them all to come up and get their certificates as well as their letters and take a picture with the Board for you to present this to Lynette. And there's David. Thank you, David.

[Photographs were taken.]

**I. I. 3. Recognition of Years of Service for Santa Fe County  
Employees for December 2015**

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, just one last item of recognition. This will be quick, and if any of the employees that I mention are here I would very much appreciate you standing up because I can't see all of you if you are here. About a year and a half ago we started a years of service recognition because as Commissioner Anaya mentioned, it's really quite amazing how many employees stay here for years and really have a lot of institutional knowledge and dedication to the County. I for one very much appreciate that. That knowledge and experience with the County is really helpful for us doing a good job. And we just wanted to make sure that those employees who have been here five, ten, fifteen, twenty years are recognized for that dedication to Santa Fe County.

So we give them a thank you letter and a pen just recognizing their years of service. So I will quickly read through this list for the month of December 2015 and January 2016, the following employees hit a milestone mark. So, Audrey Maestas in the adult detention facility, she's a corporal. She has five years of service with Santa Fe County starting in December of 2010. Antonio Garcia, Project and Facilities Management custodian with five years, since December of 2010. Vanessa Barnett, in the Sheriff's Office, she's a Sheriff's Deputy III with ten years of experience as of December 12, 2015. Dominic Le Doux, ASD/IT, systems analyst. He's got ten years experience since December of 2005. Seferino Houston with Public Works/Road Maintenance. We don't often see those guys; they're out working on the roads all the time but we very much appreciate, particularly the equipment operators that have that level of experience. They do a great job. So he's been with us for ten years.

And then Chris Barela, who's in the County Manager's Office and Commissioner Anaya's constituent services liaison, he's been with us since January 1, 2011. In our County Assessor's Office, our Deputy County Assessor, Gary Perez, who's been with us since January 1, 2011. In Corrections, we have case manager Esmerelda Cornado, she's been with us five years since January 18, 2011. Cristobal Gallegos, a detention officer corporal, since January 31, 2011. Roberta Jo in our Legal Department, does all of our contract reviews, Assistant County Attorney with five years of service to Santa Fe County since January 31, 2011.

Juan Rios – I saw him; he was here. He also has been with us in the County Manager's Office as first a constituent liaison and now in the Sheriff's Department, Public Relations Media Coordinator with five years. Adamino Pino, who is in the County Manager's Office Finance Division, Accounts Payable Supervisor, ten years. Clyde Hill in the Fire Department, emergency vehicle technician, ten years since January 21, 2006. Jeremy Renda, a fire lieutenant, ten years, January 21, 2006 in our Fire Department, and Tracy Baca in the Sheriff's Department, a Sheriff's deputy III, with 15 years of experience at Santa Fe County as of January 2, 2001.

So I just want to thank those employees for their dedicated service to Santa Fe County and give them a round of applause. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you, Madam Miller. I know that again, without our employees we would not be able to provide the services that our residents

need and deserve.

## II. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Miscellaneous

1. Approval of County Health Care Assistance Claims in the Amount of \$215,529.87 (Community Services Department/Patricia Boies) ISOLATED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION
2. **Request Approval of the Grant of Right-of-Way Easement from Santa Fe County to the Mora-San Miguel Electric Coop, Inc. to Provide Electric Service for the New Glorieta Fire Sub-Station (Purchasing/Bill Taylor)**

### B. Resolutions

1. **Resolution No. 2016-8, a Resolution Requesting A Budget Increase to the State Special Appropriations Fund (318) to Budget a Grant Awarded Through the State of New Mexico for the Vista Grande Library /\$9,951 (Finance Department/Carole Jaramillo)**
2. **Resolution No. 2016-9, a Resolution Requesting A Budget Increase to the Fire Operations Fund (244) to Budget State Forestry Revenue for the Fire Department/ \$112,408 (Finance Department/Carole Jaramillo)**
3. **Resolution No. 2016-10, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the General Fund (101) to Budget for a Memorandum of Understanding Made with the City of Espanola for the 2014 Terrain Mapping and Orthophotography Project / \$7,500 (Finance Department/Carole Jaramillo)**
4. **Resolution No. 2016-11, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Law Enforcement Operations Fund (246) to Budget the Proceeds From the Sheriff's Fleet Auction / \$50,720. (Finance Department/Carole Jaramillo)**
5. **Resolution No. 2016-12, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Law Enforcement Operations Fund (246) to Budget Supplemental Funding Awarded Through the HIDTA Grant Program / \$1,072 (Finance Department/Carole Jaramillo)**

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Are there any items that need to come off the Consent for further discussion?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I have a short question on item II. A. 1, the County Health Care Assistance claims.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay, so we'll need a brief discussion on that. Any other items? So do I hear a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: So moved.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none.

**The motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of II. A. 1 passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

**II. A. 1. Approval of County Health Care Assistance Claims in the Amount of \$215,529.87. (Community Services Department/Patricia Boies)**

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Okay, so, Mr. Chair, on the item regarding the Health Care Assistance claims, I notice that La Familia and the Women's Health Services have used up most of their allocations for the entire year, and so I'm just wondering whether there's any chance that we can increase their amounts and continue to be able to reimburse claims.

PATRICIA BOIES (Community Services): Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, yes. In fact we're doing that. We did an internal BAR because we had funds within the contractual part of the Health Care Assistance program that were not going to be spent this fiscal year because the contract started so late in the prior fiscal year that we're still using prior fiscal year money. So we've already made that internal BAR and transferred \$400,000 and the bulk of it is to primary care, the bulk of which goes to La Familia.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Patricia. I'm really glad to hear that. They provide very important service to our community. So with that, Mr. Chair, if there are no other questions, I'll move for approval.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: We have a motion and a second.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

[Clerk Salazar provided the numbers for the approved resolution throughout the meeting.]

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

**B. Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations**

**1. Appointment of Maurey Lynne Walker Nash to the DWI Planning Council**

LUPE SANCHEZ (DWI Coordinator): Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the Commission. Today we come before you seeking appointment of Maurey Lynne Walker Nash to the DWI Planning Council. Ms. Nash is appointed special advocate with the CASA program with the First Judicial District Court and she's attended two of our meetings and expressed a great deal of interest addressing alcohol issues within the county and that's why she decided to apply. And with that I'll stand for questions.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Questions of staff?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: It's with pleasure I move for approval.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Mr. Sanchez, let Ms. Walker Nash know that I think we all appreciate our citizen volunteers on all of our boards and committees. So please send her our appreciation.

MR. SANCHEZ: I'll do that, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

**III. C. Resolutions**

**1. Resolution No. 2016-\_\_\_, a Resolution Endorsing the Establishment of a "La Bajada National Monument" on Lands Owned or Controlled by the Federal Government**

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Right after this we're going to do a staff presentation regarding the Santa Fe County actions along the Santa Fe River in La Cienega. I've asked again that we have a three-minute time limit on both of these items, so if you would please organize yourselves on each side of the podium and be ready to come up to the podium so that we can maybe save some time. So if you want to start lining up on both sides of the aisle that would be find. So Commissioner Anaya, do you want to go ahead and lead the discussion on the La Bajada National Monument. This is being introduced by Commissioner Anaya and Commissioner Stefanics, so maybe I should give the presenters and Commissioners just a few minutes to set the stage if you will. Commissioner Anaya, are you okay with that?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I'm fine, Mr. Chair. And I appreciate the opportunity to have this discussion and this resolution. Commissioner Stefanics and I have had some conversations about this particular resolution. I appreciate her co-sponsorship. I'm going to read a statement, Mr. Chair, and then I'm going to give Commissioner Stefanics the opportunity to add any remarks that she has, and then make some additional comments before I turn the floor over to the presenters. Ms. Strauss I believe, and Mr. McQueen probably will address the Board as well before we get into the public comment section.

But I want to read this statement and make some comments. In the last five years there have been a lot of people and a lot of discussions that I've had in relation to not only this particular property area but other properties around not only New Mexico but the United States of America that are held in the federal government's hands, and I want to just read this brief statement.

How do we assure that public lands are protected, preserved and utilized as they

were intended and as they have been utilized in our great state of New Mexico? And I'm going to be explicit: farming, ranching, wood hauling, hunting, hiking, easements for access for citizens to their properties, easements for access for utilities that serve our citizens. Some in our country and in the West are arguing that government at any level has too much land and that much of it should go to private hands. I couldn't disagree more.

We are fortunate and I am thankful that we have public lands set aside for now and for the future. Thank God for people like Teddy Roosevelt for their vision and perseverance to make it happen. These comments and these remarks being said, I've had the opportunity to have several discussions with Ms. Strauss and others throughout my district, throughout the county, throughout the west and even in the west through the Association of Counties through the Western Interstate Region. And you know if you watch the news and you can see that some are wanting to take hostage some of the federal lands that we have in our great West.

And you know and you can see that in the West we still have these great preserved landscapes and lands that we utilize, not just as open vistas to be looked at, but as places that we actually utilize for materials or for hunting or for farming and other agricultural needs. These things being said, one of the things I got feedback on and Mr. McQueen and Ms. Strauss that I'm going to ask you to provide some follow-up to, is that when I noted those specific items – farming, agriculture, hunting, wood hauling – and ask the specific questions, if we move in the direction of a national park, are these things going to be still preserved within these boundaries? Not for now but forever. Not for the short term but forever. Those preserved cultural and historical uses.

The response that I received back respectfully from Ms. Snyder and you, Mr. McQueen and others, was that the response is yes. That being said I anticipated we would get some feedback on both sides of this particular issue. Both for the national park designation and against. And I received that. And I've also received concern in recent days that there hasn't been enough opportunity for ample input from all parties involved. So I want to put that out there, that I in no way intended or have any intention of shoving anything down anybody's throat. I read my statement at the beginning of my remarks to be very clear and explicit, as I was to Mr. McQueen and Ms. Snyder as to what my intentions are.

The other thing that came about in the discussions that we had around this particular topic was the level of support and work that's gone on historically relative to the national park possibility and a different designation. And I myself am still wondering where exactly our federal delegation sits in their entirety as it relates to this particular consideration, one by one each of them. So I think it's going to be important for me as a Commissioner to not only see in writing what their position is right now, but understand what it is and that they're clear about what their position is on this potential designation.

The feedback that I've received is that they're waiting on us to see what the County is going to do and what the County's desires may be. I think that's fair, but I think it's mutual that we understand where everybody sits and what those directions may be and are.

So those remarks being said, there has been concern raised as to the agricultural

component, as to the farming component, as to the ranching component, as to easements that supply utilities to us know and potentially in the future. As we potentially advance this resolution I want to make sure that those questions are answered and that everybody has ample opportunity to provide feedback and input. So, Mr. Chair, I look forward to the feedback that we're going to get and like I said, I'd like to give Mr. McQueen and Ms. Snyder an opportunity to make some comments after Commissioner Stefanics makes some remarks so that we can then move to some input because now is as good a time as any to understand we have people here that want to make their voices heard and known on both sides. And so I want to provide that opportunity, Mr. Chair. So I'll be quiet at that point and turn the floor over to Commissioner Stefanics.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm excited to co-sponsor this resolution and the reason is that when local government bodies are looking out for their communities they make recommendations to the federal government. And the recommendations can be accepted or they can be put on a shelf for many years. And we've all watched it happen on many, many different projects. Sometimes projects go to court to be decided; sometimes they're just ignored.

And I see this particular piece of land, many pieces of land, creating a gateway to our community that's been used over and over again. And federal public lands, specifically national monuments are there for the public. Monuments actually have lesser rules that go along with them than parks. And having had this as my very first career in life, working in parks and recreation, I know some of the distinctions. And when there are monument statuses there still is an ability to carry on some of the traditional purposes and uses from communities.

And so one of the things I would do is we have in our whereases and then in our last therefore that the proponents of the monument and federal government are respectfully requested to include – and before we would put utility parties, I think we need to put traditional agricultural interests, and utility parties in discussions. And the reason I would put that – I would amend this to put that in is to bring attention to the federal government that this is not a use, a population, a community to be ignored.

When we pass this resolution, we're not going to have much say here in Santa Fe County over what happens to it. It's really going to go to the next level. And as I said, any of those things could happen. It could be acted on, it could be put on the shelf, it could re-emerge five or 25 years later. But if we put the language in, and I hope my co-sponsor would agree, that if we put the language in for traditional agricultural interests, that it will keep the topic in front of the federal government. So I'll stop with that, Mr. Chair, and proceed to listen to the presentation and the proponents and opponents.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So how many presenters – oh, Commissioner Anaya, you had a comment that you wanted to make.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, an apology. I made Diane Strauss a broadcaster and said Diane Snyder. I apologize. It's Diane Strauss, Mr. Chair, for the record.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So we're clear on that. So how many presenters will be part of the team, Commissioner Anaya?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I'm going to defer to Ms. Strauss and Mr. McQueen, who I've been in direct conversation with as to how you want to proceed with the presentation. I would just ask, respectfully that we be as succinct as we can so that we can get to the input and then I know the Commission is going to offer other comments, and in concept I'm in support of what Commissioner Stefanics said but I think I want to wait to get some more feedback from the public before we make any movement forward.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay, well, let's bring the presenters up and again, be aware of time. We want to allow enough time for public comment. How many here this afternoon want to speak to the La Bajada monument? Okay, and how many here want to speak to staff's presentation on the river corridor in La Cieneguilla? So we have fewer hands on that item. Okay, let's move forward then. How much time do you think you'll need, Mr. McQueen?

MATTHEW MCQUEEN: Mr. Chair, I only need a few minutes. If it's okay with the Board I'd like to make a presentation and then I have business elsewhere, back at the Roundhouse, so I would like to excuse myself at that point, and I apologize for that, but as you know it's a busy time of year.

So I'm Matt McQueen. I'm a lawyer here in Santa Fe. I've been working with Diane Strauss and the Coalition for La Bajada Mesa. I just want to make a couple brief comments and sort of set the stage. I'd like to thank the Commission for bringing this forward, and thank both Commissioner Anaya and Commissioner Stefanics for their comments and I think they're well taken. The first thing I want to say is I want to be cognizant of what we're doing today and what we're not doing. What we're not doing is creating a national monument; we don't have that authority. Only the federal government, only the president has that authority. What we are doing is endorsing an idea, and it's just one step down a long path and it's really pretty close to the beginning of the journey even though we've been working on this for a long time. So there's a lot more work to do after this, if this resolution moves forward.

As Commissioner Anaya references, there's been a lot of discussion recently about the nature of public land and I agree that public lands belong to all of us. I absolutely think that you need to listen to local communities and there's this sort of nexus effect that the closer you are to the public lands that the more likely you are to use them, the more important they are. There's a lot of connection there. And I absolutely think that we need to involve local communities in decision making. But I think it's important that while we're listening to local communities, that's not to the exclusion of other uses, because they are public lands and they belong to all of us.

The resolution before you includes diverse uses and we specifically drafted it to include traditional uses such as ranching and hunting, and these are uses that we, the proponents of this national monument, want to see continue and will work to see continued. The process is we build support, hopefully we get your endorsement. If we get your endorsement we can go to the congressional delegation and describe the local support we have. If ultimately the president in his discretion, or her discretion or whoever the next president is if it gets to that, makes a proclamation, then, subject to the proclamation, there's a process of developing a management plan. And the management

plan process is very inclusive. This was described to be in a legislative committee meeting up in Taos for the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, which was fairly recently designated.

And the committee was actually the land grant committee, and one of the participants in the management plan process were the historical land grants, who had historic claims to much of the property, even if they didn't actually own it. They were included in the decision making, and they seemed pretty happy with that result. So the management plan process is very inclusive and anyone that has an interest in this property will be welcomed to participate.

What we're asking today, why I'm passionate about this is two-fold. First, it furthers what I believe is land conservation, which is near and dear to my heart. But second, this to me is economic development and it's sustainable, local economic development that would be good for the entire county and really good for the entire state. If there's a national monument out there – right now we have some BLM land, we have a lot of Forest Service land, and there's actually a historic trail; the El Camino Real crosses portions of this property. It's just kind of out there.

National monument brings some attention to that and some sort of credibility to that. If we have a national monument there people will travel to Santa Fe, to New Mexico, to see it, and if they're already here, maybe they stay a couple extra days to take advantage of this resource. In my current part-time job I'm very cognizant of the importance of economic development to this state. And that's why I think this is so important.

And that's really – I'd just like you to keep that in mind while you consider this. I know there's some opposition and I know there's a lot of support. I personally think we can work with everyone and I really look forward to doing that given the opportunity. I do have – I talked to Mr. Flores about this a little. I have two maps, if you're interested. We do not have a map of the boundaries, because we haven't worked out the boundaries and ultimately that's a long, involved process. I have a copy of a public lands map which shows the area, if you just want to orient yourself. And I also have a copy of the map of the Rio Grande del North National Monument, which is interesting if you're interested in looking at it, in the complexity of the boundary, the zig-zags, and also the diversity of land within the national monument, both federal, state and private land. And it's important to keep in mind that private and state land within the national monument is not affected by the national monument designation.

Now I did have a conversation with Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn. He was concerned about state land being within a national monument. This particular area has very little state land, but private land – private meaning non-federal land in this case, within the national monument or within any public lands, you have a statutory right of access. A statutory right of access. This is one of the first legal issues I ever researched as an attorney 20 years ago but it's still good law. So we're not cutting off access to anyone to their private land, but if you're interested in looking at the map, what we're looking at is really a pretty solid block of federal land and I'll leave that up to you whether or not you're interested in that.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I think for clarity and complete transparency, it's all the federal land that's in that sector, that's in that map. Correct?

MR. MCQUEEN: We would certainly – the proponents certainly are interested in being inclusive. The Forest Service block of land goes all the way down to the Rio Grande, which obviously is a significant amenity, and running along sort of the northern boundary is the El Camino Real, and as much of that as we can include, in my mind the better, because that provides a really valuable interpretive opportunity, and that's also something that we can tie into the Rio Grande Trail, which was recently a statute passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor. So they're working on a trail along the entire Rio Grande, but this is something that can be a complement of that.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So I think it would be very helpful for the public as any and all discussions move forward that any potential maps be made public so that we can make sure the public understands what those conceptual frameworks are. Commissioner Stefanics, would you concur with that? That any ideas of what that boundary issue should be put forward so people could have a better idea to comment on what they're commenting on?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Commissioner, in looking at all the written comments that have come through to me, I have received comments on both sides in terms of educating about the parcels. So I'm not sure that at this time – I do believe that this resolution is just a start, and I don't think that it's the end, so I don't really want to stop this process.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: My question was simply the federal lands is the primarily component of the monument and what those are and where those are, the public should see what they are to make it simple.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Right. But Mr. Chair and Commissioner, what I'm saying is that from the communications I've received and I'm still receiving many, many of them as we are speaking, quite a few of the people are very aware of the parcels of land. And there are a few – I'm talking about a very small percentage of the communications that's saying I don't know what parcels of land are being talked about. That's all I'm saying. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I will just note for the record that in this resolution, the third whereas clause says, Whereas, the proposed La Bajada National Monument would designate existing federal land in and around Santa Fe County as a national monument to be managed by the National Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management. So that is in the resolution that we are considering. We are making that assumption in this resolution. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So I think we just need to quantify that, Mr. McQueen, so people see that that area is.

MR. MCQUEEN: And Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, the map I copied

is this map. It's a BLM surface management map, which I purchased – it's very low tech. I purchased it at Travel Bug. They have a good collection of these kinds of map. That's all. Thank you very much for your time, and I apologize that I have to leave.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Real quick, Mr. McQueen, before you leave, as far as you did say they would develop a management plan for this property and individuals that have grazing permits, would they be a part of this new management plan that would go into effect?

MR. MCQUEEN: Absolutely, Mr. Chair and Commissioner. Absolutely. And I personally am supportive of including in your resolution language to protect traditional uses and encouraging, if there is ever a federal proclamation language in that proclamation to protect these traditional uses. And those are absolutely stakeholders who would be part, if they're interested, part of any management plan process.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Okay. And then after that management plan is developed, is there a possibility of restrictions as far as the amount of permits currently available and what will be proposed later?

MR. MCQUEEN: Mr. Chair and Commissioner, I suppose there's always that possibility, and there's that possibility now, realistically. I know Commissioner Anaya, in our discussions, we discussed our personal opinions that the use of off-road vehicles should be restricted. Off-road vehicles are an interest group and they would also be welcome to participate in a management plan and that's something to take into consideration, but certainly restrictions could be placed on off-road vehicle use. Restrictions could be placed on traditional uses.

I think the clearer we are here now and going forward that those uses are important to this community. To me it's almost certain that they would be protected, because I think they're consistent with what we're proposing, whereas, to me, off-road vehicle use is often inconsistent with other land uses.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you.

MR. MCQUEEN: Again, thank you very much for your time.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you for being here. So let's see if we can get through the presentation part and then go to the public hearing.

DIANE STRAUSS: I just wanted on behalf of Commissioner Anaya and Commissioner Stefanics, thank you. The rest of the Commissioners. I'm just going to keep it brief, and on behalf of public welfare we wish to thank Commissioner Anaya and Stefanics for sponsoring this resolution. The following representatives and institutions, organizations and businesses support your foresight and courage – to name a few, Senator Peter Wirth, Representative Brian Egolf, Representative Matthew McQueen, New Mexico Audubon, Mayor Javier Gonzales, Santa Fe Community Foundation, New Mexico Community Foundation, New Mexico Land Conservancy, Santa Fe Conservation Trust, Northern Chapter of the Sierra Club, Northern Rio Grande Heritage Area, El Rancho de las Golondrinas, Agua Fria Village Association, Turquoise Trail Association, San Marcos Association, Rural Conservation Alliance, Old Santa Fe Association, Green Chamber of Commerce, Partnership for Responsible Business, Maria's Family Restaurant, Rancho Encantado Four Seasons, Linda Beaver Toyota, Mountain Air Films,

Wolf Corporation, Positive Energy, to name a few.

And that's all. I'll just keep it brief today and let others speak. Do you have any additional questions? I'm here.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Questions at this time? Good. Thank you for being here. So now we're going to go to the public comment. I know again you've been patiently waiting so please line up and let's see if we can move through the line as quickly as possible. We're all going to have a three-minute time limit so please try to organize your thoughts and be as concise and to the point as possible. Please sir. Go ahead.

JOHN PEN LAFARGE: Good afternoon. My name is John Pen Lafarge. I'm the president of the Old Santa Fe Association. The Association has tried, ever since 1926, to keep what is authentic and true and real about Santa Fe that way. To preserve our history, our culture and our traditions. Now, generally, we concentrate on the City of Santa Fe, but we do have interests that are wider and larger and extend as far as Chimayo in the north and in this case to the south to one of the most historic pieces of land, the entrance to our city.

This piece of land has been used for ranching cattle, for mining, and is the entrance – it's the first what people see when they come up La Bajada Hill and are introduced to Santa Fe. This is their introduction. This is important to our aesthetics but it's also important to our history and our traditions that this be kept clear and it be kept beautiful, that it be kept traditional and that it be kept true to itself. And we ask you please to support this measure, to send it on to Washington and to encourage the president of the United States to make this into in fact a place that will be preserved forever as the entrance to our town. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you, sir. Next, please.

DIANE SENIOR: My name is Diane Senior, and I want to thank the Commission for considering the La Bajada National Monument Resolution. As you know, I've spoken to you in the past. We in the community feel very strongly about preserving this area, keeping it for the public, keeping it open space, keeping it in a way that we can continue to get economic benefit for the County from that land.

It's always a delicate balance to figure out how we keep all interests happy and I hope that the people who currently have concerns about a national monument understand that no one is looking to exclude them. It's very supportive of maintaining traditional uses and maintaining the pieces of our county and our heritage that make it a place that other people will want to come visit. I hope that you vote in support of the resolution so that we can move this forward and have those very important detailed discussions and get all the stakeholders at the table. Thank you.

JOSE VILLEGAS: Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, my name is Jose Villegas. For the public record, I'm a resident of the New Mexico land grant called La Cieneguilla. I'm pretty astute of what's going on in my neighborhood and my community, this land grant. I'm trying to keep a real calm, level, *calmado, tranquilo*, but sometimes when things like this come into my neighborhood, intrusive, it's pretty bothersome. I'm human. I too have – I'm not the greatest hope here. I also have feelings, I also have emotions but when these kind of ideas come intrusive into my neighborhood,

and basically almost shoving down my throat, it gets pretty hairy.

I appreciate the work that they're doing but you're not knocking on the door and you're not having some *cafecito* there on my table, on my kitchen table, my family, and including us in the conversation, this whole conversation, it's pretty deplorable. This is a land grant. Right behind you is the whole history of our people. And it's hurtful when you're not including our people in there. And we want to be good neighbors, good *vecinos*, come and knock on my door and include us. And it's not the case.

So I would say that table this puppy until you come to my door and get my community involved in La Cieneguilla and then we'll talk. If not, it's not going to happen. Not in my neighborhood. And that's how I feel. So if you want to penalize me later on, that's okay. I'm still going to be there all the way until I die, because that's a land grant and there's a lot of traditions. I think I'm qualified enough to say I'm an expert in my history, in my community, my culture, my *costumbres*, my traditions. I can walk the talk. *Muchas gracias*. Thank you.

ROGER TAYLOR: Roger Taylor, here representing the board of the Turquoise Trail Preservation Trust, in support of this resolution. It seems that there are number of key reasons for the establishment of such a national monument. It's a historical area, with great significance to American Indians as well as Hispanic populations and other traditional residents. It provides an important riparian habitat and wildlife migratory corridor. It could provide an avenue for jobs and income from tourism that would benefit not only the monument area but also the city and county of Santa Fe and its associated business. And it could help protect traditional land use as it currently is being used such as ranching, agriculture, etc. from other alternative development that may not be quite as desirable.

At the same time, as a representative of traditional villages and businesses along the Turquoise Trail we do believe that there are valid questions and concerns regarding the impact a national monument could have on these communities and historic, agricultural and ranching traditions in the area. Stakeholders certainly need to be part of the process for their personal input and this should be emphasized in the resolution. So we would support the comments that have been made recently by Commissioner Stefanics and Commissioner Anaya to perhaps put in some more emphatic language addressing that. But we are in support of this resolution. Thank you.

RUSSELL SILSLEY: My name is Russell Silsley and I'm here to speak on behalf of the recreational use of that land which for quite a long time has been used by off-road vehicles, including dirt bikes, motorized vehicles in certain parts of that property, probably for certainly decades, and I just want to make sure it's on the record that there's a considerable interest in preserving that particular use. Thank you.

CLAIRE FULENWIDER: Good afternoon, Commissioners, and thank you for this opportunity. My name is Claire Fulenwider. I'm one of Commissioner Anaya's constituents and I have been a member since March 2012 of the La Bajada Ranch Steering Committee, which the County set up. I wanted to make three points. The La Bajada Ranch Steering Committee was set up by the Commissioners really with two mandates. One was that you needed a way to see some economic return from your investment in the La Bajada Ranch. The other was that we had very clear messages from

surveys taken as to the uses that county citizens wanted of that property.

I see no comparable or better use of that land than a national monument, which can return clear taxpayer dollars to the residents, to the County, make money available and speaks to the environmental use concerns, general recreational needs and preservation requirements which so many citizens spoke to. I would also as a third point like to mention that as former president of the Cerrillos Hills Park Coalition for five years, I was very pleased in working with the National Park Service in their openness and inclusiveness at bringing tremendous community input into the planning process. I understand there are concerns in the community about undue restrictions on the land that might result from a monument. All I can do is speak from my experience that there can be significant opportunities for input and planning if people will participate in the process. Thank you for considering this and I urge your support of the resolution.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I very much appreciate the comments of the last presenter as all comments that have been made thus far, but I do want to clarify that the land of the County for the La Bajada purchase is not specifically in this resolution or in this monument area as of this time. I just want to make that clear to everyone here. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

GLENN SCHIFFBAUER: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, my name is Glenn Schiffbauer. I'm the executive director for the Santa Fe Green Chamber of Commerce. We are a chapter of what was the New Mexico Green Chamber and our Taos chapter and our Las Cruces chapter have been involved with both the Rio Grande del Norte designation and the Organ Mountain Desert Peak National Monument designation. We have seen a lot of the stakeholder input in both of those processes for both of the monuments and look forward to doing the same here and we are in support of this resolution for that reason.

Some of the numbers that have been thrown out there and some of the comments regarding economic benefit is obviously something that a chamber of commerce, even a green one, is very interested in. Some of the numbers we've seen as potential for the Organ Mountain are approximately about \$7.4 million in any increase in economic activity due to the designation and up to as many as 88 jobs. The increase in employment that monument designation usually propagates is usually due to hospitality and the outdoor industries – mountain biking, outdoor tours, anything of that nature. What we've also seen with the research that's been done is the monument designation usually increases the likelihood for funding for outgoing or for ongoing cultural and archeological research.

Securing monument designation provides an opportunity to protect cultural, traditional and natural resources while stimulating the regional economy and bolstering a local employment base, and some of those traditional things that have come about in the protection of the lands have gone to the point of where with the Rio Grande del Norte, the piñon pickers were asked to come in as stakeholders and those things are kind of protected at that level. So we heartily support this resolution and look forward to hopefully moving on with bringing stakeholders together and doing outreach and

bringing this to our delegation and to our president. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you. And please, if you can, I know three minutes goes by really quick. I'm hoping that this discussion – I don't think it's going to start and stop here this afternoon, but please, let's be aware of our time constraints.

DARREN MUNTZBERG: Certainly. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. My name is Darren Muntzberg. I'm addressing you this afternoon on behalf of the traditional village of La Bajada and the heirs of the La Bajada grant. These federal lands are all located within the boundaries of our traditional land grant. There's a significant impact here in that the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, which is being included in the proposition for a national monument is directly approximate to our village. In fact it's access for many of us to our village and as it comes off the mesa and proceeds out across the La Bajada Mesa.

A few weeks back we had a conference call. It's interesting that you mentioned the end result being that this resolution is carried to our federal delegation. We had already spoken with Senator Udall's office and we were informed at that time that really for the federal delegation to consider this, this should have come forth as a grassroots effort. We've been in discussions with Ms. Strauss in particular that began maybe four or five years ago when this idea first came up, and we had very specific questions at that time. I think we agree specifically with Commissioner Anaya and with Commissioner Stefanics on the importance of public lands and on the importance of public uses for those lands and also on the importance definitely of the protection of traditional uses.

But what we've seen happen here I think is that the grassroots haven't brought this forth so much to the County Commission to be brought to the federal delegation as we've seen it brought forth by a very specific group of interests. I believe Ms. Strauss actually read us the list of proponents and supporters. That's the first time anybody from the community of La Bajada has been able to hear who the proponents of this initiative are in the first place, and this is supposed to be a grassroots effort, not a top-down effort.

Every experience that we've had in La Bajada, and I think it's similar going up the Santa Fe River into La Cienega and La Cieneguilla, has been this is something that's coming to us as a legacy from the Obama administration. This is something that's coming to us federally from the top down. Our experience in La Bajada with that type of policy making has never been good. Our original grant is shrunk down now to a village of 60 acres. Okay. And that's primarily happened through shifts in federal use, through the federal government using lands that it holds, supposedly in trust for the La Bajada grant to settle lawsuits with other parties, so the possibility of all kinds of negative change and impact to our community is definitely there.

