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**SANTA FE COUNTY**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 25, 2014**

Danny Mayfield, Chair - District 1  
Robert Anaya, Vice Chair - District 3  
Miguel Chavez - District 2  
Kathy Holian - District 4  
Liz Stefanics - District 5 [telephonically]

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This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 1:17 p.m. by Chair Danny Mayfield, in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and State Pledge led by Billy Baca and Rodney Martinez from the Housing Division, roll was called by County Clerk Geraldine Salazar and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Danny Mayfield, Chair  
Commissioner Robert Anaya, Vice Chair [2:25 arrival]  
Commissioner, Kathy Holian  
Commissioner Miguel Chavez  
Commissioner Liz Stefanics [telephonically after 4:30]

**Members Excused:**

[None]

**I. E. Moment of Reflection**

The Moment of Reflection was given by Victor Gonzales from the Housing Division.

**I. F. Approval of the Agenda**

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 Tabled or Withdrawn Items**

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Mr. Chair, I'd like to withdraw from the Consent Calendar item II. B. 1. We'll bring that back at another meeting, so we're withdrawing that item. Then also on item V, Discussion/Information Items/Presentation, item B. 1, Matters from the Commission, a proclamation for Mayor Coss. We are going to table that to the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. And then item B. 2, we'd also like to request to table that. If the Governor of Pojoaque Pueblo was unable to make it, we were unable to confirm his attendance today.

Also, I would like to request that we move Matters from the County Attorney, item VI. A. Executive Session up to after the action items, so instead of all the action items, III, I'd like to move VI up to IV. So after the action items on the agenda but before Matters of Public Concern to make sure that we're able to have Commissioner Stefanics present.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Ms. Miller. Also, Commissioners, if I could ask that we would move items (III) C. 1 and 2 in front of item B. 1

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioner Holian please.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval of the agenda as amended.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Commissioner Chavez.

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

**I. G. Approval of Minutes**

**1. Approval of February 25, 2014 BCC Meeting Minutes**

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioners, are there any changes or corrections you'd like to add?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioner Holian, please.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval of the February 25, 2014 meeting minutes.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

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

**I. H. Introduction of New Employees**

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I'd just like to bring attention in your packet. We have a list of employees that were hired in February, beginning of March. I'm not sure that any of those are present. I do not think so. But I just wanted to point out we did have about 20 new hires and rather than go through all of those, as you can see it's throughout the entire County. Most of them are in our 24/7 facilities like the detention center and Sheriff's Department and within Public Safety so they are on their shift work and were unable to attend.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Ms. Miller, and welcome aboard to all of our new employees here at Santa Fe County.

**II. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Budget Resolutions**

**1. Resolution No. 2014 -31, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Law Enforcement Operations Fund (246) to**

**Budget (1) Grant Awarded Through the Department of Public Safety- NMSP/\$18,300 (Sheriff's Office/Ron Madrid)**

CHAIR MAYFIELD: We will afford public comment if anybody cares to make any public comment on this after I read it out loud. I know we have Undersheriff Madrid with us today. Does anybody need to pull this off of Consent for discussion? Seeing none, I'd just like to make a brief comment. Undersheriff, I know, reading in my packet that this is to help your staff conduct compliance check points and also serving outstanding DWI warrants. So I just want to comment you all for receiving this grant and wish you luck.

UNDERSHERIFF RON MADRID (Sheriff's Office): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, yes, it's for DWI warrants, outstanding warrants that we have now and also underage compliance where we have underage individuals – juveniles, try to purchase alcohol through other individuals.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay. Well, thank you and thank you for becoming the recipients of this award. Commissioners, do we have a motion to move approval on this agenda item?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, I move for approval of Resolution No. 2014-31, the only item that remains on the Consent Calendar.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: A little different. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Yes, I'll second that motion.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay, we have a motion for approval.

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

**III. ACTION ITEMS (Public Comment)**

**A. Ordinances**

**1. Presentation of Solid Waste Task Force Recommendations**

ADAM LEIGLAND (Public Works Director): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners, Last year this Commission – actually, it can be almost two years ago this Commission convened a Solid Waste Task Force to examine and recommend improvements to our solid waste operation. In February of last year the Solid Waste Task Force concluded and recommended, and the Board approved the recommendation to hire consultants to examine our operation and so since that time the consultant has been diligently carrying out this duty, produced a draft report. That draft report was presented to the Solid Waste Task Force in January and then again in February. The Solid Waste Task Force adopted the recommendations in the report with some modifications, so I just briefly wanted to update – present to the Commission today the recommendations that were adopted by the Solid Waste Task Force.

The final report, and I have here a copy in my hand, was delivered to each of you on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and then we posted it on our website the following week, both on the main page and also on the Public Works page. The recommendations actually come in three major categories, and I'll touch on two of them in particular. The first one has to do with our permit structure. So just to remind the Commission, currently, the way people, the way the constituents can access our solid waste service is to buy on an annual basis a punch pass that has 24 punches on it, and that is – that lasts for the duration of a fiscal year. The current price is \$75 for that 24-punch permit.

So the recommendations, the first set of recommendations concern this permit, the punch permit and there are essentially three major changes to that. The first major change is to establish different number punches, so not just have a 24 but also offer a 6- and a 12-punch permit. The second major change is to eliminate the expiration date so that once a permit is purchased it's valid until there are no more punches on it. And these two really were something we heard from the community as a desirable option. Give people more flexibility and make them feel like they're truly getting something that they're paying for. Some minor changes include getting rid of the senior fee. That was something that the task force felt was unnecessary. Also, eliminate the commercial fee. Those are very minimally used. It was just a management burden. And then perhaps the largest change is to implement a fee schedule that over the next five years will achieve a 30 percent cost recovery through fees. Currently, with our current fee schedule we recover about 15 percent of our solid waste operation, revenues through fees, so we're recommending a five-year increase, a ramp-up to increase that to 30 percent, and that was actually something that was specifically asked to look at by the Commission in the task force resolution that created them.

The second set – excuse me. If there are no questions on that I'll move to the second set of recommendations. Those are mostly operational changes. A lot of really good ideas – painting, signage, improving access to the containers, some other operational improvements, and a lot of those have already been implemented or are in the process of being implemented. One of the big changes, recommendations, was to build a new modern facility in the Jacona area, and if you recall that was something the Commission asked us to do last February and we are well into that. We have been in active negotiations for the new site and will build a modern transfer station similar to what's found at Eldorado and not only will that improve the customer experience but it will decrease our operational costs, just by the nature of its collection.

And the third set of major recommendations have to do with contracting, with the contract relationship in which service areas are created, primarily in the high density areas surrounding the City of Santa Fe and our metro areas, which coincides roughly with our SDA-1 and in these service areas a contractual relationship is established with a private solid waste provider who will provide a level of service that's prescribed by the County. What we're imagining is weekly curbside pickup and weekly curbside recycling pickup, similar to what's found, for instance, in the City of Santa Fe. What's being proposed is not necessarily a mandatory relationship, mandatory curbside, but rather what's found today in Eldorado where

a service area is created, there's a contractual relationship with one provider but the individual resident voluntarily chooses to have curbside. So for instance, in Eldorado if you want to have curbside you have to go to the contracted firm, which in that case is Waste Management, but you're not required to have curbside. If you don't have curbside you can continue to use the County's solid waste transfer station.

So the consultant had recommended three service areas. The Solid Waste Task Force felt that maybe a little bit more work needed to be done on those particular service areas, the actual definition of them, and maybe three wasn't the correct number, maybe two, maybe four, but overall, the task force has recommended that the County continue to pursue this avenue of creating these service areas in these private service contractual relationships.

So, Commissioner, those are the three major categories of recommendations. The next item on the agenda is –

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Adam, I just wanted to take just a minute or two and ask the members of the Solid Waste Task Force that are here this afternoon to stand. And that's probably only less than half the committee.

MR. LEIGLAND: There are five total.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. So that's a good representation. So I just wanted to point that out because I know that even though we have the consultant and we have staff I just wanted to touch on the citizen volunteer effort and their role in addressing the need and moving forward. So I just wanted to take a few minutes to do that and thank you for your dedication and for your time, volunteers. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Yes. Thank you.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, first, Commissioner Chavez, thank you. Actually, there's an item later on the agenda where we'll recognize them.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So they get a double.

MR. LEIGLAND: They were a great team and we worked hard. What I was going to mention is, one, the consultant is here. Actually he's on this side, and he can answer any technical questions the Commission may have about the report. Another thing I wanted to note is that in order to implement some of these changes very quickly, in order for us to get ready for the next round of permit sales, which will be starting very soon, we actually, on the next item on the agenda is the first step in taking away the expiration of the permits, so that would require a modification to our existing Solid Waste Ordinance, 2010-5, so the next item on the agenda is to publish title and general summary to eliminate the expiration date of our current solid waste permits.

If the recommendations for the permit changes are approved by the Board we would come back to you with an orderly program to implement the 6- and the 12- and come up with a five-year plan for implementing the changes to the permit structure. But the first step would be – we thought it was prudent, so when people are buying their permits next fiscal year they have that piece of knowledge when they buy their permit.

So with that, Commissioners, I'll stand for any questions or I can turn it over to the

consultant.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Mr. Leigland, thank you. First I want to go – I was also going to recognize the members of our task force. I know we have our chair that was elected, Mr. Wait here. I see that we only have three; I was hoping we had everybody, but I want to provide them the opportunity as they have put a lot of dedicated time and attention to this matter, the opportunity to come and provide some comment at the podium before we go to our consultant. And I also am going to defer to Commissioner Holian who was a member of that Solid Waste Task Force.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I also want to recognize that Joe Eigner is here. He should be an honorary member of the task force since he actually attended all of the meetings. And so that shows how the public was very involved in our meetings as well. So thank you.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: So Mr. Leigland and I guess Chairman Wait, if you'd like to make any comments, if any of the other board members, committee members would like to make any comments before we go to the consultant I would appreciate hearing them as many of the constituency may, with your thoughts or opinions, Mr. Wait.

WALTER WAIT: mc, members of the Board, I'll be very brief. It was an honor to serve on this committee. It was a very difficult task that we were charged with and it took almost two years to come to a consensus of what we should do to move forward. And we support the changes. We think that it will give us a good way to go forward. We strongly recommend that you pass the title and general summary for the ordinance. It is one of the – to many of us it is one of the most important parts of this whole package. It will calm the fears of the public, we believe, and it will make it much more easy to go forward. Thank you very much again.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: And we thank you for all your work. Mr. Lopez? Other board members?

JOHN LOPEZ: Good afternoon. I'm John Lopez, obviously one of the members of the task force and I really didn't come with any prepared statements but there are a couple of things that are bothering me a little bit about the recommendations. I think that they didn't go far enough. I think we did a lot of tweaking on the edges, just making things a little bit better, but I was looking for more of a quantum leap, so to speak, so it could really get us into some futuristic kinds of operations of our solid waste management.

The other thing that bothers me a little bit too on the recommendation is we have a lot of concentration on the areas of the county that have a high density, and I didn't feel comfortable that we really addressed some of those outlying areas that need the service as well. So those are – I didn't come here to sound like sour grapes. I was part of the committee and we voted and that's the way it turned out but I just thought I'd make those two comments. Thank you.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I'm going to go to Mr. Gould first and then I'll come to you in one second.

JAY GOULD: Commissioners, I'm Jay Gould, vice chair of the task force. I

guess one reason for having more than one member on a task force is because you have different points of view. I think that a very significant move forward was the concept of providing the opportunity for curbside trash pickup and recycling throughout the relatively dense portions of the county. I think that is absolutely essential in this day and age, and I say that as one of the original organizers of Earth Day back in 1970 and I've been working on that ever since.

I came from a small community in Florida known as Pensacola, Florida where I worked for some 30 years to get curbside recycling. And then we decided when I retired to move here to Santa Fe and I said we're going to do that because this is a progressive community, and discovered that we don't have curbside recycling outside of the city. So I really look forward to having the County do as the City has and provide opportunities for curbside recycling. Thank you very much.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Gould. I also would like to recognize Mr. Pedro Romero who's walking at the back, coming up to the podium. Mr. Romero, just to kind of put you on the spot, but I'm going to go to Dr. Eigner to comment first. We're taking comments from any of our task force members on all the work that we did on our Solid Waste Task Force, but Mr. Eigner I'm going to have come up and if then if you care to share any comments we'd love to hear them. But thank you also for your great work on our Solid Waste Task Force, Mr. Romero. That's fine. If you care to make any comments on our Solid Waste Task Force proposal that's in front of us. I'm going to go to Dr. Eigner first. Dr. Eigner, please.

JOE EIGNER: Chairman Mayfield, members of the Commission, my name is Joe Eigner. I'm a spokesperson for 285 Eldorado/285 Recycles and we actually missed the first meeting of the task force but one or more of our members were at all of the others. I'd like to first thank the five citizen members, Pedro Romero who's here, John Lopez, who just spoke, our chairman, Walt Wait, Terry Smith from District 4 and Jay Gould who spoke from District 5. Terry and Jay represent the areas that we're active in and we appreciate the good work that they did. We also would like to thank the staff, Olivar Barela, Robert Martinez, and Craig O'Hare especially, and of course Adam. And Commissioners Mayfield and Holian who served on the task force as well. I'll talk a little bit about the Solid Waste Management Agency which is operated by the joint City/County board, and all three of the present Commissioners are either serving on that board or have served on it and I want to thank them for all the good work they've done there as well.

I'd just like to make a little contrast between the City system and the County system. The county now has a population that is greater than or equal now to that of the city and yet the differences in the solid waste systems are dramatic. I'm going to start with disposal, do things a little bit backwards. I should do collection first, disposal second, because that's the way it works. But disposal in the city – because of the existence of SMA, the Solid Waste Management Agency and the agreement with the City, with the County, all of the City trucks that collect trash and the other trucks that collect recyclables to the SWMA facilities. Trash trucks of course go to the Caja del Rio Landfill where they pay about \$40 a ton for disposal



cost. And by the way, the landfill and the recycling facility, BuRRT, are both operated under state regulation.

The City disposal trucks of course go to BuRRT and they pay nothing for recyclables but they do pay about \$15 a ton for glass. Now, the County trucks that pick up trash and recyclables from the system of transfer stations, they are under the same rules, because of the City/County agreement. They're obliged to take all of their trash to the landfill, all of their recyclables to BuRRT and to pay the same fee as the City. That fee can be adjusted to cover the costs of operating SWMA because SWMA has been set up as an enterprise activity and as a result that \$40/ton disposal fee at the landfill is one of the highest in the area. SWMA has to cover the losses at BuRRT through the higher fees at the landfill.

Now, private haulers operate exclusively in the unincorporated part of the county for residential waste and they are under a different set of rules. They do not have to use SWMA's facilities. Many of them do because of the short distances they have to travel there. Others don't; they're willing to drive further and incur higher transportation costs in exchange for lower tipping fees. Unfortunately, because there are no reporting requirements the County or no one really has a good handle on how many of these other haulers use outside facilities, how much trash they handle, how much recyclables if any they handle, and I think one of the proposals coming out of the consultant's study would be to have some way of the County obtaining information from these private haulers.

Okay, now turning to collection, which is what the County system deals with. First the City. The City operates a fleet of curbside collection trucks, one fleet for trash and a separate fleet for recyclables. The cost to residents is about \$14 a month. Many are even unaware of that because it's on their water bill. Their system is also run as an enterprise activity and essentially covers 100 percent or very close to it of the total cost of running that fleet of trucks and paying the disposal fees at the landfill.

In the county, unincorporated parts of the county, we have two situations. We have some curbside collection by private haulers. Typically they – by the way, in the city, collection is weekly for both trash and recyclables. In the county, some of the private haulers do provide recycling collection but they charge extra and typically it's only biweekly and they will not accept glass. The cost to residents of the unincorporated county who elect to have curbside service from these private haulers varies widely. In Eldorado, as Adam mentioned, it's fairly reasonable. It's about \$20 for trash, another \$5 for biweekly recycling without glass collection. That's because of the contract between Waste Management and the Eldorado Homeowners Association. In other parts of the unincorporated parts of the county, not too far from Eldorado they pay \$40 to \$50 a month in some cases.

One of the attractive features of the proposal about having contracts with private haulers in the dense parts of the unincorporated county is that those people paying those much higher rates probably will see a significant reduction in their monthly cost. Now, the people that do not elect curbside, such as me, have a different situation. We have access to the nearest County transfer station. In my case it's the Eldorado transfer station which is about five miles from my home. And I – my wife and I recycle and compost about 80 percent

of our household waste. As a result we are able to take advantage of the bag fees. It turns out we generate about ten 30-pound bags of trash per year. So that means we pay a total of ten dollars a year. That works out to I think 83 cents a month at that \$1 a bag rate. That's quite a contrast with the \$20 to \$40 that curbside people in our area are paying.

We may be unusual but most of the people who use the transfer station that I'm familiar with buy the 24-punch permit car and typically they only use about half of those, and they're mad as hell about the 12 that they can't use under the existing system, and I'm sure you've heard a lot of complaints about that. And Adam's proposed change in the ordinance will take care of that problem and we of course approve of that. But typically, these people – they're paying about \$70 for 12 punches, it works out to \$6.25 a month and if they're generating ten bags of trash a month, which may or may not be typical; I'm not sure, that works out to 63 cents per bag. That's even cheaper than what I pay.

So that's a pretty good darn deal when you compare that with current curbside rates in the unincorporated part of the county. The other problem that the task force address was that only 15 to 16 percent of the system's operating costs from the transfer station system is covered by those fees and as you heard the proposals, over a gradual, five-year period will more or less double. It's important to realize that the County estimates only about 20 percent of the county population make use of the transfer stations. Most of the others we assume but don't know because of lack of reporting by the private haulers have private service. We know in Eldorado it's about 2/3 of our population have signed up for the non-mandatory curbside service.

But the 80 percent of the population which may be using private haulers are substantially subsidizing the existing system. So we think the idea of moving toward an enterprise activity for the County system is a good one and we support it strongly. Thank you.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you for being here, Mr. Romero and we'll go to our consultant.

DAVID YANKE: Well, good afternoon. I'm here to answer any other questions you may have on some of the recommendations that were made and that were adopted by or supported by the task force.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioners? I have a couple questions. Commissioner Chavez, please.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Yes, just one quick question, kind of what-if scenario. I know that in a sense we're playing catch-up, we're trying to do something that's more comprehensive than what we've done in the past. So I think moving forward, it's not perfect but I think it's a good step forward. But if we're focusing on, and rightly so, the areas that have the population centers, focusing on those first but not forgetting the other areas that are less populated, a little less dense than what we're focusing on initially, how do you see us picking up those other areas and when would that timeframe be? What would that timeframe be like?

MR. YANKE: That's a good question and when you deal with rural collection, which is what you're dealing with for the unincorporated areas of the county there

is closer to population centers are always more cost effective to operate or provide service so they're more attractive to serve. So our whole purpose in this analysis for the County was to address those County citizen convenience centers, also called transfer stations, to make sure those are operating as efficiently as possible. Also put in place a system that starts moving towards a greater percent of recovery through the increase in the rates of operating those convenience centers. So that was one piece.

The next piece was to move toward looking at contracting, managing, franchising – whatever term you want to use, providing service in those more densely populated areas of the unincorporated area. We emphasize you want to do this on an incremental basis. So our recommendation is to move forward with looking at contracting in the more densely unincorporated areas of the county, get that put in place, get that system in place, and then look at, is that something you want to start providing in those less densely populated areas. So quite frankly, I would get it up and running first for these densely populated areas and then look at do you want to move into doing that for the less populated areas. And you can move forward with that but that's going to take direction from the elected officials here.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair, Adam, would you want to comment or add to that at all? Maybe touch on timeline and if we have other areas that would be obvious priorities in the next maybe two or three years?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, I think that – I don't know if you can say within two or three years. I think it will probably take us two years to get the current recommendation implemented by the time we modify our ordinance, develop a really strong RFP, which is how we anticipate going forward, and then also developing a really strong contract. I think that before we want to – I think we'd probably be looking at five years before we'd want to expand it because that would give us 18 months, 24 months to get established, it operates for two or three years, we look at what the costs are.

I also think that what will be interesting to see is what the community reaction is. I believe that a lot of people who think that maybe they're not interested now might see that it operates and say, yes, that's something I would like in my community, so we'd want to see – there are some areas that maybe have the population densities that could support it now, compared to what you're seeing in this proposal but I think we'd want to roll those out. So I would think, Commissioner, to maybe answer your question is maybe five years we could look at areas of similar density to see how this works out. Maybe fix some holes in our contract if any develop and then look at those densities. And then it would be just a matter of amending the ordinance to establish new service areas.

So I guess I would say that probably we'd be ready, if this is approved and implemented we would be ready in five years to look at expanding it to more customers.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. That gives me a little picture of what we have to look forward to and then of course it's going to mean that staff's going to have to be doing their piece and then we're going to have to manage the contractors whoever are selected and monitor that whole program. So it makes sense, but I thank you for that information and I think it sets some parameters not only for me but for the public too. Thank

you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Commissioner Chavez. Mr. Leigland, really quick. Do we have or were we provided with minutes of our last task force meeting?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, no, actually, that's a good point. We have them but they have not been provided to the task force.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I would like a copy of them for myself. I think it could be disseminated to our task force members and also this Commission. So I'm just going to try to remember what it was when I was sitting in that room, a couple subjects that came up. So this is – I'm sorry, sir, with Leidos, your last name again.

MR. YANKE: Dave Yanke.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Yanke. So whoever would like to answer this, staff or Mr. Yanke. One question that came up, if I recall, and I might not articulate it right, but there was a concern that the whole scope of this RFP was not complied with or not, every aspect that was requested in the RFP on this was tasked and completed. Can either one of you respond to that, please?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, yes, there's a whole series of tasks in the RFP but as we – for instance, one of the ones we wanted to have – one of the tasks was to have a very comprehensive view of what the private sector was doing but as we discovered, there's no mandatory reporting requirements. There are numerous private haulers operating in the county. Some of them were more or less willing to cooperate with the County. We did meet with them and talk to some of them individually and even though they did meet with us they would not necessarily share data. So we weren't able to get the data collection from the private sector that we were hoping to do, for instance in the wasteshed analysis. So that was just a task that we asked to do that proved impossible to do in real life.

So there were – some of the task force members felt that some of the tasks weren't completed to their satisfaction but other task force members felt that they were so there was some initial – in that meeting, there was some disagreement about the completion of the tasks and also just when – as the consultant was performing their task, for instance if you recall, it was in August of last year that we asked the consultant to focus more on the contracting aspects. So there was also some mid-course direction just based on direction from this body on which path to follow. So there's also just sort of a bifurcation in which direction it could go and we decided to go this way, which would have meant some of the task weren't as important as other tasks.

So I'm satisfied that we got what we asked for, because I think, as we've heard from many of the members that we have a solid proposal. I think I would have liked to have seen more data from the private sector, and actually one of the recommendations as Joe mentioned is to try to get more, better reporting from the private sector, because not only will that help us it will actually help our partners, the City and the Solid Waste Management Agency in doing their job. So we can really have a good wasteshed analysis, which is probably the one task that we couldn't do as well as we hoped to do.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Leigland. Also, I know I have asked for

this, I don't know if it was at our SWMA meeting or within this task force, but where in this report does it talk about our tipping fees and what we're paying at Caja del Rio? And how was that assessed, how was that analyzed, how was that incorporated in this report? With the decisions or the recommendations that were made to this body?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, well, the tipping fees, as far as the County's solid waste operation goes, the tipping fees are just an exogenously generated input. So we have no control. The Solid Waste Management Agency generates their tipping fees based on their costs and revenues and then those fees are approved at the Solid Waste Management Authority Board.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay, so let me ask a quick question this way then. So there's recommendations and a second proposal to shut down or reduce hours at Stanley or Tesuque, and there's dollars attributed to that. So how many of those dollars were attributed to the tipping fees or were they included in those tipping fees?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, the amount of solid waste that would be generated was projected not to change. It was just projected that the operating costs in order to collect that tonnage would be reduced. So there would be no projection in the total volumes of waste collected. We just would – the total volume of waste collected is not projected to change through operating changes at our transfer stations. Just that if we were to reduce the hours, for instance, customers would have to respond according. So the – we would still have to pay the same tipping fees. Now, this report, if the total – if we increase the amount of volume that went to the Solid Waste Management Agency, for instance if we created these contractual relationships and we required that they deliver to the Caja del Rio Landfill, whereas currently maybe they, as a private hauler, they're opting to go down to the privately operated landfill in Rio Rancho, and we don't know who's doing that or not because – I mean, we have a pretty good idea but we don't know definitively. If we increased volumes we could not necessarily reduce tipping fees but possibly forestall future price increases.

So as far as tipping fees, those are considered an input into the operating expenses. If you see an examination of costs to revenues, the tipping fees are considered to be determined similar you might say to fuel costs. Now, we did make an estimation that there would be some gradual escalation. We have to plan for that. We don't know what it will be but I think the fee was three percent? Two percent per year, which – you can come up with a number. We felt that was a good number. So when we present in here a fee schedule that tried to get to 30 percent cost recovery we also estimated that costs would increase over that same time period as well through inflation and what not.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I'm going to a couple different places, but I definitely want to talk about the cost recovery, because I think that was a discussion on our Solid Waste Task Force also. So Mr. Lopez knows. I think maybe I was the odd person out on some of my votes also on this task force and one came with that cost recovery.

So let me ask that. So if you all are planning on farming out curbside pickup to an entity, and if the rules say that they are mandated to dump in Caja del Rio or not dump in

Caja del Rio, how is that going to impact the cost recovery? Is that going to be included in that determination? Or excluded? For the folks that are not doing mandatory curbside pickup, who are doing private haul, as mandated by Santa Fe County? Are all the other folks that are going to be utilizing our transfer stations going to have to reabsorb that cost?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, that's a great question. So actually, if you recall, the actual recommendation from the Solid Waste Task Force was on an annual basis to analyze the revenues and the expenditures and make fine-tune adjustments to the rate structure to approach a 30 percent cost recovery at the end of the five-year planning period. So what that means is, to answer your question, at the end of each year we don't know what tipping fees the Solid Waste Management Agency are going to charge. We do have a voice as members of that joint powers agreement, but at the end of the day they're mandated to charge whatever they need in order to be an enterprise fund.

So we will have to incorporate that. At the end of each year we would say, okay, the tipping fees were x, and that caused us to have to have this expenditure of this size. Our fuel costs were y, our labor costs were z, and then that would be rolled in and so for the following year we would recommend a suite of permit prices that would try to inch closer to recovering 30 percent of those costs. The other variable, of course is the environmental GRT. The increment for environmental is dedicated to the solid waste program. We can project what that will generate in any given year. I think, and I will have to defer to Finance but I think that's about \$800,000, but that could change as the county grows, that will go up. And so that will be – we can use that against those expenditures and revenues as well. So every year it will be a different calculation depending on what we saw in the previous year.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: But Mr. Leigland, on the environmental GRT, at one time half of that money or some of that money was used for our wastewater collection system, wasn't it?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, that's correct.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: So this Commission at any time could change that full allocation. It may not go up; it may go down, thereby that 30 percent cost recovery is going to have to be absorbed by somebody.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, that's correct. Yes, but that would be a policy decision and then you'd presumably go into it with eyes wide open. So you'd have to realize what the implications of that would be.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay. Commissioners, I'm going to ask a couple other questions because I am reading in the report about some potential closures. So specifically, and if it's Mr. Yanke or Mr. Leigland, so on page 3, on consideration of closing or relocating all CCs currently on pueblo land, how did that determination come? Let's talk a little bit more about that. Because you have some identified dollars too. You have identified dollars for Nambe of \$46,600. Where did you derive those dollars from? And what are they inclusive of? And I'm going to be asking the same for Tesuque.

MR. YANKE: On both of those, what we did is we looked at your operations and first of all, just backing up a little bit, on the facilities that are on pueblo land, just from

an operational standpoint the logistics of always having full access to those, that one of the reason we recommended because there's some uncertainty there. Secondly, with Jacona, we recommended a new site anyhow because we have been out to that site and it's desperately in need of improvement, and so we recommended that site – I mean, if it were a beautiful facility I'd say try to work it out and maybe consider staying there, but considering that facility needs to be upgraded significantly and it's on pueblo land, from our standpoint that was a no-brainer that that be moved from there.