I think it's premature at this time for the Commission to make this endorsement. I think that what we would like to see in La Bajada is more of the stakeholder involvement before we get the Commission's endorsement so that the Commission is actually speaking from the grassroots instead of trying to drag us along by the hair as this all moves forward. So we respectfully request that you take time to have further discussions with the traditional communities so that we can really refine and define emphatic language to protect traditional uses. But our feeling at this point is that action by the County Commission is premature. And you should also know that we're involved with

already the National Park Service and the Forest Service, and we're on only phase 2 of the cultural landscape survey that's being conducted for cultural resources there. So we appreciate your time today and hope that you'll consider postponing your endorsement. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you, sir.

ERIC JOHNSON: My name is Eric Johnson and I live in Madrid. I'm here to speak on behalf of the resolution and the sentiments expressed both by Commissioner Stefanics and Anaya, and the only other thing beyond that I'd say is that I hope that action is taken quickly but that that doesn't mark the end of the involvement of County Commission on the issue.

RAYMOND MCQUEEN: Honorable Commissioners, my name is Raymond McQueen. I'm a resident of the Rancho Alegre neighborhood, which is east of Cerrillos and a resident of Commissioner Anaya's district. While I think I and most of the residents in my immediate community, I feel in the interests of transparency it appears that the resolution only covers properties that are held west of I-25, which for most of us does not encompass the true global concept of La Bajada, which I think at least a third or maybe a half of it is still in the private hands of Buenavista Estates. I understand as of this morning there are three pending lawsuits in the First District Court by Buenavista Estates arising from the 13 years of litigation about their interest in trying to mine the property. I think there are probably two federal actions. I'm not sure. It might be one federal action for anti-trust violations of this Board. And I think it would be in the interests of the Board to keep the community abreast of the status of those cases but also while trying to incorporate into this resolution globally the whole La Bajada as most of us do appreciate it, which includes those 5,400 acres of Buenavista Estates property.

Now, I'm not sure I'm saying that we should go buy it at the asking price or ask the federal government to do so, but I think this should be part and parcel of it. I think just looking at a national monument that is east of I-25 truly doesn't represent the interests – actually what you're trying to arrive at here, but I think you should take a – try – I don't know what's going to be worked out. We don't know what's going on in these lawsuits. Apparently, they're still just at rest. I'm sure these people haven't given up on whatever they're trying to do but you might let us know even here and now what is going on there. Thank you very much.

LEO BACA: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, my name is Leo Baca. I'm the government affairs director for Centurylink in New Mexico. I'd like to express my appreciation to Commissioner Anaya and his staff for working with us to address a concern that we at Century Link have with this particular area. We have existing facilities in that area that we would like to maintain and have the ability to address future demand and I'd like to thank the Commissioner – there's an amendment that we've offered and with that amendment we are officially neutral on this resolution. Thank you.

JOSE VARELA LOPEZ: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, Jose Varela Lopez, 86 Via Los Romero, La Cieneguilla. I sent you all an email this morning and I hope that you've had a chance to read it. I won't go over the close to 30 questions that I asked that I think should be part of this process in ensuring that everybody that's going to be potentially impacted has some knowledge or at least the amount of knowledge necessary

to know what they're going to be facing. We heard here today that we don't have an actual map, so those of us that are in that area, while we know from the County resolution that our allotments are probably part of that, we don't know if our private properties which adjoin those are also part of that or not.

And I also asked you the question whether you'd read the proclamation because Commissioner Anaya, what he said about agriculture and his intentions, I understand that that's not what the proclamation reads. And once this is out of your hands and it goes someplace else, there's no way to protect agriculture. When the management plan comes up, that's three years or four years after this thing has already become a national monument. At that time it's too late. We have no assurances that we'll still be there and just to let you know, on these federal lands that are part of this resolution, they're already protected; we don't need to protect them from anything. There's an area of critical environmental concern on several thousand acres of the BLM, which means no mineral extraction, no solar panels, no wind towers. And these lands are already multiple use.

It sounds to me from what I've heard today that people think that they're not multiple use. Well, there's cattle on there. People go hiking. People can go on ATVs too on the designated road. So there is no problem here; there is no reason for including these lands in a national monument in my opinion. I guess I'd just like to finish up with just a piece of the last paragraph that I communicated to you earlier this morning in my email and that's to say that I think we have not properly vetted this issue nor adequately communicated to those potentially impacted as someone whose family has been in the area for the last 400 years, the very area now proposed for a national monument, I see this resolution as an affront to both my family and my culture. I would hope that you postpone action on this resolution indefinitely so that you can have the time to properly address the concerns of everyone who has been denied that opportunity thus far. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I just want to acknowledge former Commissioner Varela Lopez as a former Commissioner on this Board and wanted to put that on the record.

RAY ROMERO: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, my name is Ray Romero. I'm a farmer and a rancher in both Upper and Lower La Cienega. I agree with Jose. We are already stewards of that part of the government land down there. We're pretty well taking care of it. And I'm concerned because there's some pictures that came out by the people promoting this monument shows my backyard and all that area back there without even consulting us. So I'm very concerned about this resolution.

As a matter of fact I'm against this resolution at this point because nobody has managed to meet with us or anything like that. I'm also the mayordomo of the Acequia de La Cienega and I've been active there for 62 years, and I'm concerned about the changes that will follow with our community resources if it's advertised nationally. Trails are open there now in some areas. We don't want to open the trail for the whole nation. We want to keep our farming and our ranching as part of our culture. So I question that

you'd open it up to the world when there is little left for us to enjoy.

I'd like to see my grandchildren, my children or grandchildren enjoy what I have enjoyed, the hard work that I have put in the past 60-some years, not counting the years that I was gone serving my country. So I, at this point, I simply don't think this resolution will be any good for our community. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Romero. Next.

ERNIE TORRES: Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, my name is Ernie Torres. I'm a rancher and a farmer. I'm your neighbor on the other side of the mountains here, near La Jara, northern Sandoval County, Southern Rio Arriba County. I'm opposed to this even though I don't live here, but what I've learned throughout my lifetime dealing with the *federales* is they're not really into multiple use as much as they're into compliance. Compliance with Clean Water Restoration Act, Clean Air Act, NEPA, Endangered Species – I'm sure there's some other stuff in there. They're not dealing with me yet but they will be and I will be dealing with them.

That you want another layer of federal bureaucracy here fascinates me. I don't get it, so I'm here to learn, but I am opposed to this because for a lot of reasons. I feel bad for those people that are going to be surrounded by this thing because they're going to be cut off, their easements or their right-of-ways are going to be cut off. I don't have a lot of respect for the federal government to be honest with you because I've seen the carnage and the waste that's happened with all these fires that have gone one – Las Conchas, Thompsons. We're worried about our watershed there in La Jara. We're not even allowed to go up there and do our own thinning on our own dime without facing some kind of a prison sentence and I'm not making this up. We're waiting for a catastrophic fire and we can't even help ourselves right now.

So if this is what you want, be careful what you wish for. I don't know what the piñon juniper situation is up there. I think that's mostly what it is is piñon juniper. You may have some pines up there. I'm not sure. I don't remember seeing any when I was up in that area but fire is a big concern and we're connected to you guys through that mountain range there. Just remember one thing here, and I'm telling you as the commissioner for the La Jara community ditch. The federal government, they're going to get their paycheck whether our forest burns or not. They're not into anything more than compliance and that's how it is and that's not a good neighbor to have, in my opinion. So I'm opposed to this for the sake of the people that are going to be hurt by it. Thank you.

RICHARD HUGHES: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I'm Richard Hughes, 15 Bonanza Creek Lane and I'm here to talk in regards to this. I have a couple concerns. My major one is that there has not been a published map of this area. I understand that your resolution is based on the federal lands but I am still very unclear on the boundaries of this and how it affects all private citizens around it.

I think that before anything should go forward that all private citizens that are adjoining this or in proximity of it should have a chance to see the boundaries, see a map, and have time to talk and discuss the issues. I also am very concerned about federal regulation. I understand that things like open space and traditional uses are very important. However, I'm concerned that if that property ever becomes distressed for whatever reason, other properties adjoining it may be impacted by the federal

government to bring it into compliance.

That being said, I'm concerned with like the watershed in La Cienega and things like that being incorporated into federal management and taken away from the traditional communities. Thank you.

PAT BROWN: Commissioners, I'm Pat Brown, native New Mexican and I'm here to represent the Santa Fe Fat Tire Society and I may not have the latest copy of the resolution as far as it goes, it was pointed out, and I'm not sure that mountain biking or pedal power is put into the resolution as far as it goes. But the one that I hold here has nothing to say about any kind of biking whatsoever and I mean man-pedaled powered biking in the resolution as far as it goes. We just want to make sure that we're not left out of that. We're currently working with the County to develop a grand unified trail system that does circumvent Santa Fe and connect all these wonderful places to ride together so all users will be able to use those trails to get to these areas as far as that goes. Thank you very much.

PETER PRINCE: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, thank you for listening to my comments. My name is Peter Prince, resident of Santa Fe, vice president of the Santa Fe Fat Tire Society. And I'd like to open up by saying our constituents, our mountain bike users, have a very high appreciation for open land that we can recreate on. We choose to recreate on bicycles. We support the preservation of open land and we support the model of federal ownership of our open lands, because that's what makes New Mexico a great place. However, I ask you to postpone a decision on this today because it's premature; it's not completely defined.

If we were to get a national monument here we gain things. The land would gain additional protection, but we give up things also. And with what's presented here before you if you approve this you would be lending support to something where you can't gauge how much you gain versus how much you lose. Some examples: Traditional use is stated to be preserved within this motion. However, if you go to the person in the pickup truck who wants to go collect piñon nuts, traditional use is equated with traditional access. You take away the motorized access and the man with the bad hip, and he's 80 years old, he's not going to go out and collect piñon nuts anymore.

We don't have a way to gauge that with what's presented here before us. Another example: economic development. There's been numbers put out about economic development, in particular the recreational component of that. What we have not seen is if you take that number and you start subtracting the contributions from the excluded uses what's the result? We don't know. I point out that that's a very large motorized, motorcycle use over there on BLM land. The Buckman riding area is the closest area to Santa Fe. It's one of the major riding areas here in this northern community. So if we exclude that, how much economic use is wasted with that? Is not going to be contributed to this community? We don't know.

So I think it's premature. Also with the boundaries not being decided, your support of this – you don't know where it's going to go. And so I ask you in your deliberation to please postpone it until more details are brought forward. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you, sir.

KIM SORVIG: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, my name is Kim Sorvig. I'm a county resident on Camino los Abuelos. I'm also a research professor at the UNM School of Architecture and Planning and my specialty is sustainable land use. I want to thank you for the initiative and the courage that it took to bring forward this resolution and I want to give you a little bit of background on why I support it.

In my research I've been privileged to visit a lot of projects like this, land designation projects across the country. Places where by the request of the community, a special landscape is designated as some place of importance and its economic and social values are publicized and made more valuable because people are aware of it and use it.

You can talk about Rio Grande del Norte. There are examples as small as a tiny little nature park that I have researched in south Los Angeles, a gang-ridden community that used the development of a nature area in the city to revitalize their neighborhood. In all of these kinds of cases that I've looked at there have been real economic and social benefits. But I think more importantly, something is being misunderstood or mis-portrayed here. In many cases these kinds of designations are used to protect and extend the viability of traditional land uses that would otherwise die away because of modernization and globalization and economic change.

I'm sure all of us would like to see everything stay exactly as it, myself included, but it's not going to happen, and if we don't do something pro-active and beneficial about La Bajada we're likely to lose it to suburbanization or industrialization, or some other changes that we didn't even take action to prevent.

So I understand that the local residents have felt excluded. It's a very common thing. I can't think of one of these projects that I have researched where there wasn't initial opposition. That's usually because some individual or small group comes forward with an idea. They're just inspired. They don't necessarily have resources to go out contacting everybody door-to-door making sure that everybody is included. I know Diane Strauss has tried very hard to communicate with people and some of the things that are claimed that she hasn't brought forward have been part of her communication package. I've seen it. So I would respectfully urge you to approve this with the proviso that it's expected that there be public input and the way that this develops resolution. Thank you.

CARL DICKENS: Hi, I'm Carl Dickens, president of La Cienega Valley Association. Our position is very simple. In November of 2014 we held a community meeting in which the national monument folks made a presentation. The first 45 minutes of that presentation were ranchers and farmers complaining about not being involved in the process. As a result, we wrote a letter back to Ms. Strauss and her party explaining that we were opposed to the national monument as currently constructed and we would revisit the topic if they redesigned it and certainly engaged the ranchers and farmers in the area.

We heard nothing back from the group until November of last year when Matthew McQueen made a presentation to the LCVA board. At that presentation there was nothing new, nothing had changed, there was no engagement of the ranchers and farmers. And what was a surprise there was no map that we could even look at. And so those were concerns, obviously, and the board, after the presentation discussed it and we maintain our position of opposing the current national monument proposal.

But it goes beyond that. One of the things we keep hearing, and it wasn't until Wednesday of last week that we even heard about the resolution. We still have not seen the resolution and so we don't know what it contains. What is missing from the group of people that Ms. Strauss listed are the villages of La Bajada, the villages of La Cienega and La Cieneguilla, and the pueblos of Cochiti and Santo Domingo. Those are the entities that are going to be most impacted by the proposed national monument.

And we keep talking about economic development and what I heard was hospitality. So do we continue to create low paying jobs – maids, waiters, those kinds of jobs? Or do we do something a little more pro-active, and I'd be happy to list a series of things that we're doing within our community right now that are serious economic development efforts that don't depend on a national monument designation to make happen, and there won't be low paying jobs. They'll be well paying, serious jobs.

Ultimately, this process to us, as a community has shown a lack of respect to who we are, what we stand for, and really a lack of appreciation of our agricultural traditions that go back beyond the four hundred years. And so we remain opposed to this resolution as currently crafted. Thank you.

TREVOR BURROWES: Good afternoon. My name is Trevor Burrowes and I live in Madrid. I just want to ask you please to continue with your resolution for national monument. I think it's a really good thing. You may need a little more time. There really is an issue of inclusion and I really don't know how you do it but ordinary, average, everyday people need to be kind of more aware of what's going on in terms of planning and it's really a big problem and the more inclusive, the more pro-active the County can be I think the better and maybe with some help from above we'll find a way to form some consensus.

I agree so much with Mr. Sorvig's statement in every way. I don't really know in my experience that national parks, national monuments actually do more harm than they do good, because my main interest, and what I think a lot of people forget is the importance of the scenic value of the landscape. And that is what makes New Mexico New Mexico. And if people consider what a gravel mine on La Bajada Mesa would have constituted and that this resolution would help to protect against is really pretty devastating to the sense of place and the sense of vista and openness and preciousness and sacredness of the landscape.

That is what is at risk and I really do believe that the national monument designation will do more good than harm in this respect. I also do very much believe that there needs to be more inclusion and more discussion. Planning is so big. We just need to be doing this all the time. And I very much appreciate Commissioner Anaya's statement about people who want to take over the West. It's a certain group of people. It's a specific ethnic group, and there's a lot that I can say about that. I really would like to come back to that some time. I don't know if this is the time. So thank you and I encourage you to go forward. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you. Okay, I see a few more speakers lining up. Is there anyone else that would still like to speak on this topic? Please come forward so that we can finish this portion of the proceedings and then move on. Go ahead, ma'am.

HARRIET FOREMAN: Thank you. My name is Harriet Foreman. Commissioners, thank you for allowing me to speak. I live in Commissioner Anaya's area and I would like to encourage you to please go forward with this resolution. I believe it is important to take this opportunity to view this as a beginning, to view this as an opportunity to bridge the differences within our community, to try and start building bridges. There's clearly a division as we've heard tonight, to start building on the work that's been done, to listen to the different parts of our community and to try and draw in people who have been offended by the work that's been done but to try and build on the work that has been done already.

We do a lot of RVing. We go all around the country and we've seen the wonderful additions that the monuments have done to see what there is in the country, to see the beauty, to see the strength and to see what this part of the country can bring to other people who are traveling, to show them what we have here. So please take this opportunity to build, to share what we have. The specialness that there is in this part of the beautiful land of enchantment. Take this opportunity and run with it please. Thank you.

ROBERT ROMERO: Good evening, Commissioners, Commissioner Anaya. I'm Robert Romero. I'm a resident of Commissioner Anaya's district. I'm a life-long resident of La Cienega and I'm also suffering from a bit of a flu this evening so I'm a little shaky so I'm going to try to keep my thoughts somewhat together here so excuse me if I get off track. I did meet with Ms. Strauss on this matter and I do have a map. My father mentioned to you earlier, Raynaldo Romero, about this map and about this proposal here. And I'd like to say that I consider myself a conservationist as well as a traditionalist. I've been accused of that by several developers that I've opposed here at this Commission Chambers of being a conservationist. If that's a bad word or a bad thing, so be it.

But at the same time this concerns me because this monument has far-reaching and very broad implications upon my community and our traditions and I know this because I have dealt with this area of critical environmental concern that one of my neighbors had mentioned to you as well that has basically taken a lot of the grazing that my family has used traditionally over the years out of that use. In fact I've advocated that my family – my family has actually sold lands to the federal government, the Rael family in Canyon, and I advocated that. I even brought the federal government to their door to look at preserving that section of the canyon, the Santa Fe River Canyon, because I knew that if I didn't take the action at that time to do so it would have probably been sold into development just like Warren Thompson's Canyon Ranch was as well.

But I'd like to bring your attention to this photograph my father had made because this is La Cienega Mesa. This is not La Bajada Mesa. I believe that misinformation is being put out there, because this is not La Bajada, and that's one of the biggest things that concerns me is that La Cienega is La Cienega. La Cieneguilla is La Cieneguilla, and La Bajada is La Bajada. I believe this monument, I also have a map here, and I know I'm going to probably exceed my time, but the map does expand itself all the way out to the Caja del Rio Plateau. It goes over and above what is known as La Bajada, and that's what I'm concerned about is losing our identity.

We're facing all these development pushers from the City of Santa Fe out in our traditional communities there and then to have this development – we're not being excluded, we're being imposed upon. That's what's happening. We have a community planning process. I did talk with your planning staff and I did share all this information with them. I gave it them yesterday because I found out in talking to them that you guys didn't have it in front of you. So how can you make an informed decision or even a resolution that represents our interest? I am opposed to this monument. But if we can craft a resolution I may very well be in support of the resolution. Even though I am [inaudible]. I ask you to table this and bring it back to our community and our planning. That's why we have community planning [inaudible] What use is community planning. We've sat here for the last five years trying to adopt our community plan and where was Strauss and Matthew McQueen? They had every opportunity to come to our planning committee and bring this forward in that sort of forum rather than having us sit here and react to this. And I thank you guys. I know you are well intended. I know the intentions of the [inaudible] are good [inaudible]

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Mr. Romero, please direct your comments to the Commission.

MR. ROMERO: [inaudible]

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you. Thank you for your time.

ALONZO GALLEGOS: Good evening, Commissioners. Thank you for this opportunity to address you. Three minutes is not enough to express what I have to say. I'm one of the few that it's going to be directly imposed on. I shouldn't say imposed by this monument but I make a living within these boundaries of the proposed monument and three minutes, like I say, is not enough so right off the bat I think we should – I request that you guys postpone this issue to get more feedback from the community.

I represent the community of La Bajada. I'm the chairman of the ditch association and the mutual domestic as well. Our water system is on federal lands upstream from La Bajada in the Santa Fe Canyon so this is directly within the boundaries of the national monument. I also represent a number of ranchers on the Caja del Rio Majada Co-op, which is the Caja del Rio allotment out there, the US national forest. And I also raise cattle on BLM on the Tres Rios Ranch and the old Gallegos Ranch in La Cienega. We farm there traditionally upstream from La Bajada which is on the dead-end of the community of La Cienega.

I can't express my concern enough in three minutes, like I said, and I appreciate like Robbie Romero just mentioned, if everyone has spoken that's a proponent for this, thank you for the concern to protect it. It was also said do we need to protect the public land? It's already been under public jurisdiction since 1937. Caja del Rio is from 1941, Soil Conservation had it and then it switched hands to Forest Service. We don't need protection; it's protected. We have Bandelier National Monument to the west of Caja del Rio.

I'll share you a little experience that I feel with the national monument at Bandelier. When the fire broke out a few years ago no one was allowed to go suppress that fire with mechanical means. It got out of control and burned all the houses and a few hundred homes in White Rock and Las Alamos. As far as the national monument in

relation to the Bandelier, the Wild Horse and Burro Act was in place when the burros started to make trails and erode the cultural resources on Bandelier.

I call these people from the national monuments the God Squad. They don't have to go through an act of Congress to do a mandate so they eradicated the burros without getting the locals involved. They butchered, they slaughtered 300 to 600 head of burros. When our cattle go – and I'm speaking on behalf not just of Caja del Rio Majada Grazing Association but the tribes as well, when cattle get in the national monument they shoot them on site because they are "threatening the cultural resources."

So it was said earlier that once this resolution leaves this room we have no control. Sure, it's going to go through a public process and we all get a chance again, but it's already going with a congressional delegation now. If we keep it local and study this out I'm not opposed to what Ms. Strauss came out at the beginning. When I first met Ms. Strauss years ago when she started this conversation was [inaudible] the entrance to Santa Fe, the city. [inaudible] property there that could be developed but the public lands is not a threat of being developed at this point. With that I'm going to excuse myself. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you. I appreciate your comments and as I tried to state earlier, I do know that three minutes is not enough time for any of us to go into a lengthy debate on this but we do have to manage our time because we do have other items that we have to get to. We still have the rest of the agenda to deal with, so please keep that in mind.

ROSS LOCKRIDGE: My name is Ross Lockridge and I'm representing the Rural Conservation Alliance, which I believe is a grassroots organization, P.O. Box 245, Cerrillos. I'd like to thank the sponsors of this fine resolution. It's straightforward and not filled with hyperbole. It references historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures and other objects of historic and scientific interest. Visitors and residents of Santa Fe County today do enjoy federal lands for recreational use. New Mexico does have over 30 million visitors annually, a large percentage of whom are here to visit federal lands that profit New Mexico businesses that in turn support 68,000 jobs and inject over \$6 billion into the state's economy.

And as being highlighted today, residents of Santa Fe County have long used public federal lands for traditional or permitted uses, including grazing, I'd suggest cattle ranching, hunting, firewood collection, uses important culturally and economically important to people of Santa Fe County and the state. Fears that a national monument would have negative impacts making it more difficult to deal with the BLM and others I think are unfounded. I think a monument will not make it more difficult because representative stakeholders that understand the possible obstacles would be addressing the issues as the monument is planned.

As was written into the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument proclamation, laws, regulations and policies followed by the BLM in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument. We need to avoid postponing a vote which would, after many years have little positive effect. Instead, please move for adoption, or adoption with amendments. If the Board feels it can't include amendments today the motion I think needs to be one for adoption with a

limited extension to allow for further input on language for the adopted resolution. Thank you.

PAT MCALLISTER: Thank you for the opportunity to speak and I'm kind of a little bit of different person here today. I live both in Illinois and in New Mexico. So I must speak from that perspective. I came to your land of entrapment about 14 years ago. I'd never been here before, fell in love with it the first two or three days that I was here. Actually, in the first three months I was here I went into Santa Fe, bought a townhouse. But I was a faculty member on sabbatical, had to go back to Illinois, finish my time there, and every moment I got to come back to Santa Fe I would do that.

And the reason I would do that is because you have something here that we don't have in Illinois or many other states. You have a heritage. You have a tradition. You have beauty. You have landscape. You have all of this, and just don't take it for granted because it is so precious.

And it's interesting that when I have people come visit me from the Midwest or whatever, the first thing they'll say is, is there anything to do here. And I smirk, I say of course not. By the time I have taken them to see all the treasures – I'm not talking about the buildings. I'm not talking about the businesses or whatever, their question is, how soon can we come back?

Now, having said all of that, and I agree and I support this, but I have sat on your side right there in Illinois and I have sat on this side of being a historical commissioner. And what we ran into is that we did know what the benefits were. We did understand it. We did, but there are so many people out there that are being directly impacted that you can presume do know. And we backed up and went to the locals and said, we want to hear from you. We did focus groups, we did this. We did a two-way education. We did it back and forth. And at that point we really did have a better understanding.

And another thing I'd like to caution you to, working in politics, government and everything else that comes along with it, be careful when that resolution goes forward and what happens to it after that, because it's interesting to see what our intentions are and what happens when it gets to Washington, DC or the people who are really writing it think what should be done. And I could give you many, many examples right here. I have worked with the Consumer Products Safety Commission, Underwriters Laboratories, all of these groups that have sent out resolutions and by the time it got – and I've helped write legislation, and by the time it got passed it was a little bit different than what I had envisioned and things along with that.

So I do support this. I really, really do, and a lot of people have put a lot of thought, a lot of their soul into this, but there are still people who are little bit concerned and I think they need to have that same feeling that these other people have before when you proceed. Thank you for the opportunity to do this. I'm Dr. Pat McAllister, from Santa Fe and Bloomington, Illinois.

GEORGE GALLEGOS: My name is George Gallegos. I'm a resident of La Bajada Village and I have a lot to say but I'm not prepared, just from what I've heard today. And I think it's going to have a negative impact in all the people in the surrounding communities, just on agriculture alone – wood, I know a lot of people depend on the wood up there, a lot of poor people that go for wood up there in Caja del

Rio allotment. So they really depend on that wood to heat their homes and stuff. I think giving it a status of a national monument takes away that from them.

I think it takes away the rights of people who make their living on cattle ranching and stuff. There's going to be restrictions again, once it has a status of national monument, it takes away the rights of everyone involved up there, even the recreational use for people that go biking and four-wheeling or whatever, down to the piñon picker I guess.

Again, I'm not prepared to say much but I do believe, or I'm asking you all to table this indefinite because I do believe it will have a negative impact. I've seen the sponsors that were named. They don't include no one in the area, the residents. It's all business. It's already protected as it is right now. Anyone can go to the Camino Real and visit La Bajada Hill. No one's restricted from that. In fact it's already – I've seen in motor vehicle it says about La Bajada, the descent, it's in there, where you can visit the area if you want. So giving it a status like that is just taking away from the people, the locals. Again, like I said, anyone can visit, so I believe it would be wrong to take away from the people who depend on the area. So again, I hope you table this indefinite. Thank you for your time.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: I want to thank all of you for your time and staying close to the time limit. I know it's not easy. We heard from both sides. There are, I think, some concerns that probably can be worked through, but I want to bring it back to the two sponsors and see what their thoughts are and where they would like to proceed from here.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I'm going to say a few things and maybe I'll say a little more than I usually do but I'm going to say a few things. I've been sitting on this bench for only five years, and prior to that I spent a lot of time in the Village of Galisteo, growing up in a very small community, traditional community, not unlike most every other community in Santa Fe County. And for five years, I have to be completely candid and honest, for five years there have been many, many difficult issues that we dealt with on this Commission where I looked into the audience and I didn't see in the mirror the people that I grew up with. I didn't see the long-standing community members in multiplicity and numbers.

I looked out over the last five years and I saw Ray Romero at times, and I saw Jose Varela Lopez, and Chaplain Villegas and Mr. Muntzberg and the Griscom family. Other family members who were who I saw in the mirror of my community. But in five years, in five years sitting on this bench, I didn't see it as much as I wished I would have. And I would always drive off and wonder and have conversation with other family members and say, where are they? But in the next breath, and in the feedback that I received, in my mind and through other people giving it to me was, well, that's why you're there. You're there to understand what is the interest that's represented publicly that has the capacity to show up to meetings and provide input and has not only the capacity but the desire and the passion.

Just because somebody moved to New Mexico last year or the year before doesn't

take away their opportunity to provide public input into a process. I don't begrudge anybody for doing that, but I can honestly say it concerned me, through the land use code many, many times I'd look out in the audience and I wouldn't see the reflection of what I grew up with in my community. I saw a lot of comments and passion that I respect completely, but I kept yearning and wanting to see the reflection of the representation of what I grew up with in the community.

And that's not Hispanos only. That's Hispano, that's Native American, that's Anglo-American and every other culture, ethnicity, background and breed. But I can honestly say things change. Our small traditional communities have changed so much, so much so that even in the Village of Galisteo that I grew up in at the mailbox I don't find myself knowing everybody in the community. That's just the reality of change, I suppose. I think it's gentrification. Is that the appropriate word? I'm not sure; I think it is.

That being said, I said at the beginning and I'll say it again. How do we assure public lands are protected, preserved and utilized as they were intended and as they have been utilized in our great state of New Mexico. When I hear all of you speak I hear that same notion of preservation, that same concern and that same passion on both sides. But when I hear it from some of the traditional members of the community of La Cienega in particular I hear a broader concern of are we going to be able to do things as we've been able to do for generations and generations? And I can hear it overwhelmingly they're not convinced that we're doing it right now as it stands in this resolution.

I hear it loud and clear and I think each and everybody in this room hears it. The other thing that I want to accentuate and explicitly say is I truly value, and I said it at the beginning, the traditional members of the state of New Mexico that came here, our indigenous people, our Native Americans, and Hispanos that came here under difficult times. Anglos that came here. Things aren't always going to be and never have been the way they were, but we have to mutually work together in a collective goal to preserve things. We have to.

I said it at the beginning. Teddy Roosevelt is one of the most visionary individual Americans this country has ever seen. When you think about what happened in the national forest, our wilderness areas and those designated public lands it's mind-boggling. When we go, each and every one of us in whatever endeavors you have and you're able to go into those public lands and take in what they have to offer or utilize them to do agriculture work or raise cattle. What a blessing. What a blessing that is that we have in this country.

Our work's not done. We're just starting. But I think we do need to go to the drawing board with this resolution and take that methodical approach to get the appropriate feedback at every level with all of you in this room that have commented and those that haven't and give them a chance. Give them a chance to provide some additional feedback, and we need to bring it back. Mr. Torres, where are you? Are you still here? You made a comment and I think others followed suit and said it's already protected. I'm here to tell you, personal experience tells me the Bureau of Land Management in particular, in recent years and recent decades has sold parcels of property to private ownership. That's not a myth; that's a fact. And I'm telling you from personal experience, from personal use of BLM land in an allotment fashion as well as a lease

fashion, we were approached to say, do you want to buy it? It's probably going to go on the market. Do you think any of us in my family or the community that we share and utilize would have been able to afford it? Heck, no. But is it completely protected? No, it's not.

I wish it was. Is the national monument the exact pathway? After hearing everything I've heard today, I don't know, but I still think collectively we have to work on an initiative that will make it collectively preserved. Because I don't believe from my own direct experience that it is 100 percent protected, that you'll have that use, Mr. Torres and others, for many years and generations to come.

Piñon picking was added today. What a simple thought, but what a profound thought. Did we see and recognize what happened along the interstate highways on I-25 in particular, and how many people and families came together to pick piñon. It's not a small thing; it's a profound thing and each and all of those perspectives on both sides of this equation have to be acknowledged.

I heard about the Organ Mountain National Park and I'm intrigued and I want to learn more about the process they went through and the other things that they discovered from that process. Mountain biking and other economic development initiatives. One oversight which is appalling, and I would say that with me to blame, is that we've already known of the indigenous people and their concerns with property in and around this particular area. I know, Ms. Strauss you have done some outreach. I'm not saying you did not. But they need to be included explicitly with the other traditional uses that Commissioner Stefanics brought up. Cochiti, Santo Domingo, San Ildefonso, we've had former Governor Dorame here on many occasions speaking of their sacred area in the particular area as well, so there's others. San I, Pojoaque, maybe others. Those need to be included in the resolution. Not next week, not after a task force moves through the evaluation but now. We need to do it now.

And I don't think it means a long time down the road but I don't know how long that will take but I think we need to do it now. We need to reach out.

A few more things, more input from communities. I hear you. And not just – and I'll say this respectfully. The village of La Cienega and La Cieneguilla are in my district and I fully respect those two communities tremendously, and La Bajada, and have had interaction with all of them. But there's a lot of other smaller traditional communities throughout Santa Fe County that should weigh in and have a feedback and input as to what's happened and what might happen. Because it's not just as many people said, about the immediate area around the proposed area but it's about the whole county and the whole region and the benefit to the country.

People come to New Mexico and the West to utilize public lands from every stretch of this United States and around the world. So it's broader than each individual community but all the communities that surround the region.

With that, Mr. Chair, I respectfully to all comments made, make a motion to table to get that additional input. The other thing I heard over and over again, and Mr. Lockridge, I want to say a word to what you said as well and others said it. Mr. Lockridge, you actually restated some of those traditional uses which I really appreciate. I got to tell you. I appreciate that you said your piece about what you believe needs to

happen and when but you also restated those traditional community needs and traditional uses and I really appreciate that. So with that I'm going to motion to table and hope for a second from Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, I see a tabling motion as indefinite so I cannot support this.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I'll second it.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I would support a postponement.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So I'm not trying to shut the door on it. I'll motion to table for four months.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I'll second that.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I also would agree with all of Commissioner Anaya's comments and I would also like to see other parties with vested interests, the community members and then other parties with vested interests, individuals that own permits for grazing in those areas to also be included with these community outreach. I think it's important and it is a small timeframe that maybe we can still get this approved quickly.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, do we have a tabling motion? If so it's not debatable, and I haven't really given my position yet, so what is the motion exactly?

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: I think I'm understanding it, it's tabled to a date specific.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: That's correct, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: And I think we've given staff some direction to

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I have some comments, please.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So for specifics, Mr. Chair, if I could.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Could I please make my comments first as a –

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Well, sure. On the motion I just wanted to clarify that would be the last meeting in May.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay, so that's the date specific. Commissioner Stefanics, you have the floor.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think that four months is too long. I would have gone along with three months. But I do want to put my position out. I do support this resolution. It has become very clear to me that it does not include both sides. There are not proponents from both sides of the highway, and I'm not going to get into traditional communities versus non-traditional communities versus newcomers. What I am going to get into is that the individuals that butt up next to the proposed monument are not on board, and for whatever reason, we need to figure out

why and we need to make sure that there is some willingness to work with federal authorities.

I don't want to see Santa Fe County become the next Oregon. I don't want to see Santa Fe County become the next headline in the *Washington Post* or the *New York Times* about how we do not accept public lands. And there needs to be some negotiation. There needs to be some work together. And as Commissioner Anaya suggested, it's better to protect the land than let it be sold off piece by piece.

And so for the people who have land abutting that particular proposed monument, I'd ask you to think about what it is you do want for preservation. What it is you do want for the future. I also think that if it goes to four months, great. I probably am not going to vote for the motion, but I just would like to see something happen sooner than later, and I want to let the public know what my position is. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, actually I guess I should ask Greg. Since there is a tabling motion, am I still allowed to make comments?

GREG SHAFFER (County Attorney): Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, the rules of order provide that a secondary motion, such as a motion to table is not debatable, but I don't think that precludes an individual Commissioner from explaining their vote on the record.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Okay. Thank you. I think that those of you who are out there who know me know that I am very – it's very important to me to protect land in our community. As a matter of fact my husband and I have bought a fair amount of land just so that we could put a conservation easement on it and protect it. So I care about that very much. And I know that national monuments are great benefits for the community in a number of different ways. They protect the land and wildlife, which I really care about. They provide outdoor recreational opportunities. They bring economic development to the area. They provide healthy watersheds, scenic views, and in general, they improve the quality of life for people in our community.

But I think it's very important to realize that it takes time to go through the process of creating a national monument, and we saw that I think with the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument in the Taos area. I think that took many, many years to make that a reality. And it also really helps for the entire community to be on board. And I have to admit that I was somewhat dismayed to hear the concerns of so many of the people who actually live in the area where the proposed national monument would be.

And for the most part the support was from people who didn't live in that particular area. So I think that a lot more work needs to be done and I think there needs to be a lot more conversations with the people who live in the area so that they can understand how it would be of benefit to them to have a national monument. And so I won't say what my vote on this particular resolution would be. I'm not sure I'm even allowed to say that, but I think that if there is more conversation and people understand what is really involved here, that can only be a good thing, and so I really would like to encourage the people who are promoting the national monument to have more conversations with the people who actually live in the La Bajada area and perhaps the County can be involved in those conversations as well. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you. So I think that concludes the public hearing. I think you've heard from the two sponsors what their thoughts are and what their intentions are for moving forward. So we have a motion with an amendment. It's a tabling motion. We'll bring this resolution or a variation of this resolution back in four months. I would encourage public participation. We'll have to keep our comments limited in timeframe so please be prepared for that. So we have a motion and a second.

**The motion to table passed by majority 4-1 voice vote with Commissioner Stefanics casting the dissenting vote.**

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So we'll now move on. We have a staff presentation regarding Santa Fe County action along the Santa Fe River in La Cienega and a couple of us are going to have to take a break but if staff could do your presentation I think we could go ahead and move this forward. Okay. Break.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I'm going to strongly encourage those residents in the La Cienega and La Cieneguilla area, if they could stick around for this presentation it would be greatly appreciated.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: I would actually ditto that. I don't know if anybody heard that but that's a very good suggestion.

[The Commission recessed from 4:50 to 5:00.]

## V. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: A couple of housekeeping items. It's been expressed that there are a couple of members of the public here that would like to speak under Matters of Public Concern. And that would be speaking to an item that's not on the agenda. Please come forward, quickly.

JOE EIGNER: Chairman Chavez, members of the Commission, my name is Joe Eigner. I live in Eldorado. I'm a former chair of Eldorado 285 Corridor Recycles. We're a recycling advocacy group. I'm here today because of our concern about the progress of the draft ordinance, the new solid waste ordinance that was originally designed to create three franchise districts for the curbside collection of solid waste and recyclables. As you know, there was extensive public opposition from one of the three districts, the north district, and the Commission has essentially abandoned that particular approach.

Two Commissioners, Commissioner Chavez and Anaya, wanted to keep the possibility of a test franchise alive and instructed staff to look into that. Staff came back with its recommendations in November to approach Eldorado Homeowners Association for their okay on going forward with that. Unfortunately, it seems to be a downward spiral in the provisions of this draft ordinance from what I hear from staff. As it now stands there will be no franchise in three districts and the suggestion of a franchise in

Eldorado is not included in the draft as it now stands. That's a big disappointment to our group.

Additionally, for the area of the unincorporated county that is not included in the three districts there had been a proposal that private haulers in that area would have to offer – not provide, but offer – at a higher price, recycling services and we felt that was a good provision; it could have been better, and I'll address that in a minute.

What remains in the ordinance are two very good provisions that we strongly support. One is that within the districts and that includes Eldorado, any private hauler must provide both recycling and trash service to those who choose curbside at a single price. Those who choose not to have curbside service as currently have the availability of County convenience centers for self-haul of both trash and recyclables.

Finally, the other good provision then has survived and this applies to both the districts and the non-district areas is that all private haulers will have to be permitted by the County, register, obtain permits, and report quarterly or annually on their business activities, providing the County for the first time with some hard information on the activities of the private hauler sector.

I have a problem with the way the ordinance is developing. It creates two classes of county residents, those who live in the districts and those who don't, and I'm not really sure of the sound basis for that type of discrimination. It also creates two classes of private haulers, those who will be required to offer recycling and with a single price with trash, and those who do not. And I can see that both of those – I see those as discriminatory provisions that really don't have a good, sound basis.

Getting onto Eldorado, there are a lot of pluses for Eldorado to have its franchise to be a test for the franchising system for the county. First, Eldorado has had sort of a franchise contract for ten years with one large private hauler. Under that contract the hauler had exclusivity and access to 2,750 homes but it did not have a mandatory requirement that everybody sign up. In practice 70 percent did. The franchise limits the number of heavy trucks on our roads. Our roads are maintained by the County so the County has a strong economic interest to continue what's going on in Eldorado under a franchise.

A franchise offers the best opportunity for low rates because of efficiencies of scale, and because of rational route planning that it allows. Eldorado enjoys a rate of about \$25 a month for weekly trash collection with an added \$5 a month for recycling biweekly. I know various areas nearby Eldorado that pay \$60 for those services.

One objection comes from people who are faithful recycler who opt for curbside trash service but take their recyclables to the nearby convenience center at no cost. Unfortunately, they would be now required to pay somewhat extra for the recycling service. It would save them trips, of course, to the convenience center.

However, if a franchise is adopted by the Commission for Eldorado specifically, our group would fight for a pay as you throw provision. As you know, pay as you throw rewards those people who do recycling to the max. They could get along with a cart container a half or third of the size of the 96-gallon trash containers they now have and they would be rewarded with a \$5 to \$10 a month – something like that – lower fee. And so that I think should hopefully convince some of those people to support this measure.

Finally, cost increases over the lifetime of a franchise would be limited by

contract provisions, as they are now in the former contract with the hauler. That contract, by the way, was enforced for ten years. It had a fairly low initial starting rate and it had escalators that were based on cost of living indexes and on the price of diesel fuel. And that kind of thing could be incorporated in the contract.

Finally, the County staff will have a wonderful learning experience in drafting this contract with the franchisee, negotiating it, and enforcing the terms over the course of the term of the contract. Thank you very much. Any questions?

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you. Questions? Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: As I've said before and many times and occasions, if there are areas that make sense for a franchise and there's communities that would prefer it as an option, then I'm for it. And so I feel the same way and I'm hopeful that the staff doesn't let go of the option. I think Commissioner Chavez expressed the same thing and I think there might be other Commissioners that may feel the same way as well.

MR. EIGNER: Thank you, Commissioner. I'd like to introduce Mr. Greg Colello, who is one of the board members of the homeowners association in Eldorado. He's the secretary of the board.

GREG COLELLO: I have to read. I get too nervous at a microphone. I want to speak in favor of an idea of a franchising experiment in Eldorado. And as Joe -- I'm not as articulate as Joe is on all the little details, but I would like to make a few comments on the subject. I'm Greg Colello, a resident of Eldorado and secretary on the ECIA board. Our board president, Dag Ryan, sent a letter last week to the County Commissioners on regarding the ECIA's board's position on this contemplated trash franchising experiment. Have any of you seen this letter by chance? Okay. Good.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: It just came to us today.

MR. COLELLO: It just came today. I can believe that. Let me say a few things about that. This letter well articulated the board's unanimous support for the franchise experiment idea although the board decided it did not have the authority to pass an official motion in favor of it. Note that this letter implied that franchise costs to residents must be the same as their current services. I hope this comment is not misunderstood, because our board knows that this is not a likely outcome. So perhaps it would have been better if the letter had simply said that more information on probable cost and franchising services is needed for residents before Eldorado goes forward with this experiment.

So I offer the following six additional thoughts on this. The underlying purpose of the franchise idea is to improve the county's low rate of recycling using a bidding process to obtain the lowest possible price while at the same time giving the County more control over the terms of the hauler's service. These laudable goals should hopefully offset small increased costs to some Eldorado residents, a community known as currently having the most enthusiastic recyclers in the whole county. Under Waste Management, our current contracted hauler, any resident receiving curbside trash service is offered optional recycling for an additional \$5 fee. Realistically, those residents would likely see a cost increase under the proposed system because curbside recycling would now be mandatory and part of one total trash fee. So maybe these are the losers, but hopefully they're enthusiastic recyclers and they'll understand the need for this.

Waste Management's current discount contract with Eldorado has expired. It is therefore not clear what Eldoradoans will be paying to Waste Management for trash service in the near future. It could be significantly more, so apples to apples is hard to do right now. It's not clear who would bid for the Eldorado franchise contract. I note that Waste Management has threatened to withdraw from bidding if recycling is mandatory because it's against our corporate policy, I guess, but it's a critical part of the franchising idea to make it really work.

It is possible that County franchising control over trash service that the hauler could be encouraged to offer several different trash container sizes and recycling container sizes whereby for the first time a resident could experience actual recycling monetary incentives by choosing a smaller trash container, paired with a larger recycling container and getting a lower bill on the result, the so-called pay as you throw incentive as Joe already mentioned.

Now, lastly, because there are many factors like the above involved in this franchising idea and because trash service potentially affects every resident in Eldorado, every resident is affected by trash service potentially, it seems important – and I'm saying this as a board member now – it seems important to have a couple of public townhalls on the subject before the County Commissioners hold an actual vote. So I'm suggesting that we could work together on this. The ECIA board could host the two townhalls and the County could help provide a panel of experts, hopefully in fact maybe a couple of representatives from potential bidding haulers. Hopefully, this could be done ASAP to avoid even any more large delays in getting this experiment started.

That's all I have to say. Are there any questions? Great.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There doesn't seem to be and that's noted for the record and we'll take those thoughts and see where we can run with them. I think the franchise agreements would have been the best case scenario. Maybe we can still hold on to the concept for a bit longer. But thank you both for being here and for the effort that you've put into this issue of solid waste and recycling. It's got to be done together at the same time. Thank you.

#### **IX. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Growth Management Monthly Report**
- B. Public Safety Monthly Report**
- C. Public Works Monthly Report**
- D. Human Resources Monthly Report**
- E. Administrative Services Monthly Report**
- F. Community Services Monthly Report**
- G. Financial Report for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2015**

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: I want to do a little bit of housecleaning again. We have under information items, we have reports from our department and divisions. Growth Management, Public Safety, Public Works, Human Resources, Administrative Services, Community Service and the financial report. But unless there are any questions on these reports I think we could send that message to staff and let them go home to their

families.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, just a – I have one quick question for Public Works, if someone's here from Public Works.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. Public Works.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Martinez in particular. Robert, as you know and you've been dealing with along with your staff I want to first thank the staff during the last storm that up until – since the storm we've not stopped. Your staff has not stopped and we've had roads that have blown over and you've gone back out and that's just a normal process in the rural areas, but could you talk to the maintenance that has gone on in those rural areas, especially now that that snow is melting and now we're dealing with mud, which is even a bigger issue and concern. Can you just provide an update as to what's gone on, what's happening, and then I want you to say the contact number over the radio and to those people that might be streaming in on what we're doing and the process and if people have concerns who they can call to raise those concerns and how they do that.

ROBERT MARTINEZ (Deputy Public Works Director): You bet, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya. On December 27<sup>th</sup> we experienced a storm that rained first and then we got substantial amount of snow, specifically down south, anywhere from a foot and a half to two feet of snow over a two-day period. Crews were out since four in the morning, working late at night, making sure that the roads were passable, to come back the next day and see that the wind had drifted and the work that they had done the day before was all for naught.

They kept at it and got a pretty good handle on it, and then the mud came. We got some warmer temperatures. I was just commenting this morning that it's been four weeks since we got that storm on December 27<sup>th</sup> and this weekend we were starting to see more dirt than snow, then last night we got another five inches down south. So it's been, particularly in the southern part of the county, also Glorieta, Eldorado, Cañada de los Alamos. Not so much in the Santa Fe area and north of Santa Fe, but we've definitely been hit hard in those other areas.

Right now the crews were fixing roads. We've got numerous complaints about muddy conditions in Eldorado, down in Edgewood, down in Stanley. We keep getting out there and fixing the roads to the best of our ability. We get continual requests for resurfacing roads and it's hard for us to tell people that in maintenance we do not resurface roads in maintenance and there are comments about our property taxes. I continually remind or educate residents on where their property taxes go to. Roughly two-thirds goes to the state and the schools. A third comes to the County. Of that third about \$17 come to the Public Works Department, Road Maintenance. That's based on a thousand dollar a year property tax.

When I educate them and I give them that information they can't believe that that's all that the County gets in road maintenance. I remind them that there's other services that the County provides other than roads and they seem to understand. Their biggest complaint is the school and the state's portion of the property taxes. But we continue to do maintenance on these roads. Just more recently we've gotten some more drifting down in the Cline's Corners area. A lot of people don't realize that Santa Fe County goes about five miles north of Cline's Corners on 285 and we're out there

addressing roads that may service two or three homes, but the issue is that they can't get in and out unless we get out there with the equipment and remove those snow drifts.

But we are out there continuously. We will be out there every time we have a storm that we are aware of. We'll bring in staff at four in the morning. So we're trying to get a hold of – there's snow removal operations prior to the peak hours. We're also out there late at night. If any residents have any road concerns they can call the office at 992-3010 during working hours. Off hours they can call the RECC. The only number I have for them is 911. I don't know their non-emergency number. But also, they can also get on the County web portal, [santafecountynm.gov](http://santafecountynm.gov) and create a work order through the web portal that we will get the next business day and create a work order and send it to the appropriate foreman.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Mr. Martinez. I also want to point out and thank – we have the mayor here that's going to be speaking later from the Town of Edgewood but I want to thank the mayor and council and their staff. We coordinate with them on a regular basis on road projects as we do up north with our communities up north and throughout the county and also the DOT. When catastrophe hits, disasters hit, it's a coordinated effort. We are, aside from the budgetary issues you brought up, we're out there and we're trying to rectify those problem areas. So I appreciate it if you pass that on. Thank you.

MR. MARTINEZ: You're welcome.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Mr. Martinez, I want to thank you for your work and for taking the time to explain to our residents about how our tax dollars work and it's not – I know it's not easy but the more that we can do that, the more that we can explain that to the public, maybe it will start – we'll get a better understanding of where our tax dollars do go. So thank you for that.

MR. MARTINEZ: You bet.

## **VI. B. Presentations**

- 1. Update and Presentation Regarding Santa Fe County Actions Along the Santa Fe River in La Cieneguilla**  
*[Exhibit 1: Supporting Material from Ed Sceery; Exhibit 2: Floodplain Map Provided by Kyle Harwood; Exhibit 3: Petitions Provided by Martin Montoya]*

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Mr. Olafson, you'll do the presentation? And just to reference, we have two resolutions that you'll be referencing. Is that correct?

PAUL OLAFSON (Planning): Mr. Chair, there's three resolutions and one house memorial.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay.

MR. OLAFSON: Good evening. At the Board's meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Anaya requested that staff present an update on actions that have been taken at the Santa Fe River in the area of La Cieneguilla. Santa Fe County owns an open space parcel there; it's approximately 150 acres. Within that larger parcel there's a smaller segment that contains approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of the Santa Fe River and that

parcel is in between the City of Santa Fe's property to the north or upstream, and BLM property to the south or downstream, approximately south and north. I will try to be brief and succinct. I know there's a lot of community members here and there may be other questions so I'll just go through my information briefly and stand for any questions.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I just want to make sure. Is Resolution 2011-101 one of the resolutions you're going to speak to? I hope so, because that's the one I carried.

MR. OLAFSON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Excellent. Thank you.

MR. OLAFSON: Okay. So to start out, the County, I mentioned, owns this property. We purchased it in approximately 2001. The County's been using a holistic approach to land and resource management on the property. Staff has continued to work with La Cieneguilla community members and stakeholders and multiple public agency since acquiring the open space. There's been numerous meetings, planning endeavors, and discussions throughout this time period since 2001 regarding this project. I'll outline just a few of the major issues we've done. This also – some of the major issues are not going to clearly reflect all the hours from community members and volunteers and other stakeholders and staff that have been put into this property and this project. It has some very interesting and complex resource issues and we'll hear more about that as we go along.

So in 2006 the County worked with community members and stakeholders to create some bank stabilization, trash and non-native species removals along the river in that section. Staff has continued with communities in 2011 through meetings with agencies and community members and other stakeholders the County adopted Resolution 2011-101, which Commissioner Anaya supported and I'll outline that in a moment. That resolution formalized County participation with what was then known as the La Bajada Working Group and has since changed, as well as with other agencies such as Game and Fish, Bureau of Land Management, City of Santa Fe, other community stakeholders and community members within the La Cieneguilla community area.

In 2012 this group changed its name to the Santa Fe River Traditional Community Collaborative and staff has continued to meet with them and the other partners or participants within that process. Resolution 2011-191 formally requested the City of Santa Fe to provide adequate release of treated effluent from the wastewater plant to support downstream irrigation needs. House Memorial 2002-12 was supported in the New Mexico Legislative and in that requested the City and County to ensure that sufficient water is released for the traditional agricultural uses in La Bajada and La Cienega. Additionally, the County's Resolution 2012-133 requested the City give priority to releases of sufficient reclaimed water for irrigation purposes downstream for La Cieneguilla, La Cienega and the Village of La Bajada.

Staff has, as I mentioned, continued to meet with the working group or the Santa Fe River Traditional Communities group. In 2014 staff and the County installed a beaver deceiver and two pond leveler devices within its property. We've also continued to work

with volunteers and community members on trash cleanup as well as non-native species cleanup and general maintenance of the property. The beaver deceiver and pond levelers were intended to allow water to more efficiently and directly pass through the County's section of the river there and then diminish flooding potentials.

So in 2014 also staff identified the La Cieneguilla property as one of its major or primary targets for management planning. There is an ongoing management planning process for that property. We've included all key stakeholders including community members in the area. That plan is targeted to be completed in the spring of this year and two of the main focuses of that will be how the County is most efficiently enabled to manage that property and specifically looking at potential for either fire or flood challenges that may result from current and/or future management of that property.

Also the community plan that was adopted by this Board in 2015 for La Cienega and La Cieneguilla also identifies the threat of flood and fire hazards related to beaver habitation along the river and the 2015 Sustainable Land Development Code also addresses riparian management that was specifically tailored to working with the La Cienega and La Cieneguilla community planning group.

And just to reiterate, we are continuing to work with the community and the stakeholders and we are directing this management plan to best address our property with the resources we have. And with that I'll stand for questions.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Are there any questions?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, Mr. Olafson, thank you for coming forward and bringing forward an update. I'm going to summarize it briefly this way. Damming is occurring and still occurring as a result of beaver dams in the river. Mr. Gallegos, who's sitting in the back, approached me in 2010, probably, not 2011, as did Mr. Sceery and some other concerned residents along the Santa Fe River to articulate some specific concerns about water damming and in Mr. Gallegos' specific case, flows to La Bajada and irrigation needs that they had. Basically, in a nutshell, they weren't getting the water that they needed because of the damming and the flow of the water.

And so simply put, we brought forward a resolution to try and mitigate and deal with that specific issue to eradicate the dams so that the water flows increase, hopefully get some help from the City of Santa Fe on the release of water, which at the time we did not get additional flows and you guys can correct me if I'm wrong, if that's an erroneous statement but I don't think they released additional waters beyond those flows, and then we brought up specific damage concerns relative to our own property and other properties in that corridor relative to the damming.

It's the same situation. I fully acknowledge and recognize there are other very exciting and neat projects that are happening with kids in that corridor to do creative things, but the core problems still exist. Damming is still in place. Property is still in jeopardy including our own County roads as a result of that damming and that ponding, and we still need to figure out and mitigate those circumstances. So I'm going to just read these in and then, Mr. Chair, I'm hopeful that members of the public on any side of this issue can bring their comments forward.

The County shall coordinate efforts with the City of Santa Fe to provide

immediate drought relief assistance to the La Bajada community. Didn't happen.

The County shall – and I'm not picking on you, Paul. I'm just stating facts as to what requests were made and what happened. So don't take it personal, okay? The County shall coordinate with the New Mexico Game and Fish so the department can conduct an immediate assessment of the number of beaver dams. I believe they did that. We tried some beaver deceivers as they were called. Beaver deceiver flow device program to improve river flow across the property. This effort will involve collaboration between the Santa Fe Open Space and the City of Santa Fe. We tried it; it didn't really work as I recall, but you can expand on that if you think otherwise.

The County will coordinate efforts with the City of Santa Fe, BLM and the New Mexico Game and Fish and improve flow across all properties.

The County shall collaborate with the City of Santa Fe and BLM to evaluate a water conveyance system for options. There was some talk about piping water to make sure there was agricultural flows.

And then last thing, the County will create a working group to continue resolving the issues created by the beaver dams. The working group may include representatives from Santa Fe County, City of Santa Fe, BLM, Game and Fish, La Bajada community members, La Cienega community members, La Cieneguilla community members, Cochiti Pueblo, the Office of Stat Engineer and the Army Corps of Engineers.

So I'm going to simply say this as I want to hear the comments from the public that the problem still persists. We still need to keep our group coordinated, and hopefully we need to get to some resolution to the concerns raises. So thank you so much, Paul. Appreciate the presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: You're welcome, Commissioner Anaya. Is staff done with your presentation?

MR. OLAFSON: Yes.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes, Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Just if you could, Paul. Did I say anything that was inaccurate or needs more clarity or incorrect? If I did I would like you to put me on the spot and say, well, you're incorrect, Commissioner, in these areas, because that's my respectful recollection of what occurred and what's happened thus far. Is that accurate?

MR. OLAFSON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, I would like to maybe expand a little bit on the beaver deceive and the pond levelers. Those have been somewhat successful on the County's stretch. And I think I mentioned at the beginning, and you are very well aware of this. I think everyone is. It's a very complex system, and actions on one segment don't override and transform the other segments. So it is – it's a series of properties that all need to be managed in a joint member in order to get the efficacy of change.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Paul. Thank you for providing that additional information. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay, so now we'll go to the public comment portion. How many are here this evening to speak on this issue? Please come forward. I know we have some community members. I think we have someone from Game and Fish, someone from the Santa Fe Girls School. So please come forward.

MR. DICKENS: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you for the opportunity of coming before the Commission tonight.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: And I did want to keep our comments on this to three minutes as well.

MR. DICKENS: And I'll try and do that. I co-chair the Santa Fe River Traditional Communities Collaborative. I apologize. My co-chair, Felicity Brennan was not able to make it tonight. We've been working together, meeting now for four years, and of all the groups I've ever been a part of this has really been a fascinating group. We've been recognized by the Forest Service as a true collaboration, as an example that they would like to use in other parts of the country. That was voiced by Sandy Hurlocker from Espanola Forest Service.

This is an incredibly complex issue, and some of the issues that we've already discussed is there are a number of different property owners. So when we do planning on one particular piece of property I really want to recognize and compliment the work that Terry Lease, Maria Lohmann and Marcos Lopez have done in terms of addressing some of the issues on the County's open space. It's a great beginning. We hope this will be an example for other landowners and people along the river.

Real quickly, I'd like to note how many people the different members – we have Forest Service, BLM, Game and Fish, County representatives, City representatives, Senator Udall's office, Matt Miller comes from his office to attend. We have the Rivers Run Through Us. We have the Santa Fe River Watershed Association and we have the Wild Earth Guardians. We have the Village of La Bajada, Agua Fria, La Cieneguilla and La Cienega. And we have the Santa Fe Girls School who have all attended meetings and have expressed their concerns.

This again, is not any simple solution. One of the things we've done, though, is we started, and thanks to Commissioner Stefanics, one of the issues that has come up is we have these great ideas and all these things we want to do and then it's like we can't get going. We don't have the manpower. We don't have the administrative support, which is really important to us. And so we had met with the Americorps folks last fall and we're actively looking at applying to have them help clear out some of the dead and downed in the river. There are a number of conditions that we have to meet to be able to do that but we're working on that. We're also looking at the Americorps Vista, which will possibly provide administrative support for what we're doing. The things that we really need help with are assistance with the application for Americorps.

One of the simple things that just drives me crazy is there is a County access issue on BLM that would gain access to the Paseo Real Bridge. That is completely blocked and the supplemental culverts are completely blocked, but the County can't get into maintain those because they don't have BLM access. And to our understanding it's a matter of the County and the BLM figuring out that access. BLM is willing to do it. I'm rushing and I apologize for this.

One of the things I really want to say about this group is we have our differences of opinion but we're able to communicate. We're able to sit down and figure things out. What we need is more active involvement, and really, when you mention the City, it's got to be – one of our suggestions is a County-City task force that we would support or be part of because until those entities are involved we're all going to be struggling to figure this out. So thank you very much.

ANDY OTTO: Good evening. I'm Andy Otto, the executive director of the Santa Fe Watershed Association and we've been involved in the community collaborative since 2013 or earlier. So I'm a new guy; I've only been there for two years meeting monthly, and the biggest thing that we have been I'll say proposing for is to work on a consolidated plan for this reach of the river. And our main reason for that is the process of the plan which we've actually been doing for the last three years, it will kind of formalize that a bit and also it will hopefully sort of bring out those compromises that need to be brought out.

So that's why we're proposing for you to help us get this plan moving forward. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Could I just ask you a question about your request? I'm sorry. What was your name again?

MR. OTTO: My name's Andy Otto.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Otto, specific to what you're requesting of us, what are you specifically requesting of us to help you get the plan? Because I can tell you there are challenge there I know, and it's complex, but we need to figure out movement. So tell me what it means when you ask me what I need to help with or this Commission may need to help to make what you're saying a reality.

MR. OTTO: So what I'm talking about is the formal planning process, doing the assessments in a very formal way. We've been doing it without a formal process in the sense of a formal facilitator and stated goals and objectives. So that's what I'd like to see, a little bit more formalization of the process. And the County staff has been great at showing up at all these meetings and it's incredible input that they've been giving all of us, but I think to take it the next step further to make it a little bit more formalized process would be helpful.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, sir.

MR. OTTO: I hope that helped.

BRIAN BIRD: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, my name is Brian Bird. I represent Wild Earth Guardians here in Santa Fe. I'm speaking today not as a member of the Santa Fe River Traditional Communities Collaborative. I'm speaking on behalf of my organization. Though we were a founding member of the collaborative our work on the Santa Fe River goes all the way back to 1996 when we partnered with the City of Santa Fe, County of Santa Fe, the state and many others to begin a restoration project on the river. A lot has happened since then. I don't know that any of us could have expected what occurred there.

What I do want to say today is that there's been a lot of investment by ourselves and by many people in the community and in the county. And I want everyone to remember this is County land, this is public land. We all have a stake in this land and it's taxpayer money that purchased this land and has done the work to restore it. And you may hear from others or you have heard that beavers are sort of the problem and no doubt, they have caused some problems to the County's infrastructure. I would argue strongly though that they are not the reason why the communities downstream are not getting water.

As you've heard tonight this system is extremely complex. There was a study commissioned by the State Bureau of Geology that showed just how complex this river is. It's not the beavers that are preventing the water from getting downstream and I want you to think very hard about that if people say that.

However, there is definitely problems with the County infrastructure, the Calle Debra crossing and any other crossing, and we strongly recommend that the County rebuild those crossings. They were never engineered correctly in the first place. Of course they weren't engineered for the kind of circumstances we're in, but this is a river. This is a river that we all have a stake in, everybody up and down the watershed from top to bottom, and we owe it to the river and to the people of the community, to the wildlife to re-engineer and re-construct those crossings so that they can tolerate flow, so they can tolerate nature, so they can tolerate the beaver. And I hope you'll think about that really hard and I hope you won't make any rash decisions tonight or in the future. We are getting close to a management plan.

And I do want to take a moment just to recognize all of the County staff and how good they've been, how committed they've been. All of the Commissioners that have come to these meetings, all of you that have been to our Traditional Collaborative meetings, it's been really great to see you there and I just again hope that you won't take any rash actions yet until we have a management plan in place. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you, and just for clarification. This is just for information only. We're not going to take any action at all on this tonight. We just want to hear from interested community members on this issue. So thank you for your time.

MR. BIRD: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I just want to comment. I think there's stuff being passed out. I appreciate the feedback, sir. Just to put a number to it, when we start talking about replacing a river structure, Mr. Martinez, a million dollars is not out of the question to put a water structure in for a crossing. Could we just put that out there as a reality as to what we pay for a structure to cross the river?