And then for the cost savings, with regard to closing, we're recommending the closing of Tesuque and Nambe. Those were related to those portions of the operational cost that would go down. So the labor savings and those are things we confirmed with the County as far as what are the salary and benefits for those folks? What operating costs are incurred there? So it's directly related to those operating costs – electricity, etc., for those. It does not, as was mentioned earlier, address or assume a decrease in tipping fee cost because the assumption would be people that are taking their waste, say, to Nambe would now be taking it to the new Jacona site.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: So in Tesuque, because Tesuque has the least amount of volume, I believe, as reported in your report, but the costs are substantially higher than even Nambe as an example.

MR. YANKE: Right.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: So, I don't know. Maybe we have more FTEs at either site, but if Nambe is receiving more traffic than Tesuque, why are Tesuque's costs higher?

MR. YANKE: Tesuque's costs – let me go back to the report there. So if you're looking at the report, the cost for disposal for Tesuque is \$410 a ton. For Nambe, it's \$286 a ton.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: What page are you working on?

MR. YANKE: Page 1-8.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay.

MR. YANKE: And Table 1-6.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you.

MR. YANKE: So if you look at that for Nambe, they're taking 579 tons of garbage. Tesuque only takes about 381 tons. That's why Tesuque's cost is \$410 a ton versus Nambe at \$286 a ton. There's not a significant cost difference between the operating costs for Tesuque and for Nambe. So when you have a lot less tonnage at the Tesuque convenience center, that's why the cost per ton goes up.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Mr. Yanke, do you have it broken out, because I was told that there were like kind of bump and runs at our different transfer stations. And if you'd maybe explain that, where they were picking up trailers that weren't full and taking them to another site until they were full and then moving them up.

MR. YANKE: Right.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: So how does that play into your scenario like that?

MR. YANKE: What we're doing is we're going off the records for the hauling

costs, because we broke out the disposal and the hauling costs. So what we tracked was when a full transfer trailer or a roll-off was taken from a convenience center to Caja del Rio Landfill, then that was tracked directly to the convenience center where it was taken from when it was full, not an empty one.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: And what if it was empty?

MR. YANKE: Well, if it was empty it wasn't recorded, so we feel very comfortable with the tracking of those costs.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: So then how does our recycling material work? Because I've been told that all of our recycling containers aren't always full to capacity when they're transported out.

MR. YANKE: Yes. On the recycling side, for the most part they're doing a good job with it. We did make recommendations that they could do, for instance, we recommended that compactors be put at a couple of the high recycling facilities for cardboard and for mixed plastics and those items, so it will reduce your hauling costs. That's one of the things we talked about, and also on the glass side there were a couple facilities where they weren't hauling as full loads as we typically see or that the capacity is for those type roll-offs, and it was related to some of the equipment that wasn't capable of doing that, so we're having – we recommended to the County and they're looking at tracking to make sure they have fuller loads on the glass side, and they're looking at, and I think they've moved forward with purchasing compactors so they can get fuller loads to reduce to the hauling costs.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. Mr. Leigland, where are we purchasing compactors for? All facilities?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, no. It's just for the high volume ones. It's – and Robert, correct me if I'm wrong. It's Jacona and Eldorado. Eldorado and Jacona are our two highest volume stations.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: So are those purchases in the works or are they coming upon agreements?

ROBERT MARTINEZ (Public Works): Mr. Chair, it's my understanding that Olivar is in the process of purchasing some compactors for cardboard and mixed recycling for the Eldorado transfer station in addition to making some site improvements at Eldorado. He will purchase compactors for the new Jacona site once we proceed with construction at that site and incorporate compactors at that facility as well.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Martinez. But that new facility could still be years away.

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chair, we are currently working with the Jacona land grant. Depending on when the lease agreement is executed it could be constructed and fully operational within 12, 16 months, something around there. Just depending on when the lease is executed. In order to provide compactors at Jacona we would have to make improvements – at the existing Jacona, we would have to make some improvements such as concrete slabs and pour more capital dollars into it and may not be there very much longer. So that is why compactors were not proposed for that site as of now.



CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Martinez. I really appreciate that. So gentlemen also, just a quick question back to your recommendations on Attachment 1. So – this is again, I'll just say it. I didn't support the elimination of senior permits, but you have it on this recommendation but yet you still have it in our cost recovery scenario.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, yes. I don't think we've nailed down the cost recovery yet because there are a lot of other – we'd have to figure out at which point we phase in permits. If the Commission approves the recommendation for the 6- and the 12-month permits we would have to factor that into the cost recovery as well. So what we would be looking for the Commission to approve is just the direction to come up with a plan for 30 percent, and then we'd have to take all our inputs including the commercial rates, the senior permits, which would actually probably be a revenue increase, and then at what point in the year we implement that because that will play as well.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: So how much money are we having to offset because of senior permit reductions? Do you guys have a dollar amount?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, I don't have that with me now. We don't sell that many and we don't know what the income distribution is of seniors, and that is actually what the Solid Waste Task Force said. They said they support a low-income support, but they didn't want to support seniors just because they're of a certain age.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Not all the Solid Waste Task Force members said that, just so –

MR. LEIGLAND: Certain members of the task force. And so the idea was that if we take away the senior discount, say half of those members would also qualify for the low income we'd still be capturing –

CHAIR MAYFIELD: But I'd like to see a dollar amount, Adam, please. I mean I would like to know how much we are giving away in senior discounts.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, we can provide that, yes.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: And then on elimination of separate commercial permits. I know we discussed that but explain that to me again. So now a commercial carrier can just have a six-month pass, a 12-month pass, a 24-month pass and throw their –

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, if I recall correctly, we sold something like four commercial permits. Six. So there was a management burden with maintaining a pass that only six people use, so we said, let's just for simplification for everybody, we'll eliminate that as a category and they can just buy the normal six, twelve or 24 or whatever they choose to purchase.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay. And then I'm going to ask this other question before I go to the increase of the achieve of 30 percent. Because I just want to make it very clear, for me, and I don't know how the rest of my colleagues feel about this, but this could be potentially I guess achieved based on increasing fees for all of our county recipients. So if we're looking at this fee schedule and saying the fee schedule is going to go up incrementally over the next, first FY 2014/15, FY 2016/2017, but if we're not at that cost recovery yet these fees could go up a lot more money than what we're looking at right here.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, yes. So depending on what year we implement it, and also it would depend on what final planning year would be chosen. I think that we would, in order to preserve the spirit of this proposal, if we don't implement the full fee schedule until, say, January 1, 2015 we would have to preserve that five-year planning horizon and so this chart, the year five would be a new year five – 2019. I think that's what we would have to preserve. But yes, you're exactly right. In order to improve recoveries through fees the fees will have to go up.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: And again, Adam, for me, so are fees inclusive of the folks that are going through private haul as we would mandate curbside pickup? Or non-inclusive of that?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, it would be only people that purchase the punch passes.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: So everybody who's doing curbside, where is this trash going to go?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, that would depend on – depending on what the contract says. If the County entered into a contract with a private hauler, I imagine that you would specify that it would go to Caja del Río. So I guess you could let them go anywhere.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioners, do you have any – Commissioner Holian, please.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just have a few comments. Again, I want thank all the task force members, and we will have more on that I think a little bit later in our agenda. I also really want to thank staff – Adam Leigland and Robert Martinez and Olivar Barela and Les Francisco and Craig O'Hare, and Teresa Martinez because you put so much work into getting data and information to us so that we understood what we were actually dealing with and also you organized and conducted some very interesting and informative tours that we went on and we spent a great deal of time on, as a matter of fact.

I think that the Solid Waste Task Force was very fortunate that the opportunity arose at the time that we were conducting this task force to have a contract with a consulting firm, and this was in conjunction with the City of Santa Fe and SWMA to analyze our solid waste operations and to make suggestions for improvements. And in fact the very first Solid Waste Task Force recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners was to fund the study by the consulting firm.

And I would say that the recommendations by the consulting firm were released for the County first. I think in fact the recommendations for the City and SWMA have not been released yet but they did release ours first, which I was very grateful for, and I think that we should take them very seriously, because they have the benefit of a comprehensive understanding of how solid waste operations occur not only in the state of New Mexico but all over the country. So they have a lot of knowledge about this topic and I think that we should take what they have to say seriously.

I want to emphasize that the task force supported – they voted to support – a number

of the recommendations, almost all of them, and they fall into several general categories. One is revamping the permit structure as has been discussed. Number two, and I think everybody agrees on this, improving service at the convenience centers. Also improving reporting requirements and data gathering so that in the future the Board of County Commissioners and County staff will know exactly what's happening with our solid waste service. And then another very important recommendation is implementation of a solid waste management system that is having a collection system for the rural areas in the county. I imagine that we'll start with areas that are close in to the city as has been mentioned, and then work our way out.

But I just want to emphasize strongly that I am very supportive of all of the recommendations that were made and that were voted on by the task force, especially for the near and intermediate term. I have to say that I have a dream that at some point in the future we'll have one solid waste management system for the entire county that will include the city, the county and the landfill. So with that, thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Commissioner. So Mr. Leigland, I'm going to go – Commissioner Anaya wants to speak on this so I'm going to talk a little bit until he gets here. Otherwise I'll just pass it over until he can be here and maybe Commissioner Stefanics. But let me go back to recycling. I want you all to know that. But let's talk about the 30 percent cost recovery. So if recycling material is strictly going into our transfer stations, because I think one of our Board members brought up mandating some curbside pickup versus opting out of curbside pickup. Who is going to pay for that if these haulers are using a different facility, not at Caja del Rio? What costs are there with recycling? Let's just establish that. Are there any costs in recycling or is recycling free? And I am a proponent of recycling; I want everybody to know that right now.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, there is a cost to the County because that recycling has to be transported. And really, at the end of the day –

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Transportation costs. Let's just get that –

MR. LEIGLAND: That's right. At the end of the day the County's solid waste management operation is really a transport operation. We are receiving waste and we are just transporting it to someone else for disposal. And so for solid waste we charge people a fee for that and that's the cost recovery but for recycling we do not charge them. So they can drop their recycling off at our facilities and then we will transport it for them – it's free to them but there is a cost to the County and we transport it to the Solid Waste Management Authority and they do with it what they will. So they have various mechanisms for disposing of the recycled material. Glass, I understand, they just crush, but the other materials they can sell.

So there is a cost to the County. In the total lifecycle cost of a material it might be free but to the County there is the transport cost. So for a private hauler, if the County were to contract with a private hauler and they did curbside recycling, they themselves would transport that recycling to presumably the Caja del Rio facility, and they would probably incorporate those costs into whatever fee they charge. So they would be closer – they are enterprise so they would probably recover those costs. So to answer your question, yes. Those

are the costs. There also is some staff time associated with at this facility handing it but that can be – that's overhead. That can be wrapped up into the total cost of operating it.

So the true cost that can be segregated is that transport cost.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: So Mr. Leigland, if we go into a mandatory curbside area and individuals decide not to opt out of it, do they have, with the vendor they choose to use or whoever you all contract with, can they opt out of that recycling component with that vendor, thereby taking the recycle material to our transfer stations and just disposing of their solid waste with that vendor?

MR. LEIGLAND: Well, Mr. Chair, I think that would be depending on how we structure the contract in that service area. We could tell the vendor we want you to provide both curbside and recycling at x-price and there would be a price negotiation, or we could allow them to debundle it and provide solid waste only, recycling only, presumably. So I think that would be something that would have to be decided when we establish these service parameters. But if we – if the Commission decided to allow the debundling, so they would say that a particular customer could opt out of curbside recycling for whatever reason – they just wanted curbside solid waste – and then the customer, at that point the customer could choose not to recycle anything. They could put everything in their solid waste. But if they still wanted to recycle and they didn't opt for curbside, they could still continue to take it to the County's facilities, much as what happens in Eldorado right now. Eldorado – I understand that the private hauler charges what many people consider an unreasonably high price for curbside recycling so they opt in only for the solid waste and they still continue to use the County's facility only for recycling.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay.

[Commissioner Anaya joined the meeting.]

MR. YANKE: Let me just add on that a little bit. So it's great question, do you debundle or not. We've had some clients do it. The vast majority do not unbundle. In other words, if I'm taking collection service from a private operator I'm going to take it for solid waste and recycling because for that operator, that private operator, you're going to get the best bids from those that can say, okay, I have 2,000 accounts. They're picking up garbage and recycling versus I've got 2,000 garbage accounts and maybe 1,500 recycling accounts. So we would recommend that it's a package deal.

Also I would – back to one of your earlier questions. We would recommend – this is the norm. When you enter into a contract for services, franchise, again, the different terms used around the country, it's typically, in the vast majority of cases it's recommended that those materials be hauled to the facilities in the county. In this case the County landfill and to BuRRT, to the recycling facility. So you would not lose the revenues from the processing of those materials.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Yanke. So Adam or Mr. Yanke, do we have a cost of what our transportation costs are related to recycling throughout Santa Fe

County? A breakdown?

MR. LEIGLAND: Yes, Mr. Chair, we do, and actually, it's in the report. Yes, we track that.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: What is it? I don't know if all Commissioners have the report in front of them up here. I do not have the report in front of me.

MR. LEIGLAND: So, Mr. Chair, in the report, on page 1-8 of the report, Table 1.5, the total amount we spend hauling recyclables is \$134,000, according to this.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Leigland. And that's countywide?

MR. LEIGLAND: Yes. That's all of them rolled up into one.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay. Commissioner Anaya, do you have any questions? I know you were at a funeral. Please, Vice Chairman Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I apologize for being late. I was at a memorial service for a dear friend. I just have a few things. It's my understanding we're going to have some more discussion prior to action, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: This is a request to go out to publish title and general summary on this proposed ordinance.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: We're not discussing that one.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, point of order.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Yes, please.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: This ordinance only deals with one issue with regard to the recommendations.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay. Thank you for that clarification.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: And that is to extend the lifetime of the permits so that they don't expire. It's only one issue that we're voting on today.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. So then we're not asking to go out for title and general summary on this whole –

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, we are merely presenting all the recommendations and then in order – we felt that it was necessary to do the permit changes to prepare ourselves for the next fiscal. So this is, Commissioner Anaya, yes, you're correct. This is just a presentation and then our plan was to come back at the April meeting for action, for request for action.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Well, Mr. Chair, I had a conversation with our County Manager yesterday on this as a matter of fact and expressed to her that I wanted to have some conversations with task force members and community members, so maybe it will come back in April but maybe it's something we need to push back even further. But I do concur and appreciate the clarification from Commissioner Holian that we're only dealing with the extension of permits, which I think is an important facet to keep things progressing forward.

Just a few points. I too appreciate the work of the task force and their efforts to provide recommendations and also the work of the consultant but I do want to say that one of the privileges that we're given when we're sitting up here as County Commissioners is we

evaluate those recommendations from any body and then act from our perspective individually in the interests of the public and the community we serve. So we don't always agree all the time and I think that's just the nature of our business and what we're all trying to achieve.

A few fundamental things that I want to say that I've consistently said throughout this discussion and this process is that taxpayers throughout Santa Fe County and throughout the state of New Mexico are saddled with many taxes that go to good purpose and good intention. Solid waste, from my perspective has always been not an enterprise endeavor for a governmental entity but a responsibility for a governmental entity to fulfill with existing taxes that are already in place. I've already – I've consistently said that and I'm not going to change any time soon. I think that it's a core and primary service and I think that when we begin to look at solid waste as an enterprise endeavor we lose focus with the intent of taxes already in place, property taxes, gross receipts taxes and other taxes in place, that in my opinion and perspective and that of many, many of my constituents are taxes that were put in place to provide those direct services.

So that's something that I'm going to continue to emphasize and restate. I did listen to the comments of some of my colleagues in the last 25 minutes on my way here to the meeting and heard the term cost recovery come up again and again and again and again, and I think that's something that we'll have to have a discussion and a reasonable debate amongst one another to ultimately come up with some recommendations. But I want to come back to the core principle that I believe that taxation in place through property, through environmental gross receipts, are two principal places we should look to primarily and first before we talk about any increases to fees.

The other thing that I've said publicly many times on this bench relative to solid waste is that I was in support of those areas in and around urban areas of looking and evaluating curbside pickup. And I think if we go and pull the minutes of my colleagues, some of which are sitting on this bench, we'll find that even they made comments associated with that curbside cost offsetting costs outside in the more rural areas where maybe there are less services. And that I was supportive of that. I'm supportive if there's a given urban area that makes sense to move to curbside that those costs might in turn off set some of the overall costs in the more rural areas, with the primary and fundamental premise that people in the urban setting have more access to services than those that live in the rural areas.

And there's an offsetting difference between what someone might get in and around the City of Santa Fe, the Town of Edgewood, the City of Espanola or what they might get in way of services if they're in the rural area. Solid waste, in my opinion and perspective, based on the feedback of my constituents, is one of those primary core issues.

Those things being said, I'm going to take time to go out again, talk to the constituents, talk to the various task force members, get some clarification and more information from them, and then come back and hopefully we can have a good and candid dialogue about what makes sense in a balanced way. This, like all other things we do at the County, there's not a one size fits all. There's always considerations that need to be taken into

place based on proximity to an urban area and what core services people have or they don't have. Commissioner Mayfield, Chairman Mayfield made some comments just a few moments ago associated with seniors and I think I heard it correctly that there was a discussion about what's the relevance of a senior associated with income, I think was some of the comments made.

I'll simply say this. I think our senior members in the county, in those outlying areas in particular that may not have access to curbside should absolutely be given an offsetting permit price. I think that's one of the least things we can do in consideration of their contributions collectively over the time that they've spent in this county and this state. I also think we should analyze not just seniors and other relevant preferences including veterans and analyzing what we might do to off set some of their sacrifices that they made for us in the county and in the country as well.

So those are a few comments that I have. I look forward to more communication and dialogue and once again, I do appreciate and thank the member of the Solid Waste Task Force. Walt is one that's been steadfast. He's here. I saw him earlier. He's here somewhere. There he is. He's been steadfast as have many others in contributing to the committee not only this time but the time before. So I thank them for their service and look forward to more dialogue and communication as we move forward. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, I move for approval of authorization to publish title and general summary of the ordinance that will amend Ordinance No. 2012-7, that is to extend the time during which permits will remain valid.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioner, we're still on presentations of the Solid Waste Task Force recommendations, item A. 1.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, Adam Leigland – I'm sorry. He actually started talking about it.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: That's fine but we're still on discussion of the presentation.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Okay. I'll wait.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: So I'm going to go to our general public. Is anybody from the public wishing to comment on this proposed Solid Waste Task Force recommendation that have not already commented as members? Okay, seeing none, thank you, gentlemen and thank you, all of our Solid Waste Task Force members for being here today. Mr. Eigner, thank you. It was a great report. Now, Commissioners, we can move to A. 2.

**III. A. 2. Request Authorization to Publish Title and General Summary of Ordinance 2014-\_\_\_\_, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2012-7 (Amending Ordinance 2010-5 to Extend the Time During Which Permits Will Remain Valid), to Ensure That Residential Solid Waste Permits Sold for Fiscal Year 2015 and Each Year Thereafter Shall Not Expire Until Fully Utilized**

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Adam Leigland, and I will defer to Commissioner Holian. Commissioner, do you care to make your same motion?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, I move for approval.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: We have a motion and a second. We're going to go to comments really quick. So Mr. Leigland, on this proposal on page 2, hearing, respectfully what – of your recommendation report. Thank you, Commissioner. Just so I understand. Hearing Commissioner Anaya's comments and Holian and Chavez' comments, if we do this right now and we enact this chart, knowing that we haven't made any deliberate decisions right here, and say somebody now in fiscal year 2014 elects to buy the 24-trip permit or 24-trip senior citizen/low income permit, because we still have that low senior citizen fee in there, are they going to be grandfathered in if this Board decides to change the fees structure later?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, the item before you today is to change only permits that we're going to be selling in FY15. So anybody can continue to buy permits that are currently on sale, of which we have the commercial and the low income and the senior and the normal 24, so those that are ongoing are unchanged. So this was to prepare in FY15, and normally we would start selling those permits as we approach the fiscal year so that on July 1<sup>st</sup> you would have a permit. So this would say on the permit that I buy on July 1, 2014, that one will no longer expire. So this is only for the upcoming fiscal year. So if you buy one today, under our current ordinance it would expire at the end of June.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: So again, Mr. Leigland, my question though, as I understand my question is if somebody purchases a 24-trip permit, now starting in 2015, that will be the new calendar year July 1, 2015, as the fiscal year works, right? So if somebody buys a 24-punch permit they can – that permit does not expire any longer. That permit is good for 24 punches.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, under this ordinance, correct.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: So if this Board changes the 30 percent cost recovery or anything else, if somebody two years from now that has that 24<sup>th</sup> punch to use, going to still fall under their initial purchase or are we going to be doing a bunch of refunding if this Board changes?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, I don't think we could – that would have to be something that would go into the calculations is how long those punches last. I mean, you bring up a really good point in that there are 24 punches. Yes. So I think anecdotally we



believe that most people are only using 12 a year, and so once we start selling these 24 that don't expire they would presumably last two years.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I would make a recommendation to everybody right now go buy a 24-punch permit pass.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, if they buy them right now, if they buy them in 2014 they'll expire at the end of June. So –

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I thought we had a recommendation that these permits would no longer expire.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, but that's what this recommendation is but this is only to make it effective for the permits we'll be selling – the next round of permits. So if you buy a permit today it would not be covered by this change. And so the way our current ordinance reads any time you buy a permit in the current fiscal year it expires at the end of that fiscal year. So our fiscal year ends at the end of June. So if you bought a 24-punch permit today, under our current ordinance, it would expire at the end of June. So this one is only for the permits that will be effective beginning 1 July and thereafter. So really, the recommendation – and since that's the case most people don't purchase permits at this time of year because they won't use the 24 before the end of the fiscal year.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: And Adam, you're going to have to really explain this to me again. I'm sorry, I'm not totally comprehending it. So again, if somebody buys a new permit under the new proposed structure, if it's one trip, 6-trip, 12-trip, 24-trip, they can buy that coming before July 1, 2015, correct? Fiscal year.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, the recommendation – if the Board were to approve the recommendation for a 6- and a 12-punch permit staff did not anticipate rolling those out until the beginning of the calendar year, just to make it easier, and that was one of the proposals. We would come to you as how we'd roll out all these changes. So the ordinance that's in front of your right now is only to make all permits not expire beginning in the next cycle which is the permits, they can be effective the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. So anyone who buys a permit today is under the current ordinance, and they will expire at the end of the fiscal year.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Adam. Commissioner Anaya, please.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I'm going to make a motion – not today but when it comes back, that's going to essentially say we don't want the permits that people have in hand right now. I'm not even talking about people that might buy one today, but people that have a permit right now, that they don't expire. So I'm going to make that motion and if my colleagues want to vote that up or down, that's their prerogative and we haven't made any decisions on six- or twelve- or anything else. The only thing that this does is extend. What I'm going to suggest in this ordinance is that we extend current permits that are in-hand, and any that would be going forward as well. So just as a precursor or FYI that I'm putting out there publicly on the radio and on TV right now for the public to know.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioner Chavez, please.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I don't know if this gets to the point that you're

raising, Commissioner Anaya, but it does – the ordinance, Section 1, it reads a residential solid waste permit sold for fiscal year 2014 and prior are valid for 30 days after the year printed on the permit. However, residential solid waste permits sold for fiscal year 2015 and each year thereafter shall be valid until all permitted trips have been utilized.

MR. LEIGLAND: So, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, yes. The Commission, it was Ordinance 2012-7 which was passed about this time – when we first convened the Solid Waste Task Force, the 2010 ordinance was amended to give a grace period for the permits, and that's what this reflects, that there was a 30-day grace period. It used to be that they would expire at the end of the fiscal year. We incorporated a grace period and actually, I stand corrected. I said earlier they would expire at the end of June but this is a grace period and this recommended ordinance in front of you preserves that grace period for the permits purchased in FY 14. And Commissioner Chavez, and Commissioner Anaya, if I may, the title of the ordinance says for fiscal year 2015 so I believe if there's a recommendation to affect 2014 permits we would probably have to change the title of this ordinance to reflect that as well. That's probably something for Steve, but – so I would suggest if your intention is that maybe we should address it now because otherwise the ordinance will not be –

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: [inaudible]

MR. LEIGLAND: Well, Mr. Chair, that's a great question. No, right now, the price of a 24-punch permit, under Ordinance 2012-7 is \$75.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair and Commissioner Chavez, I appreciate your analysis but no, my intent and my motion, pass or fail, will be to extend the current permits until they run out. So if somebody has one in their pocket right now, that that be extended until it runs out. Commissioner Mayfield brought up a point, if somebody hadn't bought a permit yet, they can only buy one with their property, so, if they hadn't purchased a permit yet, then if they bought one tomorrow that that would be usable until it ran out, and I would support what's in the resolution going forward. So that's what my intent is, my individual intent. I don't know where my colleagues stand. I have an assumption where some might fall but I have no idea where my colleagues fall on that item. But my recommendation for the public benefit and public purpose would be to let them use their permit that they paid for until it runs out and then carry it forward based on those recommendations, same suit, and that the permit fees stay at the \$75. Thank you, Mr. Chair, Mr. Leigland.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you, Mr. Leigland. Commissioners, with that, we have a motion and a second on the floor. [inaudible] We'll take a vote on the first motion and second that was on the floor.

**The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.**

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: The ordinance is going to come back to us.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, I guess I'm going to have to defer to the County Attorney's Office, but yes, the plan was that you publish title and general summary, it comes back I think a month away. So our plan was to bring back the actual ordinance for approval at the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So, Mr. Chair, Mr. Ross, it would be appropriate for any Commissioner if they had amendments to make those amendments or motions at a subsequent meeting?

STEVE ROSS (County Attorney): Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, yes, absolutely. It's just like a regular ordinance. If you have an amendment that you want to propose like you just did, bring it up and we'll vote on it.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: And so Mr. Chair, Mr. Ross, the due diligence that I'm going to do is I'm going to go to my constituents and I'm going to go to seniors and I'm going to go to my constituents and I'm going to say the County Commission at our meeting in March made a motion to adopt extending permits. I made comments based on feedback I've received from you in the past. If you're interested in commenting on this, give me that feedback now and if you're interested in attending the Commission meeting, which I'm going to encourage them to do, whichever they fall. They may support wholeheartedly the endorsements of the committee, or they may have deviations. I'm going to allow that public process to occur where they can provide us their feedback. So that's my logic for not wanting to rush into any amendments today, but to have the conversation with the Solid Waste Task Force committee members, staff, as well as the community at large, and then invite them to come back to these chambers and render their support or their concerns associated with actions we might take as a Commission. Does that sound reasonable, Mr. Leigland?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, yes.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: [inaudible] that will pass unanimously. But Mr. Leigland, just again, for my clarification. This is an ordinance to publish title and general summary. Right now, as is, we are talking about 24-punch permit for \$75 for 2015. We have not – because we had recommendations from the board that's sitting behind you and that's kind of what I just understood and heard is that we're not incorporating those recommendations at this time with what we just did.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, that is correct. So the only thing that was just voted on was to get rid of the expiration and then at some point in the future, April, or whenever the Board chooses, we'll bring the actual recommendations for approval and if the permit changes that are recommended are approved then we'll have to come back to the Board with an ordinance to reflect those changes however they are adopted.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. And Mr. Leigland or Mr. Ross, are we going to have two public hearings? One public hearing? And when are we looking at having those public hearings? Do we know yet?

MR. ROSS: Mr. Chair, it's up to you. We just have to have one. We're only required to have one and because of the advertising it can't actually occur until the administrative meeting in April, because we need to notice for two weeks.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Ross. Vice Chairman Anaya, please.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, going to our deliberate intent and your intent in previous motions on transparency and feedback and communication, I think it's only logic to publish title and general summary, convey to the public via our website and via flyers or whatever other mechanisms we have to deliver information to the public what has been proposed and offer appropriate public time for people to provide input. So I'm going to suggest at least two public hearings, Mr. Chair, for this ordinance.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioner Chavez, any comment on that?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: No.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I would agree with two, please, however the timelines that Mr. Ross establishes. Thank you, Mr. Leigland and everybody, thank you, and I hope we keep our Solid Waste Task Force members here for a little while longer. Mr. Yanke, thank you also for your work.