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, there are two projects that are on our CIP currently. One for the Calle Debra Bridge and the other one on County Road 56. I believe the Calle Debra Bridge is about three-quarters of a million dollars and the other structure is a little bit more than that. So definitely costly structures.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Martinez.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Mr. Martinez, before you leave now, will these structures be designed as all-weather crossings or will they be low-water crossings?

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, these are all-weather crossings. They are not low-water crossings. They are – in the CIP the project is for all-weather crossings.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Good. I wanted to draw that distinction because I think it's safe to say that many of our roadways are actually – that they meander through our floodplain or vice versa. That's just how we grew. That's how we developed. So I think understanding that, we're going to have to make the investment in that infrastructure to do more all-weather crossings as much as possible.

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chair, the current structures are all-weather crossings so they may need to be engineered and a different type of structure, many a free-span bridge at Calle Debra, but what currently exists are all-weather crossings.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: That's good to know but because of the storm events we're going to have to design that feature into that new infrastructure I think.

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chair, that is correct.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. Thank you.

ED SCEERY: Please tell me if you can hear me or not. I don't hear well so I don't know how loud I'm speaking. I'm Dr. Ed Sceery from La Cieneguilla. I in fact have a bigger interest in the river in Santa Fe than any of you councilors or anybody in the room that I know of. I own a mile of the Santa Fe River. I've spent the last 16 years restoring it. I've put a tremendous amount of money into the river. I have a deep concern for the riparian habitat, for the wildlife, and the people in our communities.

I put this together today because I keep hearing that this was a very difficult problem that we face and I don't see it that way. *[Exhibit 1]* I want to mention my background. I have a PhD, only a PhD from New Mexico State University, so I really am not a real doctor. I studied in the school of veterinary medicine at Colorado State University. I studied in the school of medicine at the University of New Mexico. I worked under contract at William Beaumont Army Hospital. I've worked as an environmental scientist and I've also worked for the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. So I have a broad background in talking and discussing the Santa Fe River.

I talked to an elderly gentleman in La Cieneguilla, Hispanic gentleman, about the quality of the water in the river a couple years ago. He turned around, and then he turned back and wiped a tear from his eye and he said, Ed, the City has always given us their shit water. What a heartbreaker. What a heartbreaker. To me this is an environmental justice issue. Our community of La Cieneguilla, we get the effluent from the water treatment plant, the sewer water treatment plan. We get the urban runoff which is even more toxic. Interesting like Flint, Michigan, which we read in the news today. The public officials in Flint, Michigan kept the toxic compounds secret.

Jesusita Larrañaga and I were driving down the river a few years ago. It had just rained a hard rain storm and we stopped the truck. We looked. All the sewage sludge, and there's another four-letter word for sewage sludge, tons and tons and tons of it, washed off the fields. You've been there. Into the river.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Mr. Sceery, if I could please, I want to remind all of us that we are on a three-minute time limit.

DR. SCEERY: I was just looking. Have I passed it?

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes.

DR. SCEERY: Okay, I'll quit real quick. We set up a meeting with the sewer – water treatment plant. I called the newspaper. Send a reporter. We have a major environmental disaster. They didn't send a reporter. We met with the people at the treatment plant. They denied it ever happened. I thought I might take more than three minutes. That's why I prepared this. I would love to talk with you each individually, show you my work. Show you the damage and problems we have in the community. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you and I apologize for cutting it short but we do have other items on the agenda to get to. Please come forward.

JOSEPH MOODY: Hi. My name is Joseph Moody. I'm a resident of La Bajada and I really want to kind of put a human face on this instead of this rodent with a flat tail face. I was a full-time farmer in La Bajada for seven years. I say I was because five years in a row the water stopped. It destroyed my work and all my savings to try and continue. Lost crops and lost opportunity for expansion ended my 11-year professional farmer career. And why should anyone care? Failure to remove the beavers threatens any viable local agricultural system as well as traditional livelihoods.

And also from a lifelong environmentalist perspective, the beavers threaten all wildlife downstream. They cut off their water. When the water stops in June both the trees and animals die. We have been declared – our village has been declared a sacrifice zone by the Wild Earth Guardians and the City of Santa Fe so that they can make more dams and more swamps and continue – I guess that's the plan to get to the national monument is to make us disappear, is how we see it from a local perspective.

And what I'd like to ask you, the County Commissioners, is to protect our property and our rural livelihoods. Beaver removal is the baseline goal. Anything less is failure for the environment and for future generations and I'm asking you not to be fooled by these fake environmentalists. Thank you.

KYLE HARWOOD: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Kyle Harwood. I'm an attorney and counselor to the Santa Fe Girls School. Paul is just handing out there a picture of the floodplain from your County GIS computer system. *[Exhibit 2]* Unfortunately, Ms. Lee Lewin, who is the director of the Girls School who sat through the afternoon session was unable to stay to the evening portion. She did have a couple of comments that she wanted me to share with you. I know nothing's in front of you this evening for a decision, but the Girls School property, the environmental classroom that they run on the Santa Fe River between the BLM property and Mr. Sceery's property is a critical component to their educational program.

Let me just give you a couple of minutes of background on the Santa Fe Girls School property. It's about nine acres. It was acquired as an environmental classroom by a predecessor to the school in 1996. It's been the scene of over 20 years of really important education for the kids here in Santa Fe. It's been used as this outdoor classroom as a signature part of the Girls School program and educational goals that they set for creating interest in young women in the STEM program. I think you're all familiar with the STEM acronym, supporting science and math skills in our young students here

in New Mexico.

The students go out weekly and do weekly observations of water quality, water turbidity, stream flow, groundwater depth and biodiversity. That data is then shared with numerous government private entities as an effort to inform us all about the ecological health and the cultural health of the Santa Fe River. Students learn and practice how to do scientific investigation, observation, data collection, data analysis and all those related math skills. This program tends to stick with these children as they go on to higher education and environmental science, hydrology, and of course something of interest to me, environmental law.

I think it's critically important that the County Commission understand the role of the floodplain here on this map in managing what beavers do naturally. I think it's fair to say that the floodplain defines everyone's reasonable expectation of what areas are going to be dry and what areas are going to be wet. That's why it's called a floodplain. You can see that the floodplain completely encompasses the Girls School property and significant portions of both upstream and downstream properties as well. So, Commissioners, as you go forward through this educational process, asking for input, as you did, Commissioner Anaya, on what to look for and what to consider as you go forward and consider our County policies, I also want to share with you something that we all lived through at the end of last year, the passage of the Sustainable Land Use Development Code. In the La Cienega and La Cieneguilla portion of that code, which begins on Section 9.8.2.2 has a table in it, Table 9.8-1, Riparian Buffer Corridors, and just for your consideration as you go through and consider actions you might take, stream and riparian area restorations for both the buffer area and the increasing sections – and I know I'm almost out of time. I'll just finish now. That those activities are permitted as of right in the code. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Quick question, Mr. Harwood. Nowhere in my resolution do I attack the Girls School anywhere. What I say is that we have a damage concern relative to property. Am I hearing you say that the beavers are a natural state and any flooding is given, and that I should, as a Commissioner, because of what you just said, and you're representing the Girls School, which I didn't tie in any way to my resolution, should walk away from any concerns I have over the property damage issues specifically tied to the County and concerns with water flow, not only in that sector but all the way to La Bajada. Help me draw the connection between what my resolution was asking and what you're presenting today, because I really don't see the connection. I don't have anything against the Girls School. I'm excited that they're doing good things. But tell me what you're implying in your comments.

MR. HARWOOD: Commissioner, I'm not sure that I'm implying that there is any direct connection between the Girls School and the upstream County property. I understand that the County needs to go ahead and manage that property as it sees fit. It needs to protect County investments in the crossing and I don't think the Girls School generally or in specific has any recommendations for the County on the County's open space property.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So, help me, Kyle. You're representing the

Girls School. Are you implying that we shouldn't do anything? Are you implying that things are fine the way they are? I guess that's what I'm asking.

MR. HARWOOD: I don't have any recommendations for you, Commissioner, or the County, for the County's open space property.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So are you implying though that the flows and the situation as it currently exists is fine from your perspective? Or doesn't warrant any modification? That's what I'm getting after.

MR. HARWOOD: Yes, sir. I understand.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Are you getting up and representing the Girls School, it's kind of to me implying that we're doing something or that we may be doing something that's going to adverse to the Girls School. I'm simply trying to understand. Is your perspective as a representative for the Girls School that nothing is wrong or that we shouldn't be doing anything? That's what I'm trying to understand.

MR. HARWOOD: No, Commissioner. I understand the County's need to take the initiative and protect County resources and protect the County's open space. What I'm speaking to is what many of the other speakers I think have also spoken to, is the bigger question on how the Santa Fe River in general is managed, and the kinds of policies that you might bring forward concerning beavers on private land, that's the main concern of the Girls School. But no. My comments are really to the broader picture that I think other speakers have spoken to and that we understood this was an important time to come and share the Girls School perspective, the history of their property and what they hope to do in the future.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay, Mr. Harwood. I appreciate that. Because my intention as a Commissioner isn't to represent any one particular, specific interest, but the common interest along the entire corridor, including flows all the way down to La Bajada and beyond. So I just – I want to be clear from my perspective as to why I brought the resolution forward in the first place. So thank you.

MR. HARWOOD: I understand and respect that and the Girls School supports you in that.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you.

MR. HARWOOD: Thank you. Any other questions?

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: I think that's it. Thank you, Mr. Harwood.

ALONZO GALLEGOS: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, my name's Alonzo Gallegos. Again, I'm from La Bajada Community Ditch Association Mutual Domestic. I am also a member of the Santa Fe River Traditional Community Collaborative. In a nutshell, all the stake members are great. They come from diverse segments of the community and all have a stake in what's going on with this beaver. But to be honest with you, it's an issue of being politically correct. No one takes the bull by its horns here in this aspect for the beaver.

I think I come here on this podium as a defense of the beaver. The beaver has no business in this segment of the river. This is not a free-flowing river. Its flows are mandated by the flows released by the effluent department of the City of Santa Fe. There's plenty of water right now and I think the beavers have done their job however

different folks say they're supposed to. They've slowed down the river, they spread it out, it's filtering through, yes. But during the summer peak irrigation season where the City of Santa Fe uses the water to irrigate its greens and polo fields and not polo fields but the recreation complexes and all the golf courses there's a trickle of water being released at certain times of the day during the summer months.

The beavers' natural – his nature of his work is to block the flow. The way I understand people that do the studies on the beaver, he senses the flow and he goes to block it. And of course he can't block it all if there's a continuous flow. In our case there's not a continuous flow, so during the peak irrigation season where there's a small, minute releases of water he does block it all. So La Bajada does not get its water.

They say – a comment was made that the beaver is not the culprit here; he's not stopping the water. Well, in La Bajada's case, in La Cienega irrigation users on the Santa Fe River beg to differ. Before the beaver was around we always had water. So to say that he's not the one stopping the water – he is. He's not taking it anywhere, but he's stopping it. And as the City of Santa Fe, Commissioner Anaya, they did, after these resolutions were passed here in this body even in the legislature, the City has been pretty good at releasing the water. Again, on behalf, again, I said I'm here on defense of the beaver, I have to kill – I eradicate beavers, I would say 20 a year. I don't enjoy doing it. But he blocks our headgates on our acequias.

If people would do what they're supposed to at other stretches of the river, manage the beaver – it's good to have some beaver. I agree. I see what he's done; he's slowed the water down. There's continuous flow because of the beaver dams. But when the water upstream isn't released, the beaver stops all the water. I'm just echoing it but that's a fact. So when I say get the bull by the horns, someone needs to manage the beaver. Leave a few, but take some out. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I will note that Elise Goldstein is here from Game and Fish. I don't know, Elise, if you were on the Santa Fe River Traditional Community Collaborative group or not, but I wonder if you would come forward and just sort of say a few words. I'm sort of curious whether you have any comments about how much you think the beaver dams really have affected the flow of the water in the Santa Fe River, and also what are state regulations regarding controlling beaver dams.

ELISE GOLDSTEIN: Chairman Chavez and Commissioner Holian, thank you for inviting me to speak. The Collaborative has been very generous to invite the Department of Game and Fish to be involved with their meetings and we have attended them regularly for the past three or four years and so we of course are very familiar with the situation.

I can't give you a beaver ecology lesson in less than three minutes, but they are certainly, absolutely environmental engineers so there is no question that they certainly impact the area, but to say that they are the source of the entire problem is certainly an overstatement. It is a very complicated issue. We live in a desert and we have drought a lot and that perhaps contributes to lack of water also pretty frequently. By damming the water they also produce a lot of other effects such as it slows down the movement of the

water, it recharges the underwater water tables, so that there is still is water to some extent in drought periods, so it's a little bit more complicated than that.

From the Game and Fish standpoint, the whole river is very complicated as you've heard everybody say, not only in that there are many different landowners. What one landowner does on the river and the riparian property impacts everybody downstream. Game and Fish has regulatory authority over the beaver. It does not have any authority on private lands. Period. So the idea that beavers need to be managed is fine. If Game and Fish came up with a plan to manage beavers then every single landowners could tell us to pound sand and we could do nothing.

So the only way that Game and Fish could get involved in some sort of managing the beaver population would be by invitation of those landowners to come and work on their land. The problem is going to be that if one landowner comes and wants us to do Thing A and another landowner wants us to come and do Thing Z, it's going to be kind of counterproductive. And so what we have requested, that in order for Game and Fish to be involved it would be useful for us to receive a request that reflects multiple landowners on the river. We need to have specific people with specific requests. So to generally say, we'd like Game and Fish to come manage beavers is way too ethereal for us. We need the names of those landowners and specifically what they are requesting of us. They need to contact the local game warden with that request, and then we can evaluate what the situation is and how we can be involved.

So one of the problems is that not all the landowners agree on what needs to be done. And also there's only been one landowner who has requested something specific of us in the last four years and we have been working with that individual. But otherwise, individual landowners do have the ability to manage beavers on their own property. They don't actually need our involvement. There is an open fur-trapping season on beavers that runs from November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> and all they need to do is purchase a fur-trapping license and it sounds like some of the folks who have spoken already are doing some of that. If there are additional options that they are looking at, we can get involved. There's not a lot of other options though, but certainly they can contact us.

So the owners already have some ability to manage beavers on their property. And again, if we get a specific request from an individual or multiple individuals with a specific request we can certainly address that. But given the diversity of opinions it's a difficult thing to make happen. I understand.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Elise.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes, thank you for being here. Without the agency's involvement I don't think the County can manage this situation by ourselves and so we're going to have to look at other agencies to help us do this work. Any other questions? Yes, Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Just quickly. The resolution also that we passed didn't state eradicate all beavers. The resolution, and Mr. Gallegos just said it, said where's the balance and how are we going to sustain flows? So I just want to restate that on the record. And Paul, I'm not picking on you, Paul, but the group needs to stay together and continue to progress towards some action oriented goals based on the feedback that we're hearing today. That's my feedback. Thank you.

MS. GOLDSTEIN: And Chairman Chavez and Commissioner Anaya, ultimately, what the private landowners decide as the goal, whether they want to promote having beaver populations or find a balance or eradicate or whatever that decision is, Game and Fish is not going to be involved at that level. It's just as to going forth to actually – to kill beavers outside of the public trapping season. That's where we would get involved. And certainly, if there's something that we can do to be involved more about what options there might be and to provide some biological backgrounds or inputs, of course we're available. But ultimately, that kind of management of the river is not under our jurisdictions.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you.

DAVID HARRINGTON: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, my name is David Harrington. I'm an owner of a farm in the Village of La Bajada. I irrigate about four acres of alfalfa and grow vegetables when we can. I'm also a long-time resident of Santa Fe and I'm a registered nurse. I worked at St. Vincent Hospital for 30 years. So I've got various concerns or angles that I approach this from. I was also mayor of our acequia there in La Bajada for several years at the beginning of the beaver problem, so I experienced the not having water in our acequia, going down to the headgate and looking and there being no water in the river.

Ask Alonzo Gallegos. Has there ever been no water in the river? No, there's always been water in the river. So then I go up to the Santa Fe sewer plant and by golly, there's water coming out of the sewer plant. Walked down the river, ran into these huge ponds. They cover many, many acres. And by the way, they say that an acre of standing water will evaporate three to four acre-feet of water in the course of a year. So I go down there, find the beaver dam. I work, put on my hip boots and get in there and work and pull down the beaver dam, breach the dam so we might get some water in La Bajada, and I can assure you, I would like to address the safety issue on this.

Working in that water was – it smells weird. It's just – it's not crystal clear water. One of my close friends, Ed Sceery, got desperately ill from dealing with that water and he warned me about because he saw me. I was in there breaking dams. He spent three days in the hospital in intensive care and almost died. So there's giardia and various other pharmacological things in that water. If I was a parent with a daughter at the Girls School I would tell them do not let these kids get in that water. That water is dangerous, and of course then it sits. Some of it evaporates, some of it percolates into the groundwater and eventually gets pumped out of the ground into people's wells. And so I would ask you to consider that. I know I'm out of time here, but there are safety factors.

And I would also just quickly say that I've been around a long time. I've analyzed things. I think the problem, not just getting rid of the beavers, but having a functional bosque in that area is easily done. It can be done and it makes me sad to think that there's all this potential park area that is not available for the recreational use of the folks here in Santa Fe. Anyway, I know I'm out of time so thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you for being here.

MR. MUNTZBERG: Good evening again. Darren Muntzberg, and this time I'm going to address you as a commissioner of the acequia of La Bajada and the mutual domestic water association. I just want to address a couple of things. One

Commissioner Anaya brought up that it seems that with involvement with the City and cooperation with the City as another major stakeholder, that hasn't happened yet. And I think we've got a favorable change in City administration recently to where that could happen. I think we're this far away, the collaborative is this far away from having a resolution and solid consensus among all of the stakeholders that will lead us to the conclusion of asking this Board to extend that hand and increase that amount of outreach between the County and the City.

Where we do have individual – in fact from my experience in the collaborative it's a majority of private landowners along the river that are in consensus already and I have trouble thinking of more than one private landowner that's not been on board with either managing or eradicating the beavers. And I just want to state a couple facts.

One is the beaver are the problem. In 2012 after this Board made the resolution in 2011 to go forth with drought mitigation procedures and measures, the State Engineer actually came and conducted an investigation as well, a field survey at the behest of our mayor, George Gallegos, who initially had complained to you, Commissioner Anaya. But they found at that time – it's not a matter of it's so complicated because of the drought. It's so complicated because of all the stakeholders. The stakeholders are all at the table. We need a little more action from this Board. County staff has been outstanding in taking the lead. They're exemplary in their actions of putting pond levelers, putting beaver deceivers, managing on County property. But it is a more holistic process like Mr. Olafson said. It has to be more holistic. It has to involve everybody. That's going on.

We need a little more assistance from the Board right now to get the City more involved and add another heavyweight stakeholder to the management program of these rodents. Going back to that State Engineer's field survey, middle of the drought. It wasn't like, oh, the river was just dried up and that's why the water wasn't getting to La Bajada. On one day the acting water master was able to find 200 acre-feet of impounded water sitting there doing nothing. Not educating anybody, not irrigating anybody's food, not irrigating anybody's alfalfa. Not providing any kind of economic benefit to any of the stakeholders in the community.

So La Bajada, the acequia of La Bajada asks you, and I think you'll hear this later from the entire collaborative, to continue the efforts that are going on right now and the allocation of County staff resources and to go forward by helping us to get the City of Santa Fe at the table where we could have some more impact and kind of increase the scope of what we want to be a holistic effect. Thanks again.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: We were also provided information from a Martin Montoya at 14 Camino Torcido Loop. I don't know. I think he had to leave, so I would like to submit this for the record at this meeting. *[Exhibit 3]* It's a packet of information from again, Martin Montoya. He has done an informal survey of some of the residents in the area asking them questions about what they would like to see in that area. And so if I could.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Commissioner.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

Just on that point, could you just give us a little more background. Is it

broad range, across the board, or is that something maybe we can get?

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: I think he only surveyed about 40 households. I'll share that with Commissioner Anaya. It's a sampling of about 40 homes. He's asking four or five questions on suggested uses for that river corridor.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So in the interests of time, Commissioner, if we could have this and the other comments rolled up somehow.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So we can provide them to the committee and so that everybody has the benefit of the information.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Definitely.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: That would be appreciated.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes. Thank you. Sir, go ahead.

GEORGE GALLEGOS: My name is George Gallegos and I'm the mayordomo of the La Bajada community water, acequia. You all are aware of what's been going on for the past ten years here and well, I'm here to ask again what's being done on your part. This beaver has created a nuisance on the County land, City land, BLM land and I just learned the Girls Club, I guess, eleven acres is what I just heard. It's caused hardship for all the low-income people down the river. We're not rich people. Taking this water from us. It's taken away from our crops. Water for our livestock. Not to mention the river. It's killed numerous wildlife, all the habitat, trees, cottonwoods. They're the ones that we're trying to save up here, up the river.

Well, these beavers have created a nuisance where I don't know how many hundred trees were planted here in the City part of it, the airport part. Beavers have cut them all down. And I don't know how many millions of dollars have been spent just to get those trees there. Now it's starting to cost a few million I just heard with the crossings here. You're all aware of what's taken place in the past couple of years, right? The way the water has dammed up on the Calle Debra and further down on the crossings. It's created a nuisance again. Lakes.

Where the Girls Club land is, the driveways of all the residents there, they couldn't even get into their houses on the driveways because the water is backed up because of the beaver. I don't know who is in charge of addressing these issues but I would say it would be the County, the City, the BLM and the Girls Club. Because you are making us come here to you when you know it's your property where the problem is. You guys have taken years and have not addressed the issue very well. What's taken place is the beaver has been able to reproduce so much that they're out of control right now.

Who's responsible for that? Not us. That's your responsibility. But you guys are causing us a great hardship and undue grief and hardship. And I would please ask you all to address this issue and don't ignore it anymore. It ain't right. So that's all I have to say. Please address the issue and get things done. And I do recommend to remove the beaver, because again, he is going to cost the County a lot of money, the taxpayer. Millions of dollars. And the beaver was put there; he isn't even supposed to be there. He's a nuisance. People have to get that through their head. Again, thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you for being here. Okay, so that concludes this item on the agenda. Any comments from the Commissioners before we move on?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I'm going to continue to ask the Commission to support the group that's in place. I would like to see the data, the information that's been brought up and specifically any surveys of additional information on feedback from the constituents in the area and the citizens in the area, in the corridor, and would ask that our planning staff stay in close coordination with the group but also with the La Cienega Valley Association and all concerned residents and all residents in the area. It's not just about the water and the water flow it's about the use of that particular property and how it could be of beneficial use to the community. So thank you, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I would like to see the group continue its work as well and I think that any decision that we make has to be science based. I'm not totally convinced that it's all the beaver's fault that the water isn't making its way to La Bajada. And I would just like to see more actual data, more science, and I would like to hear from people who know about this particular topic. Beavers are a keystone species. They're an important species. They've been around forever in North America and they've played a very important role in actually – by creating these ponds and helping water percolate into the aquifers. And so I think we need to keep that in mind as well when we consider the options for what we should be doing on our property. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you all for being here. That takes us back to our regular agenda, but I want to ask the other members of the County Commission if you would like to amend or move anything on the –

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, we have and have had with us the Mayor of Edgewood and Councilor Ring here as well and I would ask that we go to that order of business on the First Choice if we could.

**III. D. 2. Update, Presentation and Request Direction on Health Commons Project Located in the Town of Edgewood**

TONY FLORES (Deputy County Manager): Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'll be brief and then I'll humbly request that the Mayor here address the Commission as well. As you know, the Town of Edgewood in coordination and conjunction with First Choice Healthcare has looked at developing a health-related complex known as the Health Commons down within the Town of Edgewood, specifically on Section 16, which is leased through a long-term arrangement with the State Land Office.

I provided some background information there based upon population, demographic numbers of how the concept was conceived and how it was thought to be

implemented. Last year the Board passed a resolution in support of the construction and operation of the complex and while you provided that support we have not been formally asked to provide a direction on the undertaking of either the fiscal management of the complex as a fiscal agent and/or the ownership of the complex, i.e., a similar arrangement that we have with other non-profits that we've developed, healthcare clinics. La Familia is the most current example of that arrangement.

What we're doing today is requesting that the Board direct staff to take a look at Santa Fe County assuming one or both or a combination thereof of those two options, and things that the Board would consider when we bring this back to you in formal resolution form, which would be anticipated prior to the end of the session, is looking how the real property arrangement would be structured, how the fiscal management responsibilities would be undertaken, including the possible cost/benefit analysis. And then lastly, the ownership and operation of the complex, which is I put my former facilities director hat back on that would be one that I'd be looking at is those recurring costs.

We have had numerous discussions with both First Choice and the town and I believe these three items are not impossible to accomplish if the Board directs us to move in a particular fashion. The First Choice has a current arrangement with Bernalillo County for their new health commons complex in the South Valley, and as staff, I would recommend that if the Board directs, we would use a similar arrangement whereby through their lease arrangement or lease agreement the recurring costs of maintenance, etc. are handled by the organization and wouldn't be coming – impact back on the County. So those three items would be looked at and analyzed and then provide a recommendation from staff on the fiscal management and/or ownership of the health commons.

Mr. Chair, in your packet I provided the resolution. I provided the Health Commons presentation material, the First Choice community healthcare and Edgewood Health Commons material, which is two different items, and then a letter from the Town of Edgewood that the County Manager received back in November requesting a partnership of some fashion. Today, Mr. Chair, we of course have Mayor Hill and Councilor Ring. We did have Mr. Bob Defelice and the organization from First Choice. I believe they had to take off. So with that, Mr. Chair, I'll stand for any questions.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, this particular project has been discussed and supported previously by the Commission. I'll let the Mayor speak to the technicalities associated with why the request is in the packet as it exists. But this particular facility would be a collaborative and would serve a tri-county area, including the Town of Edgewood, Tarrant County and Bernalillo County on that eastern component. A lot of people and providing a lot of access to healthcare. So Mr. Chair, if we could, I'd like to defer to the Mayor.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. Fine.

BRAD HILL: Thank you, Chairman, Commissioner Anaya. I'll back up just a little bit if I may and I commend this Commission and you heard a lot of passion tonight and as elected officials, this is what we sign up for. But I can assure you that

there's passion in my community as well, and if this Commission were to meet in the Town of Edgewood I guarantee you I could line up 60 or 70 people in my community willing to take three minutes apiece to passionately speak about basic healthcare in our community and the desire to be able to have access to basic urgent care in our community.

Commissioner Anaya, Chairman Chavez, you mentioned the Goliath storm that we went through, it's a classic example of what our community goes through when there is a snow event of that magnitude and the people of our community do not have access to basic emergency services for days at a time. And I think when you're serving a population of 55,000 to 60,000 people in that region it cries to – all of our concern about land use and wildlife are very well taken and I respect that but we're talking about people being able to get emergency service to save their lives. And so that's the passion that I am trying to come and bring to you at this moment.

As far as the technical aspect, we've made a great deal of progress regarding the funding of this project. We've been working at this for many years and I met in the Governor's office last week and the Governor is considering taking this to a state funding level and it's really important, if this is going to go to that level that the County be basically the fiscal agent and the owner of this project. This is not a Town of Edgewood project, even though the project is located in the Town of Edgewood, this serves a population regionally that really needs to be supported by a county entity. Torrance County is in support of it as far as they want the project to be in the Town of Edgewood, supporting the First Choice initiative.

About 30 percent of the clientele that First Choice serves comes from Bernalillo County, so the difficulty that we have is that because we're in that tri-county area it's really difficult, but the logical choice is for Santa Fe County to step up and take this responsibility. And so I really support this and I sincerely ask the County Commission to adopt this. And I'll stand for any questions if you have any. There's a lot of uniqueness to this project. It's being designed as a model for the delivery of rural healthcare in New Mexico with the Echo program at the University of New Mexico with remote medical technology. The Department of Health is looking at a partnership relationship with First Choice that is unique in how we can now begin to deliver health opportunities to rural New Mexicans.

So this is a pilot project and there's a lot of technical aspects. I wish Mr. Dave Lease was still here to discuss that. But I think it's something that we can all be proud of and I think, again, it has a cutting-edge aspect to it.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, Mayor and we also have Councilor Ring here, but Ms. Miller has been in the loop as well and I wanted to see if Ms. Miller could offer some feedback to the Board as well.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I think that the County can definitely help with this. I think it's part of the issue with it is how large of a project it becomes as far as project management, as far as any financial obligation on the County's part and where that fits in to our County's priorities I think ultimately. I think the project itself is a good

project. Our Health Policy and Planning Commission supports the project. I think First Choice has done a good job with the facility that they currently have and I think it would be beneficial to the community. But as I said, it's one of the questions I think from a management perspective we have is how would we fit that in our plate and what that involves.

And so that's something that we've been kind of discussing internally how we would handle that, because it would be a large project and need several funding sources. So it takes a lot of staff from the financial side of it as well as project management side of it. I don't know if that helps you but it would be just another issue that we have to make sure we address if we were to take it on.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, Ms. Miller and/or Mayor, it also has – and maybe I'm wrong, but I thought it had a functional need to go through a County entity as opposed to an individual municipality because of the vast scope of the project. Is that accurate?

MAYOR HILL: Just for clarification, I think what we're asking for is the – First Choice is going to operate the facility in partnership with the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, our hospital. So the operation of the facility would be by this healthcare provider, which has been a successful model in Bernalillo County. Bernalillo County owns the facility. First Choice and the Department of Health operate those functions, in this case it would be First Choice, Department of Health and UNM.

So the issue has to do, I think, with the project management of the building construction, and owning the building, and leasing that facility on some kind of contractual relationship with that healthcare provider entity. The property itself is state trust land and so the State Land Office has indicated a willingness to provide a 99-year lease to either the County or the municipality in order for this facility to go forward.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So, Mr. Chair, if I could.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair and Mayor, the Town of Edgewood, this has been one of their top priorities to get accomplished; I know that. But the Town of Edgewood is fully committed to be that partner with us as we move through that process if it was the will of the Commission to undertake the responsibility of the fiscal agent. Correct?

MAYOR HILL: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, to speak to that point, the Town of Edgewood has committed all of its ICIP commitment to providing infrastructure to the site. So the community, the governing body of the Town of Edgewood has committed all of our limited resources as far as capital outlay and capital resources to provide infrastructure to the facility. So we're all in as far as we can. But as a small municipality we don't have the ability to go to that next step to where we can be that fiscal agent at that level of a project that's receiving that level of state funding.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Ms. Miller, do you have anything you want to add?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, I think it comes down to the technical capabilities of existing staff, and as I said, this would be an additional large project on our plate to couple together all of the funding, provide the project management

and all the financial managements of that project. As the Mayor said, I don't think the operation wants as a facility as constructed is that large of an issue. It's similar to – we did La Familia as a CDBG project and we don't have a lot of involvement on a day-to-day basis. We do have to make sure any of those type of capital outlay projects that we've had or community projects through CDBG that over time it's maintained and operated properly, so that we have a tenant and the lease is done.

That's not the area that would take so much of a commitment on the County's part. It would be on the upfront stage and how that fits into our own project delivery section, how it fits into our funding. I think they're going to need several sources of funds. So it becomes complicated from a fiscal management perspective if they get federal funds, grant money, state money. And so I think that we have the capability. It's just a matter of how much staff time and how many County resources we have available to dedicate towards the project and how the Commission wants to fit that into our workload. But I think from a technical perspective we have the capability.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, respecting my colleagues on the Commission, I think we have an opportunity here. We don't have a full-blown capital request in front of us. I understand that. We do have a request to be a primary partner in the project as a fiscal agent and trusting that we're going to work collaboratively with the Town of Edgewood, I'm hopeful that we could advance the project in the interests of the citizens and help them try to find the additional resources. And Mayor, I think it's important to maybe speak to what those resources are – potentially where they're at to actually fund the construction, which I think is the next bit looming question.

MAYOR HILL: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, the pro forma that's being put together currently is funding from the state of New Mexico, federal grant money and some local money from the Town of Edgewood, again, on the infrastructure improvement. And also some capital funding commitment that may come from the UNM hospital system.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councilor, Mr. Chair, if we could afford the councilor an opportunity to speak.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Definitely. Councilor Ring.

CHARLES RING: Thank you, Chairman and Commissioner Anaya and other Commissioners. I've worked with several of you on other committees and I just want to say it's a pleasure to see that we have a Commission that will listen to us and think beyond just Santa Fe and some of the other locales. I've been on the board for First Choice since 2003 and I've seen it grown. All together there's a total of ten clinics. Edgewood's clinic happens to be the most rural and therefore the most in need of expansion and additional services. So I'll shut up and just say thank you very much for listening to us and if you have any questions we'll be happy to answer them now or later on. I see the chairman once a month, usually at the Northern Transportation District meeting. So thank you very much for listening to us and if you have any questions I'll try to answer them.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I'm prepared to make a motion to

approve the resolution to support being the fiscal agent, Santa Fe County, and then Tony, you can stop me, but what I want to get at is that I hear what the Manager is saying, but I also know that within each of our Commission districts and our capital priorities, I know that in my capital priorities as I move forward this is going to be one of the items that I push in the next three years. But I want to get to where I make a motion to support the initiatives, so what do you have to offer?

MR. FLORES: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, for clarification, we don't have a resolution for you tonight. If we can get to the direction to bring back something at the next meeting, that's what I'd be looking for.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Yes, I think so, and I move to continue to support the project, and then I would also add to that that Mr. Mayor and Mr. Councilor, if you could provide more specifics on those funding streams on the capital construction aspect as well as the infusion of resources that you've already committed, I think that's going to be helpful to the Board as they move to any final support. I think we need to see that and then I think we also need to hear from those other primary players, First Choice and the University of New Mexico to understand the full scope. So those are my thoughts and I would hope for support from my colleagues.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So it's really for information and direction to staff on this item. Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have a few questions. So would this qualify as a federally qualified health center?

MAYOR HILL: I'm sorry Mr. Defelice is not here but my understanding is that it would.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Okay. So as an FQHC, it would have the opportunity to receive funding for operations. It will also have the opportunity to apply for grants for building the facility, and there was quite a bit of federal money for some of the clinics throughout the state of New Mexico. So my next question is are any of the federal members of Congress or Senate very specifically behind this project?

MAYOR HILL: I've had conversations with Senators Udall and Heinrich, with Congresswoman Lujan-Grisham and Congressman Lujan. They are all supportive of the project. I would say most of that support currently is coming from Representative Lujan, but First Choice has applied for grant money and my understanding is that they do have a million dollar request in at this time and I believe they may – if they haven't received it they are confident that they should receive it. As Councilor Ring stated, they have ten facilities. So they're not rookies at this. They've done this many times in conjunction with both Bernalillo County and Valencia County.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Okay, so I appreciate that response. A million dollars is not enough to build a facility.

MAYOR HILL: No. No, absolutely not. It's just one piece of it.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: And so – I would like more information as well, like what skin in the game does UNM have? If Bernalillo County is going to own the facility, I don't think we should be touching the fiscal management.

MAYOR HILL: No. Bernalillo County is not going to own the facility.

The facility needs to be owned by Santa Fe County.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Okay. So in our facilities, clinics that we have here in town, we really have very limited responsibilities when it comes to fiscal management. Like we receive capital funds. We have done project management for non-profits. But it has been the state legislators of the districts who have received major appropriations and it sounds like you're working on that since you had the conversation with the Governor and the other legislators in your area?

MAYOR HILL: Correct. Yes. The legislators in our area are funding the town's request for capital funds, and again, it's limited as to what the municipality of Edgewood can receive from capital funding from the legislature. As you may or may not be aware those funds are generally limited to water and wastewater type of activities, so that's where we're concentrating our infrastructure capital funds is to make sure that the wastewater and waterlines are run to the facility.

The Governor's office is looking for – it's my understanding, funding – if the Governor makes a decision and she has not yet, but it's my understanding that she's considering funding at a state level for the actual major funding for construction. The project has been scaled back from about – originally, the grandiose project was going to be about \$18 million. It's been scaled back to about \$8 million for first phase. I think the concept right now is that half that money comes from the state, a couple million dollars from Santa Fe County and a million dollars from the Town of Edgewood, and a couple million dollar in grant funds from the federal government.

And again, Mr. Defelice couldn't be here for the entire meeting –

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: You just gave me sticker shock for a couple million dollars from Santa Fe County. So let me just tell you that.

MAYOR HILL: I understand that this is Edgewood and –

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: No. We don't even provide that to the clinics here in town. What we provide them is County indigent funds for claims. We don't build their facilities for them. They get their money from the state legislature. So, first of all, I am a big proponent of healthcare. I really want to see this occur, but that is a sticker shock, because we don't usually have, the Santa Fe County a large amount of money. We don't even have money to take care of our own facilities.

MAYOR HILL: I sit here and I hear a couple million dollars for water crossings, a couple million dollars for basic health access is –

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Well, you're talking about a building for healthcare. I do think this will take some time for me to absorb and to hear and see all your different supporters and sources of funds coming in, etc.

MAYOR HILL: I do understand that there are other priorities in the county.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair and Commissioner Anaya and Mayor, respectfully, I respect the comments of the Commissioner and this Commission.

Tonight we're not here in a position to provide any specific capital dollar commitments. I hope you –

MAYOR HILL: I'm not asking for that. And what I would ask, and I know this is historically something that's happened in the past, since the community actually had a meeting in Edgewood at one point, and I know that's inconvenient, and I know it's inconvenient for that County Commission. In fact they had to delay that meeting because two County Commissioners couldn't even find Edgewood to attend that meeting. So I know it's a long way to go to the Town of Edgewood, but I would invite this Commission at some point to consider making that effort to meet in our community, meet our residents, let our residents have the opportunity to come forward so that you can hear their voice.

Because it's not easy for residents of the Town of Edgewood to make that trek up here in the winter to hear that voice. That's why I'm here and that's what I get paid to do as Mayor. So I'm here, but I really feel that this Commission needs to understand the unique nature of what our community is about, and the isolation that we have. And I'm not just talking about the Town of Edgewood. I'm talking about the unincorporated area of Santa Fe County. And I know that your concerns don't go necessarily out to Torrance County and eastern Bernalillo County and those communities, but that's kind of the dilemma that that population has, the Town of Edgewood has. We're the only municipality that sits in three counties in the state of New Mexico.

So I deal with three county commissions, but this is the County Commission that I primarily deal with. And so I implore you to try and understand the unique nature when we are separate. We have two House districts. We're in two congressional districts. We're in the three county commission districts and we're in two senate districts. Nobody wants to take ownership of the Town of Edgewood. But if there is a logical entity to at least step up it's got to be Santa Fe County. And so you have a significant population down there.

And you guys support us. I'm not saying that you don't. But I think we're growing and we have unique needs and I don't know how to address those needs without partnering positively with Santa Fe County. And I don't mean this in any disrespectful way. It's just I've heard a lot of passionate people come forward tonight and I've heard a lot of passion from the County Commission, and I just feel like that there's passion in my community as well. So I just wanted to express that.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, if I could.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, Mayor and Councilor, two separate issues. We're talking about being a fiscal agent. That's one. Capital commitments and expenditure, that's a secondary issue. Not secondary in importance but secondary in consideration by the full Board in the context of the entire capital budget and everything the Commission does. I can't sit here and tell you I'm supportive of giving you two million. I just can't. I'm supportive of in our budgetary process evaluating where our capital projects are and I am committed to being a part of that solution as one Commissioner relative to capital program.

On the fiscal agent side, the collaborative side, and trying to figure out what other

avenues of funding might we find, I'm all in. And so I want to be very clear on that. I don't want to get into a big, drawn out discussion about the investment Santa Fe County has made in southern Santa Fe County but we have and it's bar none. All the districts, all the Commissioners, this Commission and prior Commissions have been supportive. So let's work on the other data that we asked for and then as far as the capital project side we'll duly consider this particular project as we do other projects throughout the entire county, in particular throughout my district. But I'm appreciative that you're here and I think that there's a willingness for more information and more data so that we can hopefully get a resolution to be the fiscal agent and then work on the capital initiative collectively to figure out how best we fund it.

The only comment I would make just for clarity is the County has stepped up with First Choice. We've had skin in the game from day one with the Town of Edgewood, and the County's done it with Women's Health. The County's done it with La Familia, We've been the fiscal agent on large projects. We directly impacted those projects, construction and completion. This is a lot larger scale than those projects just by comparison. This is probably five-fold of any of those projects. So it does take us in another realm of consideration. That doesn't mean it's out of the question. That just means it's just a larger scope that we've even faced in the healthcare arena.

So I would just say that on the record. I greatly appreciate your presence as well as yours, Councilor, and I know the passion that exists and I know the way the rest of the Council feels. I've utilized First Choice myself for my own healthcare services in the past, and I think it's a value and needed service in the region. So I just want to be clear about that. We do have skin in the game with Torrance. Our Fire Department that we collectively work with you on service Bernalillo constituents as well as Torrance constituents, as does the senior center and many other things. So I think we truly are regional. I think this Commission gets that and we'll work through some of the other issues as we progress.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Commissioner Anaya and thank you, Commissioner Stefanics. I appreciate your input.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So I just want to be sure that direction to staff includes the three points that Mr. Flores brought up earlier and I think we've touched on what those three points are and the role that the County would play in this regional effort and I do encourage and support regional cooperation. I think it has to be done, obviously, and with equity and with fairness in mind. As was mentioned, we have our list of priorities. We want to see if we can fit this in as time goes on, but I think that that's the direction that we want to give staff. Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, if we could just add that I know that you're dealing with time constraints on the fiscal agent component and working with the Governor's office, so I guess in that process we're going to have to defer to what are the timelines and how fast does it need to come back to the Commission for consideration, not on any final capital dollar but on the fiscal agent piece I think it would seem to me to be a first progression. I think that's where we'll need to defer to coordination with you and work through that process to make sure that it comes back in a timely fashion. That's the only other thing I would add, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. Thank you.

**III. D. 4. Consideration and Possible Comment on Town of Edgewood  
Petition for Annexation Involving Numerous Properties**  
*[Exhibit 4: Staff Memo]*

MR. FLORES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. As Ms. Miller indicated earlier, this item was added after the original agenda was published. As a matter of timing, the Town of Edgewood has requested we consent or consider an annexation an area of southern Santa Fe County basically to do infill of their checkerboard districts as they currently stand. As a standard practice the County Attorney's office has solicited comments, if any, from various County departments regarding the annexation request, and at this point in time there are no negative comments from staff. Public Works has done an analysis which is included in the packet on the roads that would be part of the annexation that would be turned over to the Town if this annexation goes through.

Again, Mr. Chair, the Mayor is here to speak on any specific requests but this application or this recommendation for consent and consideration is consistent with other annexations that the County Commission has taken over the past few calendar years. And with that, Mr. Chair, we're looking for direction or consent on the annexation, and also directing the Count Manager to send notice to the Town of Edgewood on our decision. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Tony, are there any problems or everything is in order pursuant to requirements? Legal? Greg, are there any concerns that you have or any comments? Otherwise –

MR. FLORES: Mr. Chair, there are no comments from staff relative to the request for consideration of the annexation.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So then I'm supportive of the initiative based on the will of the Town of Edgewood, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya, did you –

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I just said I'm supportive. If there's no staff concerns and they've reviewed it, then I'm supportive of what the will of the Town of Edgewood is. Do we need it in a motion?

MR. FLORES: Mr. Chair, it is captioned as an action item.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So, so moved.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay, so there's a motion and a second for a petition for annexation involving properties in the Town of Edgewood.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I think the Mayor might have a comment, Mr. Chair.

MAYOR HILL: Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, just a real brief historical note on this and the whys and wherefores. We went through this process before but the primary reason that we're going through this annexation is really to control road maintenance and things like snow clearing and things like that. When I drive home at

night I go in the Town of Edgewood and out of the Town of Edgewood four times before I get to my house. And the major road that I go down is Town of Edgewood, Santa Fe County, Town of Edgewood, Santa Fe County, Town of Edgewood. And it creates problems for our road maintenance crews because there's unevenness, because we can't coordinate with Santa Fe County road crews. They do a great job and we coordinate with them well but there's no way it ever works very well.

And so that's a primary reason. It's also a law enforcement issue, an animal control issue. We work very well with Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department and Santa Fe County animal control, but quite honestly, we're answering most of the calls in Santa Fe County within these areas and we're happy to do that; it's our responsibility. We feel like to step up and be the town that we want to be, we want to take this responsibility on and this became important because in the previous annexation process, you may not be aware of this, it went all the way to the Supreme Court and it got hung up on a County-Town issue, which was really a technicality and legal counsel may be able to give a little bit of guidance, but basically, this is resolving that issue so that we can move forward with the Municipal Boundary Commission without that becoming an issue. So if there's any questions I'll be happy to stand for that but that's basically the history behind this.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you. Thank you, Mayor Hill and Councilor Ring for being here. We have a motion and a second to accept this petition.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

**III. C. 2. Resolution No. 2016-13, a Resolution in Support of Funding for Supportive Housing for Individuals with Behavioral Health-related Disabilities**

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, I understand this might be a bill that's in the legislature.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes. Tomás Salazar has introduced House Bill 88 which would appropriate \$2.5 million for permanent support of housing services, including case management services, life skills training, housing counseling, rental assistance and other services. The services are targeted to help people who have behavioral health related disabilities and are homeless or are at risk of homelessness to help them obtain and maintain stable, permanent housing.

This fiscal impact for this – it's seeking \$2.5 million to go to the Human Services Department for permanent supportive housing services and there will be recurring funding for these wraparound services that are also part of the Stepping Up initiative that will reduce the recidivism rate in our jails and hopefully reduce the fiscal impact in managing –

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: If you move it I'll second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. I'd like to make a motion to approve this resolution supporting funding of supportive housing for individuals with behavioral health related disabilities.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Second. It's a great bill.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: The motion carries. The only thing I would add real quickly, and I think this is information that we all have, currently it's estimated that last year more than two million adults with mental illness were incarcerated in the United States. Many would not be in jail if they were receiving the care that they need. This is again part of the Stepping Up initiative. On any given day some 360,000 people with serious mental illness are in US jails and prisons. Another 790,000 are under correctional supervision outside jails. Jail expenses are crippling counties, which spent more than \$70 billion on incarceration costs last year. So we need to find a different model for our jails and for our court system. So I thank you for your support on this.

**III. C. 3. Resolution No. 2016-14, a Resolution in Support of Increasing the Federal Royalty Rate for Oil and Gas Produced on Federal Public Lands**

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This issue was brought to my attention by Ashley Lautsenheiser of the Fair Share Campaign. And this resolution requests that the BLM increase the share of the royalties collected from oil and gas production on federal land that goes to the state. What the situation is now is that when there's oil and gas production on state or private land there's an 18.75 percent royalty, but when there's oil and gas production on federal land there's only a 12.5 percent royalty.

It's important to note that in fact no matter where oil and gas production is taking place that the state and local governments are the ones that provide the infrastructure and the emergency services. The GAO has recommended that there be an increase in the royalties for oil and gas production on federal land, and it's also important to note that in this state, most of the royalty income now goes to the school system, so increasing the royalty income will actually benefit the schools in our state.

So I won't read the whole resolution but I will just say that this resolution requests that the Bureau of Land Management move forward with updating the regulations governing the royalty charge for oil and gas produced on federal public lands to ensure a fair share for the taxpayers. So with that, Mr. Chair, I move for approval.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, just a quick question.

Commissioner, does this get to the problem that oil and gas is connected to the price of oil as opposed to the production? Does this help get to that point? Because right now because the price of oil is so low that it's reduced the resources in the coffers. So does this help change the dynamic of how resources come to make it a result of the production as opposed to the cost for oil? Help me with that piece.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: It's just a percentage – how much royalty is

paid to the state. And it's a percentage. Right now, as I mentioned, when oil and gas is produced on state or private land there's an 18.75 percent royalty fee that is paid to the state. And that money is then used mostly for public schools. Now, right now, when there's production of oil and gas on federal land there's only a 12.5 percent royalty.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I see. Thank you, Commissioner.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay, so we have a motion and a second on this resolution in support of increasing the federal royalty rate for oil and gas produced on federal public lands. There's a motion and a second.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Reflect, if I could, if I could have the record on the last two items reflect that I vote with the majority. Thank you.

**III. C. 4. Resolution No. 2016-15, a Resolution in Support of the New Mexico Association of Counties' Resolution Regarding the Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP)**

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I did present this at the last meeting. The New Mexico Association of Counties board of directors is basically saying that we will oppose all attempts to take any County indigent funds, that we will work to protect, and we need to have a seat at any discussions about alternative funding for hospitals. And I would move for approval.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second, and thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes, thank you, Commissioner Stefanics. There's a motion and a second.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

**III. D. Miscellaneous**

1. Approval of Professional Services Agreement No. 2015-0333-GM/PL **WITHDRAWN**

**III. D. 3. Request Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the County of Santa Fe and the New Mexico Coalition of Public Safety Officers Santa Fe County Deputy Sheriffs Association, NMCPSO-SFCDSA**

BERNADETTE SALAZAR (HR Director): Thank you, Commissioners.

The Santa Fe County Management Team and the New Mexico Coalition of Public Safety Officers for the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department began negotiating the collective bargaining agreement in October of 2015. Both parties have worked diligently together to come up with a mutual agreement in the best interest of the County and our bargaining unit employees.

A few of the highlighted items that we agreed upon are we added a grievance procedure to their CBA, we clarified some of the language in the arbitration article. We increased their incentive pay for SWAT by \$25 more a month, and we provided for cost of living and anniversary increases for them. Their financial package will be in place until December of 2016. They'll have an economic re-opener no earlier than October 1, 2016, and the entire term of the contract is good until December 31, 2019. With that I am requesting approval of the collective bargaining agreement and I stand for any questions.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Are there any questions of staff?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I'd move for approval

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second. I just want to congratulate the County Management Team and the New Mexico Coalition of Public Safety Officers, the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Association and the whole negotiating team, because I know collective bargaining negotiations are not always easy but it's part of the process that we have to go through, and it really respects both sides when it's done right and I think in this case we see that it's done right because the union is ready to sign off on their collective bargaining agreement. Or have they already signed off?

MS. SALAZAR: Yes, Commissioner, they have.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So we're ratifying that now.

MS. SALAZAR: Yes.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So congratulations then to all that hard work. There's a motion and a second.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

#### **IV. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER**

##### **B. Legislative Session [Exhibit 5: Legislative Summary]**

HVTCE MILLER (Constituent Liaison): Good evening, Commissioners. I believe Mr. Flores provided you this report earlier. Contained within this report, I'll just kind of give you an overview of what's been going on for the past week and a half since the session started last week. To tell you the truth there isn't a whole lot of activity that's going on, just bills being introduced and some major items that have been seen so far as one driver's license bill. That was the big thing so far.

As you can look here on page 1 we have a schedule of the due dates and what not of the session for this 30-day session. So we're coming up already on the deadline for introduction next week. It's going to be February 3<sup>rd</sup> and then we can concentrate and see what all is going to be out there as proposed by the different legislators throughout the

state. And then we can start narrowing in on what it is that's going to occur within the session itself.

Like I had mentioned, the second item on this page is the statistics about bills introduced, total bills from both houses is 513 and that was as of last night. Page 2, we have the Senate and House members for Santa Fe County. This is just contact information for all the different legislators that we have within our county.

Moving on to page 3 here, these are House legislative items which actually are tied to resolutions that have been passed either this year or the year before by the Commission, and we have three there, one just relating to the item that you have just passed for the funding for homeless housing. Another one is related to the fresh produce, which was an item I believe introduced at the last meeting. And there's two different house bills there relating to that particular item.

Following that, based upon issues and different matters that we had looked at in previous years, we have been monitoring the pre-filed and what's been filed so far legislative items within here and we have that both for the House and also the Senate. So some of the topical items would be like local ordinance, which is HB 29 on page 4, tax items, which is HB 34 on the same page, driver's license, HB 99 on page 6. So there's different items like I had mentioned that we had looked at and been tracking before from the direction that we had received from the Commission in previous years.

Going on to page 11, that begins the Senate items and right there we only have two items right now, the introduction of specific legislation to resolutions have been introduced; SB 30 which is the LIDAR mapping, and SB 82 which goes to the school lunch, local produce funding again.

That's all that we have contained in our report. If there's any particular items that you have or that you've seen that you want information on you can either contact me, Rudy, Tessa Jo or Tony and we'll go ahead and give you information as you need it.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Hvtce, there's one item that's important as part of the legislative session. It doesn't really fit into the schedule here, but it's Santa Fe County Day at the State Legislature.

MR. MILLER: Okay. And we do have that here. It's on the very last page. So we do have a bill drafted by the Senate side and that's Senate Memorial 33 being introduced by Senator Rodriguez.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. Are we working with Representative Varela as well, because I think he wanted to introduce the House side. Rudy, do you want to – do we have an update on that?

RUDY GARCIA (County Manager's Office): Good evening, Commissioners, Mr. Chair. Last year Representative Lucky Varela did carry the memorial He actually just has some concerns or he just actually would like to know what Commissioners are going to be there. Because last year we only had one Commissioner there for Santa Fe County Day. He wasn't too excited about it. So we just want to really take an idea of who's going to be there, who isn't going to be there. I know Commissioner Stefanics actually has said she'll be on travel.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I'll be out of state, Mr. Chair.

MR. GARCIA: So we just want to take a rough poll as to who's going to be there and who's not going to be there.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay, so I'll be there. It's the 16<sup>th</sup>, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

MR. GARCIA: And Mr. Chair, Commissioners, it's not necessary that you have to be there the entire day, just roughly when they go on the floor at 10:00, 10:30. That would be great.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So we are going to do the House and the Senate side the same morning?

MR. GARCIA: Yes, sir, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So I can be there. We have Anaya, Holian, myself. Commissioner Roybal? See what you can do to fit it into your schedule. I'd also like to invite the other elected officials – County Clerk, County Treasurer and the Assessor. And Sheriff. Sure.

MR. GARCIA: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, yes, we actually will invite all the elected officials for Santa Fe County.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. Good. So then we're on notice for Santa Fe County Day. We know that Senator Rodriguez will be sponsoring the Senate side and then we hope to work with Representative Varela to do the House side.

MR. MILLER: That's correct.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I'm going to think about a one-line resolution that I'll carry to my colleagues on the Commission. I'm not going to get involved in all of the back and forth that's going to go on with the ID, but I will say this. I'm in support of any compromise that keeps me from using a passport to get on a plane. So that's what I want to figure out some simple language that I can carry as a resolution. Because I think we're to the point where there has to be some type of compromise, and so I'm in support of making sure that that ID that we have that we utilize, is not taken away where we have to use some alternative form to get on a plane. Where it doesn't serve its purpose.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, I'm make sure I get you all the information on the bills that are out there right now that are related to driver's licenses so you can formulate what resolution that you want to provide in support of that's related to IDs.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you.

MR. MILLER: Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Flores and Hvtce.

#### **IV. A. Miscellaneous Updates**

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I just have a couple of things. We had talked

about in previous Commission meetings about the Art Smart program, and that was our Youth Development – at our detention facility, working with the Community Foundation and they were doing visual arts education. Art Smart does visual arts education to youth all over northern New Mexico but they did a partnership with the Santa Fe Community Foundation Dollars for Schools initiative and actually worked with our YDP program last year, and as we had said it had been on exhibition at the Santa Fe Community Foundation. Well, when it finished we asked if it might be possible for us to have an exhibition here. And so that's what you see on the walls in the chambers, are the art works that the YDP youth did in conjunction with the Dollars for Schools program and the Art Smart initiative. So I encourage you to take a look at them. Some of them are pretty good. There was also some other stuff that we couldn't put up on the walls. We did have a way to mount them but it looked like of like stained glass. I think it's a great program and I just wanted to recognize and let you know that we have it here for a little while.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Manager Miller, I want to really thank you for that effort because I think it's value added because it's good use of public space and it highlights the programs that we're doing in our facilities because the people in our facilities some times are maybe overlooked or forgotten, so this is one way that we can demonstrate that we're not – that they are not forgotten and that they do have a role to play. And a contribution to make.

MS. MILLER: Actually, if the camera could zoom in on Mike Kelly, they did find a way to hang some of it. So the pieces right behind him are actually the ones that look kind of like stained glass, and so they did find a way to hang them. But they're pretty neat.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Nice work.

MS. MILLER: I'd just encourage you to take a look at them closer when you get the time.

And then one other initiative that went on pretty much for all of last year and rather quietly. You might now have been aware of it, but it was called the Million Steps Challenge, and it was a challenge of County employees to walk a million steps each in a nine-month period. So it started March 1<sup>st</sup> last year, 2015, and ended on December 1, 2015. And the challenge was for employees to walk a million steps during that time and basically you had to walk 3,968 steps each day. That's almost about two miles. Depending on your stride – we kind of kidded around that Erik Aaboe's stride was unfair because it was a lot larger. So he probably did three miles for the same number of steps everybody else did, which is why he won.

But they had to do about 4,000 steps each day and the idea behind the challenge was just to encourage employees under our Wellness Program to build healthy habits and increase their daily activity. It's known that walking reduces stress, boosts your immune functions and helps control weight and can even prevent diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes.

So we had 91 participants to start in March but we only ended up with 30 completing the challenge. But I asked Bern how is that as a success rate and she said, actually, the City did this challenge and we did better on a long-lasting participation rate. So hopefully we'll do it again and have people stick out the nine months. But just so you

know, all 91 of those people from the beginning to the 30 that remained at the end, they did a total of 62,244,337 steps, and that was the equivalent of 31,122 miles.

And then as I said, the three people who had the highest number of steps – actually, I had it wrong. Erik Aaboe didn't win. He got third place. He had 2,845,000 steps. Lawrence Gonzales had 3,408,000 steps and Sam Montoya from the Finance Department had 3,814,000 steps. So they got gift cards from the Employee Benefit Committee to Target so they could go buy workout clothes or new shoes since they probably wore their shoes out. And it was a nice turnout so we awarded those prizes last week and I just wanted to let you know about it. And that's all I have for updates.

## **VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Matters from County Commissioners and Other Elected Officials**

- 1. Elected Officials Issues and Comments**
- 2. Commissioner Issues and Comments**

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: I don't see any other elected officials so we'll dispense with that for a minute. So let's go to Commissioners, issues and comments. Commissioner Stefanics, do you have anything at this time?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I hope everyone is surviving the snow down south. I will be going to Healthy Counties Innovation Workshop tomorrow in Utah for a couple days and then back for a couple of weeks. So that's all. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Nothing at this time, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I don't have anything at this time either.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian, and then we'll go to the County Clerk.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Actually, I wanted to ask when the Solid Waste Ordinance was going to come in front of us for publishing title and general summary. And then I would also like to request that – I don't know whether it's being included or not, but I would like to have the option of creating a franchise district in Eldorado in the ordinance so that we could vote on whether we wanted to see that happen or not. Thanks.

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, we are planning on requesting title and general summary at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The last meeting in February.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: And so what is the status of the franchise district creation in Eldorado?

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, you heard Joe Eigner speak earlier today. He did indicate that ECIA felt that they were kind of in favor of a test project regarding franchising, but ECIA would not come out and formally support it because they said they did not have the authority to support it or speak on behalf of all of

their constituents. We were going to bring the recommendation to have the three districts, no franchising, require mandatory recycling with every curbside. All curbside haulers are required to provide curbside recycling as well. Reporting to the County so we can get a handle on all of the solid waste collected in the county. Right now, from our facilities I think we're responsible for less than 25 percent of the solid waste in the county so we'd like to get reports from the private haulers to see where all of the waste is generated and where it's going and also on recycling, they would be required to apply for a permit from the County to provide service in those three districts.

So we were not going to recommend a pilot project because of what ECIA's position was but that's up for discussion when we request title and general summary and also when we have the public hearings.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Okay. Thank you, Robert. And I actually would be in favor of considering that at the time, because I've heard from quite a few people in the Eldorado area who seemed to be in support of it and I haven't heard anything negative so far. Thank you.

MR. MARTINEZ: You're welcome.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I heard the same thing about the national monument.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: It will bring them out of the woodwork.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I respect the request and I actually would like to see it as well.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Good. Madam Clerk.

GERALDINE SALAZAR (County Clerk): Chair Chavez, Commissioners, I just wanted to inform the public that currently the Santa Fe Public School Board is in early voting stage right now and as of today at 5:00 we have a total of 457 voters that have gone to the polls. There are three early voting sites: one at the Nina Otero Elementary School, one at the Santa Fe Public Schools Administrative Building and one at the Clerk's Office. And since we opened up the early voting for the school board we've had 457. This morning when I went to the Nina Otero Elementary School at 11:30 this morning there were zero voters, but since then there have been six for the day.

So I encourage people to understand that you do have a secret ballot. You can vote your decision. There's only one question. It takes a lot of work to run an election. The County Clerk's Office staff works with the school board. They are ultimately responsible for the election, but we in our office help them in every which way with logistics, setting things up, training poll workers. So I encourage people to exercise their right, whether they choose to vote for or against, and participate in this process. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, on this point.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes, Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, as a matter of fact I heard the superintendent this morning and I think it's important for the voters to get out and vote, reflect your perspective. I'm supporting the vote because what it does is puts technology into the classrooms and specifically help the Santa Fe High School in particular catch up

with some of the technological upgrades that some of the other schools received. I think it's good for the kids in the classroom. So I appreciate that you brought it up and whatever your perspective is, whatever your vote is, please get out and vote. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you. I distributed a resolution. *[Exhibit 6]* It's titled a resolution recognizing the value of national public lands to Santa Fe County. There's been a lot of discussion about transferring public lands to states or to other entities and I would question that. I don't know what the others feel about that topic, but the Now therefore be it resolved that the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners support continued national ownership and management of these invaluable public lands in and around 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.

So I'm distributing this now for consideration and I would ask that it be placed on the next agenda as an action item.

And then I also want to start a discussion here. It will include a discussion at the RTD level. And I know that we've tried to recognize and honor our veterans and I'm hoping that maybe this does that but on an ongoing kind of day in and day out basis. So I would be looking for support from the County Commission and the members of the North Central RTD to provide benefits for our veterans. As an example, we could provide free transportation on our fare-based routes. We have one, the mountain trail route here in Santa Fe, and the Taos Chile Line in Taos.

We also have other services that are on-demand services, so I would ask that the RTD and the County consider providing some of those services free or at a reduced cost. So I want to just put that out as food for thought. Not this Friday but next Friday we will have the regular RTD meeting and I want to bring this discussion before the Board as well.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes, Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, wherever we can consider providing free or reduced rates to veterans I'm supportive.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you. And I know that the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe Trails, and I think Rio Metro is doing something similar, so I think we can piggyback on those efforts.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, before we go to Greg, I had one other thing that I thought at least two of you would be very happy to hear and I forgot to put it on my updates. I signed the closing documents on the land acquisition in Cerrillos for the senior center/community center. I wish it were the other one but equally out there pending for a while has been an acquisition of a property for a senior center and I did sign documents at the end of – not last week but the week before. So we're moving forward with a design RFP or a contract and hopefully we will have some pretty serious progress on that.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Good.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Awesome.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Congratulations.