### III. C. Purchasing Items

#### 1. **Request Approval to Award Five (5) Contracts for Agreement No. 2014-0212-HO/PL on-Call Roofing Services, Each in the Amount of \$250,000 for a Total of \$1,250,000 Exclusive of GRT**

BILL TAYLOR (Procurement Director): Thank you, Commissioners. It's a pleasure to be here. We're before you right now – the Purchasing Division/Housing Authority recognized a need for on-call roofing services throughout the county to make specific roof repairs and roof installations and we issued an RFP for qualified vendors. We received seven proposals from local roofing contractors. Based on, although all the proponents or offers were qualified roofers the selection committee made its determinations based on the best prepared and most responsive proposals. The results ended up with five out of those offerors being selected and recommended before you, Commissioners, for approval.

So there would be five contracts totaling an amount of \$250,000 per year with the annual renewal option up to four years. With that, Mr. Chair, I'll stand for any questions.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Vice Chairman Anaya, please.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, Mr. Taylor, having spent a fair amount of time working on reroofing projects at the Housing Authority in particular, one of the things that I wanted to ask on the record and get feedback on is typically, there are warranties associated with any replacement or work done on roofs. Do you feel confident or do you feel that we maybe need work. Give me your perspective – and if you need to look to one of the other staff members, I respect that – with the database systems that we have in place, given the volume and number of roofs that we have across the county, that we have a

system that can adequately track the roof replacements, historically and going forward? That was one of the challenges, I'll be quite candid, when I was at the Housing Authority was making sure that we kept track of the paper and the systems to make sure we trigger the warranty work. Frankly, we struggled with it, and so I wanted to know what we might have in place that will ensure that we don't touch any work that's potentially warranty work that could – what's the word I'm looking for?

MR. TAYLOR: Be covered under the warranty.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Would nullify the warranty, right?

MR. TAYLOR: Right. Exactly.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So, Mr. Leigland, could you –

MR. TAYLOR: I'll defer to Adam. We do not – at Purchasing, once we execute the contract that's provided to the user agency for that and receiving those warranties need to be input and I believe Adam can respond to that.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, you bring up a great point an in my experience as well roofs typically come with a ten-year warranty. You build a new facility, the warranty on the roof is much longer. And so that's something you always have to be constantly vigilant of. But one thing I did want to address in relation to your first question is, if you recall, the Commission created the facility condition process, and so you allowed the awarding of a contract for facility condition assessment, which also included a methodology for assessing buildings on a regular scale, and it was precisely to address what you bring up.

So now, and it's actually ongoing, we will have – every facility, and to remind you we have about 85 facilities now, so we have 85 roofs, our process does not currently address our housing stock. That could possibly be rolled out but currently the process I'm about to describe to you is only for County facilities. We came up with a standardized evaluation methodology and then each facility will be inspected on a regular scale and then we will be looking specifically for things like that for especially items that we know are high risk, like roofs, like boilers, those sorts of things, and then we'll use that system to prioritize maintenance and possibly major repair decisions, so that when we have our facility list projects in front of us we know, okay, this one has a bad roof. Replace it, and actually, the Commission is going to be presented with a facility condition list every year so the Commission will see, okay, these are the facilities we have. This one's good, this one's bad and so on.

And then the second piece is greater tracking of our warranties and we know we need to be aware of that, not just for roofs but for all our things and so that's going to be a joint process between our maintainers and our project managers so that we track all those warranties and then when we respond to a work order, the work order, the maintainers, P.J. and his crew, say, oh, this is a warranty, and then we go back to the contractor to fix it. So I think we're well in hand of meeting both aspects of your question, though I will note that we haven't rolled that out for our housing stock yet. So did I answer your question?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So I guess just to cut to the chase, do we have, right now, an annual inspection on every building? And if I said, where's the annual inspection on the courthouse, we could go to a file and pull it that would show a checklist of roofing, mechanical, parking, so on and so forth, and I guess if we don't, then I think – and I think this is something Commissioner Chavez has been talking about as well for some time now, but if we don't, at what point would you bring that forward to ask that we look at it and roll it out. Because I know we've started it, but is it in place or when do you think you're going to fully roll it out so that we would know with good peace of mind that we did a full cycle maybe, or a full year.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, every facility is being inspected now. That's ongoing, and actually they are in Corrections right now and Corrections is the one we asked to be the first because it's the most complicated and the one we thought had the most needs, and then the number two priority we asked them to look at was the building on Letrado, the State Health Building, because we know that one needed help, and then we have them prioritized all the way down to the 85<sup>th</sup> building. So we recommend that all 85 buildings will be inspected. I think the performance period is six months. I may have to be corrected on that but by the fall we will have – all buildings will be inspected and we can come back and present to you a condition assessment of all of our facilities, along with some recommended fixes, major line items.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So if I could just follow up, Mr. Chair and Commissioner Chavez, I just have one more comment. The database is going to be the biggest piece of the system. I know we have a work order system in housing that tracks repairs and pretty much every aspect of work orders because it's mandated through federal regs. Are we working towards or trying to figure out what database system might work? I know we do a work order system for like road improvements, but are we looking at options to roll in vertical buildings in the county?

MR. LEIGLAND: Yes, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, yes. Another good question. So we actually probably have two possibilities and then there's also a third inventory. So we have our maintenance connection and that's our vertical work order management system. We also use that for our open space. And that's a very robust system that we're currently not using to its full extent but you could use that to track what you're suggesting. You could also use it to track product costs and what not. So we're still trying to expand that, so we could utilize that. The consultant we hired also has developed for various school systems around the state, because this is kind of what they specialize in is facility assessments and management for large property owners like campuses. They also – they have a product that we can potentially borrow. So we haven't decided that but we definitely recognize that the data management is a key part of this. And then I also want to mention that we also have the County facility inventory which we're still working on and that doesn't include just facilities but also open space properties and what not. And we actually made an attribute in that the numerical facility condition index that will get rolled out. So we'll be

tracking it in two different places. The numerical score is similar to PASER which we use for roads on the overall inventory, and then we'll have to have a second place which tracks the individual work for each – and also the warranties and the work orders. So the answer to your question I think is yes. I think we'll be in a position to show you all this work, maybe September or October.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Leigland. My closing comment is you can lose a lot of money or save a lot of money, depending on how well you manage those systems and databases. So I look forward to the continued work. Thank you, Mr. Chair and thank you for deferring, Commissioner Chavez.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I just wanted to expand or maybe have Adam expand on the contract that was already approved for the facility assessment, because we thought we were only going to do one or two buildings, but we're going to be able to do all 80 buildings, and I'll let you continue from there, Adam.

MR. LEIGLAND: Yes, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez. So the initial RFP was we asked them to develop a methodology for inspection including the numerical score, train our staff how to do it, so that when we do subsequent inspections we can do it in-house, which we thought would be a cost savings since our crews are in the facilities all the time anyway. And then we also came up with a list of, at the time, five facilities. We had a fire station, a community center, but after the cost proposals came in we realized that at the end we could get every County facility. So all County facilities in the first round will be done by this outside consultant. We'll still teach our staff; our staff will be alongside them at every step and then after the first round, then we can go into the in-house. So it actually worked out really well and we're pretty excited about how it's going.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I think that we're getting, I think it's a good investment in County taxpayer dollars, and I think it would also help to establish or build that database that we need so that if we want to refer to a contract or a warranty we have all of that on file, where before we really didn't have everything in one place. So I think we're moving in the direction that Commissioner Anaya outlined and once we get that in place it will be much easier to keep those buildings maintained and to keep the database current. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Adam.

I'll make a motion to approve agreement #2014-00212 for on-call roofing services, each in the amount of \$250,000 for a total of \$1.25 million, exclusive of GRT.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: [inaudible]

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair, the contract is for a four-year period. It will be initially a one-year contract that will be as the option to renew another year, three annual renewals.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: [inaudible]

MR. TAYLOR: Per contractor, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I would also be remiss if I didn't appreciate all of the work of Housing and all the other departments. This is a project that I've been talking about for some time. We've been doing these contracts that afford a public purchasing process and legal process, but it puts contractors and businesses in place where they can facilitate work on a quick and needed basis. So it's going to help us be more efficient and take care of business in a more expeditious manner. So I appreciate it.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: [inaudible]

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

**III. C. 2. Request Approval of Anissa Construction Change Order No. 2 in the Amount of \$19,302.18 Exclusive of GRT for the La Cienega Fire Station No. 1**

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. We entered into an agreement for construction and renovation of La Cienega Fire Station #1 with Anissa Construction in the amount of \$470,500. There was a change order #1 in the amount of \$46,826 that included the installation of domestic water, fire lanes and the community fire system. This change order #2 in the amount of \$19,302 includes the installation of new metal roof, installation of exterior conduit, communication lines, sidewalks and exterior stucco work. The combination of change order #1, #2 increased the amount by more than 10 percent which requires this Commission's approval. And with that, Mr. Chair, I'll stand for any questions.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, for the members of the public, what's the location of this fire station/

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, this is Fire Station #1, description, location address, I don't have, but it's located near the PNM facility off 14.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Chief.

DAVE SPERLING (Fire Chief): Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, this is located on Fireplace Road, right next to PNM, off of Highway 14.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So, Mr. Chair, Chief, give people just a snapshot. This is a site we had facilities in and they needed renovations. We're doing those renovations now. Just kind of tell folks what we've been doing and what's happened at that station.

CHIEF SPERLING: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, this was a former volunteer fire station, La Cienega Fire Station #1. We relocated the volunteers and their apparatus to our new Rancho Viejo Fire Station when that was completed about a year and a



half ago and we have renovated this facility or are in the process of renovating this facility into office space for our Fire Prevention and Wildland Divisions and they're doing a fine job in completing this space. We found a few issues because it was an older facility that we had not fully anticipated during the design work phase of this project and that resulted in a few changes that, as I say, we did not anticipate.

I think this will be a facility that will stand for Santa Fe County for many years to come.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So, Mr. Chair, Mr. Sperling, we move the volunteers and the apparatus to the new station that was constructed and this facility handles the prevention efforts that work throughout Santa Fe County in every district. Correct?

CHIEF SPERLING: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, that is correct. This will finally consolidate our Fire Prevention Division into one location. As many people in the public realize, who use our prevention services, they have been bounced around to a number of different locations over the last five years. This will give them a permanent home and a permanent place for members of the public to take care of public business when it comes to fire prevention and wildland services.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Chief Sperling. I would move for approval.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: We've got a motion and a second, Commissioners. If there is no further discussion.

**The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.**

**III. A. 3. Ordinance No. 2014-3, an Emergency Ordinance Declaring Hazardous Fire Conditions and Imposing Restrictions on Open Fires, Smoking, and Other Ignition Sources**

CHIEF SPERLING: Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the Board. The Fire Department is requesting your approval of an emergency ordinance declaring hazardous fire conditions and imposing restrictions on campfires, open fires of all kinds, open burning of vegetation and rubbish, smoking within a County park, campground, or any wildland area except within an enclosed vehicle or building, littering on public roadways or areas with ignited smoking materials and use of off-road vehicles and motorbikes within County parks, campgrounds and wildland areas, as well as the issuance of permits for open burning.

It's our intention that this emergency ordinance take effect immediately and remain in place for the next 120 days. It of course may be rescinded by Board action at a future date if conditions unexpectedly improve. Burn restrictions, Commissioners, are also being considered or have been imposed by the State Land Office and are in the process at Bernalillo County. And I have to tell you that these conditions currently remind me of 2011 in northern New Mexico. And of course that was the year of the Pacheco Fire, the Las Conchas Fire and

a number of significant fires in Santa Fe County. And it's our opinion that these emergency restrictions are necessitated by the immediate and present danger of wildland fires and structure fires. In fact we've had 37 wildland fires since the start of this year, 16 in the last 30 days, including a 15.3-acre fire in the Pojoaque district last Thursday that exhibited fire behavior that we sometimes see much later in the fire season. And it was notable that this was the first day of spring. Seemed like a bad omen.

We've had an exceptionally dry winter, as everyone realizes and it's been recorded as the driest start to a year on record, and this is particularly concerning as we move into what is traditionally our driest and most fire-prone season of the year. Severe drought conditions are forecast to persist and deepen throughout Santa Fe County and New Mexico in the upcoming months. And I included a US seasonal drought outlook from NOAA in your packet demonstrating what they anticipate through May 31<sup>st</sup>. We experience very low live fuel moisture, in the area of three to four percent for fine fuels, and this too is concerning since we had a considerable buildup of fine fuels after last September's rains.

In Santa Fe County we're already seeing high to very high fire danger alerts and the forecast is for higher than normal temperatures as well as continued dry conditions. I wouldn't be bringing this emergency ordinance forward at this time, as early as it is, the beginning of our spring season if I didn't feel it was absolutely necessary to protect both public and private property, the health, well being and safety of our citizens, and the health and well being of our firefighters.

With that I ask for your consideration of this emergency ordinance and I stand for questions.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Mr. Sperling, let me ask one quick question. So this 13-acre fire in the Pojoaque Fire District, where was that at?

CHIEF SPERLING: Mr. Chair, it was a 15.3-acre fire. It was on the San Ildefonso, in the bosque, right along the river, off of some private property but within the reservation boundaries.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Did you all determine the ignition source?

CHIEF SPERLING: It was a gentleman burning leaves.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. Commissioner Chavez, please.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Chief Sperling, if I understood you correctly, you said that in your presentation that our moisture content is somewhere between three and four percent?

CHIEF SPERLING: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, on fine fuels, they're considered ten-hour fuels, that's correct, three to four percent moisture.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. That's pretty telling. And then you also in your presentation you focused a lot on County parks but I didn't hear a lot specifically said about our trails, but I think our parks, open space and trails would be captured under this emergency ordinance. Is that correct?

CHIEF SPERLING: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, that is correct.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Commissioner Chavez. Commissioner Holian, please.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Chief Spurling for bringing this forward and by the way, I move for approval.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I just wanted to make a few comments. I think that this is probably the earliest that the County Commission has ever passed this hazardous fire condition ordinance. Am I correct about that?

CHIEF SPURLING: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, that is correct. I went back through my records and found the earliest we had done it previously was in 2011 and that was the first meeting in April. So we're about two weeks ahead of where we were then, I think having learned from those experiences several years ago.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: And I think it's important to urge all of our county residents to be very careful about doing any activities that might start a fire, but I think it's also important to recognize that there are a lot of causes of fire, forest fire and so on, that are not controlled by the activities that are regulated by this ordinance. For example, lightning or power lines that are downed by high winds. That's what caused the Las Conchas Fire, which was an absolutely horrendous fire that we had. We need to recognize that our landscape is very vulnerable, not only to fire and dry conditions but to catastrophic fires and the reason for that is because of the actions of human beings over the last couple hundred years. Things like fire suppression the last hundred years in our national forest and over grazing throughout our state and so on.

So I think we need to be aware that not only do we need to react to dry conditions like this by being extra careful but we need to do more in the future, especially in our wildland urban interface to reduce the risk of explosive fires, which is what we're very vulnerable to right now. And that means land restoration – tree thinking, underbrush removal, and so on and so forth. I'll say on the good side, I am very proud of our county because our county has a fire department that is thinking about these issues, especially with regard to the wildland urban interface, and I would like to really commend all the people in our wildland urban interface department.

So I think it's really incumbent on us as County Commissioners to do whatever we can to support our fire department in these efforts. Thank you.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioner Holian brought up wild interland urban interface, correct? So how would that impact us? You all can't go out there with chainsaws doing any more tree trimming? Underbrush cleaning?

CHIEF SPURLING: Mr. Chair, we work on public properties for thinking purposes and we're always looking for additional public areas that we can do as project work in conjunction with our land partners, which are generally BLM, County Open Space, and the US Forest Service.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I guess my question is can people still – is it permissible to use chainsaws under this ordinance?

CHIEF SPERLING: Mr. Chair, chainsaws are not allowed.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: So do we have any projects going right now in Santa Fe County as far as cleanup?

CHIEF SPERLING: Mr. Chair, we do.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: What's going to happen there? They're going to stop? Cease?

CHIEF SPERLING: Well, there is a provision of this ordinance that allows us to provide a special dispensation for those conditions like chainsaw use where we can impose some additional restrictions such as having a water source, having enough personnel to mitigate any potential start. So that allows us in these cases to continue to do our fuel mitigation work, making sure that they have what they need to put out any accidental fire start. But under most normal circumstances, someone working alone in their congested wildland area, the use of a chainsaw would be prohibited unless they managed some extra mitigation conditions.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. Vice Chairman Anaya, please.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate the comments of my colleagues. I think it's important that we do this. We've consistently done this, but I also think that we step up our efforts to encourage our neighbors to follow suit and hopefully take some of the same action. So I'm going to suggest a friendly amendment if the maker of the motion and the second would accept it, that along with this ordinance that we also encourage our neighbors – the Town of Edgewood, San Miguel County, Bernalillo County, Sandoval County, Rio Arriba County, the City of Espanola, Los Alamos, Pecos, tribal entities, Nambe, Pojoaque, Cochiti, the national forest, Tesuque, San Ildefonso, Okhay Owingeh, Santo Domingo and our BLM partners. Sounds like the State Land Office has already taken action, but I would ask for a friendly amendment that a letter come from the chair, that the chief could also sign onto as well, that speaks to some of the key aspects that we took to consider this ordinance and encourage them to consider taking that same action, respecting that they all have their individual autonomy.

But I would ask the maker of the motion and the seconder to accept that as a friendly amendment in the spirit that we're a regional area and not just a county area affected by our neighbors as well.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I'm sorry, Commissioner Holian, please.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I have a question for Steve. Could that just be direction to our staff or do we need to incorporate it into the ordinance?

MR. ROSS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, I don't think Commissioner Anaya is requesting it be incorporated in the ordinance but I think he wants it made a part of the action. I get that.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Okay. So I certainly am in agreement with that action in connection with this ordinance.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioner Chavez, please.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Yes, Commissioner Holian and to our County Attorney, I could also see a section in this ordinance that would communicate or articulate what Commissioner Anaya stated, and often we do have either a resolution or an ordinance that will be submitted to another governmental entity or another agency expressing the intent in that resolution or ordinance. Do you see that fitting into this? Or can it be just communicated as direction from the Board?

MR. ROSS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, this is a penal ordinance. In other words, violation of it gets you thrown in jail.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Got it.

MR. ROSS: So it probably doesn't work so well with that concept. It could be something that could be put in whereases but I think that if you give the direction as proposed by Commissioner Anaya we can certainly act on it and send out letters and solicit help from all those –

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: You're right. The whereases is usually where you would ask that this ordinance be communicated or sent to another agency.

MR. ROSS: Right.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So, I don't know, Commissioner Anaya. I could go either way. I think that we probably could have another whereas section in here that would cover what you've articulated or follow Commissioner Holian's suggestion and just have it be direction from the Board to staff. I could go either way.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, if I could. Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, I'm fine with direction. I would just ask that any other entities that I may have left out, I didn't do it purposely. I think we should be inclusive and encourage our neighbors, all of them, even our mutual domestics as well and acequia associations and the like. But I think direction would be fine. I do want to encompass it in your motion because I think it's that important but I think the manner in which we do it as has been suggested is fine.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, and Chief Sperling and Commissioner Anaya did bring up our acequias and right now a lot of them are – some of them are more on the tail end of cleaning out the ditches. I think they do a lot of burning on the ditches but I know there's some field maintenance that happens. But I just would ask, if you guys are pondering this and knowing that it's a little earlier in the season, that you would try to get this word out, not to, I guess initiate a lot more people doing controlled burns but if they have to get those permits, if they have to step up their cleaning for their vegetation, for their fields. I mean there's a lot of agriculture that will be going into the ground right now for production. I think some folks may be caught off guard by this and again, if there's some acequia cleanup going on right now.

I believe I heard, and I know I hear Commissioner Holian and maybe all three of the Commissioners. I sit on an earlier, Solid Waste Committee for SWMA. Commissioners, I'm

going to put one of you on the spot. You all are planning a free day for greenwaste, I think, to go into Caja del Rio?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, actually, under Matters from the Commission I was going to bring up there's a number of free days for greenwaste.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: But one for vegetation for greenwaste. So folks don't have to stockpile that. They can take it to our transfer stations and/or –

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: There's a weekend in April, May and June where people can bring in greenwaste for free and we will coordinate in the county to allow people to bring it into the transfer stations, for free.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Great. Thank you. And then, Chief Sperling, again, you said as long as it's I guess some exceptions, there are folks that I know, because I visit many people in their homes, that are still using firewood as a fuel source for heating, and some of these nights still get very cold. So as long as – if they need to get that chainsaw out there to cut up or block some of this wood or do other aspects for their heating source for their home they can talk to you about that?

CHIEF SPERLING: Mr. Chair, absolutely. We're not going to deny somebody the ability to heat their home.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you.

CHIEF SPERLING: And in regard to your earlier comment about trying to let the acequia associations and so forth know, we have been getting the word out informally that we anticipate going into burn restrictions early on. It has been somewhat of a moving target, as it always is, due to weather conditions and I think we hope for the best but under these conditions have to recognize the reality and move forward before too much time elapses.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. And then if we are using, say, a mulching machine at our SWMA Authority, or – I don't think we're using any of these right now at any of our transfer stations, if they needed to use that they still could talk to you about that also, right?

CHIEF SPERLING: Mr. Chair, that would still be permissible, yes.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: It would be permissible.

CHIEF SPERLING: Yes, mulching machine would be a permissible use.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Vice Chairman Anaya, please.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair Mayfield, Chief, in the past we've also initiated this ordinance and it's incited rain, and so if rain comes, then we will bring this back and lift these restrictions gladly. So hopefully it will do the same this year.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. Commissioners, we have a motion and a second in front of us and I don't believe it was amended but there was just dialogue that we would get some more information out to neighboring partners in the community.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, if I could, we had a friendly amendment with direction on specific entities I read off and I wanted to have that as a matter

of record. Thank you.

CHIEF SPERLING: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, I would be happy to do that, and we have in the past worked closely with our tribal governments here in Santa Fe County and we'll expand that at your direction.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Yes, and I know I had some discussions with one of the County Commissioners on a different board I sat in on that's right across on the Rio Arriba county line and I talked to them about us kind of working together as we do a lot of response to that county up in the northern part of Santa Fe County from our volunteer and our career departments. Thank you, Chief. We have a motion and a second on the floor.

**The motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-3 passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote with Commissioners Anaya, Chavez, Holian and Mayfield all voting in the affirmative.**

**V. A. 2. Recognition and Expression of Appreciation to the Citizen Members of the Solid Waste Task Force**

CHAIR MAYFIELD: We've had some folks patiently waiting. I'm going to kind of jump the agenda around if you all don't mind, Mr. Leigland. And thank you all again to our Solid Waste Task Force. If the Commission, it's permissible I would like to move to recognition of our Solid Waste Task Force members and expression of appreciation.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, as has been said numerous times, we had a great Solid Waste Task Force and we met when it was in full swing, we met once a month for several hours a day. We had very rich discussions. We also had a number of field trips. We brought a lot of diverse points of view, so I think it was a great task force with some great citizen members and after almost two years of work we felt it appropriate to bring – just have them be recognized for their work. I think they should be proud of the work that they've done.

So we've already heard their names but I'll just mention them again. Mr. Walter Wait was the chair. He was from District 3. Jay was the vice chair, Mr. Lopez, who spoke. And then Pedro – Pedro's not here and then Terry. So anyway we had some great – I think it was a really good task force and I hope that when we have future County initiatives, not just solid waste, we see their faces again. So with that, Mr. Chair, I'll just have them stand up. I know you already heard from them.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Come up and I'd like to get a picture with our Solid Waste Task Force members who are here. Also just to ask them that we will be having publication of an ordinance out there and would welcome you all coming to discuss this or hearing our public input on this, please. Mr. Leigland, I also want to take the time to take you, Mr. Martinez, Mr. O'Hare, I believe Les Francisco was in there, Olivar Barela and a few other staff members.

MR. LEIGLAND: Teresa, we had representatives from the Assessor and the

Treasurer as well. But Mr. Chair, we get paid for that. They were volunteers.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Staff does put a lot of extra hours but I want to thank our citizen members also from the bottom of my heart for all the work that you have put into this and will continue to put into this. Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think that this was really a model task force and I've been on a lot of task forces and committees in my time. Probably more than I care to admit. But I think that this was really a great task force. You all worked so hard. You first did your homework. There was great attendance and you really studied the issues and asked good questions. You didn't just rubber stamp what anybody recommended either from the staff or anything that the Commissioners recommended or – you thought for yourself, and so I really, really appreciated that, and I hope that they will get certificates of appreciation because I was figuring they might want to frame them and put them in their sheds next to their trash cans.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: And if not, please recycle them.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: So anyway, I think they deserve a round of applause.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, ditto. It takes a lot of work and special people to just volunteer to do any public service and to spend the number of hours that you've all done is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you.

[Photographs were taken.]

[The Commission recessed from 3:30 to 3:48.]

## V. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

### A. Presentations

1. **The North Central Regional Transit District Update (Anthony Mortillaro, North Central Regional Transit District Executive Director and Dan Barrone, RTD Chair and Taos County Commissioner) [Exhibit 1: Annual Report]**

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Everybody, thank you for your patience. I also believe we have Commissioner Stefanics joining us telephonically. Commissioner Stefanics? Okay, I'll let staff work on that. Commissioners, we're going to go to a report from NCRTD. I'm sorry, Mr. Mortillaro. We have Matters of Public Concern before that. Let me to this real quick. How many folks are here from the public what would have a Matter of Public Concern they would like to discuss? Okay. Thank you. I am going to go really quick to Mr. Mortillaro and then we will go right back to Matters of Public Concern. Thank you. Tony.

ANTHONY MORTILLARO: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, members of the Commission. Thank you for this opportunity to provide the Commission an update on RTD activities. I send greetings from our chairman. He wasn't able to be here today. However, he sends his greetings and he'll be available at any time to you if you ever want him to come



here at some time in the future, as long as his duties allow him to get here.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Mr. Mortillaro, that is Chairman Dan Barrone, County Commissioner, City – Mayor right now.

MR. AMORTILLARO: Mayor of Taos as well.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Congratulations.

MR. AMORTILLARO: I have a brief power point presentation if they could pull that up. The first slide that I want to speak to is the ridership at the NCRTD. As you can see from this chart, the blue bars are RTD operated. Services, the light green are RTD funded, such as Los Alamos County, Atomic City Transit and City of Santa Fe, and the brown bar there is the total of those two activities. As you can see, since 2008 when we actually started providing services, our ridership has been increasing and this year, fiscal year 2013 – I should say annual 2013, our ridership was up about five percent over the previous year so that's good that more and more people are riding the RTD every year.

Ridership by county – this breaks out our most recent ridership numbers for last month and just briefly here you can see that about 26 percent of our monthly ridership is from Santa Fe County and this is only ridership that we provide, not the funded ridership from the other two entities and the biggest piece of our ridership comes from Rio Arriba County, roughly about 45 percent. So Santa Fe County is about second in number of total riders that we see on a daily basis.

This next chart shows you our FY 2013 budget. Obviously, we're in 2014, but just a little retrospect here. During 2013 we ended up having to reduce our revenue projections due to the reduction of revenue that we were experiencing from Los Alamos County. As you know, the lab spending is down there. As a result of that it impacted how much GRT transit revenue we get from that area. As a result of that we ended up reducing our expenditures at mid-year as well. So we only received about 95 percent of the revenue we projected in 2013 but we only spent about 86 percent of our funds that we had budgeted for, so we ended up the year below budget, which we then were able to do some catch-up on it in terms of expenditures in FY 2014.

One of the things that a lot of times folks are interested in is where do all the GRT expenditures go that are collected in the four-county area. And as you can see here it's a historical graph but in FY 14 basically 29 percent of the revenues, overall GRT revenues that we're collecting will go to the Rail Runner. As you know, we're required through an agreement with the Rail Runner to provide them 50 percent of all GRT collected in Santa Fe County, but as a piece of the total pie it runs about 29 percent. Los Alamos County receives about 20 percent of the GRT for regional services that are approved annually by the board, and the City of Santa Fe receives about 14 percent of the GRT for regional services they provide on behalf of the RTD. And the NCRTD uses then the remainder of the GRT to provide the services it provides in all four counties, basically, along with other revenue sources, such as federal dollars and a contribution from Los Alamos County as well and that's basically our main three revenue sources.

So roughly about 60 percent of the GRT that's collected goes back to other entities

providing regional services into the district service area and only about 37 percent is kept by the RTD for its services.

Just some highlights for fiscal year 2013, as I indicated, ridership increased about 5.8 percent. Nationally, ridership increased about 1.1 percent, and this is based on statistics from the American Public Transit Association. Again, our audit findings were clean. We had no current year findings and we had a very minimal carryover finding from 2008 that we're determined to get rid of here. We completed our district headquarters and we came in 8.9 percent below the amended budget. We added enhancements to Route 599, which we extended service to Madrid and Cerrillos. We commenced our five-year service update. We started our ITS system, and we also commenced a conceptual design for a maintenance facility.

The board authorized us to commence field evaluations of alternative fuels, either CNG or LPG. They've asked us to look at, experiment with that over the course of a year and then come back to the board with results and we'll make some decision on what type of alternative fuels we want to utilize for our fleet.

And then we launched our transit advertising program as a new revenue source. I want to thank the County for advertising on there. And fiscal year 2014, I think you'll be pleased with what's planned here. Our service plan update is looking at a number of recommendations and the only ones I put on here are the ones that impact Santa Fe County. We're looking at extension of one day per week service to Golden. It's recommended we do this on a six-month trial basis, see how it goes and then if there's sufficient ridership it could become – it could occur on a regular basis thereafter.

La Cienega and Las Golondrinas, that's being suggested as a future route, you can see the cost there, about \$114,000 a year and about \$120,000 for capital. That's very dependent upon our future revenue sources and so at this point in time probably you won't see it start in 2015 but Golden is a definite for 2015. You've heard that we've been requested to provide service up to Santa Fe National Forest, Ski Santa Fe and we're currently working on that proposal. We have an application into the Forest Service Access program for about \$1.8 million. That's for about five years of service and capital, and we're also initiating discussions with the private sector partners on that project. We report to the board monthly on it and we anticipate having the final recommendation of the board some time at their main meeting.

Pojoaque and Nambe, because of low ridership on this route it's been recommended that it be converted to dial-a-ride service and because of that we're able to keep the cost and the service hours the same. I think it will be quite an improved service for folks. The dial-a-ride would be within the current service area and it will just bring people into a connection point with our other routes.

Eldorado, we're going to be modifying the mid-day service there and we'll be adding mid-day service round trip to Edgewood, and that is also on a six-month trial basis. One of the things we discovered during the service plan update that a lot of our routes that were deemed to be commuter routes are actually more of a fixed route service. As a result of that,

by federal law we have to provide paratransit complementary services, which means that within  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of that route we have to flex the service to pick up folks that have scheduled an appointment because of a disability. It's only for folks that meet the federal conditions for that service. So you'll see that there are some maps in your power point presentation. I'm not going to put those up because it will take more time but you'll see like a light blue area surrounding the map, the route, and that's the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile paratransit flex route.

And we're also looking at some regional premium express services that funding will have to occur through fares or other partnerships. As you know, we're fare-free at this point in time but for what we consider premium services we're considering charging a fare. And there's a number of other changes in the plan that don't particularly apply to Santa Fe County but they apply to our other areas and you can see those on our website.

Lastly, we'll be – we're in the process of implementing our ITS system. I've got some screen shots here of what users will be able to see. This is from ABQ Ride but our system's going to be very similar to that. You'll actually be able to see where the buses are in relation to your route and anticipated arrival time, and then you'll also be able to plan your ride and get live updates. So it will be quite an improvement for our folks that utilize our system. We'll also be able to see where our buses are at all times. As you know, covering 10,000 square miles now, you just don't know where they're at, even though we do remain in touch with them through radio but this will show us a live shot of where they're at and whether they're meeting their time schedules or not and so on. It's a real exciting program that we'll be rolling out.

Lastly, if you can believe it or not, September 16, 2014 it will be ten years since the RTD was created. Quite a milestone and I think all the County Commissioners, you've all been involved with the district one way or another over the course of its history so looking back ten years is quite a milestone there for the district and we do plan to have a little acknowledgement of it and hope you'll join us when we do that. And that pretty much wraps up my presentation and I'll stand for any questions from the County Commission.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. Vice Chairman Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just some brief comments. When I got on the Commission I worked with my colleagues on this bench and on the RTD and said we need to get the Edgewood, Moriarty, Stanley, Galisteo route back on track. Thanks to the support of my colleagues in the NCRTD board that's happened. Not only did it happen but it became one of the highest ridership routes in the district and we needed to expand the bus size. So a lot of commuters that take that route are very appreciative of that.

I also worked hard with this Commission and the RTD on the – and my colleague that sits on the board, Commissioner Chavez, to work hard to get the Golden to Santa Fe route, and saw it through to Madrid to Santa Fe and I'm appreciative that Commissioner Chavez and the board has made some recommendations to do a one day a week expansion to evaluate ridership from Golden. There's a lot of people that come into Santa Fe from behind San Pedro Mountain and also from even the Bernalillo side that I think will try into ridership to get more cars off the road and have the ridership increase in that area. So I'm appreciative of

the board and yourself for working on those initiatives, Tony, as well as Commissioner Chavez, and I am excited to look and see the option on the mid-day route relative to the Edgewood area. That's going to be a potential for seniors and youth and other workers to be able to get into Santa Fe to get to appointments or take care of other business on a mid-day stream.

I also want to emphasize, one of the things that I talked about a lot that the Commission has talked about is all the riders on Highway 14. We're not just taking about Madrid and Cerrillos but we have many residents along Highway 14 with that Lone Butte stop that are going to help the situation. So I think that's important. The last thing I'll note is the La Cienega Las Golondrinas area route, which is something I've been talking about for a long time that I'm hopeful that the board and Commissioner Chavez will continue to evaluate. There's a lot of elderly; there's a lot of youth in that region that if we can get them out of their cars and some of them don't even have cars but able to get into Santa Fe through a route, that's going to help a lot of people. So with those additions I want to note, I also want to note all of my colleagues were supportive but the Highway 14 route pretty much covered the county, as far as major routes and major roads. And so Santa Fe County with our bus system, we're covered from top to bottom. People in this county can get on public transportation to come into town, to and from home. So that's a major accomplishment and I appreciate your efforts, Tony, and I appreciate the efforts of the chairman, now Mayor Barrone and my colleague to my left who I'm still the alternate with, but my colleague to my left, Commissioner Chavez. I think I'm still the alternate, Commissioner. You carry that ball well and I'm there to support but you've done a good job on the board and I appreciate that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Tony, I want to thank you for being here and for doing the presentation. I know it's a lot to add to your busy day but I think it's important that we get this information on a regular basis because even though I'm a member and even though Commissioner Anaya is the alternate, it's sometimes hard for us to share in a complete, comprehensive way the information that you have today. It's hard to share that with our colleagues because often we don't have the time. And so a presentation like this I think is very helpful, if we could do this on a regular basis, I think that would be good for us and for the public so that they know what the RTD is facing and the accomplishments that they've been able to realize.

But I will point out that I think that we obviously could be doing a lot more in expanding our routes, if it were not for the contribution that we're making to the Rail Runner. And so I don't want to take anything away from them because that's all part of our public transportation. I just want to recognize, I want to acknowledge and expand on the fact that we are making a significant contribution to the Rail Runner. And so for our region, for our constituents that may not mean anything because they're not going to be a rider. But we have to make those investments in the entire system for it to work.

Planes, trains and automobiles. We're not going to take everyone out of their cars but we can encourage them to ride public transportation more, on a more regular basis. And I think ridership, the increase in ridership demonstrates that if we can provide that service and it's consistent, people will ride.

On the ten-year anniversary, I want to expand on that a little bit because I think it's significant to mention that the North Central Regional Transportation District was the first regional transportation district formed in the state of New Mexico and the first one certified by the State Transportation Commission back in September of 2004. And I'm really honored to have played a part in that. As a City Councilor I actually introduced the resolution to establish the district, and then a follow-up resolution to become a member of the district. And our district is very unique because of the composition of the members and the fact that we have many pueblo communities participating in the RTD.

So not only were we the first recognized in the state, I would venture to say that we are probably one of the more unique RTDs in the country because of our composition, our makeup and the dynamic that we have to operate under. And so I think that it's been a bumpy road; it has not been easy, but I see that the foundation has been laid. Los Alamos County helped with the cornerstone and their funding to get the RTD where it is, and then we have now staff managing the operations and I think now we can only move forward.

So I really want to thank you again, Tony, for being here, and hope that we can have these presentations on a regular basis.

MR. AMORTILLARO: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Yes, Commissioner Anaya, please.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Just a brief follow-up to Commissioner Chavez. There was Commissioners here, former Commissioner Anaya and the entire Commission that was here at that time and others that I want to also acknowledge that helped to get the ball moving and the bus rolling, I guess, and through those trials and tribulations we're still around and still providing service and congratulations to the NCRTD on the award that was received basically commending the district for their work and their hard efforts. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Mortillaro, thank you for the presentation, and Commissioners, thank you for your comments. So really quick, going back to fiscal year 2014, the bullet point spread sheet, the Pojoaque-Nambe route being converted to a dial-a-ride, just explain that to me a little bit more in detail please.

MR. AMORTILLARO: If I can go back to that slide, Mr. Chair, I think it will be a little clearer.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: And when you say cost and service hours are to remain the same, wouldn't costs go down if it's dial-a-ride?

MR. AMORTILLARO: Well, basically, what our consultant determined that without increasing the budgetary costs we can go to a dial-a-ride setup there and provide it within the same hours that we provide services to that area today, and that would not have a budgetary impact. So I'm going to go to that slide here so you can see the service area and the

problem now is ridership is so low because it's really a meandering route and there's a lot of roads that sometimes don't really go anywhere at times.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Let me ask this, Tony. So is that the back route from Chimayo that would stop off at say NP 101, when I was sitting on the board?

MR. AMORTILLARO: Well, when Nambe joined, prior to Nambe joining we were going to NP 101 just right there where it turns off and that was a pickup point. Then when Nambe joined the RTD we extended that into the pueblo. So there's two points in the pueblo where we stop now. One's at the Governor's admin offices. I can't remember where the other one is. So basically, those are the two points, so when we go to dial-a-ride service, I think it's slide 12 in your packet, you'll see the service area for dial-a-ride is all this gray area now.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: NCRTD service area?

MR. AMORTILLARO: Yes.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I guess on mine I can't distinguish between the gray or the blue area.

MR. AMORTILLARO: Okay. So within that area, we won't be able to implement until our ITS system is up and running, which will be sometime around January 2015 because it relies on the ability to schedule rides and what have you, so folks that live in that area, that gray area, will be able to call dispatch two hours before they need a ride and schedule it on the same day, and they'll dispatch a bus to that area, or a small van, pick that person up and then take them to the interconnection point for the rest of the system. And then they'll also schedule their return ride as well. So it will be an enhanced service. It will be much better than what they're getting now. We met with the tribal representatives from that area. They're in fact supportive of it and I have a meeting with Governor Rivera that's in the process of being scheduled as well to talk to him about the changes.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, but it's also non-pueblo folks that would use this.

MR. AMORTILLARO: Yes. You don't have to be a pueblo member as long as you're within that gray area, you're eligible for the service.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. So Tony, on that then, it says service hours to remain the same. Now, is that your general service hours? Or is it on the scheduled times where those stops were at?

MR. AMORTILLARO: It's the service hours that we're currently providing for that area. I'm trying to remember what they are. I think they're like from 7:00 to 5:00 or whatever. Or 6:00. So those won't change.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay. So it wouldn't just be when a scheduled stop, give or take that window was to happen, is when people would have to call that window to get picked up.

MR. AMORTILLARO: Right.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: And is it at the actual stop or can it go to their point of residence.

MR. AMORTILLARO: No, it will – there aren't any stops here anymore. It will be actually at almost curb-to-curb service.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay.

MR. AMORTILLARO: Unless the road is in a condition that we can't travel on or whatever.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: All of our roads in Santa Fe County are phenomenal.

MR. AMORTILLARO: Okay. Great. So as long as they're in good condition and we can get in there and we can turn around, we'll be able to schedule those rides with them.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. And then just expanding, and I don't want to speak for Commissioner Holian's or not, but have you ever thought of a dial-a-ride service out to Glorieta, kind of going into the Pecos area that would still be Santa Fe County?

MR. AMORTILLARO: Not at this time. Our service plan didn't pick up on a need for that at all. We had over 16 public meetings throughout our service area and probably I think three of them here in Santa Fe County, and we didn't pick up any demand for that at this point in time. This is –

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Have you ever had a public meeting out in areas where this route's not being served?

MR. AMORTILLARO: Let's see. I think we had meetings along the Turquoise Trail area, which picked up on Golden and Cerrillos and Las Golondrinas. We had a meeting for them there. Then we had a general meeting for the rest of Santa Fe County if I remember correctly.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you for the presentation. That's all I have. Commissioner Holian, do you have anything? That's it. Thank you for the presentation.

MR. AMORTILLARO: Mr. Chair, I don't want to be remiss here but I do want to thank County staff. They've been very helpful. The Planning staff as well as Chief Sperling. When we put in the Madrid route we needed to have a stop in Madrid and County staff worked with us in terms of getting us a location there. And then when we weren't able to get a location on Highway 14 Chief Sperling and County staff met with us and allowed us to put a stop at – I think it's the Turquoise Fire Station. So that's where people can park and ride as well. So thank you very much and thank you for your support and we appreciate it. All this wouldn't be possible without us all working together. Thank you.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Mr. Amortillaro, just really quick, I am going to go back to the dial-a-ride service for the Pojoaque-Nambe area. How are you doing PSA campaigns, advertisement, to let folks know of the switch, that this could be even more of an enhanced service for them?

MR. AMORTILLARO: Mr. Chair, County Commission, you bring up a very good point. This is very dependent on an extensive public communications program. So we're in the process of developing that, so that when we roll out these changes to implement them we're going to be communicating very heavily with folks so they're aware of the services and the changes that are being provided. As I indicated, the Nambe-Pojoaque change

won't be implemented until some time in January 2015. Some of these other ones that I've mentioned that are six-month trial basis will roll out much sooner because they're on existing routes and they don't require us to change our mode of operation; it's just a matter of adding a stop. But the board has discussed this. They've been very clear that enhanced communication has to occur to let the area know about these changes and these new opportunities for ridership.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Also, if you push that to me, I have a mail list that I can serve. I wouldn't mind communicating that. And I also saw you have launched the transit advertising program. So maybe along some of your buses you could put, hey, dial-a-ride here. Just call us. Promote yourselves. Thank you very much.

MR. AMORTILLARO: Thank you.

#### IV. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Are there any members from the public who wish to bring to this Commission an item that is not on our agenda today. And I see Mr. Roger Taylor taking me up on that.

ROGER TAYLOR: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, first, before I speak, I just wanted to mention on the RTD – great job. I remember Commissioner Anaya and us talking about that several years ago for that Eldorado to Edgewood and back and that's a great thing that that's gotten there and now moving out to Golden. As VP of the Galisteo Community Association I hear a lot of comments from people who just need to do a day trip or lower income or older and it's been very much appreciated. So that is something definitely that should be communicated better. Yes.

I'm here today because we were hoping that an ordinance was going to be introduced for a posing of a weight restriction on County Road 33 in Lamy. You may be aware that about a month or so ago the County Roads Department did core samples on that road and determined that the road structure was not up to the regulations for road standards in the county. A coalition of people who are concerned over safety issues for that road of about 20 different communities, representing Lamy, Galisteo, and about 18 different smaller communities, homeowner associations, etc. along Route 285 – Interstate 285 that is, who have a lot of concern on getting a weight limit restriction on that road.

I understand an ordinance is being developed. We had hoped that it was going to be on today's agenda. So basically I wanted to encourage us to get that on the April 8<sup>th</sup> agenda. I understand for an ordinance to become effective, if it's approved there needs to be at least a ten-day notice period, so that would be appropriate if we could get that on for the 8<sup>th</sup>, so that it could then be discussed in public and voted on on the 29<sup>th</sup>. So I'd really like to encourage us to move ahead on getting that ordinance on the agenda as much as possible.

I do see some other folks from some of those communities here. I'm not sure that they intend to speak. Perhaps maybe we just have a raising of hands of people who are concerned who are from those communities. Would that be okay, Mr. Chair?



CHAIR MAYFIELD: We're under public comment. I would allow anybody who would like to speak publicly on this matter to come up and speak publicly.

MR. TAYLOR: Okay. Fine. Then I will leave it at that. Thank you, for your attention.

[Commissioner Stefanics joined the meeting telephonically.]

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I'm on the line.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Is there anybody else wishing to comment on this matter or any other matter. Please, come on up.

SUSAN ZIEDER: As a relatively new member of the Santa Fe community, my name is Susan Zieder. I live in the Ridges, which is one of the communities along 285. I think one of the most confusing and frustrating things for all of us is a sense of powerlessness in this whole situation. And this ordinance is like a beacon of hope. It is one of the few places where the public can get together, can have a voice, and we really look to you as the Commissioners to please deal with this issue in an expeditious way and in a thoughtful way which we know you will when it finally comes up here. This is the one kind of area that we have been able to see where the community's voice can be heard in this whole question. So I'd just like to reinforce what my friend here has said and to say please, please, do whatever we can to expedite this. Thank you.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. And again, is there anybody wishing to provide public comment to the Commission on this or any other matter? I just want to state that there was no agenda item for this so individuals who wanted to speak on this matter weren't noticed to speak on this matter. So that's why there's a time right now that's afforded to the public to present any comment to the Commission for matters that are not on this agenda. So again, is there anybody from the public who wished to comment on this or any other matter, please?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, this is Commissioner Stefanics.

PENNY TRUIT: My name is Penny Truit and I live in Eldorado and I voice the same concern as our neighbors. I voice the same concern as all my neighbors. It's a matter that doesn't really concern divisions on the map but is much more widespread than that and I would urge the Commission to please come to some – to address Ordinance 33. Thanks.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. Commissioners. Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I just want to say we've got to be real careful to pre-empt any discussion on a potential ordinance or legal matter, but I do think it's appropriate if there are people that don't want to get up and basically repeat what someone else has said to just understand who's in the audience that's going to reflect a similar concern that's been raised. So I think it's appropriate, Mr. Chair, to just look at the room and understand that they may not all want to get up and say the thing but they're here supporting the concern that was raised. I don't see any harm in that.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Fair enough then. Commissioner Anaya, I want to afford the public every opportunity to speak on this matter or any other matter but I want to defer to our County Attorney Ross. Also, though I want to take two seconds. We have

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Commissioner Stefanics on the line and she's been on the line for some time, but there's been some audio problems. So could we have just a one-minute pause just to do like a sound check or a quick testing? I don't know if she has any comments that she would also like to make.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, can you hear me?

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I can hear you fine.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you. And I have received many letters of concern and I will wait for this to come on an agenda. Thank you.

Ca: Any other comments?

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I'm sorry. I just needed to consult with our County Attorney while we had that pause. So if – the discussion that was just made, Mr. Taylor, and – I'm sorry, ma'am. Your last name does escape me. I didn't write it down as you were speaking. Who would, by a show of hands, support the discussion that was just brought to this podium by the two individuals? Thank you. Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, let the record reflect there was probably at least 40, 30 people who raised their hand at least, I think.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I would concur, and again, I will – I'm going to be closing public comment. Would anybody like to offer on any public comment on any matter that is not on the agenda today? Seeing none, thank you all for being here on this matter and any matter and stay for the rest of the meeting, please. And Commissioner Stefanics, I think our sound check works. I know you've been on the phone for some time, so thank you. We were just having a hard time hearing you.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Still having a little hard time hearing you but it's kind of working.

### III. B. Miscellaneous

#### 1. **Approval of Recommendations for Next Steps on Old Judicial Complex and County Three-Campus Plan**

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, I'm here to ask for approval for a couple of next steps in the County's pursuit of the redevelopment of the old judicial site and the three campus model. So as the Commission knows, we've been doing a redevelopment study of the old judicial site. We presented to you in November a series of options. The Commission asked that we do outreach to see what the public's ideas were about keeping County services downtown, so we duly conducted a survey. We did a townhall. We did a number of outreach efforts. We presented the results of that outreach to the Commission in February and the results of that outreach are summarized in the staff memo before you, but essentially staff believes that based on the feedback we received from both the Commission and the public we think there is ample support for the redevelopment of the old judicial site and then accordingly, the implementation of the County's three-campus model.

So just to remind you what that is, the County is almost in a three-campus model right now. We have the Public Works Complex out on 599, which currently comprises almost all of the Public Works function. We have the Public Safety Complex on New Mexico 14 and then the remainder of the County administrative functions, if you will, are scattered in a series of facilities in the greater downtown area. So we see this, the development of the old judicial complex to accommodate all of these administrative uses and consolidate them in a two-building campus here and the old judicial site as the final piece in that three-campus model.

So what we're asking today is for the Commission to approve the next steps in that larger effort. The first step would be to press with the design – to allow the procurement of professional services to design the new facility at the old judicial, and the second is to come up with a – develop and present to you a financing and execution plan, if you will, for all the steps required in this three campus. So it would be design and construction of the old judicial work in this building, the DA's complex, work at Public Works and works at Public Safety.

I don't know if everyone has the original report, the development report that was developed by the consultant. So just in case I brought the financial summaries in case you want to see those. So with that, Commissioners, I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: [inaudible]

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I don't believe there's a statute that requires that we're all in the same building. I know there are statutes that talk about us being located, for instance, the judges being located in the county seat, which is interpreted to mean within the city limits. I'll have to look to see if that applies to any other elected officials, but I don't think there's anything that requires us to be in the same building.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: [inaudible]

MS. MILLER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Adam, being that we are hinging this endeavor on the promise of parking, I'd like to spend a few minutes on parking and how that is going to fit into the design at the front end because I don't want to promise the public that we're going to do this and have parking and then have the parking evaporate for some reasons or another. I don't see that happening in this case but I just want to have – I wouldn't like to have the discussion at the front end and be very clear about it.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, that's a great point and you're exactly right; everything's predicated on that, so actually I'll turn it over to Mark. He has the details of how parking will be implemented into the proposal.

MARK HOGAN (Facilities): Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, that is one of the benefits of the recommended schemes, which are option 3 – there are two options, one is 3-A and one is 3-B and that calls for the demolition of the existing building and one of the advantages to that scheme is that we can completely cover the site at a below-grade level, essentially, at Griffin Street level with parking and the second tier, which is at the Grant Street elevation. That will produce a little more than 329 spaces which is adequate for the County needs. It also accommodates some additional spaces to be able to be made available

to downtown users. It also accommodates some public parking. The only thing that we'll have to work out from a policy standpoint is that if we take the fleet vehicles for all those buildings to the downtown area, that's not an efficient use of County money so we'll want to look at how to taper that down so that we get – we don't really want to store vehicles downtown at below-grade parking rates. So we'll have a little bit of refinement to do.

In this sheet in your packet that shows the different options and the amount of parking provided for each it kind of tallies that out. Three-A shows a surplus of 13 spaces and 3-A is the one that does not include the Community Services Department. Three-B shows a deficit of 39 spaces and that is largely due to the calculations of fleet vehicles, which calls out for 84 total fleet vehicles. So, if we cut that in half we've eliminated the parking deficit and then we have enough for all the County offices, County staff, adjacent users and members of the public.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: And so Mark, do you see these parking spaces – I can't imagine they would be metered, but will there be a cost – will there be a parking fee in that structure?

MR. HOGAN: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, we haven't really studied whether or not there would be – I'm sure we would have parking control, so particularly during the day we anticipate the lower level being used primarily for staff cars and so we'd want to control that so that that wasn't being encroached upon. The upper level, which would be at the Grant Street elevation, we anticipated that would be public parking and freer access so whether or not we needed to do control on that, we'll have to look at as we get a little further into it.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. And then the other – I guess the other benefit if you will, if we move in this direction, we would save a substantial amount of money that we're paying for downtown office space. How much – what would that savings be?

MR. HOGAN: I can't speak to the exact numbers, although they're contained within the study, because there's different scenarios. Our financial projections, which are sort of summarized in this chart here include the sale – the prices that we would get from the sale of properties that we'd be moving out of, such as the HR building over in Casa Solana, but also in the operating costs we have factored out the rent we're paying at the Bokum building and some of the other downtown locations, and so that we are factoring the fact that we would no longer be paying those leases and working on putting that money toward the project and retiring any debt associated with it.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Adam, do you have a rough dollar amount on what we would be saving in rental? \$300,000, \$400,000?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, I think it's in here but the only – we're leasing the Bokum building and the other buildings in the area we own. So we would also presumably get some utility savings because a new, consolidated building with higher efficiency, the unit costs of energy will be down.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So it would be more than just the money that

we're spending on rent that we would realize the savings in. Okay. So I guess that will play out as we move forward but I just wanted to touch on that for a little bit.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, one of the things we're asking for today is permission to develop a phasing in cost study. That would all be explicitly laid out.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm very much in favor with moving forward with this project. I think we should construct a new building rather than try to remodel the old building, and of course the parking is really important. But having said that, I think that this is an action item so I would like to move for approval of the recommended next steps that are in our packet.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: We have a motion and a second. Commissioner Stefanics, do you have any discussion on this?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: No, Mr. Chair. I'm in support.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I made a comment at the last discussion that we had relative to this issue that we look at this building as a potential beyond administrative space. That the courthouse, this section, could be utilized for meetings, but that we look at alternatives for this building including a market for local vendors, or I think Commissioner Chavez in the past has brought up craftsman and other opportunities. But I think if we look at costs, which is what you're going to do is evaluate costs and next steps, that we also take some time to evaluate uses that are maybe more community oriented here and maybe even some commercial as well. So I've said that before and I'll say it again. Thank you.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Commissioners. Gentlemen, I appreciate all the work you've done, the consultants and our community's involvement and even putting their thoughts into this. We have a motion and a second on the floor with the recommendations for the next steps.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Stefanics voted on this issue.]**

## **VI. MATTERS FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY**

### **A. Executive Session**

#### **1. Discussion of Pending or Threatened Litigation**

#### **6. Deliberations in Connection with and Administrative Adjudicatory Proceeding: BCC Case #MIS 13-5061 Robert and Bernadette Anaya**

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Mr. Ross, what will we be going into executive session for? County Manager and Mr. Ross, do we need an executive session?

MR. ROSS: Mr. Chair, we need an executive session to discuss pending or threatened litigation and number 6, deliberations in connection with the administrative adjudicatory matter from the last meeting.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair, I'll make a motion to go into executive session to discuss pending or threatened litigation and to discuss deliberations in connection with administrative adjudication in BCC Case #MIS 13-5061.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

**The motion to go into executive session pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1-H (7) to discuss the matters delineated above passed upon unanimous roll call vote with Commissioners Anaya, Chavez, Holian, Stefanics and Mayfield all voting in the affirmative.**

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. Steve, just let me ask this. About how long do you think we need?

MR. ROSS: Mr. Chair, I'm always reluctant to say this but my guess would be – I can do my part in half an hour but probably realistically it's going to take longer than that. Forty-five minutes, maybe an hour.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay. So everybody just expect us to be back by a little after 6:00. Thank you.

[The Commission met in closed session from 4:45 to 6:35.]

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioners, we're going to reconvene out of executive session. Do we have a motion to come out of executive session?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I move that we come out of executive session. That the County Attorney, the Assistant County Attorney, County Manager, the five Commissioners were present and only matters of executive session nature, limited personnel items and potential and threatened litigation were discussed.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you.

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

- V. C. **Matters From the County Manager**
1. **Legislative Update [Exhibit 2]**
  2. **Annual Report [Exhibit 3]**
  3. **Miscellaneous Updates**

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioners, I did speak with our County Manager a little earlier and she will no longer be with us for the duration of the meeting, so we're going

to scratch matters from the County Manager unless somebody – I know we have Tony here, if we need to talk legislative update. Do we need that, Commissioners right now or can we save that for the next meeting?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Next meeting.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Annual Report. That's a draft to look at. You all may have a copy of it if you all just want to look at that. I'm going to be working on a cover letter for us. I don't know what her miscellaneous updates are.