**VII. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**A. Executive Session**

- 1. Threatened or Pending Litigation in which Santa Fe County is or may Become a Participant, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978, and Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights, as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, Including the Following:**
  - a. Litigation Involving Santa Fe Film and Media Studios, Inc. and La Luz Holdings, LLC**
  - b. Rights-of-Way for County Roads**
  - c. *Quintana v. Santa Fe County Commissioners, et al.*, State of New Mexico, County of Santa Fe, First Judicial District Court, No. D-101-CV-2014-269.**

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, I would request a motion be made to go into executive session to discuss threatened or pending litigation in which Santa Fe County is or may become a participant as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978, and discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights, as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, including the following: litigation involving Santa Fe Film and Media Studios, Incorporated and La Luz Holdings, LLC, rights-of-way for County roads, and the matter of *Quintana v. Santa Fe County Commissioners, et al.*, pending in the First Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So do I hear a motion to go into executive session for the items stated?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So moved, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

**The motion to go into executive session pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1-H (7 and 8) to discuss the matters delineated above passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:**

<b>Commissioner Anaya</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Chavez</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Holian</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Roybal</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Stefanics</b>	<b>Aye</b>

[The Commission met in closed session from 7: 40 to 8:31.]

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I move we come out of executive session without having made any decision. Present were the five Commissioners, our County Manager, County Attorney and Deputy County Attorney.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So we have a motion to come out of executive session. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second.

**The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.** [Commissioner Anaya and Commissioner Holian were not present for this action.]

**VII. C. Approval of Settlement Agreement in *Quintana v. Santa Fe County Commissioners, et al.*, State of New Mexico, County of Santa Fe, First Judicial District Court, No. D-101-CV-2014-269, and Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Execute Any Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Settlement Agreement [Exhibit 7: Settlement Agreement]**

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I move that we approve the settlement agreement in *Quintana v. Santa Fe County Commissioners, et al.*, and besides approving the settlement, approve the authority to the County Manager to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement agreement.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: I'll second that motion. There's a motion and a second.

**The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.** [Commissioner Anaya and Commissioner Holian were not present for this action.]

**VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Ordinances**

1. Ordinance No. 2016-\_\_\_, Santa Fe County Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) Support for the Place at Caja del Rio, a Senior Living Project (Growth Management/David Griscom) **(TABLED Until February 9, 2016)**

**X. CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

- A. Announcements**
- B. Adjournment**

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before this

body, Chair Chavez declared this meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Approved by:

*Miguel Chavez*  
Board of County Commissioners  
Miguel Chavez, Chair

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*Geraldine Salazar*  
GERALDINE SALAZAR  
COUNTY CLERK

*2/23/2016*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**  
A Disproportionate Share of Environmental Burdens

**BEAVERS**  
in the  
Santa Fe River

**Keystone Species**

- \*Upper watershed\*
- \*Clean Mountain Water\*
- \* City of Santa Fe\*

OR

**Gravestone Species**

- \*Lower watershed\*
- \*Contaminated/Toxic Urban Runoff \*
- \*Santa Fe Wastewater\*
- \*Traditional Historic Minority Villages\*

# Beavers in the Lower Santa Fe River

1. Slow water flow and create standing pools of water which increases water temperature and builds up contaminants in river bed presenting additional health issues to residents and resident wells.
2. Increase evaporation of water which further concentrates contaminants which adds to the health issues to residents and wells.
3. Increase erosion which damages roads, bridges, and is a safety threat to all who travel through the community
4. Cut down trees filling the riverbed with large and small organic debris which have collected and stored contaminants presenting additional health and flooding issue.
5. Flood and kill trees and massive stands of coyote willow presenting fire hazards.
6. Damage restored riparian areas on private property
7. Increase and concentrate potentially deadly viruses, bacteria, and other organisms.

8. Significantly reduce water flow to farms in the lower river due to both increased evaporation and evapotranspiration.

9. Flood and damage fences and pastures historically used for livestock production

10. Flood, erode and damage Nationally Significant Historic Sites.

11. Flood, erode and damage Traditional Cultural Property of both Hispanic and Native American Pueblos.

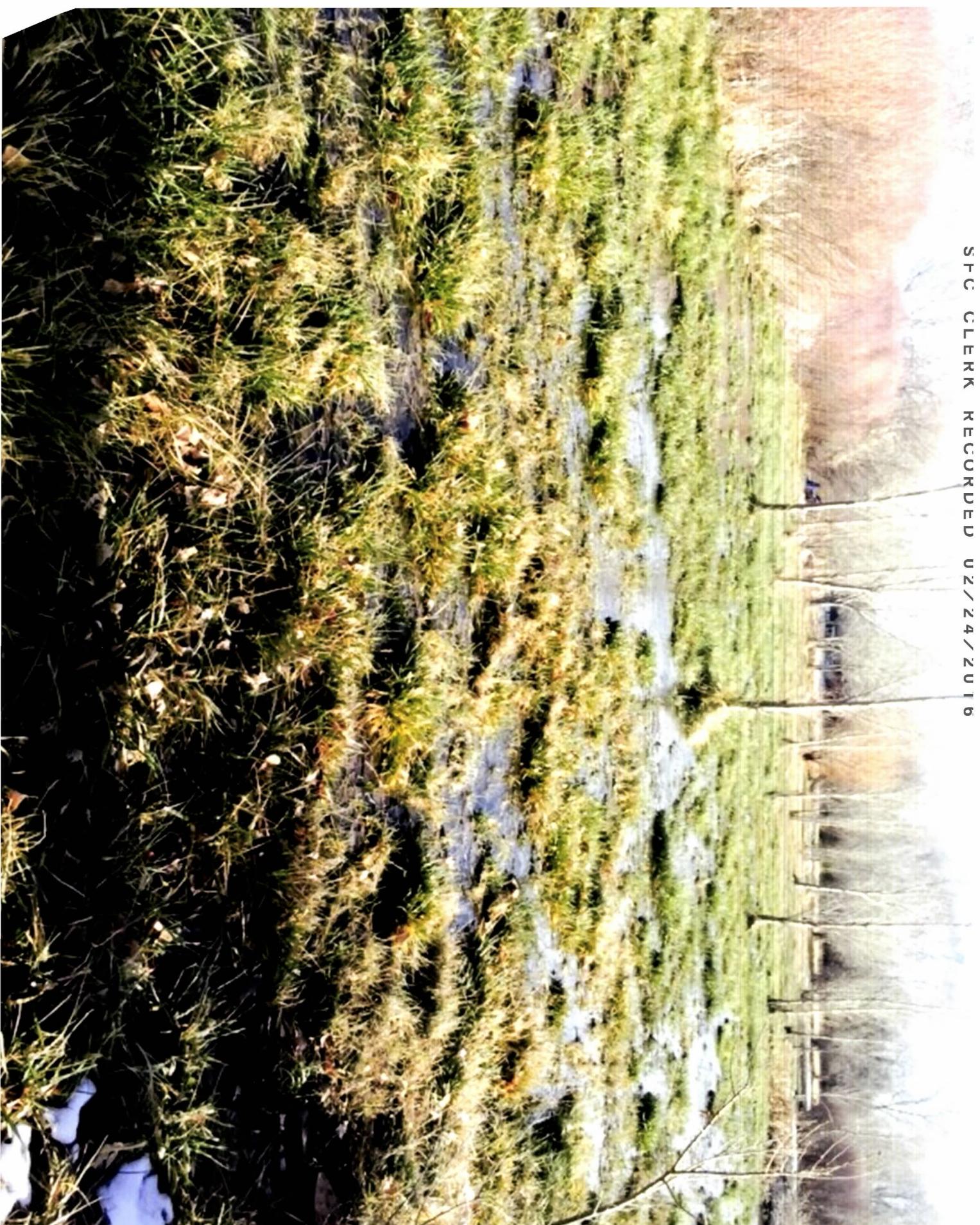
12. Have resulted in serious and critical health issues to residents of the community.

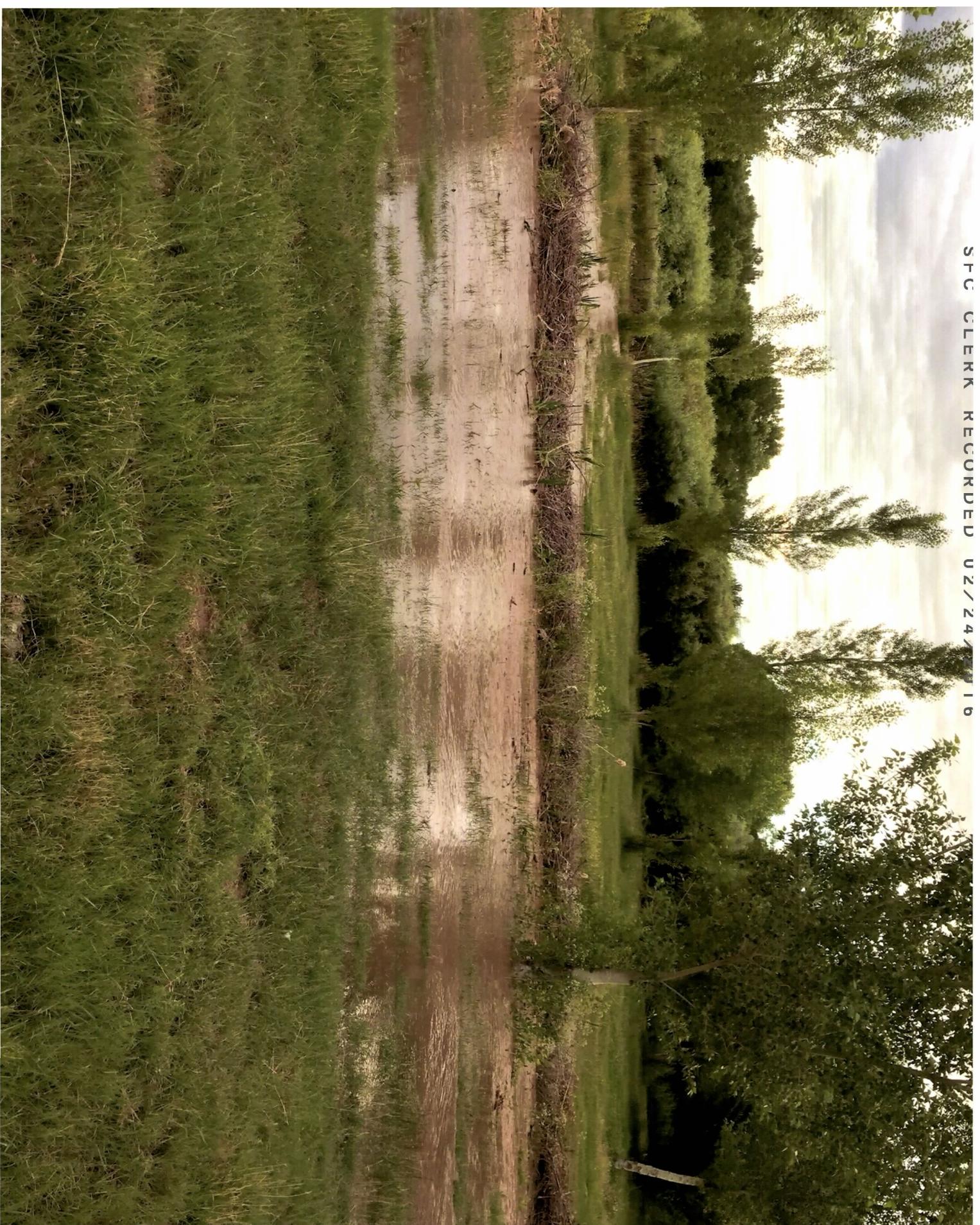
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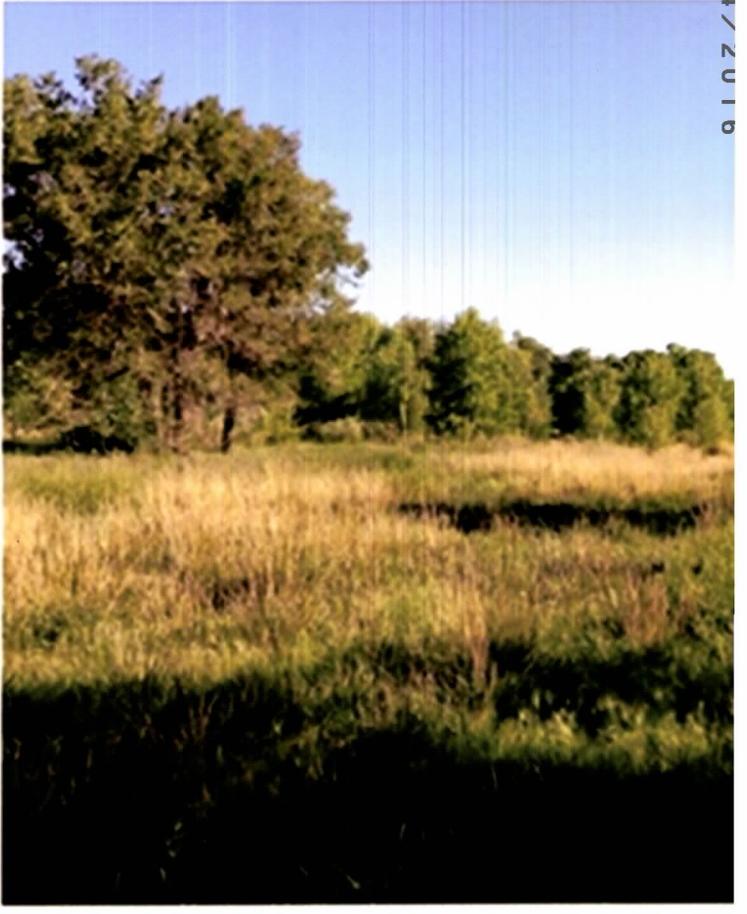
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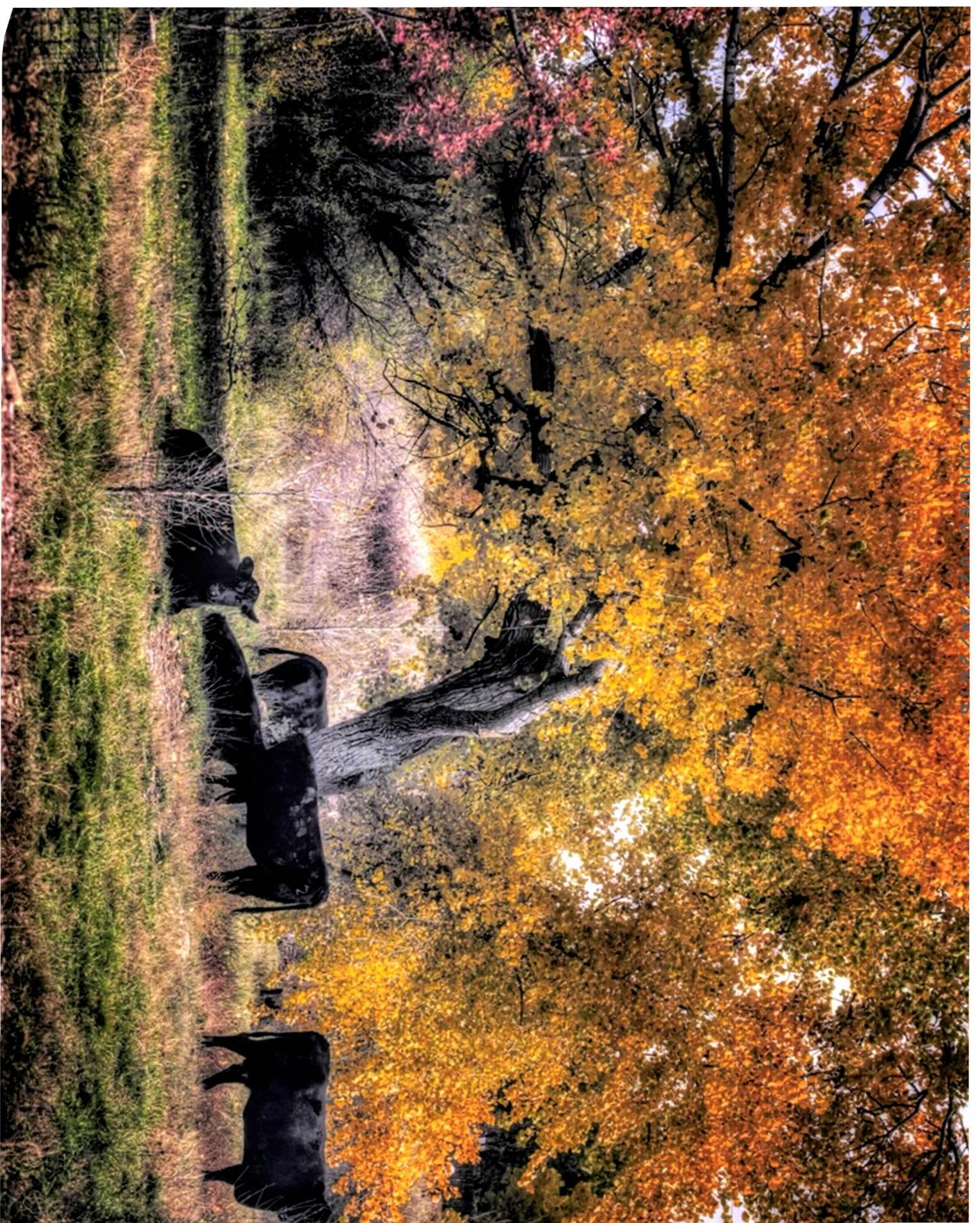
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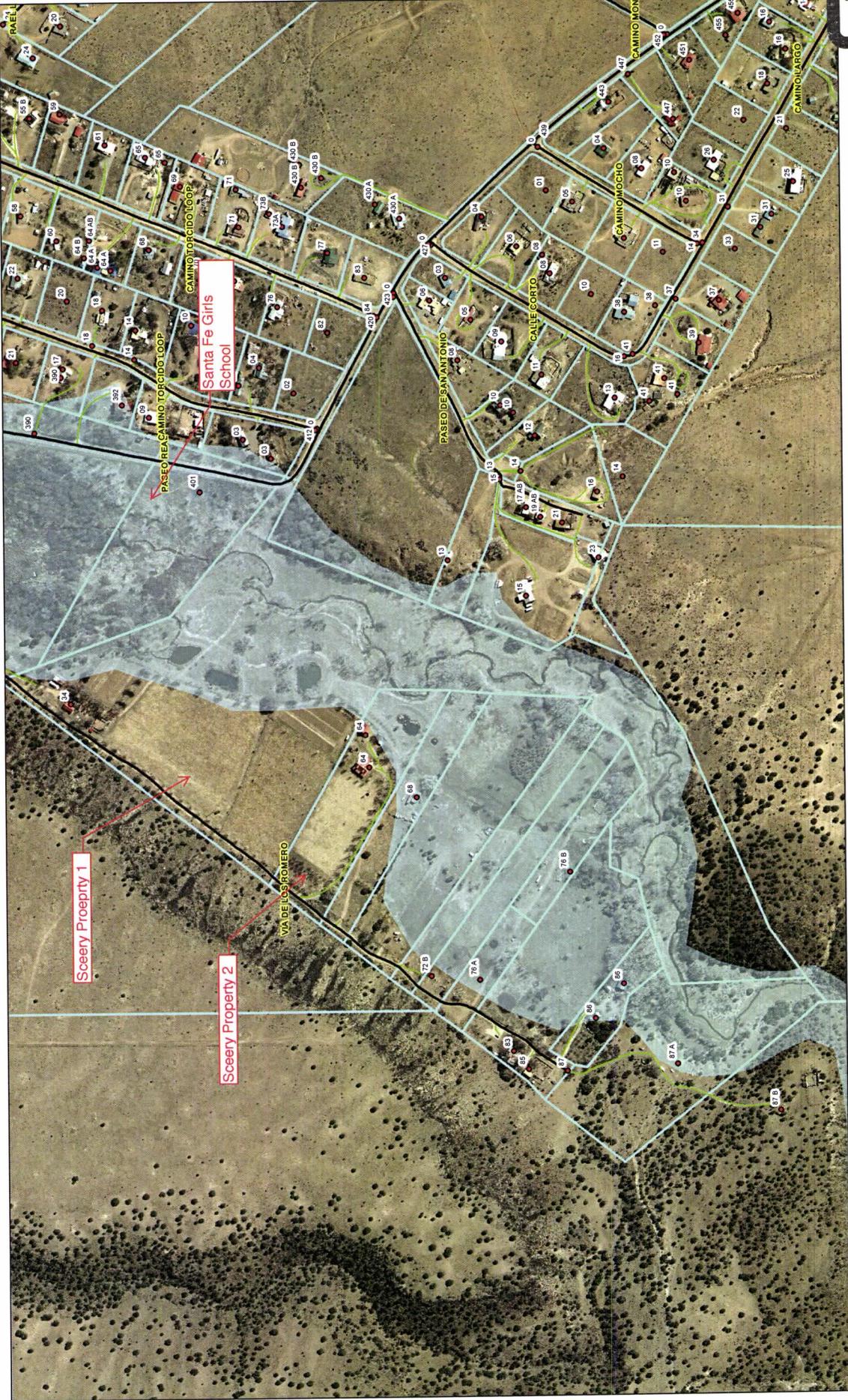


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Beavers

Property Damage  
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Miguel Chavez

To the office of County Commissioner Miguel Chavez, District 2  
(Chairman)

**Reference Open Space in La Cieneguilla (150 acres).**

This is information I've gathered since the first meeting September 17, 2015, given by Santa fe County Representative Maria Lohmann.

There were only about 6 or 7 persons from our community at this meeting. Included here are the minutes from this meeting, the map of the open space, and a rough door to door survey in which I did later to get a feel of what the community wants done on this open space. There are roughly 200 homes in our area, I came up with roughly 46 surveys.

I'm sending you this information to you to make you aware of what I feel the Community wants , which is a Park, Walking Trails, etc.

While attending this first meeting there seem to be an agenda by 3 Ranchers in attendance in which they wanted this property to soley have and graze their cattle on it, which would mean to cut all trees down and let the grass grow? This would cause soil erosion, compaction, and dust generation, and also could be a road hazard when they get lose. **And the big question is Who benefits from this the Ranchers or the Community?**

Thank you

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- LEGEND**
-  OPEN SPACE BOUNDARY
  -  EPHEMERAL ARROYOS
  -  SANTA FE RIVER
  -  ROADS
  -  PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
  -  SANTA FE HORSE PARK
  -  RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
  -  BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

## La Cieneguilla Open Space Community Meeting Summary

**MEETING TIME AND LOCATION:** September 17, 2015; 6:00 PM  
La Cienega Community Center  
La Cienega, NM

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Approximately 10-15 community members attended the meeting; see sign-in sheets.

**MEETING SUMMARY:**

In a spirited meeting, community members expressed how deeply they value the land and water of the open space as part of their community's environment, culture, and history. People at the meeting agreed that they want to see a flowing river, clean water, and native wildlife, and agreed that it is important that the land and water are monitored and thoughtfully maintained. Many other ideas were suggested and had both support and opposition. A number of people said that the area should not be developed in any way that invites people from outside, because crowds will harm the land and the community.

**FACILITATED MEETING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:**

**What Does Good Look Like? What Do You Want For The Future Of This Place?**

- *Ideas with broad support of the meeting participants:*
  - Flowing river.
  - Clean water.
  - Management of grasses.
  - Wildlife corridor.
  - Monitoring/oversight/management of the land.
  - Irrigation, e.g., for an orchard.
    - Notes: Meeting participants suggested getting the city and/or county to commit water for irrigation, and discussed the possibility of replanting an orchard in the old apple orchard location.
  - Educational opportunity for schools
    - Notes: Meeting participants supported opportunities for schoolchildren to learn about the river, the history of the environment, and the use of the land. People opposed picnic areas and events that would bring in crowds of people.
  - Talk to BLM about its plans for nearby land.
- *Ideas with mixed support:*
  - Walking/running/hiking trails.

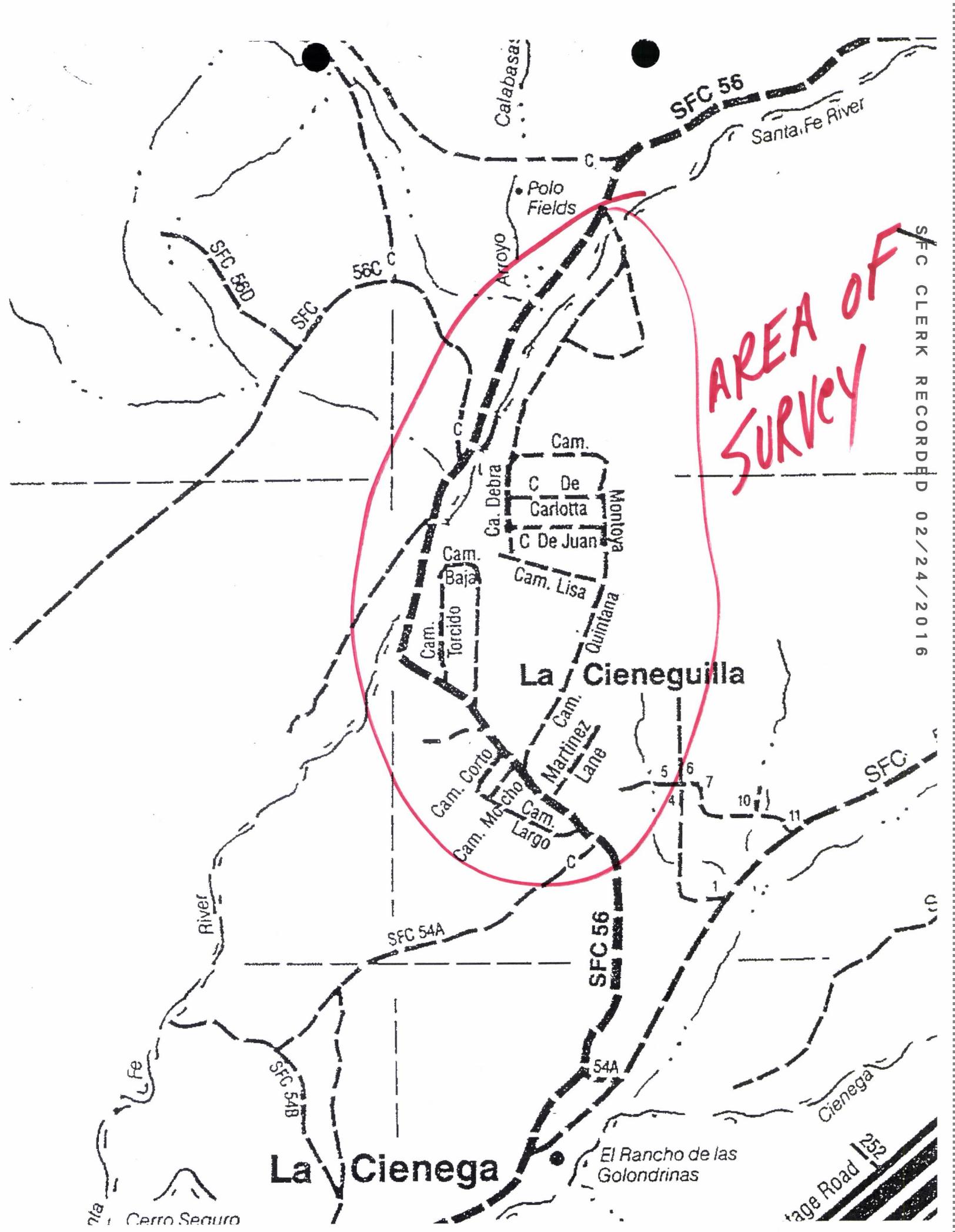
- Notes: A few meeting participants opposed any type of trail on the land. Others supported some sort of trail; issues discussed included whether a trail would connect to a BLM trail or other trail, and whether a trail should be designed for use only by community members or for use by others as well.
- Community farm.
  - Notes: Meeting participants expressed concerns about vandalism and how a farm would be managed. One person stated that it had been tried unsuccessfully in the past.
- Fishing pond.
  - Notes: One person suggested Monastery Lake in Pecos as a good example of a fishing pond. Some people expressed opposition because it would bring crowds to the area. One person questioned whether this would be possible because of water rights issues.
- Park for community.
- Remove junipers.
  - Notes: One person stated that the junipers are useful as a buffer for the horse park. Another person stated that juniper removal would help reduce the chance of wildfire. Others discussed what would replace the junipers; one person suggested that grasses would take their place.
- *Ideas which required more information for participants to respond:*
  - Cattle grazing.
    - Notes: When discussing the possibility of cattle grazing, meeting participants asked several questions that they said would impact their support or opposition, including when in the year grazing would be allowed, who would be permitted to graze, and whether grazing could be compatible with other uses or should be limited to part of the land. One person mentioned that grazing has a public benefit because it would help manage fuels on the land. Most participants seemed to agree that more study is needed to define the role and impact of grazing.
  - Combinations of uses.
    - Notes: Most people seemed to disapprove of one single use for the entire area. When asked whether certain uses were acceptable if they would take place on only part of the open space area next to other uses, more people seemed inclined to support certain uses. However, more details are needed for people to express support for multiple uses across the property.
  - Leave land alone.
    - Notes: In discussion, some people said that support for this would depend on the other ideas for use and management.

**What Might Other People Think Would Be Good For This Site, But You Don't? What Would Worry You If It Happened On The Site?**

- People from outside of the community coming in, disrupting the community, and trying to change the land.
- More people coming into the community. E.g., Rio Grande at Buckman.
- Any trail that connects.
- Planning that only benefits 1 or 2 people.
- Shooting range.

**Other Notes**

- A few meeting participants said clearly that they do not want people to come into the community from outside, imposing what they want without understanding and appreciating the culture and history of the community. One person said that community members face a constant battle, and they are not able to peaceably enjoy their land because of outsider pressure; he said that this meeting was another example of that.
- Meeting participants expressed concerns about people who come from outside, trespass on private land, shoot and kill cattle, and vandalize the area.
- Meeting participants discussed the need to ensure that irrigators downstream get their water. People said that this is impacted by the beavers, by surface evaporation from beaver ponds, and by coyote willows planted upstream.
- Meeting participants said that many community members who did not attend the meeting may have input and should be involved in the planning process. One person suggested that the La Cienega Valley Association could help with this.



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### Climate Report Calls for Grazing Reductions on Public Lands

TUCSON, Ariz.— A newly published [report](#) in the journal *Environmental Management* describes how climate change threatens to worsen impacts on public lands, watersheds and wildlife by grazing of domestic and feral livestock and unnaturally large native ungulate populations. The report calls on federal agencies to protect large tracts of public lands from livestock grazing to restore ecosystems, help lands and wildlife adapt to climate change, and provide ecological services and future benchmarks for grazed lands. It details how grazing reductions are within the legal authority of the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, which together administer livestock grazing across 258 million acres of public wildlands.

"We want to be able to rely on healthy, resilient wild places in this era of climate change, so that our country's heritage wildlife can survive. That'll mean cutting back on harmful land uses like cattle grazing; it'll mean bringing back the carnivores that keep native populations of elk and deer in check," said Taylor McKinnon of the Center for Biological Diversity, which has worked for more than 20 years to reduce overgrazing on western public lands. "By looking at the combined impacts of grazing and climate change, this report is the first of its kind, and it underscores the need for immediate action from federal agencies."