V. B. **Matters From the Commission**

3. **Commissioner Issues and Comments**

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I apologize for being late and asked to be excused from the meeting early on. I just have one item, an extraordinary individual in my life that I had the pleasure of spending time with whose children are my nephews passed on. His name is Mike Romero. He interestingly and thankfully enough provided 25 years of service at First National Bank, just right down the road here on the plaza. A pleasant individual to be around and to know. Open-minded, big hearted individual, like many, many others that live in our county. I want to acknowledge his family, Annabelle, his children, Adryan and Patrick and their grandkids and his wife Margie. And I just want to say that he'll be missed by his family and this community. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya. Condolences. Thank you for bringing that. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: No, I have nothing, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to let you all know about some meetings that have to do with the Santa Fe National Forest. The US Forest Service is right now drafting a new Forest Plan for the Santa Fe National Forest. In fact the last one that was done was in 1987. So this is kind of a bid deal. And they're having a series of meetings right now that are called Forest Plan Assessment meetings that are going to be occurring in April and May, and what they're going to be doing is giving info to the public about the Forest Plan revision, and they're also going to be asking for public input into the assessment of the social, environmental and economic conditions that are currently in our forest, that is, what they're going to be asking is how people use the forest and how they value the forest. So I think that it's a real opportunity for the County to participate in this and I know that Lisa Roach from our Growth Management Department has been going to the meetings and so on, and I will be giving this info to Kristine Mihelcic so that maybe she can put out a public service announcement just to let people know that this is going on and give them an opportunity to attend the meetings if they would like to and give some input.

The other thing that I wanted to bring up is the waste disposal events that are being

sponsored by SWMA at BuRRT. Even those these events are being sponsored by SWMA the County is going to participate and coordinate, and so we're having Great American Cleanup Day on April 26<sup>th</sup>, which means that people can bring anything that they want to dispose of for free, and this is also going to coincide with tire amnesty days, April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, where people can bring tires in for free, and also greenwaste disposal is going to be free on those days as well.

There's going to be two other free greenwaste disposal weekends, May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, and then in September there's going to be Toss No Mas Day, which is on September 27<sup>th</sup> and again, people can bring anything in and dispose of it for free, and that's going to coincide with another tire amnesty weekend. Anyway, again, I'll get together with Kristine and ask her to put out public service announcements so that people know that this is happening.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Commissioner Holian. Commissioners, I have nothing at this time. I do let you all know that I will not be here for the next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Anaya, if you will take that meeting – I will not commit that I will call in, but if need be I will make that effort. Commissioners, we are off Matters from the Commission.

## **VII. 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. Finance Report for the Month Ending 2/28/2014**

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I'm just going to move really quick to informational items. I did ask that Ms. Ellis-Green, and I appreciate that you stayed back so I could have brought it up either one of two ways. But Penny, even with your presentation, if you don't mind coming up, I just have a general question for some concerns from some community members that have been brought to me on the development of the zoning map for the zoning districts. How will this impact the current community plans or the community plans that are waiting disposition by this Commission?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: What we did a couple of weeks ago is we invited the communities to come in and see an early copy of the community zoning maps. What we're trying to do is to kind of go to the lowest possible zoning, so for example, for a non-residential use, if it's allowed in a traditional community to keep the traditional community zoning, understanding that these communities will be amending their plans to be in accordance with the SGMP and also amending their overlays in the future, and that may result in them changing some element of the zoning map in the future.



So what we did is we looked at what their existing plans and their existing ordinances had addressed and we tried to choose the closest zoning match in all areas. So that's what we've done to be sent out. The zoning map is in the process of going to a contractor to be sent out in a letter. We have over 35,000 letters that are going to be going out in the next two weeks, and then we have a week break and then we go into three weeks of office hours, either here or out in the community that also will – all those dates will be put in the letter. So every property owner will receive a letter stating how you can get to the interactive zoning map and when we're available to answer questions. And that will go to the communities and to the property owners.

And so that's the way we've handled the community areas is looking at what they've got existing and trying to find the closest possible match.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. And again, the community plans will have their input. They have the process in place. You're going to recognize what they've put forth, and you've done that best match right now in what you're proposing. But this Commission has not seen – at least I haven't; I don't know if the Commission has – seen your proposals on the zoning areas. As far as what you're deciding to do in different areas throughout the county. I know that you had a meeting here in this building that we're in right now, in the chambers. I just would still like to see if we could have some outreach for discussion after these letters go out. In various areas of my district, I can't speak for the rest of the Commissioners but not everybody can make it to downtown Santa Fe County.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Mr. Chair, we have chosen a location in each of the growth management areas to be there for an entire day and into an evening, and then also having office hours here. It's a little easier for us here because we can get into our whole network and so that's why we wanted to have this available, telephone calls available, and be able to identify for people whereabouts they are. But we are going to each growth management area for an entire day and into an evening as well.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: And the Commission's planned a working session on this also?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, in my report I have the wrong dates. These are the dates that we thought were going to work. They didn't work for all Commissioners, so the new dates for the special BCC meetings – and this will be for the public hearings for the zoning map and the technical changes to the SLDC will be May 28<sup>th</sup>, and then June 25<sup>th</sup>. So those are the two dates that we will advertise. Those dates are listed in the letter that is being sent out to everyone, so they will see exactly when the Board will have their public hearings on this.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I appreciate you asking the questions and having them said on the record, Chairman Mayfield. I would also add that some of the discussions that we've been having over the last few years and the outreach that I know individual Commissioners have done in their emails is working, because there are community meetings that are happening even before we're having our own meetings. I want to say the

Village of Galisteo had a detailed discussion in their community association meeting about growth management issues and about potential map issues. And so I agree with Commissioner Mayfield; we've got to have as many outreach meetings as we can but I also want to send out kudos to my colleagues as well as staff because the communities are getting information and then they're taking it to their meetings which is ideally the way we want to work outreach so they're in an ongoing dialogue, not just a sporadic dialogue. So I just thought it was important to note that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you, Ms. Ellis-Green.

### VIII. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

#### A. Announcements

*County Manager's Monthly Memo, Exhibit 4*

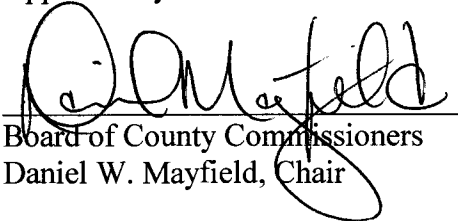
*Fire Department Wildfire Awareness Fair, Exhibit 5*

#### VIII. B. Adjournment

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Holian declared this meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.




Approved by:

  
Board of County Commissioners  
Daniel W. Mayfield, Chair

  
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## Honored

Thank you for taking the time to read through the Fiscal Year 2013 annual Report for the North Central Regional Transit District. I am honored to now be serving my second year as the District Chair and my sixth year as a serving member on the Board of Directors. I am proud to represent all the members of the District which encompasses more than 10,000 square miles of north central New Mexico as I am equally proud to represent the residents of Taos County for whom I serve as Commissioner.

This has been an exciting time for the District. The Board has worked hard to adopt procedures, policies and resolutions to ensure that progress is taking place, improvements made and the public is better served. Under strong management, guidelines continue to be put in place that have allowed us to operate at the most efficient, fiscally sound and transparent place since our founding.

This year we were honored to welcome Nambé Pueblo, the Town of Edgewood and Rio Metro Regional Transit District (ex-officio member) to the NCRTD Board. The Board is one of the most uniquely comprised of any throughout the State; consisting of tribal representatives from six of the northern pueblos, as well as city councilors and county commissioners from each of our 13 voting member entities. I am especially proud of each of our sitting members and their commitment to working together under the common goal of improving public transportation and mobility options for the greater good of all the people of the District.

In June, enhancements were made to seven of our 20 routes. Many of these were made as a result of concerted community efforts to bring public transportation to their communities. The 599 Route was expanded to now include service to Madrid and Cerrillos in Santa Fe County. Taos County has seen the expansion of its Questa Route which now provides a commuter run from Costilla to Taos. Two routes have been expanded to provide service directly into the Pueblos of Nambé and Ohkay Owingeh. And I would be remiss not to acknowledge a committed group of community organizers from Ojo Sarco who worked together with the RTD to reconfigure the Las Trampas route to reduce the cost per rider and ensure continued service.

If you were to look at a map of public transit services within the four county area ten years ago you would see a few isolated islands in which services existed and many that had none. Today you have a regional transit network that interconnects each of these islands and, thanks to the NCRTD, transit can bring you from Edgewood in south Santa Fe County 176 miles north to Costilla in northern Taos County just below the Colorado state line. One could go from Chama in north Rio Arriba County to Los Alamos, or Santa Fe, or Taos. Transit services increase with route connectivity to Los Alamos Atomic City Transit, Santa Fe Trails, Taos Chile Line, Park & Ride and even into Albuquerque through the New Mexico Rail Runner Express, most of which we are partners with.



Whether or not you ride the RTD, your support benefits all of us who live here in north central New Mexico. In July, a survey of voters in major U.S. cities, funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and conducted by Global Strategy Group, found that investments in transit are key to economic growth and job creation.

Using public transportation also saves money. The American Public Transportation Association reported in July that individuals who ride public transportation instead of using their car can save on average

\$10,181 per year. Add to that the benefit to the environment of reduced carbon emissions, fewer cars on the road, and less wear and tear on our State highways and roads. These benefits impact each and every one of us.

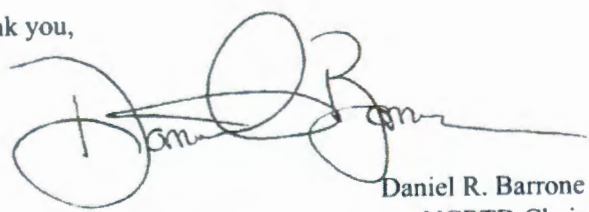
These are the things that unite each of our member counties, cities, towns and pueblos to come together and cooperate to make the NCRTD a national model of why regional transit is vital to our people.

In 2004, when the NCRTD was created as the first regional transit district in the State, there were many who thought us foolhardy to think we could ever achieve what we set out to do. Thanks to the vision and commitment of our founders and of all who have sat on this Board to this day, we are making that dream come true. There have been growing pains along the way, but we come ever closer to living up to those goals. Recognizing that, we will never stop in our commitment to improve and do better to our public and in the service we deliver, and to provide a lifeline to jobs, medical and social services, education and economic prosperity.

I would like to end by acknowledging the committed and hardworking staff of the NCRTD and our dedicated drivers, who under the direction of the Executive Director and his management team, keep the "Blue Bus" always moving forward, thoroughly and efficiently. Their commitment to always strive to make improvements and tighten operations help shape the organization and guide it into the future.

I look forward to continuing to serve on the NCRTD Board and to contribute to its growth and progress, and its impact to the 237,000 fine people of North Central New Mexico!

Thank you,



Daniel R. Barrone  
NCRTD Chair

## Reliable, Convenient and Safe

**Reliable, convenient and safe transportation that provides interconnectivity between the communities we serve for educational, work, medical, social and mobility opportunities is the core of what we do in serving the 237,00 residents in our four county service region.**

So that we can share our achievements, I am pleased to present to you the North Central Regional Transit District's (NCRTD) Annual Report to the Region.

During Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 the NCRTD continued to experience success as it completed its sixth year of service. This year we reached a new milestone in respect to an all-time high in ridership with 193,027 riders for the year. This represents a 3.9 percent increase which was more than double the 2012 national average for increased riders on public transportation.



The increase in ridership continues to reinforce that regional and rural public transportation is an important and crucial need in North Central New Mexico.

The District continued to operate in a challenging fiscal environment.

The District's operating revenues are derived from the Regional Transit Gross Receipts Tax (RTGRT) collected in all four counties that make up our service area. This revenue source is highly dependent upon the performance of the economies within those counties we serve. Due to the local economies continued weak performance, the District was challenged to reduce its expenditures during the year in order to align with its reduced estimates of RTGRT revenues without impacting service levels. We are proud to report that we were able to maintain services and reduce our overall expenditures in FY 2013. The implications this had upon the FY 2014 budget was a projection of continuing flat revenues. This meant that no new routes would be added, existing routes and service levels would be kept intact and capital spending would be limited,

however fleet replacement would continue to be a priority. Our ability to continue to maintain service levels without use of reserve funds is mainly due to our conservative financial practices.

Following is a short list of our FY 2013 accomplishments and more specific detail on these and many other accomplishments are contained inside the annual report:

- The District received the 2012 New Mexico Job Access and Reverse Commute Transit System of the Year award from the New Mexico Department of Transportation;
- Completed the reconstruction of the District's new headquarters under the amended budget by 8.39% (\$199,521);
- Continued fleet replacement with modern and economical vehicles that have enhanced security features;
- Added enhancements to seven existing routes;
- Commenced the update of the 2008 service plan and held 16 community meetings to obtain constituent input;
- Contracted for development and implementation of an Intelligent Transportation System hardware and software;
- Awarded the development of a conceptual design and cost estimate for a maintenance facility;
- Obtained Board authorization to commence the evaluation of conversion of the fleet to alternative fuels.

For the upcoming year the District is anticipating implementation of its transit demand scheduling, routing, and ride planning applications and software. In addition, further fleet replacements are anticipated along with additional bus shelters,

signage, and trash receptacles. Lastly, the results of the existing service analysis which is anticipated to provide improved routes and service will be reviewed and implemented as adopted by the Board.

The District's accomplishments over the past year are reflective of the firm commitment to provide the highest quality services to our constituents, to operate in a transparent manner, and a commitment to ongoing collaboration with our riders, member entities and elected officials as a means for establishing the foundation for future success.

As you read this report and note the accomplishments and services enumerated herein, the delivery of which are carried out daily by many thoughtful team members whose expertise and commitment make the NCRTD the first class transit agency it is today.

Thank you to our Board of Directors as well, for their continued support, and for their forward thinking approach that not only addresses the challenges we face today, but prepares us for the future. I am honored to be one of the many team members contributing to our accomplishments.

With respect,



Anthony J. Mortillaro  
Executive Director

## *Mission Statement*

*The mission of the North Central Regional Transit District is to provide safe, secure and effective public transportation within north central New Mexico in order to enhance the quality of life of our citizens by providing mobility options and to spur economic development throughout the region.*



## Savings

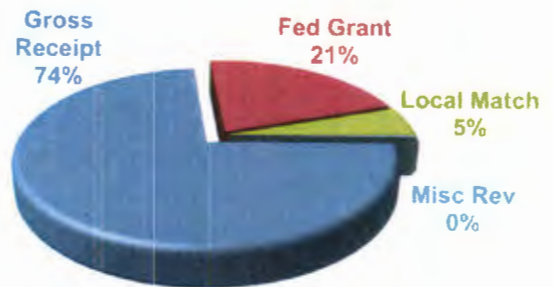
The North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD/District) operated with a proposed Fiscal Year 2013 revenue budget in the amount of \$9.7 million. The difference between the revenues and expenditures shortfall in the amount of approximately \$333,000 proposed to utilize reserve funds in order to balance the budget.

Due to mid-year budgetary adjustments projected to result from a decrease in transit GRT the District cut capital and operating expenditures which resulted in an end of the year surplus and deferment of the use of reserve funds. Actual Revenues totaled approximately \$9.3 million and actual Expenditures totaled approximately \$8.4 million re-

sulting in an approximate savings of \$900,000. Revenue from Federal sources totaled 21% of all revenues and Transit Gross Receipt Taxes generated approximately 74% of the revenues, the remaining 5% came from other sources such as the sale of vehicles, fares, the Los Alamos County contribution and miscellaneous revenue.

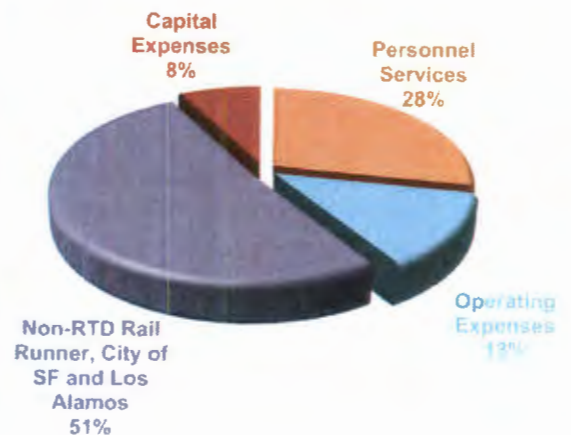
### Operating Revenue (unaudited)

	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	% of Actual vs budget
Gross Receipt	\$7,013,800	\$6,871,271	98%
Fed Grant	\$1,917,879	\$1,957,128	102%
Local Match	\$500,000	\$500,000	100%
Cash Bal Budgeted	\$333,000	-	0%
Misc Rev	-	\$24,311	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,764,679</b>	<b>\$9,352,711</b>	<b>95.8%</b>



### Operating Expense (unaudited)

	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	% of Actual vs Budget
Personnel Services	\$2,600,116	\$2,356,996	90.6%
Operating Expenses	\$1,443,957	\$1,081,893	74.9%
Non-RTD	\$4,208,280	\$4,327,824	102.8%
Capital Expenses	\$1,512,326	\$650,578	43.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,764,679</b>	<b>\$8,417,291</b>	<b>86.2%</b>



Actual Fiscal year 2013 Expenditures totaled \$8.4 million. Personnel Services which consists of salaries and benefits comprised 28% of total expenditures, with operating expenses comprising 13%, and capital expenses at 8%. The largest expenditure category, 51% is related to Non-RTD payments made to the NM Rail Runner, City of Santa Fe and Los Alamos County for providing regional services approved by the District Board.

**Overall:**

For the Fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, Hinkle + Landers, the District's external auditors, expressed a unqualified opinion. The District is expecting an unqualified opinion for the FY2013 Audit as well.

The NCRTD Finance department oversees and handles all financial activities that is inclusive of Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Payroll and maintaining the General Ledger. The Finance Department is also responsible for all the aspects of the District's financial obligations and reporting in relation to grants compliance and procurements.

A high standard of excellence drives the District's Finance Department to provide outstanding levels of support, service and products, and is committed to conforming to the highest level of ethical standards.

**TRANSIT ADVERTISING PROGRAM LAUNCHED IN FY2013**

Upon Board approval of a Transit Advertising Policy, an RFP for transit advertising services was issued in December, 2012. Award was given in March of 2013 to Templeton Marketing Services for the purpose of sales, design, production, installation, maintenance and removal of advertising on NCRTD transit buses, interiors and exteriors as well as bus shelters in the District service area.

The first installations were completed in June and included side wraps on the Española to Santa Fe and Taos to Española buses. The first advertiser to come on board was the New Mexico Energy Conservation and Management Division with their "Travel Smart!" program promoting biking, ridesharing and transit. That was soon followed by North Central New Mexico Economic Development District with a wrap on the Taos to Española bus for their "End Senior Hunger" program.

Other advertisers have since signed on including Choice Wireless, Española Tire Factory, and the Santa Fe County Public Safety "Heroes" campaign sponsored by the County's Human Resources Division.

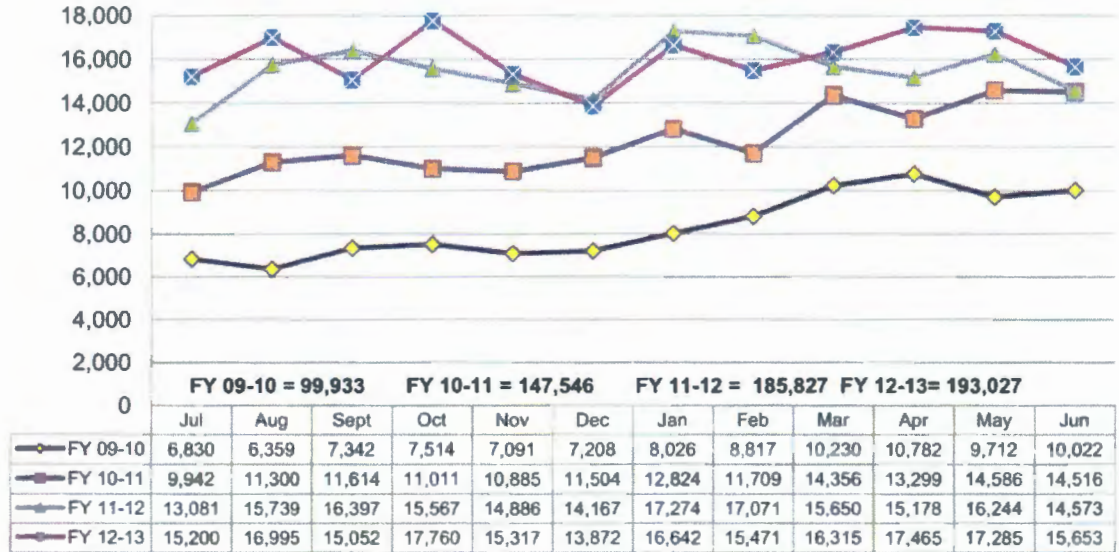


## NCRTD POSTS ANOTHER YEAR IN RECORD RIDERSHIP: Sees 3.9 percent increase in riders in FY2013

The NCRTD posted a 3.9 percent increase in ridership in fiscal year (FY) 2013, setting a record number of riders for the year. Ridership for all NCRTD operated routes totaled 193,027 in FY2013 over a

total of 185,827 in FY2012. NCRTD provides 20 fixed routes throughout North Central New Mexico and two demand response (para-transit) routes.

**Comparative Ridership NCRTD-Operated Routes Only**



## Greener New Mexico

**Carbon Offset**  
by people riding the bus  
instead of driving personal vehicles



FY 2012  
2073 tons

FY 2013  
2161 tons

**Vehicle Miles Reduced**  
through fewer cars on our streets and highways



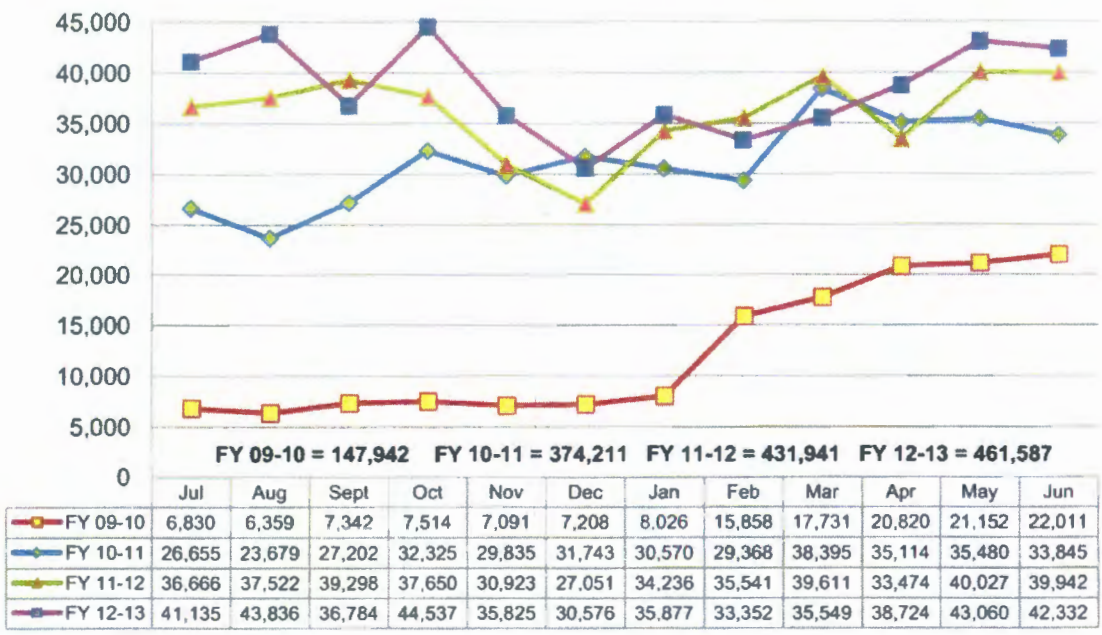
FY 2012  
4.05 miles

FY 2013  
4.35 miles

An analysis of all NCRTD-funded routes for FY2013 shows a 6.8 percent increase in ridership with 461,587 in FY2013 over 431,941 in FY2012. "All NCRTD-funded routes" includes the NCRTD-operated routes as well as regional routes serviced by Los Alamos Atomic

City Transit and Santa Fe Trails transit, including Santa Fe Pick-Up and special event shuttle services such as Folk Art Market, Spanish Market, Indian Market and Zozobra that are funded by the NCRTD.

**Comparative Ridership NCRTD-Funded Routes**



From the Regional Transit Gross Receipts Taxes (GRT) it collects each year, the NCRTD contributes to regional transportation services provided by other transit operators in its four-county north central New Mexico area. In FY2013, \$981,932 went to support Santa Fe Trails, \$1.33 million was provided to support Los Alamos Atomic City Transit and \$2 million went to New Mexico Rail Runner Express.

Earlier this year, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) reported that in calendar year 2012 ridership in public transportation services overall reached record levels and saw an average increase of 1.49 percent across the United States. The NCRTD is pleased to report a ridership increase more than double the national average.

## SERIES OF SEVEN ROUTE ENHANCEMENTS APPROVED: Rollout Completed in July

The North Central Regional Transit District Board approved a series of route modifications and enhancements in June which facilitated its rollout in July. The seven route enhancements seek to fulfill service needs expressed by residents of the district. The move also improves sustainability by reducing vehicles from our highways and adds to its regional interconnectivity.

The enhancements were the result of a concerted effort by the RTD Board, RTD staff and members of the communities in which the enhancements were made. These changes also acknowledge the service area's needs for greater access to local transit, improved regional transit connectivity, and to employment opportunities, education and essential services.

These modifications now make the District's north/south service area 176 miles in length from Edgewood in south Santa Fe County to Costilla just below the Colorado state line in northern Taos County.

These modifications are unrelated to the updating of the District's five-year service plan for which a series of community meetings were held in May and June and which may also result in future service modifications in 2014.



*Nambé Governor Phillip A. Perez (r.) came out to greet the new bus into Nambé Pueblo at its stop at the Pueblo Governor's Office. Joining him (from l. to r.) were Mike Kelly, RTD Transit and Facilities Operations Director, Lt. Governor Gary Talachy and Roads and Transportation Technician Lonnie Montoya*

The seven route enhancements are:

### **Santa Fe County/ Madrid, Nambé Pueblo, Tesuque Pueblo**

**599 Route** (Madrid) expansion now includes service south along the Highway 14 corridor to Madrid with stops in Cerrillos and Lone Butte, and north to Santa Fe Place Mall with stops at the south side WalMart and the Santa Fe Outlet Mall. The expansion will provide residents of those communities along the Highway 14 corridor with greater access to the City of Santa Fe, and tourists with bus transit service to Madrid and Cerrillos. It also provides improved connections with the Santa Fe Trails Transit system and will benefit employees and visitors of the Santa Fe County Adult Correctional Facility.

**Edgewood Route** – In Edgewood the stop was moved from the Edgewood Senior Center to the Community Center to provide a well-lit area for enhanced security in winter months and greater access to parking.

**Pojoaque-Nambé Route** – was expanded from the turn-off of NM 503 at NP 101 directly into Nambé Pueblo with stops at the Pueblo Housing Authority and the Pueblo Governor's Office.

**Tesuque Route** – now provides a stop at the Tesuque Village Market.

### **Taos County/Costilla Service**

**Questa to Taos Route** – was expanded and now extends to Costilla just below the Colorado state line, for a morning and evening commuter run that provides workers from the region with access to the Town of Taos and Red River.

### **Rio Arriba County/Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo**

**Taos to Española Route** – adds a stop in Velarde. Velarde is a “demand” stop in that the bus will only stop if a person is waiting at the stop to be picked up, or if a passenger onboard requests to be dropped off at that location.

**Riverside Route** (Española/Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo) – has been extended into the



## NCRTD BEGINS UPDATE OF FIVE-YEAR SERVICE PLAN

In fiscal year 2013, the North Central Regional Transit District began an update of its five-year Transit Service Plan. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on November 19 and on March 1 the project was awarded to The KFH Group, an experienced firm of transportation professionals, dedicated to providing assistance to local, state, and federal organizations to improve public transportation services.

The plans, proposals and recommendations in the service plan are to address not only mobility issues, but also related topics such as economic development, air quality, housing, job creation, environmental sustainability and energy consumption.

The transit service plan will consider the general needs of the traveling public as well as the specific needs of sub-groups including businesses, university students, K-12 school-aged children, elderly, veterans and people with

special needs. It will also look at people who do not use local public transportation and describe ways in which non-users can be converted into users by highlighting specific objections they have and recommending to NCRTD ways in which to overcome those barriers.

To launch the program, KFH Group partnered with Santa Fe-based Southwest Planning and Marketing to conduct ten public meetings and information-gathering presentations at the six member Pueblos. The meetings were intended to obtain feedback and service enhancement suggestions from constituents, the general public, riders and non-riders.

KFH Group's mandate is to provide a comprehensive transit service plan covering a five-year period. The plan will include a Transit Services and Facilities Plan and Implementation Strategies with the final report being presented to the NCRTD Board in January, 2014.



*Interconnected: South Capitol Transportation Hub (photo courtesy of NMDOT)*

### NMDOT HONORS NCRTD AS 2012 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OF THE YEAR

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) this year honored the North Central Regional Transit District as the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) 2012 Transportation System of the Year.

"The NCRTD was among five agencies that were singled out this past year for providing excellent customer service to their passengers and having an ongoing record of success," commented David Harris, Transit Bureau Chief at NMDOT.

According to the Federal Transit Administration, "The Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program was established to address the unique transportation challenges faced by low-income persons seeking to obtain and maintain employment. Many new entry-level jobs are located outside of city centers, and low-income individuals have difficulty accessing these jobs from their city, urban, or rural neighborhoods."



*Dave Harris (l), Transit Bureau Chief at NMDOT presents the award to Anthony Mortillaro (r), Executive Director of the NCRTD at the New Mexico Passenger Transit Association Conference and Expo held at Buffalo Thunder Resort in Pojoaque.*

## FY2013 MARKED BY PROGRESS AND FLEET ACQUISITIONS

To provide service throughout the more than 10,000 square mile district (larger than the States of Massachusetts and Delaware combined), RTD vehicles in FY2013 logged a total of 963,480 miles (an average of 48,174 miles per route) on its fixed and commuter routes. For this reason, the District remains steadfast in its commitment to continually upgrade and enhance its fleet of 43 passenger vehicles. FY2013 proved no exception.

There were 4 vehicles purchased and placed into service this year which included two 14-passenger vehicles, one 28-passenger vehicle and one 18-passenger vehicle. All vehicles were acquired through our own internal contract for vehicle purchase approved by the Federal Transit Administration and the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

A contingency fleet of 20 percent is maintained at all times in accordance with FTA regulations and guidelines.

This year, the NCRTD Board voted unanimously to direct Staff to investigate the viability of converting the fleet to the use of alternative fuels and thereby increase the environmental sustainability of the District. As a result, two alternative fuel vehicles will be purchased next year; one to run on CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) and another on LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas). The goal is to test each fuel to determine the best option for the ultimate conversion of the entire fleet.

The NCRTD this year issued a request for qualifications seeking to evaluate and select qualified Architecture and Engineering individuals and/or firms to perform Architecture, Engineering, and Geotechnical Services for the NCRTD for the conceptual design phase of a Transit Maintenance Facility, Vehicle Wash Bay, and Fueling Station complex to be located at the District headquarters in Española. Design for the project is to look at current needs as well as be capable of accommodating future operations and fleet expansion.

Investment in infrastructure continues with 31 bus shelters now installed at key stops. Trashcans have been purchased and installed at 27 of those shelters with three additional cans installed at shelters owned by NM Park & Ride and Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo. Each location is monitored and cleaned weekly. Twenty benches have been purchased and will be installed this fiscal year and approval has been granted for a newly-designed shelter, the first of which is to be installed outside the Jim West

Regional Transit Center, the RTD headquarters, in FY2014. The new shelter is designed to include solar lighting (a first for the District), a bench, trashcan and display case.

With installation of the RTD radio repeaters at Taos Ski Valley and at Pajarito Mountain Ski Area in Los Alamos County now completed, coverage for two-way radio communication between radio dispatchers and drivers is now available throughout

the District. This has led to the conversion from analog to digital 2-way radio communication for each vehicle in the fleet.

With an on-staff State-certified Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Examiner qualified to test drivers for certification, three RTD drivers were able to qualify for their CDL and P (Passenger) classification, bringing the total of CDL certified drivers to 11 from an overall total of 31 drivers.

The District continues to maintain additional fleet storage in each of its four counties with two vehicles in the City of Santa Fe at the All Aboard America! administration and maintenance facility, one housed at the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Station, five in Taos County and one in Chama.

In FY2014, the NCRTD will go out to bid under its own contract for three new replacement vehicles.



*The RTD takes delivery of two new 14-passenger vehicles.*

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## VETERANS TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY LIVING INITIATIVE GRANT PROVIDES FOR TECHNOLOGICAL UPGRADES TO INCLUDE AVL AND CAD SYSTEM

In FY2013, the NCRTD received a grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) through the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to upgrade scheduling and routing software and to secure and develop a fully integrated Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) for route planning, Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL), Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD), Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs), real time passenger information and paratransit dispatch software.

The grants were provided to improve access to local transportation for veterans and their families, wounded warriors and other military personnel, helping them find affordable rides to work, school, shopping, medical care and other destinations in their communities.

According to the FTA, "The Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative, funded and managed by the Federal Transit Administration, supports efforts by local governments and transit agencies to implement technologies—ranging from "smart phone" applications to real-time transit bus locator information—that make it easier for veterans and others to access and schedule rides on available buses, vans, taxis and other transportation systems. The unemployment rate for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans averages more than four percentage points above the national average.

The NCRTD partnered with Los Alamos Atomic City Transit to purchase the AVL/CAD system, to share resources and reduce the cost of implementing the system.

A joint Request for Proposals was issued in April and awarded to Avail Technologies, Inc. The system is projected to begin rolling out in mid-2014.

Some of the benefits and goals of ITS include increasing ridership by improving on time arrivals, information and the rider's experience; improving efficiencies on many levels, including the utilization of buses and personnel, as well as the collection of data for FTA reporting. These benefits also enhance the ability to coordinate with other transit agencies in order to provide a seamless system for riders, improved safety, real-time knowledge of bus loca-

tions on each route in the 4 county –10,000 square mile service area, as well as improved communications with drivers and riders.

The project includes the implementation of the following:

1. Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL);
2. Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs);
3. Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD);
4. Global Positioning System (GPS);
5. Real Time Passenger Information via hosted website, text messaging, and smart phone applications;
6. Next bus information related technologies;
7. Maintenance and hosting; and,
8. Paratransit Scheduling Software.

More than 20,000 veterans and over 850 active National Guardsmen and women reside in the NCRTD service area and many veteran centers are located within the District.

RTD connections with the NM Rail Runner Express provide veterans with access to Albuquerque where they can connect to additional services including the Veterans Medical Center, increased shopping, job and social opportunities. The New Mexico State National Guard facility in Santa Fe is directly serviced on the NCRTD 599 Route.

The Obama Administration has committed roughly a \$1 billion a year in discretionary resources to help communities around the nation build and expand light

rail, commuter rail, bus rapid transit, and other forms of public transportation to connect American families, including our nation's returning veterans, with jobs, education, medical care and other vital services.

The Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative was developed by the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility, a permanent partnership of federal departments working together to better coordinate federal programs on behalf of people with disabilities, older adults and individuals with lower incomes.



**VETERANS**  
TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE  
... TRANSIT ...

## Engaged

**In Fiscal Year 2013, the Board of Directors maintained an active agenda tackling a wide range of items to make the NCRTD run as smooth and efficiently as possible and ensure that residents within the District were being well represented. Policies and procedures were established or tightened up to make the District more accountable, well-run and resourceful.**

The Finance Subcommittee continued to meet on a monthly basis, and the Tribal Subcommittee, as needed, to review matters under their purview and make recommendations to the Board.

This year, a series of 30 Resolutions were adopted by the Board, among them:

- Approval for the Town of Edgewood to join as a voting member of the NCRTD Board in order to fully facilitate a truly effective and efficient regional transit system that cooperatively and equitably serves north central New Mexico.
- Adoption of the FY2013 annual service plan submitted by the City of Santa Fe and Los Alamos County for specific regional routes funded by the NCRTD Regional Transit Gross Receipts Tax (RTGRT).
- Creation of an ex-officio nonvoting board seat on the NCRTD Board of Directors for the Rio Metro Regional Transit District (RMRTD).
- Initiation of new Procurement Regulations to supersede that which were established in Resolution 2007-13. The new guidelines provide for the fair and equitable treatment of all persons involved in public purchasing by the NCRTD to maximize the purchasing value of public funds in procurement and to provide safeguards for maintaining a procurement system of quality and integrity.
- Creation of general policy and priorities for use of the Jim West Regional Transit Center, the RTD headquarters, that makes available meeting space to state and local government entities, agencies, boards and their committees.
- Approval of a resolution allowing the Nambé Pueblo to

join as a member of the NCRTD.

- In May, a preliminary FY2014 budget was presented to the Board, opened up to public hearing and then adopted after previously having been reviewed by the Board Finance Subcommittee. The final budget was presented and approved at the June meeting.
- Upon direction from the Board, the Las Trampas Route was reviewed, analyzed and ultimately modified, with community input.
- Authorization for the NCRTD to adopt multiple modifications and enhancements impacting seven routes. The act resulted in first time service to the Santa Fe County community of Madrid, Costilla in Taos County, as well as service into the Pueblos of Nambé and Ohkay Owingeh.
- The New Mexico Open Meetings Act was amended to change the rules for posting meeting agendas and taking emergency actions. As it is the policy of the NCRTD to maintain guidelines in full compliance with State laws, a resolution was passed to incorporate that amendment into the NCRTD policy. Therefore, notice shall be given at least 72 hours in



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advance of any regular meeting of a quorum of the members of the NCRTD Board and a draft agenda will be posted at least 72 hours before the meeting. A final agenda shall be posted at least 36 hours prior to the meeting. Except for emergency matters, the NCRTD Board shall only take action on items appearing on the agenda. Emergency matters are unforeseen circumstances that, if not addressed immediately to the public body, will likely result in injury or damage to persons or property or substantial financial loss to the public body.

- Provision of rights, responsibilities and procedures in the employment relationship between employees and the employer was of great significance as it established the Labor Management Relations Resolu-

tion giving employees the right to organize and bargain collectively. This led to a collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters Local 492 who represent on behalf of NCRTD drivers and dispatchers.

This past year the Board also welcomed six new members: Commissioner Miguel Chavez of Santa Fe County succeeds Commissioner Kathy Holian who has taken the helm of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners; Lillian Garcia has been named to represent the Pueblo de San Ildefonso; Lieutenant Governor Gary Talachy is representing Nambé Pueblo; Councilor Chuck Ring sits in on behalf of the Town of Edgewood; Christy Mermajo acts on behalf of Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo; and Terry Doyle is the sitting Ex-officio member representing Rio Metro RTD.



# North Central Regional Transit District Board Members



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Ex Officio Member  
**Terry Doyle**  
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## GETTING INTO THE COMMUNITY

Throughout the year, the NCRTD looks for opportunities to get out in the communities to demonstrate its involvement in and loyalty to its constituents, riders and supporters.

Some of the highlights of events and gatherings we took part in included the Española Fiesta Parade which we entered with our 40-passenger bus and a group of drivers to hand out candy and bus-themed coloring books to the children lining the parade route. The parade drew approximately 6000 spectators. The Española Job Fair in September, which was hosted by the Española Valley Chamber of Commerce, had more than 700 attendees.

Earlier in the year, we presented to a group of seniors at an event hosted by AARP in Taos and talked about the services we offer and how to ride the bus and read the schedules. The event brought in seniors from throughout Taos County.

In May, the District was able to showcase its presence in the Santa Fe Plaza at CommUNITY Day that allows nonprofit and government agencies to inform the public on what they do. That same

day the NCRTD participated in the Rio Metro RTD and Amtrak hosted Train Day, which drew 5000 people to the Alvarado Train Station in downtown Albuquerque.

During the Legislative session, the NCRTD participates in Transportation Day at the Roundhouse which was hosted by the NMDOT. The event presents a good opportunity to get out and talk with legislators and their staffs about the services provided. Also during that time the District showcased its services in the Santa Fe Convention Center at the Legislative Reception hosted by the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce.



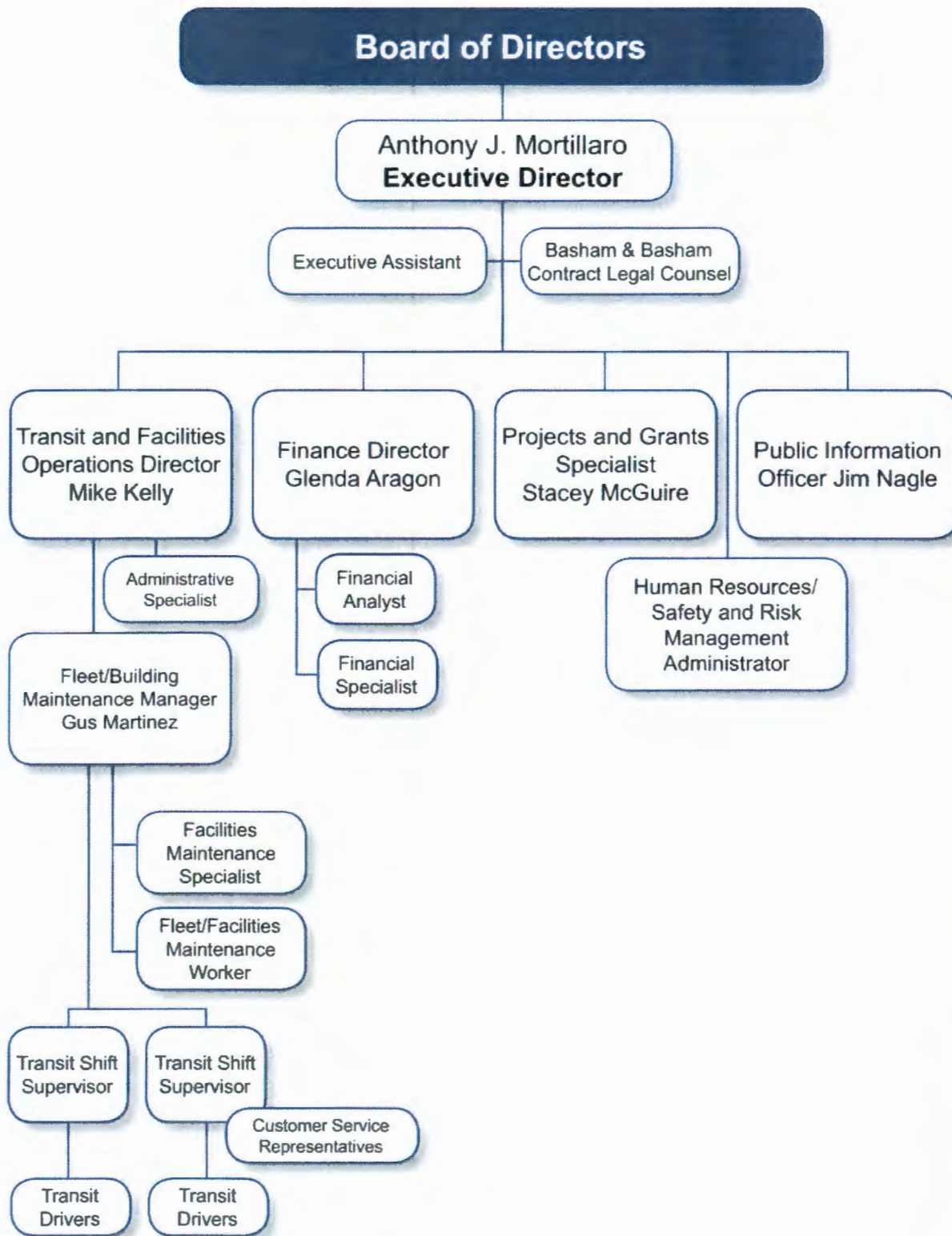
### NCRTD HOLIDAY GIVING TREE BENEFITS THE CHILDREN OF CYFD



This year, the District hosted a Holiday Giving Tree in its Jim West Regional Transit Center headquarters to benefit the children of the Española Center for the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD). Drivers and administration were quick to snap up gift tags for recipients and before long the tree was surrounded by brightly wrapped gifts for the foster children sponsored by the Department. Representatives from CFYD joined RTD drivers and staff by the tree (above) as they came by the RTD headquarters to collect presents that were to be dispersed to the kids at their holiday party held on December 13.

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# Legislative Report - Final

## 2014 Regular Session

March 25, 2014

Board of County Commissioners Meeting



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## I. SUMMARY

- The Santa Fe County Legislative Team is pleased to present the following report to the Santa Fe County Commission and County Manager on the outcomes of the 2014 State Legislative Session.
- The 2014 Legislative session was a 30 day session limited to fiscal issues and items messaged by the Governor for consideration by the legislature. February 20 Session ended.
- There were 1,081 bills introduced this session. 548 House bills that were introduced; 533 Senate bills were introduced.
- Santa Fe County Legislative Team tracked approximately 113 bills related to Santa Fe County Programs and Services.

## II. RESOLUTIONS AND ACTION TAKEN BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON SPECIFIC LEGISLATION

### LEGISLATIVE ACTION TAKEN

#### **Resolution: 2013-140, A Resolution Supporting Legislation Prohibiting The Sale of E-Cigarettes to Minors**

This resolution requests and urges that the New Mexico State Legislature enact legislation that prohibits sales of e-cigarettes to minors. Electronic nicotine delivery systems or, e-cigarettes, are battery-powered heating elements that are designed to deliver nicotine in the form of a vapor. E-cigarette cartridges are available in a variety of flavors such as bubblegum, chocolate and mint that appeal to youth. They are seen as gateway products to tobacco abuse and nicotine addiction. Minors under 18 years of age are already prohibited from buying cigarettes and other tobacco products. (Commissioner Stefanics and Commissioner Anaya) **HB 15**

#### **Resolution: 2013-121, A Resolution In Support Of A Healthy Kid, Healthy Economy Program**

This resolution is in support of the purchase of locally grown fruits and vegetables for school lunches and requests the New Mexico State Legislature appropriate \$1.44million toward this program. The healthy kid, healthy economy concept promotes the purchase of New Mexico fruits and vegetables for school lunch programs in order to enhance the diet of school children and help school meal programs comply with new Federal rules that require additional servings of fruits and vegetables in school lunches (Commissioner Holian) **HB 220**

### LEGISLATIVE ACTION NOT TAKEN

#### **Resolution: 2013-87, Resolution Supporting Notice of Liens**

Requires an owner of a property to be informed when a lien is recorded. This initiative is that of the County Clerk's affiliate of the NMAC for the past several years. It was taken on as an initiative of the Clerk's affiliated to provide greater protections to property owners affected by liens. (NMAC)

#### **Resolution: 2013-88, Resolution Supporting Suspension Of Medicaid Benefits In Lieu Of Termination Upon Incarceration**

Requires the suspension of Medicaid in lieu of termination upon incarceration in county detention centers for youth and adults such that: (1) inmates would still have their Medicaid medical benefits upon discharge if they had Medicaid upon admission or (2) be able to apply for Medicaid benefits at any time during their incarceration and if still incarcerated when they receive their benefits have their Medicaid benefits suspended until discharge when they would automatically become active. (NMAC)

#### **Resolution: 2013-89, Resolution Supporting Delinquent Property Tax Payments**

Would amend State Statute 7-38-62, providing authorization of County Treasurers to receive all payments of property taxes including for those properties that have been turned over to the Property Tax Division

The proposed legislation would amend State Statute 7-38-62 to authorize County Treasurers to receive all payments of property taxes, including for those properties that have been turned over to the Property Tax Division for collection and been placed on installment agreements. (NMAC)

#### **Resolution: 2013-90, Resolution Supporting Delinquent Property Tax List Definition**

This resolution supports legislation that would clarify the responsibility of County Treasurers and the State Property Tax Division, so that if a delinquent property does not appear on the most recent delinquent property tax list, that property reverts back to the County Treasurer for collection, and the penalty and interest collected is distributed to the county. (NMAC)

**Resolution: 2013-98, A Resolution Supporting Property Tax Equity**

Provides for the proposed changes to 7-36-21.2 NMSA allowing for a more equitable property valuation process (Or Tax Lightning Legislation)

Striving for equalization of property values, consideration must be given to the long term residents of New Mexico. The proposed consideration for Tax Equity includes the creation of a valuation limitation for the long term resident, providing a deduction of 1 0% of the taxable value, of the residential property owned and occupied by a New Mexico resident for 10 or more years and a 20% deduction of the taxable value, of the residential property owned and occupied by a New Mexico resident, 65 years of age or older, for 20 or more years. (NMAC)

**Resolution: 2013-99, A Resolution Supporting Non-Residential Real Property Sales Disclosure**

This resolution supports legislation that will provide for the disclosure of sales data for all real property except as specifically excluded New Mexico State Statute 7-38-12.1 NMSA 1978 requires transferors or transferees of "residential property" to file an affidavit with the County Assessor disclosing sale price and other related information (NMAC)

**Resolution: 2013-100, A Resolution Supporting County Correctional Facility Gross Receipts Tax**

This resolution supports legislation that would increase the County Correctional Facility Gross Receipts Tax from two to four increments of one-sixteenth of one percent resulting in a maximum tax of one fourth of one percent

County detention facilities have seen a significant increase in detention facility populations since the County Correctional Facilities GRT was expanded in 2004. The resulting cost to county government is, in many counties, the most significant part of the county budget. Twenty five counties in New Mexico have voted to enact the two one sixteenth increments of County Correctional Facility Gross Receipts Tax authorized by state law. County detention facilities use the proceeds of this local option tax to operate and maintain local detention facilities, and for many other purposes authorized by state law (NMAC)

**Resolution: 2013-91, A Resolution Supporting The 2014 Legislative Priorities Of The New Mexico Association of Counties**

In August 2013 the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Association of Counties approved seven legislative priorities for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature at its 2014 regular legislative session (NMAC)

The Seven Legislative Priorities include:

- Delinquent Property Tax Payments
- Delinquent Property Tax List
- Notice of Liens
- Medicaid Benefits Suspension
- County Correctional Facility Gross Receipts Tax
- Property Tax Equity
- Real Property Sales Disclosure

**Resolution: 2013-134, Resolution On Preemption Of Local Authority**

Pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 7-20E-9(2008) New Mexico counties are authorized to impose a local option gross receipts tax increment of one-eighth of one percent without referendum the revenues from which must be dedicated to the support of indigent patients who are residents of that county; the board of county commissioners of Santa Fe County opposes any proposal or legislation that would preempt local government authority; by taking from New Mexico counties the authority to utilize revenues generated by local taxes in the best interests of their citizens

Santa Fe County joins the New Mexico Association of Counties and other Counties across the state to oppose any proposal or legislation that would preempt local government authority, by taking from counties the authority to utilize revenues generated by local taxes in the best interests of their citizens. (NMAC)

**Resolution: 2013-135, Resolution On Preemption Of Local Tax Authority In Santa Fe County**

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 7-20E-9(2008) New Mexico counties are authorized to impose a local option gross receipts tax increment of one-eighth of one percent without referendum the revenues from which must be dedicated to the support of indigent patients who are residents of that county the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners opposes any proposal or legislation that would preempt local government authority by taking from Santa Fe County the authority to utilize revenues generated by local taxes in the best interest of its citizens

Santa Fe County revenue for the one-eighth increment is approximately 4.3million dollars annually. Approximately one half of the \$4.3 million is budgeted to assist community hospitals and the other half pays for indigent claims to other community primary care health providers, mental health providers, ambulance services, substance abuse treatment providers, indigent burials and cremations and county health staff. (Anaya)

**III. LEGISLATION AS IT RELATES TO SANTA FE COUNTY**

**House Bill 16: Liquor Excise Tax**

**C. Trujillo**

Changes the distribution of proceeds of the Liquor Excise Tax into the Local DWI Grant Fund (LDWI) to 46% for Fiscal Years (FY) 16, 17, and 18. After that, the distribution to the LDWI reverts to the current 41.5%. The State General Fund revenue will decline correspondingly in FY 16 through 18. The estimated increase to the LDWI Fund is approximately \$2.2 million for those three fiscal years.

*Signed by the Governor on March 10; effective on July 1, 2014.*

**Projected Yearly Increases for Santa Fe County DWI Program**

FY16	FY17	FY18
\$279,584.50	\$316,178.30	\$350,797.65

**House Bill 51: Right to Farm – “Nuisance”**

**Herrell**

Strikes the word “improperly” as an exception to the Right to Farm Act and makes a technical correction to the effective date of the act. The original act exempts agricultural operations and facilities from nuisance actions unless such operation or facility is operated negligently, improperly or illegally, such that it becomes a nuisance.

*Signed by the Governor on March 6; effective on May 21, 2014.*

**HB 55: 2014 Work NM Act – Severance Tax Bond Projects**

**J. Trujillo**

The 161-page final version of the bill authorizes approximately \$231.3 million from severance tax bond capacity and other state funds, for almost a thousand capital projects statewide.

*Signed by the Governor on March 11, 2014, with an emergency clause; therefore, effective immediately. The Governor line item vetoed two (2) Santa Fe County capital outlay requests.*

## 2014 CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS FOR SANTA FE COUNTY

Project	Funding Request	Final Appropriated Amount	Commission District
Santa Fe County Fairgrounds	1,500,000	160,000	County Wide
Solarization of Santa Fe County Fire Stations	1,000,000	182,000	County Wide
Pojoaque Sports Fields	400,000	128,000	1
Upgrade Chupadero Water System Phase 1	300,000	100,000	1
Santa Fe Co Romero Park Improvements	1,000,000	0	2
Santa Fe Co Vista Aurora Sewer Systems	102,000	70,000	2
Santa Fe Stanley Wellness Center	1,200,000	0	3
La Cienega Community Center Improvements and Senior Services	530,000	0	3
<del>Santa Fe County NM Hwy 14 Senior/Community Center</del>	<del>800,000</del>	<del>40,000</del>	<del>3-8-5</del>
Santa Fe County La Bajada Water System Improvements	250,000	0	3
Santa Fe Co Potable Bulk Water Project (aka I25/US 285)	165,000	0	4
EAWSO Spur Transmission Line	400,000	0	5
TOTAL	\$ 7,647,000	\$ 640,000	8.37%

2014 Capital Outlay Appropriations for Other Government/Community Requests in Santa Fe County,

Yellow = [Santa Fe County is Fiscal Agent]

Other Government/Community Requests	Funding Request	Final Amount Received	Commission District
1st Judicial Court House (IT Improvements)	50,000	50,000	County Wide
<del>1st Judicial Court House (Exterior Seating Area)</del>	<del>25,000</del>	<del>25,000</del>	County Wide
El Dorado Water District Ph I Improvements	147,000	147,000	5
El Dorado Water District Ph II Improvements	135,000	135,000	5
Agua Fria MDWCA / Santa Fe County Utility Design	270,000	80,000	2
Agua Fria MDWCA Water System Improvements	500,000	130,000	2
Women's Health Building Renovations	200,000	114,400	1
Vista Grande Library Expansion	10,000	10,000	5
Alamo Lane Improvements	35,000	20,000	2
La Familia Southside Clinic Improvements / Roof	88,000	10,000	2
Santa Fe County Roads - El Dorado	100,000	100,000	5
Edgewood Waste Water Systems Improvement Project	2,038,000	440,000	1
Nambe Pueblo Water System/Tank/Sewer	500,000	150,000	1
San Ildefonso Wastewater Treatment Facility	500,000	5,000	1
Santa Fe Affordable Housing for Vets/Low-income Project	100,000	100,000	County Wide
Acequia del Rancho Improvements Phase I	34,000	34,000	1
Fresquez Ditch Restoration	75,000	50,000	1
Acequia Agua Fria Improvements	80,000	80,000	2
Acequia del Los Trujillos	29,800	30,000	1
Acequia de Los Chupaderos Improvements Head Gates/Liner	50,000	25,000	1
Acequia del Barranco Blanco Improvements	71,700	71,000	1
La Bajada Community Ditch Improvement Project	200,000	20,000	3
Acequia del Los Ranchos Embankment Improvement Project	75,000	75,000	1
Acequia de La Cienega Piping/Gate/Valve/Spillway Improvements	25,000	25,000	3
Acequia de La Cienega Pump System & Well	56,310	75,000	3
Acequia del Rincon Improvements	66,800	67,000	1
Cuarteles Ditch Improvements	75,000	50,000	1
Santa Fe Mountain Center Improvements	60,000	75,000	2
TOTAL	5,596,610	2,118,400	38%



**House Bill 287: Firefighter Supplemental Benefits**

**Kane/Woods**

Increases the survivorship benefits for firefighters killed in the line of duty from \$50 thousand to \$250 thousand. The benefit is provided to the surviving spouse or children of firefighters killed in the line of duty, or to the surviving parents if there is no surviving spouse or children. Legislation also applies to volunteer firefighters.