Domestic livestock are grazed across 258 million acres of western land administered by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management — 81 percent of the land administered by the two agencies in the 11 western states. Those lands provide critical refuge for native biological diversity and offer vital ecological services like clean air, water and recreation to society. There are approximately 23,600 public-lands ranchers, representing about 6 percent of all livestock producers west of the Mississippi River.

The report concludes that:

- In the western United States, climate change is expected to intensify even if greenhouse gas emissions are dramatically reduced; threats facing ecosystems as a result of climate change are invasive species, more frequent wildfires and declining snowpack.
- Climate impacts are compounded from heavy use by livestock and other grazing ungulates, which causes soil erosion, compaction, and dust generation; stream degradation; higher water temperatures and pollution; loss of habitat for fish, birds and amphibians; and desertification.
- Encroachment of woody shrubs at the expense of native grasses and other plants can occur in grazed areas, affecting pollinators, birds, small mammals and other native wildlife.
- Livestock grazing and trampling degrades soil fertility, stability and hydrology, and makes it vulnerable to wind erosion. This in turn adds sediments, nutrients and pathogens to western streams.
- Reestablishing apex predators in large, contiguous areas of public land may help mitigate any adverse ecological effects of wild ungulates.

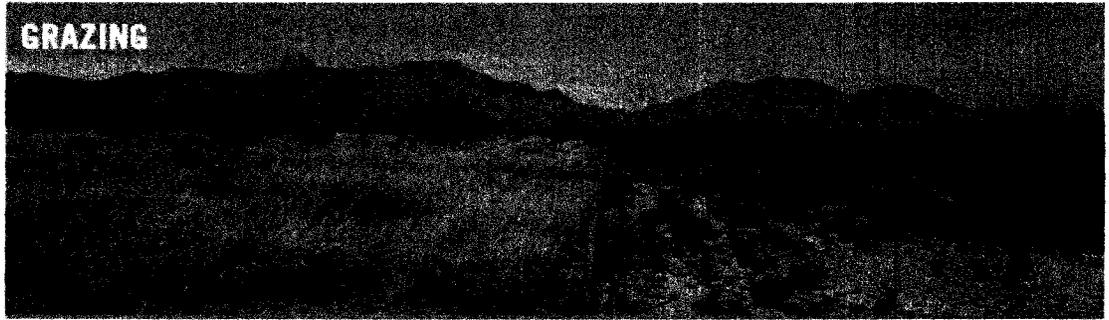
Livestock grazing is one of the most ubiquitous and destructive uses of public land. It is also a contributing factor to the imperilment of numerous threatened and endangered species, including the [desert tortoise](#), [Mexican spotted owl](#), [southwestern willow flycatcher](#), [least Bell's vireo](#), [Mexican gray wolf](#), [Oregon spotted frog](#), [Chinchaia leopard frog](#) and dozens of other species that occur on western public land.

Public-lands livestock grazing is also a primary contributor to unnaturally severe [western wildfires](#), watershed degradation, soil loss and the spread of invasive plants — as well as annual greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to that of 705,342 passenger vehicles.

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**GRAZING**

The ecological costs of livestock grazing exceed that of any other western land use. In the arid Southwest, livestock grazing is the most widespread cause of species endangerment. By destroying vegetation, damaging wildlife habitats and disrupting natural processes, livestock grazing wreaks ecological havoc on riparian areas, rivers, deserts, grasslands and forests alike — causing significant harm to species and the ecosystems on which they depend.

Despite these costs, livestock grazing continues on state and federal lands throughout the arid West. Livestock grazing is promoted, protected and subsidized by federal agencies on 270 million acres of public land in the 11 western states. Federal-lands livestock grazing enjoys \$100 million annually in direct subsidy; indirect subsidies may be three times that. On the Tonto National Forest in Arizona in 2004 and 2005, ranchers were subsidized under just one federal program to the tune of \$3.5 million for "range improvements."

**ECOLOGICAL COSTS**

Cattle destroy native vegetation, damage soils and stream banks, and contaminate waterways with fecal waste. After decades of livestock grazing, once-lush streams and riparian forests have been reduced to flat, dry wastelands; once-rich topsoil has been turned to dust, causing soil erosion, stream sedimentation and wholesale elimination of some aquatic habitats; overgrazing of fire-carrying grasses has starved some western forests of fire, making them overly dense and prone to unnaturally severe fires.

Keystone predators like the grizzly and Mexican gray wolf were driven extinct in southwestern ecosystems by "predator control" programs designed to protect the livestock industry. Adding insult to injury — and flying in the face of modern conservation science — the livestock industry remains the leading stodgy opponent to otherwise popular efforts to reintroduce species like the Mexican gray wolf in Arizona and New Mexico.

**ECONOMIC COSTS**

It isn't simply the direct subsidies and federal assistance programs that public lands livestock operators rely on. The federal grazing fee is unreasonably low, creating a *de facto* subsidy for cattle owners. The western livestock industry would evaporate as suddenly as fur trapping if it had to pay market rates for the services it acquires free of charge from the federal government.

Private, unirrigated rangeland in the West rents out for an average of \$11.90, while monthly grazing fees on federal lands are currently set at a paltry \$1.35 per cow and calf. Despite the extreme damage done, western federal rangelands account for less than 3 percent of all forage fed to livestock in the United States. If all livestock were removed from public lands in the West, in fact, beef prices would be unaffected.

**OUR CAMPAIGN**

Since our founding, the Center has led efforts to reform overgrazing on public lands in the West. Our work protecting endangered species has removed cattle from hundreds of vulnerable riparian areas in national forests in Arizona, New Mexico and California over the years; in 1999 and 2000 alone, we brought pressure and lawsuits resulting in cows and sheep being removed or restricted on more than 2.5 million acres of habitat for the desert tortoise, southwestern willow flycatcher and least Bell's vireo in the vast California Desert Conservation Area.

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We're now in court to increase the federal fee for livestock grazing on public lands to an amount that's fiscally responsible and less ecologically harmful. Center legal action has compelled the Forest Service to do an environmental impact statement on the impacts of grazing on more than 13 endangered species; in the late 1990s, our work persuaded the Bureau of Land Management to remove cattle from all or part of 32 allotments along the middle Gila River and the Forest Service to remove cattle from 250 miles of streams on 52 allotments in the upper Gila.

The Center also played a leading role in the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection, including drafting of a report criticizing the proposed "Ranch Conservation" element of Pima County's Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan and promoting alternative recommendations to stop grazing in critical habitat for imperiled species. In 2010, Center work helped stop domestic sheep grazing on 7,500 acres in and around the greater Yellowstone ecosystem to protect grizzly bears, lynx, wolves and bighorn; we also halted grazing on a quarter-million acres of Oregon's Malheur National Forest to protect steelhead trout. In 2011, Center appeals stopped grazing on 33,000 acres of national forest land in Arizona.

The Center and allies sued the federal government to compel it to fix agency budget woes by reforming or eliminating the grazing program, which loses money just as rapidly and consistently as it destroys habitat. Unfortunately, in 2014 the Obama administration announced it would refuse to increase grazing fees to levels reflecting grazing's true financial and environmental costs.

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# LA CIENEGUILLA COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE

Santa fe county has 150 acres of land next to the horse park, bounded by Calle Debra then south, ending at the camel tracks turnoff, then back to the horse park. (see map)

Santa Fe County needs input from the La Cieneguilla Community as what to do with this land.

SOME suggestions made at the first meeting 9/17/2015

Do you agree or disagree?

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Graze Cattle on this land | yes                                  | no |
| 2. Walking Trails            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes | no |
| 3. Community Gardens         | <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes | no |
| 4. Fishing Pond              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes | no |

YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS:

I think that the walking trails are nice the community garden would be very useful but a fishing pond would be beautiful.

ADDRESS #20 Calle De Nigil Santa Fe NM 87508

NAME Alex Grant

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 5 yrs

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| 4. Fishing Pond              | <u>yes</u> | no        |

YOUR PERSOAL

SUGGESTIONS: Kid's play area, park, community center, baseball/football field.

Some sort of activity area.

ADDRESS 2201 Las Lagunitas road

NAME Brittania Garcia

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 2 years

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| 4. Fishing Pond              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes | <input type="radio"/> no |

YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDRESS ORLANDO R. ROYBAL

NAME 21 CALLA DE SUAN

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 30

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: Open for the public

ADDRESS 137 Camino Montoya

NAME Mike Judge

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 2

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yes

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yes

no

4. Fishing Pond

yes

no

YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS:

I want it to stay Rural

ADDRESS

39 calle debra

NAME

Julie & Brian Downey

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY

Since 2002

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: we like it left

As is... leave it alone -

ADDRESS 32 Calle Debra Santa Fe

NAME Steve Martinez

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 30 years

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: Vicente Mendonca

ADDRESS 21 Camino Tercido bor SANTA FE NM 875074341

NAME Vicente Mendonca

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_

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## YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: No shooting range - can already hear from  
BLM land in back. A park that ties in with the river  
corridor would be nice, a place of quiet & nature to refresh in.

ADDRESS 21 Calle Debra

NAME Stephen Schmidt

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 10 years

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## YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: Community Center  
For young & Old, baseball  
park. ~~Camping sites~~ Tents  
ADDRESS 499 Paseo De MARTINEZ  
NAME Robert Bael  
YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 18 yrs.

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| 4. Fishing Pond              | yes                              | no                               |

YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS 50 Camino Torcido loop

NAME Antonio Garcia

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 28

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: a Community Center  
Walking Trails They both  
have to be safe

ADDRESS 916 A Camino Montoya

NAME Durano

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 25 or more  
years

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: Sports Complex

ADDRESS 9 Rael lane

NAME Carlos Garcia

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 14 years

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: Recreational Park,  
Pond To walk around Day use

ADDRESS Patrick B Royal

~~NAME~~ 58 Camino Torcida Ln

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 13 years

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| 2. Walking Trails                            | yes | no        |
| 3. Community Gardens                         | yes | no ?      |
| 4. Fishing Pond (Pond or Marsh for wildlife) | yes | no ?      |

No cattle leases if it excludes all other users off it!!

YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: Open land, leaving trees - trails ok -  
partial grazing but hikers access to same acres.

ADDRESS 3 Calle Corto Santa Fe NM 87507

NAME Emily Tallen + Petra Coleman

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY < 1

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: I like to fish and also  
like to walk my dog

ADDRESS #30 Paseo De Martinez

NAME Jason Waters

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 1 year

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS 31 Camino Montoya, SF, NM 87507

NAME Erica Montoya

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 29

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: We need to Preserve and develop  
this land for the future use for our  
Kids + grand Kids. Not Cattle!

ADDRESS 24 (B) Camino Mantoya

NAME Pete Martinez

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 25 years +

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: softball/soccer/football fields.  
Bike/motorcycle trails

ADDRESS 140 ~~Camino~~ Camino Montoya

NAME Stephen Silva

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 30

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yes

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3. Community Gardens

yes

no

4. Fishing Pond

yes

no

YOUR PERSOAL

SUGGESTIONS: COVERED TABLES & BENCHES  
FOR COMMUNITY OR PRIVATE FUNCTIONS

ADDRESS 55 CAMINO TORCIDO LOOP

NAME LUCIA VELASCO

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 40 YEARS

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: jogging trail\*, Kid's park / play area,  
nature refuge

ADDRESS 18 Camino Torcido Loop

NAME Marqui Montoya Howland 469-2050 / 473-3771

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 12+

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no

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yes

no

4. Fishing Pond

yes

no

YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: Area for picnics,  
Pavilion Canopies for shade

ADDRESS 38 Camino Torcido Loop

NAME Dennis & Edwina Quintana

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 36 years

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS 24 camino torcido loop

NAME Jose melendez

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 9 years

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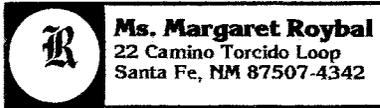
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5. Park (with Bench) yes

YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: \*Clean up - La Cieneguilla River  
Cotton wood: Need to trim, old wood  
in the River. (mass of fibers flying in air)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_



YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 39 years

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS:

Walking Trails  
Fishing Pond

ADDRESS

30 CAMINO Torcido Loop Santa Fe, NM 87509

NAME

Beatrice P. Garcia

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY

31 years

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## YOUR PERSOAL

SUGGESTIONS: Catch & Release Pond, Beaver  
Habitat, Trails walking, biking, A  
COMMUNITY CENTER (Senior Citizens Etc)

ADDRESS 14 Camino Torcido LP

NAME MARTIN + VIVIAN MONTROYA

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 35 yrs

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: INFANT CEMETARY FOR THE UNCLAIMED BABIES.

THE LA CIENEGA VALLEY ASSOCIATION SHOULD MIND THEIR OWN

LAND USE ISSUES, REGARDLESS ON WHAT THE BOC STATES IN LEGAL Fg

ADDRESS 10 Camino Torcido Loop

NAME Jose A. Villegas, Sr.

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 35 years

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: open space

ADDRESS 39 Camino Torcido 10

NAME Joani Morales

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 32

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YOUR PERSOAL

SUGGESTIONS: OTON Ar

ADDRESS CARRILLO TORCIDO #34

NAME OTON Arzaga

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 1 yr

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ADDRESS 55 Camino Torcido Loop

NAME Marquita V. Sena

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 32

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ADDRESS 71 Camino Tercido Leap

NAME Ricardo Espinosa

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 35+

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS 60 Camino Torcido Sp

NAME Marlene Foster

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 15

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YOUR PERSOAL

SUGGESTIONS: County & Community Recreation  
PARK, Base Ball fields Soccer Ball  
Field

ADDRESS 64 Camino Tercido Loop

NAME Lynne Salazar & Family

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 42 YEARS

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| 2. Walking Trails            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes | no                                  |
| 3. Community Gardens         | <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes | no                                  |
| 4. Fishing Pond              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes | no                                  |

YOUR PERSOAL

SUGGESTIONS: OPEN SPACE WITH SOME  
FACILITY

ADDRESS 14 BAEL LN SANTA FE NM 87507

NAME DUANE NIZIO

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY LA CIENEGUILLA

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| 3. Community Gardens         | yes | no |
| 4. Fishing Pond              | yes | no |

YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: A park for the children  
of the community to play at  
would be great, and a bike trail / walk

ADDRESS 8 Rael Lane, Santa Fe, NM 87507

NAME Jolene Vasquez

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 33 years

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| 4. Fishing Pond              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes | no                                  |

YOUR PERSOAL

SUGGESTIONS: I would like to see the  
land Benifit many as opposed to  
a few

ADDRESS 05 Calle Corto

NAME Ed Pinkard

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 6 yrs.

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| 4. Fishing Pond              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes | no |

YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: more walking trails / hiking

ADDRESS 64 Calle Corto

NAME Jeanne Debra

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 20+

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| 2. Walking Trails            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes            | no                                  |
| 3. Community Gardens         | <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes            | no                                  |
| 4. Fishing Pond              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes<br>(maybe) | no                                  |

YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: No development!!!  
NO CATTLE

ADDRESS 17 Camino Largo

NAME Patricia Levey

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 20 years

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| 3. Community Gardens         | yes | no |
| 4. Fishing Pond              | yes | no |

YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS 53 Calle Debra

NAME Ed + Helen Carzwell

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 30

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| 4. Fishing Pond              | <u>yes</u> | no |

YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS 45 Calle Debra

NAME Ronald-Theresa Romo

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 24 years

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: Walmart (JUST KIDDING!)

\* Leave as is - no cattle, no atv-motorcycle area, no mobile homes!!

ADDRESS 34 Calle Debra

NAME Roger Morrow

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 35 yrs

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: A park or something that the community would enjoy. Definitely, NO COWS!

ADDRESS 41 Calle Debra Santa Fe Nm 87507

NAME Michael A Martinez

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 16

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YOUR PERSOAL

SUGGESTIONS: Bike Trail

ADDRESS 109 Camino Montoya

NAME B. Peña

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 53 years

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: I would like to see a

Wellness Center with a walking  
track, courts and a pool (lap)

ADDRESS 29-A Camino Montaya

NAME Marci Vigil

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 22

possibility of  
accessible to  
community  
resident

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YOUR PERSOAL

SUGGESTIONS: recreational use, open space,  
park, trails

ADDRESS 93 Camar Montage

NAME Barbara Dean

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 12

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YOUR PERSONAL

SUGGESTIONS: We would appreciate more walking trails because traffic goes so fast we need safer tra

ADDRESS 139 CAMINO MONTOYA Santa Fe NM 875

NAME John & Shelia Murphy

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY 25 yrs.

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YOUR PERSONAL

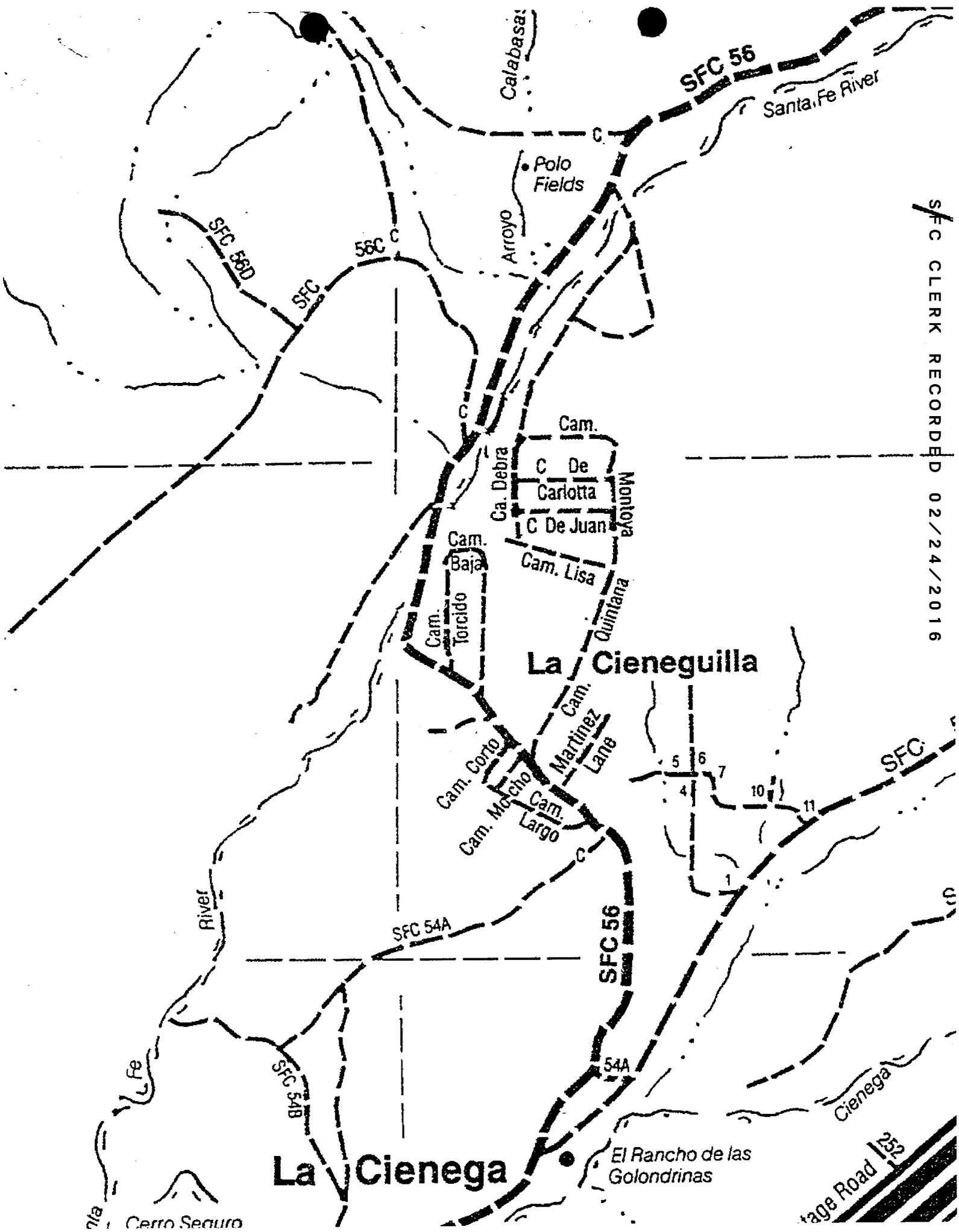
SUGGESTIONS: Horse Trails, Senior Center

ADDRESS 03 CALLE De CARLOTTA

NAME RAY E. ORTIZ

YEARS LIVED IN COMMUNITY LIFE

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La Cienega

La Cieneguilla

El Rancho de las Golondrinas

Cerro Seguro

Stage Road

Santa Fe River

Polo Fields

Arroyo

Ca. Debra  
C De Carlotta  
C De Juan

Cam. Baja  
Cam. Torcido

Cam. Lisa  
Quintana

Cam. Corto  
Cam. Mocho  
Cam. Largo  
Cam. Martinez Lane

5 6 7  
4 10 11

River

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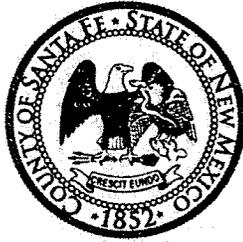
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Calabasa

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Commissioner, District 3



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EXHIBIT  
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**Liz Steranics**  
Commissioner, District 5

**Katherine Miller**  
County Manager

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** *January 26, 2016*

**TO:** *Board of County Commissioners*

**VIA:** *Katherine Miller, County Manager*

**FROM:** *Tony T. Flores, Deputy County Manager*

**ITEM AND ISSUE:** *Agenda Item III.D.4; Town of Edgewood Annexation; Requested Consent*

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**SUMMARY:**

The Town of Edgewood ("Town") has requested Santa Fe County ("County") to consent to the "annexation of certain County-maintained roads located within the Town." (See Attachment 1). By statute, the annexation must include county roads within and along the boundary of the territory to be annexed. NMSA 1978, § 3-3-19 (1953); *see also* NMSA 1978, § 3-7-13 (1983). The affected County road segments are identified on Attachment 2. The Town will take over maintenance of these segments upon annexation.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

The Town seeks to annex multiple parcels within its exterior boundaries to reduce the "checkerboard" pattern, as shown on Attachment 3. The Board has already consented to a prior infill annexation request by the Town, (See Attachment 4), but the Town has since increased the number of parcels to be annexed and is seeking a new consent.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Vote on whether to consent to the Town's proposed infill annexation, which includes the County Road segments shown on Attachment 2. If consent is granted, authorize the County Manager to send notice of the Board's consent to the Town, similar to Attachment 4.

**Attachments:**

- (1) October 5, 2015, Letter to Bruce Frederick from Vanessa Chavez.
- (2) Spreadsheet Showing County Road Segments to Be Annexed.
- (3) Final Annexation Map
- (4) February 5, 2013, Letter from Katherine Miller to Kay Davis-McGill

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October 5, 2015

Mr. Bruce Frederick  
Santa Fe County Attorney  
102 Grant Ave.  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

VIA E-MAIL ONLY

**Re: Annexation of Additional Roads in the Town of Edgewood**

Dear Mr. Frederick:

The purpose of this correspondence is to inform you that this firm serves as general counsel for the Town of Edgewood, and to request the County's consent to annexation of certain County-maintained roads located within the Town.

As a practical matter, this is a follow-up to a discussion our firm had with Mr. Stephen Ross in late 2013 and early 2014. Our firm sent a similar request to Mr. Ross in 2013, and the County consented to annexation of all the roads located in the proposed annexation area in December 2013. For your convenience, a copy of the correspondence from the County Manager confirming this matter is attached. However, since that time, the Town has elected to expand the annexation area. As a result, our firm has identified additional roads for which we are seeking the County's consent.

As you may be aware, the Town of Edgewood is plagued by a checker-board pattern of incorporated and unincorporated areas within the Town. Given the logistical problems faced by both the Town and County in responding to this unprecedented jurisdictional disarray, the Town is looking to consolidate its municipal boundaries by annexing in many of the properties creating the largest jurisdictional problems, including taking on the various roads within and along those areas. As mentioned, the County Commission had previously approved the Town's request to take over those roads for maintenance, given the logistical problems the checkerboard poses to both entities. We are seeking similar consent to these additional roads.

The Town has identified only Nugent Rd, Frost Rd, and Horton Rd as County-maintained roads. However, for your convenience, I am also attaching a map of these newly proposed annexation areas. The areas in green represent the areas which were not part of the original annexation request. In our last request, the County identified several additional roads which were listed as County-

Attachment 1

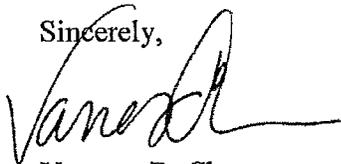
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Mr. Bruce Frederick  
October 5, 2015  
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maintained in the County's records, although they were also listed on the Town's rolls. To ensure that neither party wastes valuable resources duplicating services, we are requesting that any additional roads which the County may have on its rolls in these additional areas be identified and included in the Commission's consent so that no duplication or confusion remains following the annexation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vanessa R. Chavez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Vanessa R. Chavez

Encl: As stated.

**SANTA FE COUNTY ROADS  
MAINTENANCE DISTRICT V**

**COUNTY MAINTAINED ROUTE DESCRIPTION**

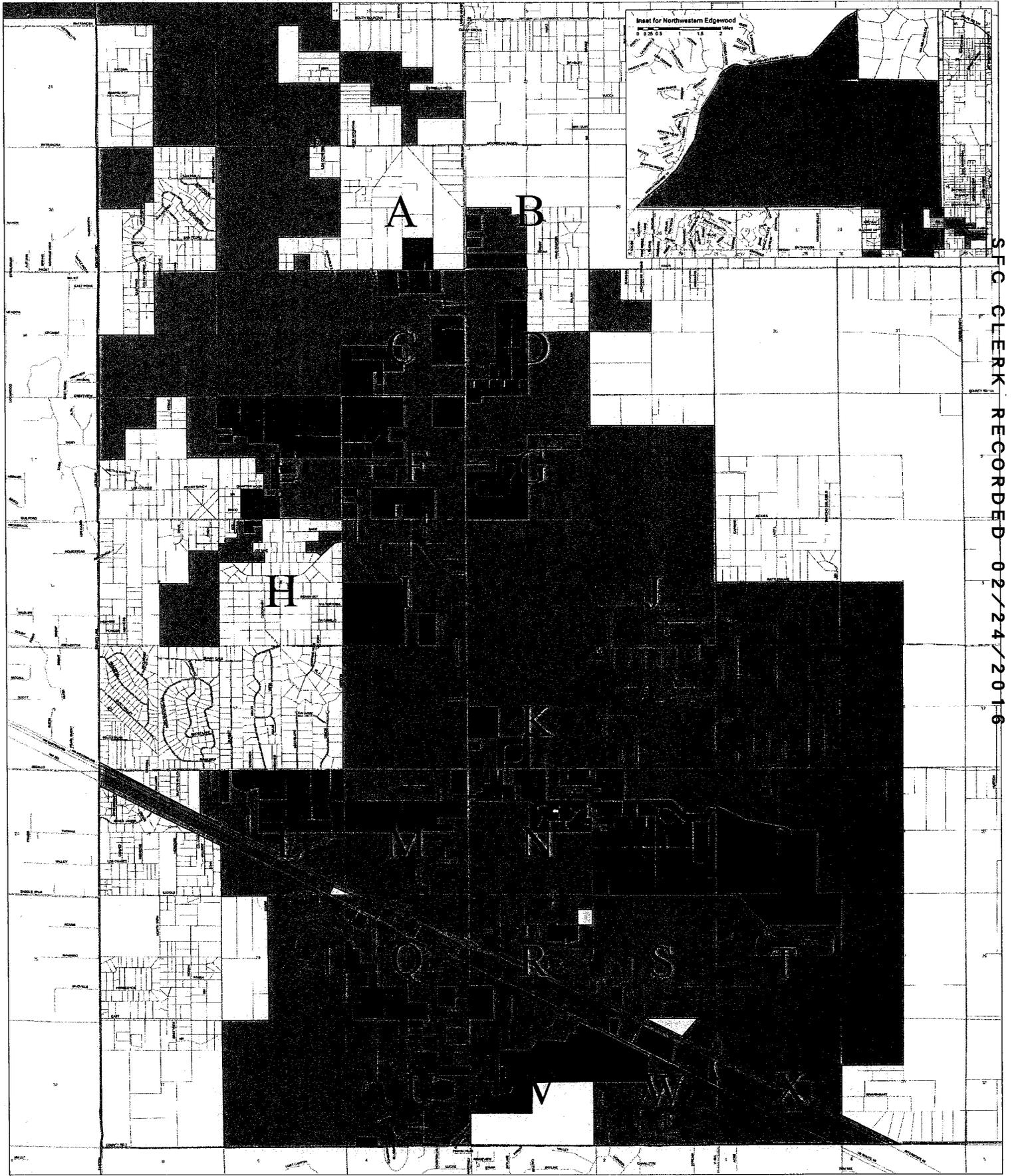
For Annual Certified County Maintained Mileage Report  
**DISTRICT V**  
**YEAR 2015**

**SANTA FE COUNTY**

ROUTE NAME	ROUTE NUMBER	FROM: BEGINNING TERMINI	TO: ENDING TERMINI	MILEAGE LENGTH OF MAINTAINED SECTION <small>miles</small>	AVERAGE DRIVING SURFACE WIDTH <small>feet</small>	SURFACE TYPE	Map Page
Horton Road	5B	Nugent Rd	Hawkeye Rd	0.50	18.2	basecourse	11, 28
Horton Road	5B	Venus Road	.5 mile north	0.50	16.5	dirt	11, 28
Dinkle Road	8	0.05 East of Sunset Blvd	Horton Road	0.85	24.5	asphalt	11, 28
W Hill Ranch Road	12	Koli Ct	Las Colinas	0.14	19.8	basecourse	11, 28
Nugent Road	14	Northland Rd	0.08 Mi. West of Northland Rd	0.25	15.9	dirt	11, 28
E. Frost Road	16	W. of Hibiscus	East of Calle Se	0.25	25.3	asphalt	11
			<b>total miles</b>	<b>2.49</b>			
			<b>TOTAL SUBDIVISION ROADS</b>	<b>0.00</b>			
			total asphalt	0.00			
			total base course	0.00			
			total gravel	0.00			
			total chipseal	0.00			
			total dirt	0.00			
			<b>TOTAL OTHER ROADS</b>	<b>2.49</b>			
			total asphalt	1.10			
			total base course	0.64			
			total chipseal	0.00			
			total cold millings	0.00			
			total dirt	0.75			

**EXHIBIT B BIRBY**

Attachment 2



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- Legend**
- Current Town of Edgewood Municipal Limits
  - Roads
  - County Boundary
  - Annexation Area
  - Parcels Currently in Town of Edgewood

The boundaries depicted by this map are approximate and should not be considered authoritative for engineering, navigational, legal and other site-specific uses.  
Parcel data is not shown in Torrance, Bernalillo, or Sandoval County outside the Town of Edgewood boundary.

**Edgewood Infill Annexation**  
Town of Edgewood  
Santa Fe County, NM

January 13, 2016

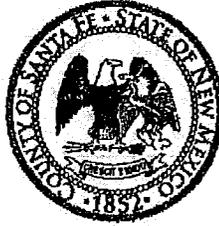


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*Commissioner, District 4*

**Liz Stefanics**  
*Commissioner, District 5*

**Katherine Miller**  
*County Manager*

February 5, 2013

Kay Davis-McGill  
Town Administrator  
Town of Edgewood  
1911 Historic Route 66, P.O. Box 3610  
Edgewood, NM 87015

Dear Ms Davis-McGill,

On December 10, 2013, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to consent to the Town of Edgewood's recently-initiated effort to annex certain property located wholly within its municipal boundaries. It is the Commission's understanding that the County roads shown at Attachment 1 are the roads involved, and that these roads will be transferred to the Town at no cost to the Town, and that no improvements to the roads will be accomplished by the County prior to transfer.