*Signed by the Governor on March 5; effective July 1, 2014.*

**Senate Bill 268: Replacing Sole Community Providers with Qualifying Hospitals**

**Rodriguez**

Senate Public Affairs Committee Substitute for SB 268, SB 314 & Senate Finance Committee Substitute for SB 368 as three times amended (in the Senate)

As amended on the Senate Floor, authorizes counties to contribute to the new state safety net care pool, with the equivalent of a 1/12th county gross receipts tax (grt) increment. Counties may use public funds from any existing authorized revenue source to fund the new pool. Boards of County Commissioners are given new authority to enact a general purpose 1/12th increment, without referendum. Hospitals and the Human Services Department have specific mandates to report regularly to their counties. The bill, as passed by the Legislature, had a three-year sunset provision, with the intent that the state, hospitals, and counties to continue to work on the issue.

*Signed by the Governor on March 12, with emergency clause; effective immediately.*

*The Governor line item vetoed a number of items in the bill, including: 1) the three-year sunset; 2) authorization for counties to pay all or part of the monthly premiums of health insurance policies for indigent patients, and out-of-pocket costs, including co-payments and deductibles incurred by indigent patient insured persons; 3) a prohibition on collection of claims against indigent patients with a household income under 200% of the federal poverty level; and 4) direction to HSD to use their budget adjustment authority to fully fund the safety net care pool fund.*

**OTHER ENACTED BILLS OF COUNTY INTEREST:**

**SB 313: General Appropriations Act of 2013**

**Smith**

Includes a \$500,000 appropriation from the Local DWI fund to fund state drug courts a \$3.3 million appropriation to the Department of Finance & Administration to reimburse counties for holding felony offenders, and a 3.25% administrative fee to the Taxation & Revenue Department. All of these appropriations are unchanged from the current fiscal year. The amount of distribution for holding felons will be based upon the numbers reported by each county to the New Mexico Sentencing Commission in July.

*Signed by the Governor on March 12, 2014, with a number of line item vetoes. Contains an emergency clause, effective immediately upon signature.*



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## Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization Takes First Step to Update Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) a forum for transportation decision making, is responsible for updating the 2010-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) beginning in 2014 and with a completion date of June of 2015. The MTP 2010-2035 serves as an important framework in addressing the transportation needs of the Santa Fe MPO over 25 years.

The purpose of this survey is to gauge how well the past plan has met your expectations and give you an opportunity to sign up and contribute as the MTP update is being developed. Please, take our two (2) minute survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GPK2G6B> (Survey also available in Spanish).

The Santa Fe MPO, is an agency representing Santa Fe County, the City of Santa Fe, the Pueblo of Tesuque and the New Mexico Department of Transportation. The MPO Policy Board provides leadership supporting the use of federal funding for a range of transportation improvements (including pedestrian facilities, bike-ways, transit, roads and bridges).

For more information contact the Santa Fe MPO at 505-955-6614 or go to [www.santafemopo.org](http://www.santafemopo.org).

## What's Happening in Brief at SFC

**The Board of County Commissioners passed Ordinance: 2014-2 Amending and Restating Ordinance 2002-08 An Ordinance Governing Tobacco Products Placement to include E-Cigarettes.** The Ordinance governs tobacco products placement, distribution display, and sales and Establishing penalties for violation to ensure conformity with State Law, to regulate E-Cigarette sales to minors and to insert a severability clause.

The Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency recently released the **Solid Waste Assessment and Management Study.**

The study looks at Cost of Service and Funding Options, Operational Assessment of County Citizen Convenience Centers, Wasteshed analysis and Solid Waste Management system section.

The Santa Fe County portion of

the study is available on our website [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) under Hot Topics.

### Santa Fe County Maternal and Child Health Planning Council Seeking Members

Santa Fe County is seeking members for the Maternal and Child Health Planning Council (MCH).

Members are volunteers appointed by the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to assist the county in engaging and eliciting community input. The council is an advisory body to support community-based maternal and child health programs for children from birth to three years and their families.

Anyone interested in being appointed should contact Marie Garcia at (505) 992-9841 or [mgarcia@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:mgarcia@santafecountynm.gov)

You can also visit our [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) for more information.

### Application Deadline is March 25, 2013 at 5 p.m.

### Road Closure Report

A section of Calle Enrique located in the Pinon Hills Subdivision, will be closed through Friday, April 4, 2014. Public Works crews are replacing culverts that run under Calle Enrique.

The bridge section of County Road 88 (La Puebla Road) and County Road 88D (Placita Road) will be closed for five days each, while bridge deck work is completed. The roads will not be closed simultaneously. Work will last through Friday, March 28.



County Manager  
Katherine Miller

## County Assessor Accepting Annual Applications For Valuation Freezes

Santa Fe County residents can now submit their applications for valuation freezes. Santa Fe County property owners who occupy single-family dwellings and meet certain criteria may be eligible for a freeze of their taxable value as determined by the Santa Fe County Assessor's Office.

The valuation freeze is available to property owners age 65 or older or those who are considered permanently disabled and whose total household modified gross income did not exceed \$32,000 in 2013. All applicants must meet the income requirement. Modified gross income is defined as all income from all sources undiminished by losses.

To qualify for the valuation freeze, you must apply annually no later than 30 days after the official date of mailing of the Santa Fe County Assessor's Official Notice of Value. This year's notices will be mailed on April 1, 2014.

An owner who has claimed and been allowed the limitation of value for the three consecutive tax years immediately prior to the 2014 tax year need not claim the limitation for subsequent tax years, if there is no change in eligibility. The Assessor will continue to apply the limitation automatically until a change in eligibility occurs and is reported by the owner.

**Supporting documentation required when attempting to qualify by age and income includes:**

1. A completed application
2. Proof of income (a copy of the property owner's 2013 New Mexico income tax return, and a copy of the property owner's 2013 federal income tax return)
3. Proof of age (a valid New Mexico driver's license or birth certificate)

**Supporting documentation required when attempting to qualify due to disability and income include:**

- a completed application
- proof of income (a copy of the 2013 New Mexico income tax return, and a copy of the property owner's 2013 federal income tax return)
- an award letter from either Social Security or Workers' Compensation confirming the permanent disability

Applications are available at the Santa Fe County Assessor's Office at 102 Grant Ave., Santa Fe. Residents with Internet access may also download an application from [www.santafecountynm.gov/assessor/downloadable\\_forms](http://www.santafecountynm.gov/assessor/downloadable_forms)

## Board of County Commissioners Unanimously Approves Living Wage Ordinance

Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved an Ordinance establishing a living wage within Santa Fe County. The Ordinance sets the minimum wage at \$10.66 an hour, up from \$7.50 an hour. The tipped minimum wage will also increase from the current \$2.13 an hour to \$6.40 an hour. The Ordinance goes into effect on April 26, 2014.

To View the Ordinance visit [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov)

## Labyrinth Creates Sacred Space at Adult Detention Facility

Santa Fe County staff, volunteers and a group of inmates created a labyrinth in the Bravo section of the Adult Facility to create a sacred space for all. Their shared hope was that it would become a sacred space set aside in the recreation yard where people could come to reflect or to pray, to experience peace and inner freedom.

The labyrinth is not a maze or a puzzle to solve. The pathway winds into the center and the way out is the same as the way in. The labyrinth design is ancient and found in different variations in many cultures, including cathedrals. Many people think of the labyrinth as a symbolic pilgrimage.



## Expo New Mexico - 2014 Rodeo Queen Clinic

Queen Clinic provides an affordable, hands-on experience teaching what it takes to successfully compete in the New Mexico State Fair Queen competition. Learn what it takes to be a New Mexico State Fair Queen!

The Clinic is March 28, 2014 - March 30, 2014

The weekend includes:

- Horsemanship Clinic
- Queen Set Pattern
- Makeup Skills
- Clothing Swap
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**March 28, 2014 - March 30, 2014**

**\$100 Clinic Fee due by March 24**

**All ages welcome (Under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian)**

**Check in is on Friday, March 28 at 4 p.m.**

**All classes, training, meals, lodging in the State Fair Youth Hall and a stall are included in the \$100 Queen Clinic Cost.**

## Aamodt Workshops and Office Hours

Santa Fe County sponsored workshops and office hours continue. The purpose is to inform residents of the Pojoaque Valley Pueblos' water right settlement and the options the Court has asked non-Pueblo water right owners to make.

**For More Information including upcoming meetings and FAQ's please visit [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) and click Aamodt Settlement Information under Hot Topics.**

### Office Hours

Office Hours will be held at the Santa Fe County Pojoaque Satellite Office, 5 West Gutierrez, Suite 9, Pojoaque, NM

Every Wednesday until April 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Every Saturday until April 5 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**WWW.SANTAFECOUNTYNM.GOV**

# Santa Fe County Provides Compliance Monitoring for All DWI Offenders

The Santa Fe County DWI Program provides Compliance Monitoring services for all DWI offenders convicted in Santa Fe Magistrate Court, and some offenders convicted in District Court. The Santa Fe County DWI Program Compliance Monitoring staff attends all court hearings, pre-trial, status, probation violation, compliance and sentencing hearings for all misdemeanor and some felony DWI defendants. The program is staffed by three DWI Compliance Monitors. The overall goal is to insure that offenders are receiving the sanction to which they are sentenced by the Court for a DWI offense. The program is funded by the Department of Finance and Administration of the State of New Mexico.

The Compliance staff monitors each offender to insure completion of all court ordered sanctions following a DWI conviction. A majority of DWI offenders are sentenced in Magistrate Court where staff are present in the courtroom and sit with the Assistant District Attorneys and record all court requirements and statistical data for each defendant. Other information such as: date of incident, blood alcohol content, arresting agency, prior offense history, and vehicle information is obtained from the District Attorney's file.

Staff meets with each defendant after their sentencing. This is when contact information is verified and referrals for court ordered requirements are given to the defendant. Each person is also given a DWI Screening Referral with date and time for their screening. A file is made for each defendant with court referrals, judgment and sentence and defendant instruction forms. Staff makes the referrals when offenders are sentenced to community service, Ignition Interlock, Victim Impact Panels and DWI School.

Monthly meeting with "clients" review proof of compliance such as attendance logs, proof of enrollment in classes and registration to meet other court ordered sanctions.

Requests for extensions are reviewed. Interlock companies fax reports for each client monthly. Violations are recorded and reported to the sentencing court. Any violations of a defendant's sentence can result in additional jail time. Staff members also review the Santa Fe County website daily to report any new violations or offenses. Unique to Santa Fe County, the Compliance Unit and the court hold a 90 day compliance hearing to report the progress of the offender in meeting the terms of the Judgment and Sentence.

Every two weeks the Compliance and Monitoring staff conduct screenings where they administer the State of New Mexico mandated needs survey. This survey is used to gather data about offenders and help make proper referrals. Offenders are also referred by staff to clinical assessment which is used to determine the level of treatment each offender requires. Once a treatment plan is developed the staff ensures offender compliance and reports this to the court.

Staff report violations to the courts in monthly reports. They also issue letters of non-compliance to offenders. Data gathered from the Needs Assessments is entered into the ADE (statewide DWI offender information database) tracking system. Once offenders complete their requirements notice of completion is filed with the court.

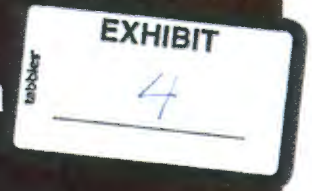
The Santa Fe County DWI Program Screening and Compliance Monitoring section reviewed 365 DWI offenders referred by Magistrate and District Courts in 2013. A majority, 334, of these offenders were convicted in Magistrate Court. A total of 1,055 DWI offenders were supervised by Compliance staff in 2013 to ensure they completed court ordered requirements.

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# County Manager's Monthly Memo

From the Santa Fe County Manager



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## Board Of County Commissioners Upcoming Schedule

- March 25 at 1pm
- April 8 at 2pm
- April 29 at 1pm
- May 13 at 2pm
- May 27 at 1pm
- June 10 at 2pm
- June 24 at 1pm
- July 8 at 2 pm
- July, 29 at 1pm
- August 12 at 2 pm
- August 26 at 1 pm

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

All meetings are broadcast live at [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) and on Comcast Ch. 28 or you can listen live on Que Suave AM810

## Select Open Space Properties Showcase History Exhibits

The history of El Camino Real and specific history of the Village of Agua Fria during the early 1900s is now presented on nine outdoor interpretive panels located throughout the community.

The Santa Fe County Open Space and Trails Program received a grant from the National Scenic Byway Program, administered by the National Park Service, to develop an interpretive exhibit plan and designs for the El Camino Real National Scenic Byway along the Santa Fe River between La Cienega and the Santa Fe Plaza.



### Primary Project Goals

- Orient people to the River and trail
- Communicate and interpret significance of the River corridor and El Camino Real
- Integrate the historic and modern story of the River and the role of water in the community
- Use proximity to the River as a project resource



## Walk to Stop DUI

Saturday, March 29, 2014  
Registration: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  
Walk Begins: 10 a.m.

Location:  
Pojoaque High School,  
1574 NM 502

Cost:  
\$5 for youth  
\$10 for adults

Walk to Stop DUI is a non-competitive walk that gives residents and local businesses an opportunity to team up with the Santa Fe County DWI Program and County Department of Public Safety in an effort to keep our community safe.

All monies raised from this event will be used to host the third annual "Post Prom Party", a positive youth event for the students of Pojoaque Valley High School who will be attending this year's 2014 Prom.

For additional information and a registration form visit [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) and click Walk to Stop DUI under Hot Topics or contact:  
Diolinda Roybal at 505-992-9856 or [droybal@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:droybal@santafecountynm.gov)  
Victoria DeVargas at 995-6529 or [vdevargas@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:vdevargas@santafecountynm.gov)

# A Proficient and Transparent Community

## Community Centers

Santa Fe County owns or leases and manages seven Community Centers (listed below) for community use. Community Centers are for the use of residents and are to be used primarily for public purposes that benefit the community. Priority for using the Centers is given to public events and activities open and geared toward the community at large. Centers cannot be used for any business, profit making endeavors or political events.

In June of 2013 the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners passed a new Resolution for Centers that establishes Trustees at each Center to assist the Community Services Department in the operation of the Centers. During 2013, the Centers were utilized by 304 County residents for events such as birthday parties, meetings, neighborhood celebrations or memorials.

## Our Community Centers

Bennie J. Chavez Senior and Community Center, Chimayo, NM

Cundiyo Community Center, Cundiyo, NM

El Rancho Senior and Community Center, El Rancho, NM

Santa Fe County continually strives to be better, to save money, to be more transparent. The amount of recognition our County has received is a testament to the staffs commitment of providing quality work in addressing the County's needs, resources, commission priorities and more,"  
County Manager, Katherine Miller



Nancy Rodriguez



Nambe



La Cienega



Cundiyo Senior Center



La Cienega



El Rancho





Rio en Medio / Chupadero Center

La Cienega Community Center, La Cienega, NM

Rio en Medio / Chupadero Community Center, Chupadero, NM

Nambe Community Center, Nambe, NM

The Nancy Rodriguez Community Center, Santa Fe, NM

To Rent a Community Center visit [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) » Community Services » Community Centers.

### Satellite Offices

Satellite Offices provide outreach constituent services to the citizens of Santa Fe County. Satellite offices are located in Edgewood, Eldorado and Pojoaque. County staff answers general constituent questions, registers people to vote, provides other County Clerk information; Assessor information; Healthcare Assistance information; County vacant job descriptions and applications; and processes solid waste landfill permits.

**From January 2013 through December 2013, Satellite Offices sold 805 solid waste landfill permits for \$152,617.**

### Website Transparency

For Information on the Satellite Offices visit [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) » Contact Us » Satellite Offices.

The Sunshine Review, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to government transparency, released the winners of the fourth annual Sunny Awards in March and among the 2013 winners was Santa Fe County. The award honors the most transparent government websites in the nation. Santa Fe County received an A+ from the nonprofit organization. Santa Fe County received an A+ and Sunny Award in 2012 from the organization and an A in 2011.

For the 2013 awards, editors at Sunshine Review analyzed more than 1,000 qualifying government websites and graded each on a 10-point transparency checklist. Editors looked at content available on government websites against the criteria of what should be provided. They sought information on items such as budgets, meetings, lobbying, financial audits, contracts, academic performance, public records and taxes.

### Looking to Online Surveys and Online Comments for More Community Input

In 2013, Santa Fe County increased its online survey presence in hopes of soliciting more Community Input. Items such as the Old Judicial Courthouse Study and National Citizen's Survey were available online for residents to provide input. In addition to online surveys, Santa Fe County asked members of the public to email comments on the Sustainable Land Development Code and Animal Control Ordinance among many other items. Santa Fe County also encourages residents to use our Online Public Comment form to send information to Santa Fe County.

### Online Comment Form

Santa Fe County launched a new online comment form for residents. The new form was developed to be quick and easy to fill out. The tool allows residents the opportunity to leave their contact information so staff can follow up with them or bypass the contact information fields by simply clicking an anonymous button. The form is a great tool for residents to provide feedback and ideas to Santa Fe County.

The new online comment form can be found by selecting "Public Comment Form" from the Quicklinks dropdown menu on the homepage [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov).

### Santa Fe County Website Goes Mobile

In 2013, Santa Fe County created a mobile website for individuals who access information on devices such as smart phones and tablets.

### Human Resources

#### Veterans Hiring Initiative Enacted

Santa Fe County adopted a resolution establishing the Veterans Hiring Initiative for the purpose of increasing opportunities for Veterans to obtain employment with Santa Fe County. This hiring initiative recognizes veterans who have served and sacrificed for our Country with honor, courage and dignity. It assists in recognizing the economic loss suffered by citizens who have served our country in uniform. The initiative adds great value to the County because veterans are highly trained individuals that possess a multitude of skills and experience and the motivation to serve the public.

### *Investing in the County Workforce*

- All Santa Fe County staff received a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase of one percent in January 2013.
- In July 2013, all employees received a COLA flat rate percentage increase depending on their annual income pay range.
- A temporary salary adjustment was given to employees earning less than \$70,000 as a retention incentive in July 2013.
- Increased the starting pay for Sheriff's Office Deputy Cadets to \$17.50 per hour to remain competitive with surrounding agencies.
- Increased Sheriff's Office detective incentive pay to remain competitive with surrounding agencies
- Conducted salary studies on various job classifications which resulted in salary adjustments for identified classifications.
- Effective March 1, 2013, Santa Fe County opted to pay employees consistent with the City of Santa Fe Living Wage Ordinance.
- Conducted 163 training sessions which resulted in 323.5 training hours
- Processed 163 NM Edge applications which resulted in \$39,750 in assistance to employees to attend NM Edge training and education courses.
- Assisted 21 employees with tuition assistance to complete college courses.

### *Union*

- Successfully negotiated wage re-openers with the Coalition

of Public Safety Officers-Sheriff Deputies Union, Coalition of Public Safety Officers -RECC Union, Coalition of Public Safety Officers-Corrections Union, and the International Association of Firefighters Local 4366 Union.

- Successfully completed negotiations of the entire agreement with AFSCME
- Conducted open enrollment for employee benefits which required a mandatory audit and collection of required documentation
- Conducted open enrollment for ASI Flexible Spending Account Program. Due to the State of New Mexico Risk Management Division no longer offering this benefit to local public bodies such as Santa Fe County, we opted to continue to provide this benefit to our employees (without a disruption in services).

### *Increased Contributions Towards Employee Benefits*

- Employees who earn \$30,000 or less, from 63% to 80%
- Employees who earn \$30,001 to \$50,000 from 63% to 70%

### *Santa Fe County Recruiting Local Through Career and Job Fairs*

- **Capital High School Career Fair** - Human Resources attended the Capital High School Career Fair and were able to communicate with students the various options for careers with Santa Fe County. Staff was also able to explain our tuition assistance program to students who may be interested in beginning work immediately upon graduation, but would still like to attend college. Santa Fe County distributed over 50 job applications during this event.

- **Northern New Mexico College Job Fair in Espanola and Santa Fe Community College Job Fair** - Santa Fe County Human Resource staff attended the Northern New Mexico College Job Fair to promote vacant positions, explain benefits, and discuss various employee programs. With participation at the two College Fairs, staff engaged discussion and employment opportunities with approximately 65 people.
- **National Night Out** - Santa Fe County had Human Resources staff present at the National Night Out on the Plaza event to promote County job opportunities, employee benefits and other employment information.

### *Health Fair 2013*

The Human Resources Division hosted the annual Health Fair during the annual County Picnic with great turnout. In total, approximately 240 employees attended and 10 vendors participated in supporting the County's healthy lifestyle initiatives. Staff has provided great feedback on the benefits and enjoyment of the Health Fair.

### *County participates in NM EDGE*

Santa Fe County hosted the July 2013 NM EDGE courses, which were conducted at our Rancho Viejo Fire Station. County Manager Katherine Miller taught CPM 111-Knowing Your Government and Adam Leigland, Public Works Director taught CPM 156-Improving Your Writing Skills. We are proud to announce that many employees are interested in taking NMEDGE courses and obtaining their certification.

NM EDGE, a service of New Mexico State University's Coop-

**erative Extension Service**, is a program designed to provide a comprehensive course of study to administrators, managers, elected officials, and staff in local, state, tribal, and national government, through which participants can acquire and apply the best practices and theory to their management behaviors and strategies using the highest professional standards.

### **Second Annual Public Safety Day**

Santa Fe County hosted the Second Annual Public Safety Day. The Public Safety Day is an opportunity for the public to learn more about careers with Santa Fe County Public Safety to include the Sheriff's Office, the Corrections Department, the Fire Department and the Regional Emergency Communications Center. The event allowed interested candidates to take practice written and physical agility exams as a measuring tool in preparing for the actual testing process. A coordinated effort was established for getting the information to the community including: interviews on a local radio station, information provided through the County's social media Facebook and Twitter, the County website, an informational booth at the State Fair, at the County Fairgrounds, National Night Out event, as well as flyers distributed to various businesses.

## **Financial Information**

### **Audits**

For the past 16 years, Santa Fe County has maintained an unmodified audit opinion. This represents a "clean" audit. Santa Fe County worked diligently to resolve its four prior year audit findings and

will strive to resolve new findings in FY 2014.

### **County Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**

Santa Fe County received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The award was presented at the October 29, 2013 regular Board of County Commissioners meeting.

This is the fifth year our Finance Division has received the distinguished budget award. It is a testament to the staff's commitment of providing a quality document that provides more than spreadsheets and numbers. The budget actually tells a story of the County's needs, resources, commission priorities and more.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual or department designated as being primarily responsible for having achieved the award. This award has been presented to the Santa Fe County Budget Office, Finance Division.

In order to receive the budget award, Santa Fe County had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communications device

Budget documents must be rated proficient in all four categories,

and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association serving over 17,800 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in government budgeting.

### **Performance-Based Budgeting**

Santa Fe County completed the second phase to transition to a performance-based, results-accountable budget in its FY 2014 budget process. Each department was asked to collaborate within its divisions to develop broader departmental functions which cross divisional lines. Performance measures and goals were established based on these cross divisional functions. All performance measures and goals were required to impact (directly or indirectly) at least one of the County's seven key areas of focus and/or a Commission or Citizen priority. The next phase in the transition to performance-based budgeting is being planned for the FY 2015 budget.

A high priority in the FY 2014 budget was to invest in existing County resources. First and foremost, the County invested significantly in its workforce during 2013. This investment took the form of a higher level of County contribution to health insurance premiums for staff earning under \$50,000 per year, expanding educational benefits for professional development and providing cost of living increases, retention incentives and creating a merit pool.

This investment in staff also included improving the physical environment for staff and improving the equipment provided for staff to use. The

investment in County resources also funded a higher degree of maintenance for the County's assets from its heavy equipment, to its buildings, to its roads and its open space.

The outcome of the budget process was a sound financial plan for FY 2014 which provides the resources necessary to accomplish the goals established by the County's departments. The plan included very conservative increases in gross receipts taxes and some other revenue sources, significant one-time expenditures of cash for large maintenance and repairs at the County's facilities, and a large asset renewal and replacement plan which provides staff with the equipment they need to reach their goals.

### *Bond Rating*

During the November 2012 general election, Santa Fe County voters approved three Bond Questions totaling \$35 million for capital improvement projects including roads (\$19 million), water and wastewater (\$10 million), and open space (\$6 million) projects. In response to voter approval of these bond questions, Santa Fe County issued \$19 million in general obligation bonds in May of 2013. Santa Fe County is very proud to have maintained its Standard and Poor's general obligation bond rating of AA+ and received the lowest interest rate (lowest cost to borrow) of any bond issuance in recent history. In rating the bonds, Standard and Poor takes into account the sound financial practices that the County observes and its strong cash reserves which are at or greater than both the State mandated level of reserves and the stricter Santa Fe County policy regarding reserves.