Sincerely,

Katherine Miller  
County Manager  
Santa Fe County

Attachment:  
Road list

ATTACHMENT 1: COUNTY ROADS WITHIN TOWN OF EDGEWOOD ANNEXATION

SANTA FE COUNTY		YEAR 2013		TO:		FROM:		ROUTE NUMBER		MAINTENANCE DISTRICT V		ROUTE NAME		MILEAGE LENGTH OF MAINTAINED SECTION		TOTAL ROADWAY WIDTH		SURFACE TYPE	
				ENDING TERMINI		BEGINNING TERMINI								miles		feet			
Del Monte Subdivision (Block A)				Dead End		CR 8 Dinkie Road								0.24		20.3		basecourse	
Jane Lane				Dead End		CR 8 Dinkie Road								0.12		19.5		basecourse	
Christine Ct				total miles										0.36					
Del Monte Subdivision (Block B)				Dead End		0.04 Mile West of Quail Tr.								0.12		14		dirt	
West Quail Run				total miles										0.12					
Futures Subdivision				Futures Road		CR 8 Dinkie Road								0.32		19.8		basecourse	
Futures Loop				Dead End		Futures Loop								0.31		19.8		basecourse	
Futures Road				total miles										0.63					
Meadows Subdivision				Dead End		Quail Trail								0.08		20.3		basecourse	
Patricia Place				Dead End		0.05 ml. From Quail Trail								0.57		18		basecourse	
Roberts Drive				Dead End		Roberts Drive								0.08		16.5		basecourse	
Olson Avenue				Dead End		Roberts Drive								0.05		15.8		basecourse	
Maria Lane				Dead End		Roberts Drive								0.07		14.3		basecourse	
Night Street				Dead End		Roberts Drive								0.11		14.8		dirt	
Scott Court				Dead End		Roberts Drive								0.10		13.2		basecourse	
Day Drive				Dead End		Roberts Drive								0.13		16.8		basecourse	
Bonnie Lane				Dead End		Roberts Drive								1.22					
Other Subdivision Roads				total miles															
Aspen Road				0.06 ml. Before Quail Tr		CR 6								1.05		18.2		basecourse	
Birch Road				Douglas Loop		Quail Trail								0.81		18		gravel	
Dunkin Road				Williams Ranch Rd		Aspen Road								0.50		15		gravel	
Maple Road				Aspen Road		Quail Trail								0.50		16.5		dirt	
Willow Road				Aspen Road		Quail Trail								0.37		12		basecourse	
				total miles										3.23					
				total miles										5.66					
				TOTAL SUBDIVISION ROADS										5.58					
				total asphalt										0.00					
				total base course										3.52					
				total gravel										1.31					
				total chipseal										0.00					
				total dirt										0.73					



SANTA FE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Board Of County Commissioners' Meeting Report

**2016 REGULAR SESSION SCHEDULE (30-Day Session):**

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**December 15, 2015** - January 15 Legislation may be pre-filed

**January 19** Opening day (noon)

**February 3** Deadline for introduction

**February 18** Session ends (noon)

**March 9** Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed

**May 18** Effective date of legislation not a general appropriation bill or a bill carrying an emergency clause or other specified date

All other acts become effective 90 days after adjournment of Legislature or at date specified in the act.

**2016 BILL STATISTICS**

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<b>Current Statistics for All Bills</b>	Total
Bills Introduced	513
Bills Passed in 1st House	11
Bills Passed in 2nd House	1

<b>Current Statistics for House Bills only</b>	Total
Bills Introduced	252
Bills Passed in 1st House	6
Bills Passed in 2nd House	1

<b>Current Statistics for Senate Bills only</b>	Total
Bills Introduced	261
Bills Passed in 1st House	5
Bills Passed in 2nd House	0

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HOUSE LEGISLATION RESOLUTION SPECIFIC

Bill: **HB88**

Sponsors: Salazar, T. (D70)

Title: **HOUSING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-RELATED HOMELESS PERSONS**

Summary: Appropriates \$2.5 million (2017 GF) to the Human Services Department for permanent supportive housing services, including case management, life-skills training, housing counseling, rental assistance and other services to help people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with behavioral health-related disabilities to obtain and maintain stable permanent housing.

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Bill: **HB115**

Sponsors: Hall, J. C. (R28)

Title: **NMSU: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL LUNCHESES**

Summary: Appropriates \$90,000 (GF 2017, nonreverting) to NMSU's board of regents for use in 2017 and subsequent fiscal years for the Department of Agriculture to expand its program that provides locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables for public school lunch programs to school districts in north-central and south-central New Mexico in areas with farmer training programs.

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Bill: **HB189**

Sponsors: Hall, J. C. (R28)

Title: **NEW MEXICO FRESH PRODUCE FOR SCHOOL MEALS**

Summary: (Related to 2016 HB115 and SB82) Appropriates \$1.4 million (GF 2017 nonreverting) to the Public Education Department for FY2017 and subsequent fiscal years to purchase and distribute New Mexico-grown fresh fruits and vegetables to school districts, charter schools and juvenile detention facilities through the PED school meal programs and for a full-time-equivalent position to administer and promoted this initiative.

Related: 2016:SB82; 2016:HB115

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

HOUSE LEGISLATION COUNTY RELATED  
NON RESOLUTION SPECIFIC

Bill: **HB12**

Sponsors: Lundstrom (D9)

Title: **PUBLIC PROJECT LOAN AUTHORIZATIONS**

Summary: (Endorsed by the New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight Committee) Authorizes the New Mexico Finance Authority to make the following 115 public project loans from the Public Project Revolving Fund (loans less than \$1 million do not require specific authorization and need not be identified in this act):

Bill: **HB19**

Sponsors: Rodella (D41)

Title: **DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND APPROPRIATION**

Summary: (Endorsed by the New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight Committee) Appropriates \$1.8 million (nonreverting) from the Public Project Revolving Fund to the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, for use in FYs 2017 and subsequently, to provide state matching funds for federal Safe Drinking Water Act projects and to carry out the purposes of the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Act.

Bill: **HB29**

Sponsors: Gentry (R30); Trujillo, C. (D46)

Title: **AUTHORITY TO ADOPT LOCAL CURFEW ORDINANCE**

Summary: Proposes a new section to the Children's Code that gives the governing body of a county or municipality (includes a city, town or village) authority to adopt a curfew ordinance to regulate actions of children between midnight and 5:00 a.m., and to regulate the actions of children during daytime hours on school days. Calls for a minimum of nine exemptions to the curfew that take into account emancipated minors, travel to and from work, and attendance at school or religious functions. The ordinance shall not impose criminal penalties for curfew violation.

Bill: **HB33**

Sponsors: Adkins (R29)

Title: **DELAYS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING FUND PROJECT APPROVAL DATE**

Summary: (Endorsed by the New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight Committee) (Related to 2013 SB118; 2011 SB454) Delays the implementation by three years of an act relating to the New Mexico Finance Authority that provides for standard projects that receive Economic Development Revolving Fund funding to be approved first by law. Instead of July 1, 2016, the approval of standard projects by law would be delayed until July 1, 2019.

01/22/2016 – H Referred to House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.

01/22/2016 – H Also referred to House Ways & Means.

Bill: **HB34**

Sponsors: Adkins (R29)

Title: **THANKSGIVING SATURDAY GRT DEDUCTION FOR RETAIL BUSINESS OR RESTAURANT**

Summary: Provides a gross receipts tax deduction for the sale at retail of tangible personal property or from the sale of food at a restaurant for sales that occur during the period beginning at 12:01 a.m on the first Saturday after Thanksgiving Day and ending at midnight on the same Saturday.

Bill: **HB38**

Sponsors: James (R24)

Title: **DISPOSITION OF OBSOLETE PUBLIC PROPERTY**

Summary: Adjusts and clarifies criteria for the disposition of obsolete, worn-out or unusable tangible personal property that is no longer economical or safe for use by the state agency, local public body, school district, or state educational institution. Requires a finding by the governing authority that the item has a net book value of between \$100 and \$5,000, or a determination by its chief procurement officer that the item has a net book value of less than \$100. All other provisions of the disposition law remain the same.

Bill: **HB39**

Sponsors: Rehm (R31)

Title: **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LEGISLATOR LEAVE REQUIREMENTS**

Summary: Provides for a legislator who is an employee of a political subdivision to take accrued annual or compensatory leave without pay when the legislator attends a meeting for which he or she is eligible to receive per diem. Applies to all political subdivisions of the state, including home-rule municipalities.

Bill: **HB43**

Sponsors: Rehm (R31)

Title: **INJURED PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' BENEFIT COVERAGES**

Summary: (Similar to 2014 HB194) Prescribes employer payment of member insurance and pension contributions and establishes procedures for accrual of service credit for public safety employees who were injured while on public-safety duty.

Bill: **HB47**

Sponsors: Montoya (R1)

Title: **AUTHORITY TO LEASE GOVERNMENT LIQUOR LICENSE TO "QUALIFYING FACILITY"**

Summary: Provides for governmental liquor licenses to be leased to a "qualifying facility," subject to compliance with the application process established by the state Liquor Control Director. The qualifying facility may sell alcoholic beverages subject to all state laws and regulations governing dispensers. The governmental entity will establish the lease fee paid by the "governmental license lessee" that will use the license.

Bill: **HB58**

Sponsors: Salazar, T. (D70); Roch (R67)

Title: **RETIREE HEALTH CARE CONTRIBUTION RATES**

Summary: (Identical to 2015 HB436 and SB169) Proposes to amend the Retiree Health Care Act by increasing the employer and employee contribution rates paid to the Retiree Health Care Fund.

Bill: **HB59**

Sponsors: Salazar, T. (D70)

**Title: RAPID REHOUSING SERVICES FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE**

Summary: Appropriates \$2 million (GF) to the Human Services Department for the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority to assist people who are homeless with rapid rehousing services. The services include case management, life-skills training, housing counseling, short-term and long-term rental assistance and other services that help homeless people obtain and maintain stable permanent housing.

**Bill: HB75**

Sponsors: McCamley (D33)

**Title: CANNABIS REVENUE AND FREEDOM ACT**

Summary: (Related to SB3; Identical to 2015 HB160; related to 2015 SB94, SJR2 and 2014 HM38, SB127, SJR10) A 133-page bill that proposes the Cannabis Revenue and Freedom Act establishing a comprehensive regulatory framework relating to marijuana and industrial hemp that allows a person who is licensed, regulated and taxed by New Mexico to legally manufacture and sell marijuana to a person who is at least 21 years of age, subject to the provisions of the act.

**Bill: HB85**

Sponsors: Roybal-Caballero (D13)

**Title: CAP GAMING COMPACT REVENUE SHARING**

Summary: (Identical to 2015 HB22 and 2014 HB307) Bars the Governor from submitting and the Legislature from approving a revenue-sharing percentage paid by a tribe to the state that exceeds New Mexico's corporate income tax rates.

**Bill: HB96**

Sponsors: McQueen (D50)

**Title: NO PENSION FOR CORRUPT ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

Summary: Amends the Public Employees Retirement Act to deny pension benefits to an elected public official who has been convicted of or has pled guilty or nolo contendere to a corruption offense after the official's first election to a public office.

**Bill: HB99**

Sponsors: Pacheco (R23); Nunez (R36)

**Title: REAL ID DRIVER'S LICENSES & DRIVING PRIVILEGE CARD FOR CERTAIN FOREIGN NATIONALS**

Summary: (Relates to HB94; 2015 SB653, HB22; 2014 HB127; 2013 SB521) Proposes to reconcile state law with the Federal REAL ID Act of 2005 by authorizing the Taxation and Revenue Department to issue two different types of state driver's licenses and identification cards. (1) The first is for U.S. citizens and foreign nationals with lawful status who qualify for licenses and ID cards that comport with the REAL ID Act. (2) The second is a "driving privilege card" intended for foreign nationals who are unable to demonstrate authorized legal presence in the United States, and which requires a fingerprint background check. Does away with the current blanket provision under which foreign nationals may use a taxpayer identification (ID) number instead of a social security number regardless of immigration status to obtain a driver's license or state identification card.

**Bill: HB109**

Sponsors: Clahchischilliage (R4)

Title: **DOH FUNDS TO IDENTIFY TRIBAL AND COUNTY HEALTH COUNCILS**

Summary: Appropriates \$70,000 (GF 2017) to the Department of Health, DOH, to fund county and tribal health councils' identification of local communities' health needs and development of strategies to address those needs pursuant to the Maternal and Child Health Plan Act.

Bill: **HB110**

Sponsors: Townsend (R54); Scott (R62)

Title: **PUBLIC WORKS MINIMUM WAGE LIMITED TO FIVE COUNTIES**

Summary: Amends the New Mexico Public Works Minimum Wage Act (NMAC) to limit its application to five Class A counties in New Mexico—Bernalillo, Dona Ana, San Juan, Sandoval and Santa Fe. Prevailing wages for regular work, overtime, and working on weekends and legal holidays would no longer apply on state or locally funded public works construction jobs in the other 28 counties of the state.

Bill: **HB122**

Sponsors: Rehm (R31)

Title: **LOWERS AUTHORIZED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CLASS A COUNTY HOSPITALS**

Summary: (Similar to 2011 HB25, HB335; 2012 HB26; 2013 HB357; 2014 HB188; 2015 HB323) Aimed particularly at University of New Mexico Hospital in Bernalillo County, cuts the authorized property tax rate in class A counties for hospitals from \$6.50 per \$1,000 net taxable valuation to \$2.00. Since the proportion of the proceeds that may be used to meet the county's obligations to the County-supported Medicaid Fund is held at 23 percent, the effective rate for this purpose is lowered from \$1.50/\$1,000 to \$0.46/\$1,000.

Bill: **HB123**

Sponsors: Rehm (R31)

Title: **TWO-TIERED LICENSE FOR REAL ID**

Summary: (Similar to HB 99, relates to HB94; Similar to 2015 SB653). Proposes to resolve the issue of compliance with the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 by implementing a two-tiered system. The Taxation and Revenue Department would be authorized to issue REAL-ID compliant driver's licenses and identification cards for citizens and foreign nationals with lawful status, and "driver's cards" that are not REAL ID-compliant for residents without lawful status. Requires fingerprinting of applicants for driver's cards. Provides for expiration of driver's licenses and driver's cards issued to foreign nationals. Changes penalties and imposes new ones for misuse of, or fraud in obtaining, driver's licenses, driver's cards, and identification cards.

Bill: **HB125**

Sponsors: Garcia, Miguel (D14)

Title: **INCREMENTAL MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE**

Summary: (Similar to 2015 HB20, HB138, HB360, SB10; 2014 HB213, SB319) Imposes annual step increases in the hourly minimum wage between 2017 and 2019 to \$10.10, with additional increases based on the cost of living index. Also increases the minimum hourly wage for tipped employees.

Bill: **HB134**

Sponsors: Gonzales (D42)

Title: **NMFA: LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING FUND APPROPRIATION**

Summary: (Endorsed by the New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight Committee) Appropriates \$3 million (nonreverting) from the Public Project Revolving Fund to the Local Government Planning Fund that is administered by the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Bill: **HB138**

Sponsors: Steinborn (D35)

Title: **ALLOWS CERTAIN 17-YEAR OLDS TO VOTE IN PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS**

Summary: Relates to elections; allows 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the day of the General Election to vote in the Primary Election or participate in a major party's alternate selection procedure.

Bill: **HB143**

Sponsors: Bandy (R3)

Title: **CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTION DATES**

Summary: (Virtually identical to HGEIC substitute for 2015 HB338) Changes certain special district and political subdivision election dates all to fall on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years, and makes corresponding adjustments to election procedures.

Bill: **HB144**

Sponsors: Bandy (R3)

Title: **TWO-TIERED DRIVER'S LICENSE PLUS DRIVER'S CARD (BANDY)**

Summary: (Similar to HB99, relates to HB94 and HB123; relates to 2015 SB653, HB22; 2014 HB127; 2013 SB521) Proposes to reconcile state law with the Federal REAL ID Act of 2005 by authorizing the Taxation and Revenue Department to issue two types of driver's licenses and identification cards that meet federal requirements. (1) The first, compliant with federal requirements, is for U.S. citizens. (2) The second, also compliant, is for foreign nationals with lawful status, with different expiration periods. Also creates (3) a distinct "driver's card" that does not meet federal requirements, for foreign nationals who fail to prove lawful status. Does away with the current blanket provision under which foreign nationals may use a taxpayer identification (ID) number instead of a social security number regardless of immigration status to obtain a driver's license or state identification card. Establishes penalties.

Bill: **HB148**

Sponsors: Gomez (D34)

Title: **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP RULES AND FUND**

Summary: (For the Economic and Rural Development Committee) Relates to research and development of industrial hemp and is proposed to bring New Mexico into compliance with federal law. The Department of Agriculture is vested with authority to issue licenses to grow industrial hemp for research and development purposes, including agricultural, agronomic, ecological, processing, sales and marketing research. Although not mentioned in the bill's title, an appropriation derives through creation of a fund.

Bill: **HB163**

Sponsors: Trujillo, C. (D46)

Title: **HOME ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT**

Summary: (Similar to 2015 HB54 and 2014's HTRC substitute for HB124) For taxable years 2016 through 2021, allows income taxpayers who make improvements to the energy or water efficiency of the taxpayer's primary residence during a taxable year to claim a refundable income tax credit. Tax credit of up to \$4,000 (energy) and up to \$1,000 (indoor water use) varies depending on degree of improvement in efficiency.

Bill: **HB174**

Sponsors: Egolf (D47)

Title: **SUSPEND PROPERTY VALUATION FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**

Summary: Allows a county or municipality to enact an ordinance suspending for ten years property valuations for approved commercial enterprises. Applicants must create jobs, promote industry, trade or other economic activity and any other criteria set by the governing body.

Bill: **HB196**

Sponsors: Salazar, T. (D70)

Title: **REGIONAL WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY ACT**

Summary: (Very Similar to 2015 SB550) (Related to 2015 SB63; 2014 SB112 and SB198) Cited as the Regional Water Utility Authority Act, a 44-page bill filled with procedural requirements, authorizes the creation of regional water authorities to enhance activities related to:

Bill: **HB210**

Sponsors: Harper (R57)

Title: **REVISES LIMITATIONS ON ANNUAL INCREASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY VALUATION**

Summary: For the 2016 and subsequent property tax years, hikes the annual limitation on residential valuation increases from 3 percent to 7 percent. This limitation applies, however, regardless of whether the residential property changes hands during the prior year.

Bill: **HB211**

Sponsors: Harper (R57)

Title: **STATE PREEMPTS LOCAL REGULATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEE WAGES AND HOURS**

Summary: Bars local governments (e.g., City of Santa Fe) from mandating that an employer pay a wage higher than the New Mexico minimum wage; repeals the existing statutory grandfathering of such local laws in effect on January 1, 2007.

Bill: **HB219**

Sponsors: Harper (R57)

Title: **STATEWIDE GOVERNMENT PROJECTS: SEVERANCE TAX BOND PROCEEDS**

Summary: Authorizes issuance of severance tax bonds; clarifies conditions for issuance of bonds; establishing conditions for expenditure of bond proceeds; establishes conditions for the reversion of unexpended balances; makes appropriations.

Bill: **HB229**

Sponsors: Scott (R62)

Title: **VALUATION OF PROPERTY USED TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY**

Summary: Limits the term “tangible property cost” (the starting point for valuation) to the actual cost of acquiring or constructing property to the utility generating, transmitting or distributing electric power. The Taxation and Revenue Department shall not include in the valuation the value of funds or property contributed to the utility for expansion, improvement or replacement of service or facility.

Bill: **HB234**

Sponsors: Harper (R57)

Title: **PERA RETURN TO WORK CHANGES, PLAN & FUND**

Summary: (Conflicts with HB171 & HB202; 2015 SB466 & SB619; and many others) Creates the Pension Investment Plan and the Pension Investment Plan Accumulation Fund. Offers an alternative return-to-work option for retired correction officers, municipal fire officers, and municipal or state police to return to work and become members of the Pension Investment Plan. Under the plan, they invest their pension payments in the fund plus member contributions while re-employed, and on termination of subsequent employment select among several options to take amounts accrued in their name in Plan minus certain fees.

Bill: **HJR9**

Sponsors: Bandy (R3); Tripp (R49)

Title: **CONVENTION OF STATES**

Summary: (Identical to 2015 HJR 10, HJR19; 2014 HJR2) The measure is an application by the New Mexico Legislature to the Congress for the calling of a federal constitutional convention as provided in Article V of the U.S. Constitution to propose amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit its power and jurisdiction and limit the terms of office for federal officials and Members of Congress.

SENATE LEGISLATION RESOLUTION SPECIFIC

Bill: **SB30**

Sponsors: Cisneros (D6); James (R24)

Title: **CREATES ADVANCED MAPPING FUND**

Summary: Relates to water; creates the Advanced Mapping Fund; provides for advanced mapping by the Department of Transportation, including for the Rio Grande Trail; makes an appropriation.

Bill: **SB82**

Sponsors: Cisneros (D6)

Title: **NORTH- & SOUTH- CENTRAL N.M. SCHOOLS FARM LUNCH PROGRAM**

Summary: (Duplicate of 2016 HB0115) Appropriates \$90,000 (GF 2017, nonreverting) to NMSU's board of regents for use in 2017 and subsequent fiscal years for the Department of Agriculture to expand its program that provides locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables for public school lunch programs to school districts in north-central and south-central New Mexico in areas with farmer training programs.

SENATE LEGISLATION COUNTY RELATED  
NON RESOLUTION SPECIFIC

Bill: **SB2**

Sponsors: Sanchez, M. (D29); Roybal-Caballero (D13)

Title: **AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION WITH DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICATION**

Summary: Mandates automatic voter registration for an applicant for a driver's license, identification card or renewal of a driver's license, unless the applicant affirmatively declines to be registered or is not eligible to vote, for instance, because the applicant is not a US citizen. Provides for automatic pre-registration for minor applicants and establishes procedures for the Secretary of State. (Similar to 2012 HB 92)

Bill: **SB13**

Sponsors: Stewart (D17); Maestas Barnes (R15)

Title: **SOLAR MARKET DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT INCREMENTAL REDUCTIONS**

Summary: (Identical to HB26, 2016; SB391, 2015) Increases the allowable maximum annual aggregate of the solar market development tax credit from \$3 million to \$5 million. Incrementally extends the life of the solar market development tax credit until January 1, 2025; incrementally reduces the amount of the credit from 10% down to 5% from 2016 until January 1, 2025; and combines the solar thermal systems and photovoltaic systems aggregate caps into one aggregate cap.

Bill: **SB19**

Sponsors: Payne (R20)

Title: **DISASTER RESPONSE BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEE LICENSURE AND TAX EXEMPTIONS**

Summary: Exempts disaster- or emergency-related out-of-state businesses and employees from state taxation and state licensing or registration requirements while responding to a declared state disaster or emergency.

Bill: **SB22**

Sponsors: Wirth (D25); Harper (R57)

Title: **TAXATION OF IN-STATE SALES OF INTANGIBLES AND SERVICES**

Summary: (For the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee) Amends the Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act to determine in-state sales of intangibles and services based on market sourcing rather than cost of performance.

Bill: **SB33**

Sponsors: Cisneros (D6)

Title: **CAPITAL OUTLAY PLANNING AND MONITORING ACT**

Summary: (Similar to 2014 SB162) Cited as the Capital Outlay Planning and Monitoring Act, creates the Capital Outlay Planning Council, and requires the Legislative Finance Committee working with the Council to prepare and annually update a five-year state capital improvements plan and to publish annual capital project guidelines. Requires every state agency responsible for capital projects to file quarterly status reports with the LFC on appropriations and expenditures. Appropriates \$1.2 million (GF) for FY 2017 to the LFC and the State Auditor to implement the act.

Bill: **SB35**

Sponsors: Kernan (R42)

Title: **RETIREE HEALTH CARE CONTRIBUTION RATES**

Summary: (Identical to 2016 HB58; 2015 HB436 and SB169) Proposes to amend the Retiree Health Care Act by increasing the employer and employee contribution rates paid to the Retiree Health Care Fund.

Bill: **SB44**

Sponsors: Padilla (D14)

Title: **PROTECTION ORDER GPS TRACKING PILOT PROJECT AND APPROPRIATION**

Summary: Amends the Family Violence Protection Act to create a pilot project in the Second Judicial District to assess the effectiveness of using a global positioning tracking system to monitor exclusion zones established under an order of protection. Appropriates \$150,000 (GF) to the Second Judicial District for FY 2017 through 2019 to carry out the project.

Bill: **SB47**

Sponsors: Sanchez, C. (D30)

Title: **PROPERTY TAX VALUATION OF ELECTRIC UTILITY EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT OR REPLACEMENT**

Summary: Relates to taxation of property used for the generation, transmission or distribution of electric power or energy. Provides that a contribution made to a utility for the expansion, improvement or replacement of service or facility of the utility shall not be subject to valuation for property tax purposes.

Bill: **SB53**

Sponsors: Rodriguez (D24)

Title: **SANTA FE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED-DIVERSION PROGRAM FUNDS**

Summary: (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee) Appropriates \$300,000 (GF 2017) to DFA's Local Government Division for general support for law-enforcement-assisted diversion in the City of Santa Fe.

Bill: **SB59**

Sponsors: Rodriguez (D24)

Title: **TAX INCREMENT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE TO TREASURERS**

Summary: Relates to taxation; requires that the county treasurer in which a tax increment development district is formed be notified of formation.

Bill: **SB66**

Sponsors: Ortiz y Pino (D12)

Title: **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EMT TRAINING**

Summary: Relating to emergency services; Provides for behavioral health services training enhancement for emergency medical technicians; Makes an appropriation.

Bill: **SB72**

Sponsors: Ingle (R27)

Title: **LIMIT ON NUISANCE CLAIMS FOR FARMING**

Summary: (Related to 2015 HB564, SB307, SB348) Amends the Right to Farm Act to bar a property holder's right to bring a nuisance claim against a previously established agricultural operation or facility unless that operation or facility has substantially changed in the nature or scope of its operations.

Bill: **SB172**

Sponsors: Cisneros (D6)

Title: **REVERSION OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF APPROPRIATIONS**

Summary: An act to reauthorize or reappropriate balances, expand or change purposes, extend expenditure periods and establish conditions for reversion of unexpended balances of appropriations from prior years; declares an emergency.

Bill: **SB175**

Sponsors: Griggs (R34)

Title: **ALLOWS LEASING OF LIQUOR DISPENSER'S LICENSE OUTSIDE LOCAL OPTION DISTRICT**

Summary: Relates to liquor control; allows a dispenser licensee to lease certain license rights.

Bill: **SB192**

Sponsors: Rodriguez (D24)

Title: **SANTA FE WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES**

Summary: Appropriates \$300,000 (GF 2017) to the Department of Health to provide operating funds for a women's health services program in Santa Fe.

Bill: **SB199**

Sponsors: Sanchez, C. (D30)

Title: **EXPANDS PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY INCOME TAX CREDITS**

Summary: (Similar to 2015 HB583 and SB414) Boosts the potential preservation of cultural property income tax credit (both individual and corporate) amounts for qualifying projects for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016. Amount of tax credit depends on which of three categories the project falls.

Bill: **SJR5**

Sponsors: Ortiz y Pino (D12)

Title: **CA: VOTERS TO DECIDE MARIJUANA POSSESSION AND PERSONAL USE**

Summary: (Conflicts with SJR6) Proposes to amend Article 20 of the state Constitution to allow for possession and personal use of marijuana; to require enactment of legislation to regulate production, procession, transportation, sale and taxation of marijuana and hemp; and to require the revenues generated to be used for Medicaid or drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs.

Bill: **SJR6**

Sponsors: Ortiz y Pino (D12)

Title: **CA: VOTERS TO DECIDE MARIJUANA POSSESSION AND PERSONAL USE**

Summary: (Conflict with SJR5) Proposes to amend Article 20 of the state Constitution to allow for possession and personal use of marijuana, and to require enactment of legislation to regulate production, processing, transportation, sale and taxation of marijuana and hemp. (This proposal does not contain provision from SJR5 to dedicate revenues for Medicaid or drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs.)

Bill: **SJR14**

Sponsors: Ivey-Soto (D15)

Title: **CA: LIMITS VALUATION INCREASES ON REAL PROPERTY IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES**

Summary: In addition to the existing limitation on valuation increases for residential property, this proposes an amendment to Article 8, Section 1 of the Constitution, to allow the Legislature to provide by law for limitations on annual increases in valuation for property tax purposes on real property—residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural or other—if the property is located in an area of a county (1) meeting statutory requirements for economic development or revitalization and (2) designated as an economic development or revitalization zone by the board of county commissioners of the county.

Bill: **SM33**

Sponsors: Rodriguez (D24)

Title: **SANTA FE COUNTY DAY**

Summary: Declares February 16, 2016 to be “Santa Fe County Day” in the New Mexico Senate.



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

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County has a wealth of spectacular high-alpine landscapes and ecosystems, 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**, Santa Fe County government works collaboratively with the United States Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, 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 Santa Fe County have traditionally 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 watersheds and acequias originate on these public lands, providing local communities with clean water supplies; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe 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 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 U.S. Forest Service spent over \$240 million in FY2011 and FY2012 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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners support continued national ownership and management of these invaluable 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.

## Settlement Memorandum

In mediation on January 19, 2016 Plaintiffs and Defendants in Noreen Quintana, et. al. v. Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County et. al, pending as Case No. D-101-CV-2014-00269 in the First Judicial District Court have settled the litigation and all claims which might have been brought arising from the same subject matter on these terms:

1. The Defendants shall pay to Plaintiff Noreen Quintana and her minor children Tadeyn Segora and Lora Segora in global settlement of the Plaintiff's Complaint the total settlement sum of \$60,000.
2. The settlement is subject to the final approval of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County.
3. In consideration of the settlement sum recited in paragraph 1 above, Plaintiff Noreen Quintana individually and the Guardian ad Litem appointed for Tadeyn Segora

and Lina Reguira, minor, shall provide Defendants a Full and Final Settlement and release of all claims and participate with Defendants in submitting for Court Approval and dismissal with prejudice of those claims.

4. This settlement, given the claims of minors and the allocation of settlement amounts to the minors' claims, is subject to Court Approval.

5. The guardian's fees and costs and any costs of Court Approval shall be borne by the Defendants.

6. Defendants acknowledge and will not oppose the structuring of any settlement sum allocated to the minors' claims, as determined in the discretion of the guardian ad litem and approved by the District Court.

7. Plaintiffs will protect and indemnify the Defendants from any existing claim of unpaid fees

Made on behalf of the Plaintiff's expert witness Dr. Scott McMahon.

- 8. After consultation, with Plaintiff's counsel, ~~the Defendant~~ shall select ~~the guardian ad litem~~. Mark Ish is selected as guardian.
- 9. There is no admission of ad litem liability on behalf of the Defendants.
- 10. The parties shall split the mediation fees.

Patricia  
Mediator

[Signature]  
for Defendants

Noreen Quintana  
Noreen Quintana individually

Noreen Quintana  
Noreen Quintana for  
Jadeu Regua, a minor

Noreen Quintana  
Noreen Quintana for  
Luna Regua, a minor

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY ON JANUARY 26, 2016.**

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

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Miguel M. Chavez, Chair

**ATTEST:**

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Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

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