Santa Fe County  
 FY 2013 Total Budget Sources  
 \$239,890,842



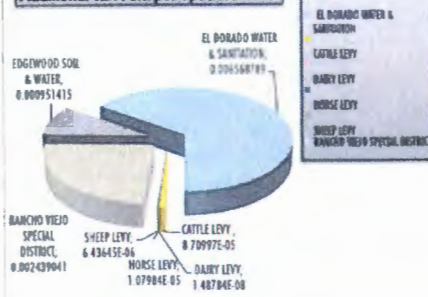
**Property Taxes Billed for 2009 to All County Residents**

STATE DEBT	\$	7,687,346.57	\$	0.05
SANTA FE COUNTY OPERATIONAL	\$	43,190,441.20	\$	0.31
SANTA FE COUNTY DEBT SERVICE	\$	12,901,200.94	\$	0.09
SANTA FE MUNICIPAL	\$	4,891,816.20	\$	0.05
SCHOOL DISTRICTS	\$	49,208,214.84	\$	0.35
SF COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$	21,246,807.88	\$	0.15
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>141,144,507.83</b>	\$	<b>1.00</b>

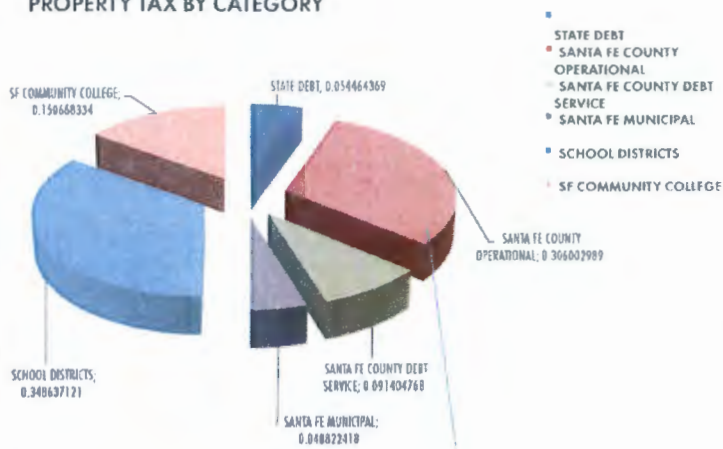
**Additional Taxes Billed for 2009 to Special Districts**

EDGEWOOD SOIL & WATER	\$	139,387	\$0.0010
EL DORADO WATER & SANITATION	\$	922,349	\$0.0066
CATTLE LEVY	\$	12,294	\$0.0001
DAIRY LEVY	\$	2	\$0.0000
HORSE LEVY	\$	1,824	\$0.0000
SHEEP LEVY	\$	900	\$0.0000
BANCHO VIEJO SPECIAL DISTRICT	\$	344,257	\$0.0024
<b>Subtotal</b>	\$	<b>1,470,421</b>	\$0.0101
<b>Grand Total Property Taxes Billed 2009</b>	\$	<b>142,564,928.74</b>	

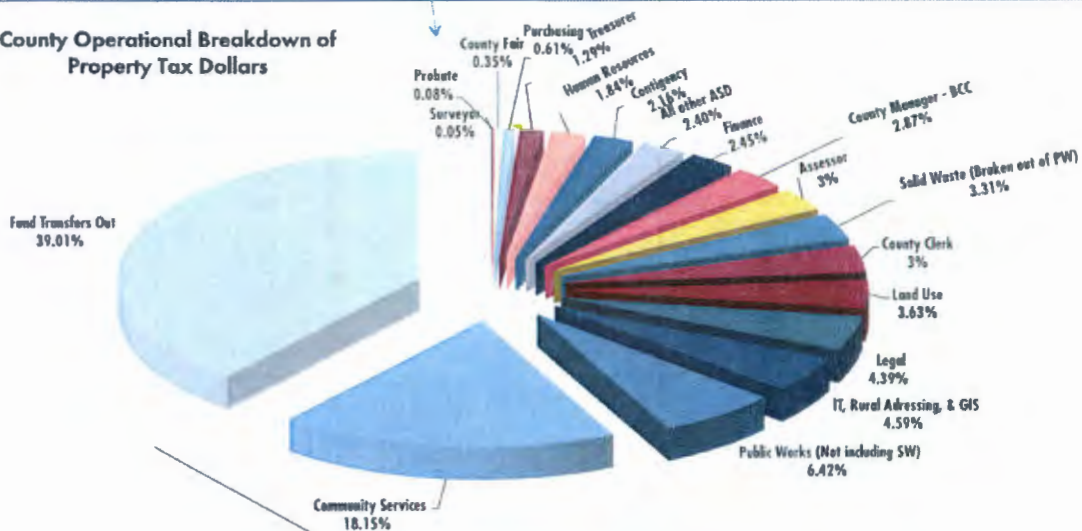
**Additional Tax Paid per Special District**



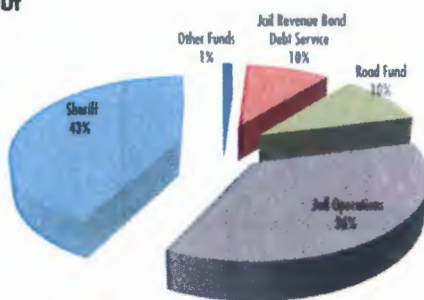
**BREAKDOWN OF \$1.00 IN SFC PROPERTY TAX BY CATEGORY**



**County Operational Breakdown of Property Tax Dollars**

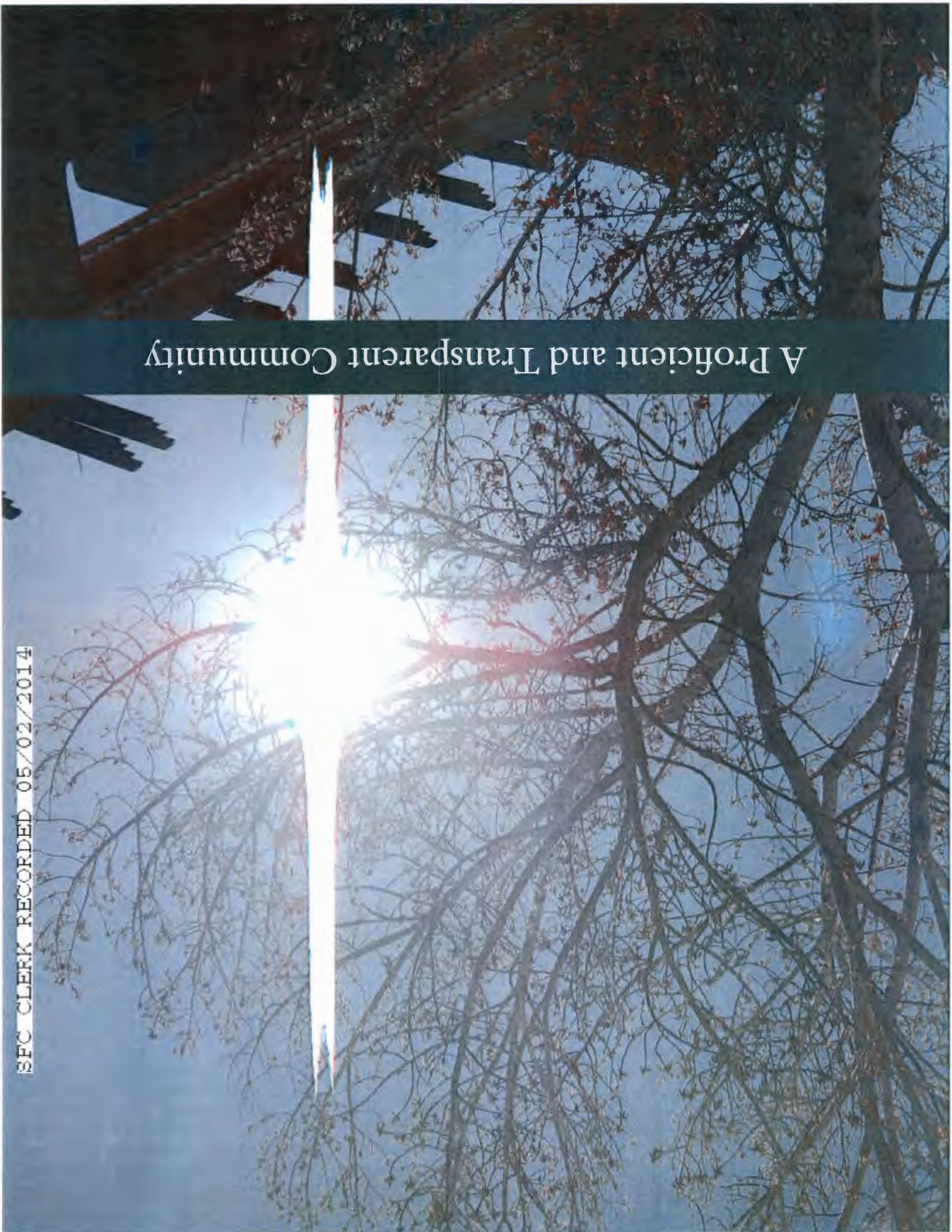


**Transfers Out**



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### *Camerada Road*

Placement of a fog seal for 3.1 miles of road.

**Project Funding Source**

NMDOT Local Government Road Fund Grant NMDOT 75%, Santa Fe County 25%

**Project Cost**

\$2,400\*

### *Thankohay P'oe (CR 113)*

Construction of new low water crossing

**Project Funding Source**

Santa Fe County Road Maintenance Budget

**Project Cost**

\$27,000

### *Calle Francisco*

Construction of new all weather crossing

**Project Funding Source**

Santa Fe County Road Maintenance Budget

**Project Cost**

\$25,000\*

### *La Tierra Subdivision Chip Seal Projects*

Drainage improvements, placement of 6" of basecourse, and a new double penetration chip seal surface along with a fog seal on 1.75 miles of road. Roads improved were Vuelta Tomas, Vuelta Linda, Vuelta Muerdago, Vuelta Montuoso, and Estrada Redonda.

**Project Funding Source**

La Tierra Subdivision Homeowner Association Fees

**Project Cost**

\$170,000\*

\*Reflects the cost for materials only, does not include County labor or use of equipment to perform the work.

## **Santa Fe County Utilities**

### *Santa Fe County Expands Customer base by 40%*

Santa Fe County Utilities incorporated approximately 1,000 water and wastewater customers, expanding the customer base by over 40% in 2013. The expansion was part of the County-City Annexation agreement. The Utilities Division has implemented additional customer services and operations programs as part of the customer base growth.

Santa Fe County also added the Penitentiary of New Mexico as a utility customer. The Penitentiary can rely on a safe, renewable potable supply, while local groundwater resources are rested.

### *Buckman Direct Diversion*

Utilities provided approximately 500 acre-feet (162 billion gallons) of potable water to its customers in 2013, thus reducing the basin's reliance on groundwater through the Buckman Direct Diversion (BDD). The BDD produces safe, reliable, and renewable water for utilities customers using Santa Fe County Rio Grande water rights.

### *Quill Wastewater Treatment Plant Protecting Regional Groundwater Supply*

The Utilities Division has made critical repairs in the treatment process to the Quill wastewater treatment plant; including replacing lagoon liner, increasing aeration capacity, and emptying a sludge basin. With additional planned repairs and upgrades, the Quill plant will be able to accept wastewater from nearby areas, thus protecting the region's groundwater quality.

## **Aamodt**

**Aamodt settlement** continues to make significant headway. In efforts to help provide information to residents affected by the settlement Santa Fe County has a webpage dedicated to providing information, important documents and meeting dates on our website. Residents can access the page by going to [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) and clicking on Aamodt Settlement Information under Hot Topics.

### *Santa Fe Basin Climate Change Studies*

Recognizing the need for water planning in light of projected impacts from climate change, Santa Fe County is partnering with the City of Santa Fe and the Bureau of Reclamation in a federal basin study program. The Santa Fe Basin Climate Change Studies will identify how water supplies in the Santa Fe watershed will be impacted and what kinds of adaptation measures would benefit our community.





### *Camino La Tierra*

Single Machine Hot-In Place Surface one and a half inch overlay for 2.64 miles of road

**Project Funding Source**

General Obligation Bond

**Project Cost**

\$542,732

### *Old Lamy Trail*

Single Machine Hot-In Place Surface one and a half inch overlay for 1.54 miles of road

**Project Funding Source**

General Obligation Bond

**Project Cost**

\$210,493

### *Ellis Ranch Road*

Drainage improvements and placement of a single penetration chip seal on top of the existing chip seal surface for .40 miles of road.

**Project Funding Source**

NMDOT Local Government Road Fund Grant. NMDOT 75% contribution, Santa Fe County 25%.

**Project Cost**

\$29,105\*

### *Rancho Alegre Road*

Drainage improvements and placement of a single penetration chip seal on top of the existing chip seal surface for 1.13 miles of road.

**Project Funding Source**

NMDOT Local Government Road Fund Grant. NMDOT 75% contribution, Santa Fe County 25%.

**Project Cost**

\$27,007\*

### *Nine Mile Road*

Drainage improvements and placement of a single penetration chip seal on top of the existing asphalt surface for 2.01 miles of road

**Project Funding Source**

NMDOT Local Government Road Fund Grant. NMDOT 75% contribution, Santa Fe County 25%

**Project Cost**

\$50,328\*

### *Apache Plum Drive*

Drainage improvements and placement of a single penetration chip seal on top of the existing asphalt surface for .62 miles of road

**Project Funding Source**

NMDOT Local Government Road Fund Grant. NMDOT 75% contribution, Santa Fe County 25%.

**Project Cost**

\$11,996\*

### *Double Arrow Road*

Drainage improvements and placement of a single penetration chip seal on top of the existing chip seal surface for .90 miles of road.

**Project Funding Source**

NMDOT Local Government Road Fund Grant. NMDOT 75% contribution, Santa Fe County 25%.

**Project Cost**

\$22,535\*

### *Ojo Del La Vaca*

Drainage improvements and placement of a one and three fourths Hot Mix Asphalt overlay for 1.00 miles of road.

**Project Funding Source**

Santa Fe County Road Maintenance Budget

**Project Cost**

\$70,000\*

### *Canada Ancho*

Placement of a fog seal for .90 miles of road.

**Project Funding Source**

NMDOT Local Government Road Fund Grant. NMDOT 75%, Santa Fe County 25%

**Project Cost**

\$4,000\*

## Santa Fe County Studies

### Arroyo Alamo West Drainage Study

The Arroyo Alamo West Drainage Study provides important documentation as to the existing drainage conditions in District 1 of the CR88D area and how it has been impacted by past rain events and how it will be impacted by future larger storm events. The study also provides a drainage priority plan in which summarizes the results of the feasibility estimates of the drainage recommendations presented in the drainage study.

### Old Judicial Redevelopment Study

Santa Fe County has initiated a feasibility study to determine the highest and best use for the former First Judicial Complex in downtown Santa Fe. Study options include remodeling to consolidate County Administrative Offices as well as the sale of the property and creating an out of downtown "County Campus". Santa Fe County created an online survey to solicit feedback and also hosted a community meeting. The Board of County Commissioners will provide final direction in 2014.

### Santa Fe County Solid Waste Division

Public Works Solid Waste Division processed 10,064 tons of solid waste, by transporting from each transfer station to the Caja Del Rio landfill.

### Recycling Rate in Santa Fe County 17.5 %

Santa Fe County Solid Waste processed 1,771 tons of recycling in calendar year 2013. The recycling

tonnage reflects a recycling rate of 17.5%, which is 3% higher than the state average of 14.35%.

Congratulations to Santa Fe County residents for your wonderful recycling efforts!

All Santa Fe County residents can recycle paper, plastic, cardboard, aluminum and glass for FREE at any Transfer Station.



### 2013 Completed Road Projects

#### Jaymar Road

Drainage improvements, placement of four inches of basecourse and a new double penetration chip seal surface along with a fog seal on 1 mile of road.

**Project Funding Source**  
General Obligation Bond  
**Project Cost**  
\$166,343

#### B Anaya Road

Drainage improvements, placement of four inches of basecourse and a new double penetration chip seal surface along with a fog seal on 2 miles of road.

**Project Funding Source**  
General Obligation Bond  
**Project Cost**  
\$292,721

#### North Weimer Road

Drainage improvements, placement of four inches of basecourse and a new double penetration chip seal surface along with a fog seal on 2.53 miles of road.

**Project Funding Source**  
General Obligation Bond  
**Project Cost**  
\$325,183

#### Hale Road

Drainage improvements, placement of four inches of basecourse and a new double penetration chip seal surface along with a fog seal on 4.01 miles of road.

**Project Funding Source**  
General Obligation Bond  
**Project Cost**  
\$761,950

#### Roach Road

Drainage improvements, placement of four inches of basecourse and a new double penetration chip seal surface along with a fog seal on .76 miles of road.

**Project Funding Source**  
General Obligation Bond  
**Project Cost**  
\$150,233

#### Western Road

Drainage improvements, placement of four inches of basecourse and a new double penetration chip seal surface along with a fog seal on 3.28 miles of road.

**Project Funding Source**  
General Obligation Bond  
**Project Cost**  
\$440,071

channel below San Isidro Crossing and address off-site drainage issues. The project also included landscaping and re-vegetation. A community sculpture designed by Michael Bergt will be installed at the San Isidro Crossing trailhead.

### **Edgewood Fire Station**

The Edgewood Fire Station is a 14,998 square foot facility that accommodates the career and volunteer firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel for the Southern Region of Santa Fe County as well as the Edgewood Fire District, providing coverage for the Town of Edgewood, southern Santa Fe County and assistance as needed to adjacent jurisdictions. The fire station will provide comfortable accommodations for three different work shifts, including accommodations for volunteer staff, a living room, kitchen, offices, laundry room and outdoor patio spaces. Like the Rancho Viejo station, Edgewood has a training room with exercise and weight lifting equipment, a conference meeting room with a divider that separates the room in half to accommodate multiple meeting requests, offices for staff and an apparatus bay that houses nine fire and emergency vehicles. The Edgewood Fire Station sits on a 3.5 acre parcel leased from the State Land Office in the Town of Edgewood. The final construction cost was \$3.3 million.

### **La Cienega Fire Station #1 Remodel for Fire Prevention Division**

The La Cienega Fire Station #1 is a remodel of an existing fire station that was converted to administrative offices for the Fire Prevention Division. The facility remodel created eight offices, a kitchen, a secured records room, a meeting room, a reception office and an apparatus bay.

### **Vista Grande Library Addition Underway**

The Vista Grande Library serves the Eldorado, Glorieta, and surrounding area. Santa Fe County appropriated funding for the building expansion from the Gross Receipts Tax-funded Capital Projects that was initiated in 2012. The project consists of a 4,000 sq. ft. expansion along with site improvements.

This building addition will accommodate expanding the library collections, book shelf stacks, reference and periodical reading area as well as providing additional computer stations. Also included in the expansion is a new processing workroom, new office, three new tutoring/small meeting cubicles, a new meeting room (with a separate building entrance) that will allow the use of the meeting room for community meetings as well as for showings for the popular "Movie Night" and children's programs. Support spaces in the expansion include a kitchenette, store room, restroom data and janitor closets.

### **Maintenance Work Order Completion**

The chart below shows total work orders from road, facilities, traffic, and parks and open space as tracked in Cartegraph and Maintenance Connection. The on-time completion rate exceeds the internal goal of 75% (which is our budget performance measure).

<b>Total Work Orders</b>	<b>4415</b>
<b>On-time Completion</b>	<b>3599</b>
<b>On-time Completion Rate</b>	<b>82%</b>

### **County Upgrades Completed by Public Works in 2013**

#### **Human Resources Building**

The upgrades to Human Resources Building consisted of new tile flooring throughout hallways, bathrooms and existing conference room, new interior paint and new carpeting in office spaces. Expansion of the IT training room, custodian's closet and remodel of existing space to create new conference area was also included.

The demolition and complete rebuild of existing bathrooms was completed including replacement of all existing plumbing piping and fixtures. New sewer line was installed along perimeter of exterior of building. Bathrooms are now ADA compliant.

#### **Corrections**

Improvements at the County Correctional Facilities during 2013 include: Asbestos remediation at the Youth Development Program facility (YDP), Additional and replacement fencing at YDP, new canopy at the Adult Detention Facility (ADF), Plumbing upgrade including shower fixtures, toilets and wash basins at ADF and Cooling Tower replacement at the Public Safety Complex.

#### **Administrative Building**

Improvements at the County Administration Building at 102 Grant in 2013 included the remodel of two Commissioner offices and minor upgrades to the Treasurer's office.

Santa Fe County contracted Bohannon Huston as the design firm. The Louis Berger Group construction manager and contractor, Albuquerque Asphalt, Inc, for this project. The Caja Del Rio Road Improvement Project included the rehabilitation of 1.9 miles of existing asphalt surface to withstand current traffic demands and widening the road to accommodate bicycle lanes.

### **Steve Herrera First Judicial Complex**

The new Steve Herrera First Judicial Complex was completed in February of 2013. The 103,000 square foot facility encountered numerous challenges during construction including the removal of 25,000 tons of contaminated soil, the treatment of approximately 5.5 million gallons of impacted ground water to remove contaminants and over 15,000 gallons of perched gasoline left by leaking tanks at three former gas stations. The Courts moved into the new building during the first week of June and officially opened on June 10, 2013.

The completed project is seeking a LEED Gold (*Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design*) designation. Conservation features include Storm Water catchment and storage for irrigation, high efficiency heating and cooling, high efficiency water fixtures, green paper products and janitorial supplies and a roof mounted array of photovoltaic solar collectors that provide 12% of the buildings total electrical demand. The completion of this project represents the culmination of over eight years of collaborative effort between Santa Fe County, the First Judicial District Court and its judges and the State of New Mexico.

### **El Rancho Basketball and Pajoaque Tennis Courts Re-surfacing**

The El Rancho Community/Senior Center Basketball Court and Pajoaque Tennis Courts located off NM 503 were rebuilt and re-surfaced in the Summer of 2013. The existing courts were over laid with three inches of new asphalt and received new acrylic playing surfaces. Both facilities receive high use by the public and their refurbishment will allow for continued use well into the future.

### **Edgewood Open Space**

The Edgewood Open Space is a 30 acre tract located in the Town of Edgewood. The project consists of an equestrian arena, trails, and a picnic area and is jointly operated with the City of Edgewood and the County. The project was completed in August 2013.

### **South Meadows Open Space**

Located at the intersection of South Meadows Drive and Rufina Road, the South Meadows Open Space property was identified as a significant community resource by community members the year 2000. The County Commission recognized a unique opportunity to provide a single, large parcel of open space to the community in a rapidly urbanizing area of the greater Santa Fe Metro Area and approved the property for acquisition in 2001. The design of the project is complete and the project is currently waiting for additional construction funding.

### **Rail Trail Segments 1, 2, 3 and 4**

The Rail Trail is a proposed 12 mile improved trail within the Santa Fe Southern Rail Road Right of Way. Construction of the first

1.7 mile segment of the alignment and the Rabbit Road trailhead are complete. The first segment runs from Rabbit Road south to the Spur Trail. Sections 2, 3, 4 are being prepared for construction in Spring 2014. The completion of all four segments will extend the trail through the Eldorado subdivision.

### **Edgewood Senior Center Garden**

The community garden at the Edgewood Senior Center was fenced and a rainwater catchment system was installed to supply necessary irrigation during the dry season. Vegetables grown in the garden are utilized at the Senior Center's lunch room, providing a fresh, nutritious supplement to the senior citizens in the Edgewood area.

### **San Isidro Crossing**

The San Isidro River Restoration Project included the development of the San Isidro River Park (approximately 2 acres) and the River Trail along with the rehabilitation of approximately one mile of the Santa Fe River between San Isidro Crossing and Lopez Lane. The Project included approximately 29 acres of open space property, part of which is adjacent to Agua Fria Park. Phase I of the Restoration Project employed a variety of innovative "Bioengineering" techniques to maintain the newly excavated channel configuration. The design consisted of a widened, meandering channel, sloped banks, and constructed flood plains. The series of meanders and other features, is hoped to create a more natural flow way that could enhance water quality, improve the environment and provide wildlife habitat along this part of the Santa Fe River.

Phase II was completed in August of 2013 and consisted of the construction of rock structures and willow wattles to stabilize the river

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## Traffic Calming Policy

A new traffic calming policy was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on September 23, 2013 as the previous speed hump policy sunset in July of 2010. This new policy provides a mechanism for local residents to initiate traffic calming in their neighborhoods and allows for the use of appropriate traffic calming tools to help alleviate the negative impacts caused by traffic and speeding vehicles. This traffic calming policy is designed to coordinate the collaboration of County staff and citizens, in an effort to produce effective traffic calming throughout Santa Fe County's Communities on Santa Fe County maintained roads. For more information, including a copy of the Ordinance and related documents visit [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) » Public Works » Traffic Engineering Division

## Santa Fe County Completed Projects List 2013

### *CR98 Road Widening Phase II*

Santa Fe County completed the second phase of the CR98 Road Widening project. This project involved widening the east side

"The most direct interaction that many County residents have with their government is through Public Works' roads, solid waste and water. This makes our job that much more important,"  
Santa Fe County Public Works Director, Adam Leigland

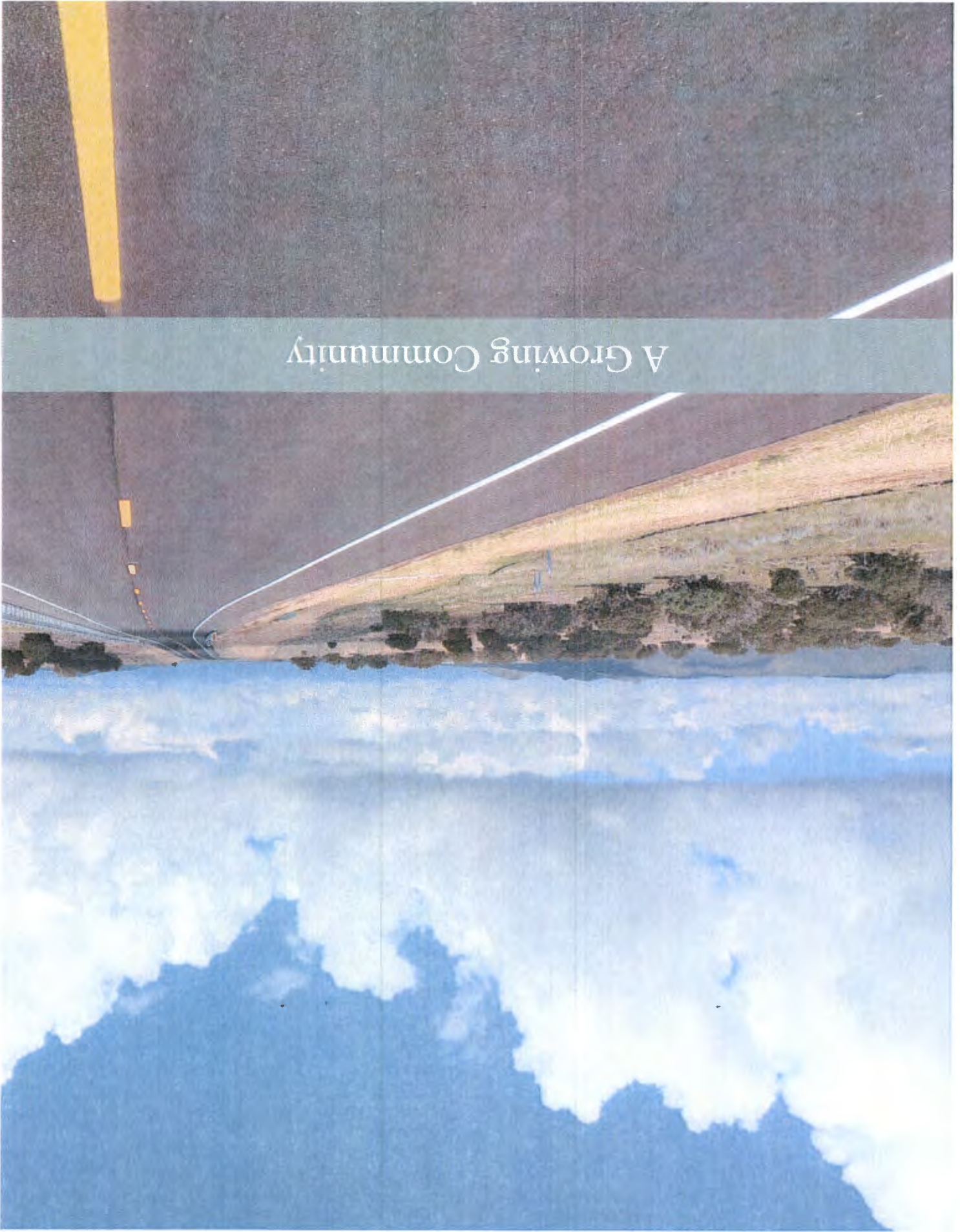
of CR98. The project length was 2.26 miles, just east and south of Chimayo. The construction of this project began on August 27, 2013 and was completed on October 31, 2013. The final

construction cost came in at a savings of \$26,226.02 from the initial construction bid amount. The savings on this project came from the implementation of supplementary quality assurance procedures the contractor had to adhere to in the placement of construction material and the construction inspector ensuring compliance. This project also required the modification to existing drainage structures in order to accommodate the road widening.

### *Caja Del Rio Road Improvement Project Saves Over \$200,000*

Santa Fe County recently completed the Caja Del Rio Road Improvement Project and upon the completion had a total project savings of over \$200,000 and a reduced completion time. The cost savings and shorter project time came from an extensive coordination between the Project Management, Public Works Department, Public Safety Department, Public Information Office, City of Santa Fe, local business and homeowners and the Contractor. The coordination allowed for a full road closure and work performed overnight, in place of building temporary roads, which was needed for installing a necessary culvert. In Addition to the cost savings, by not constructing and removing the temporary roads, the project was completed six weeks earlier.

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## **Affordable Housing Program**

### *Foreclosure Prevention Program and Affordable Housing Sales Program*

Through the Santa Fe County Affordable Housing Foreclosure Prevention Program and Affordable Housing Sales Program, the County sold five homes in 2013.

The purpose of the program is to preserve the affordable housing stock and original subsidy loans through resale of the units and assumption of the subsidy loans by households with incomes under 80% of Area Median Income.

### *Rent-to-own Program Created*

A rent-to-own program was created and has received approval from the Housing Authority Board in 2013. This program enables income eligible households to enter into both a rental and purchase agreement and use the term of the lease to reduce debt, improve credit scores and save money for a down payment.

### *Down Payment Assistance Program Approves \$100,000 in 2013*

Santa Fe County made six down payment assistance request approvals for 2013 totaling \$100,000 in assistance. These are zero percent, non-amortizing, deferred payment loans which are due on sale or vacating of the property. All of the assistance has been provided for the purchase of existing homes.

### *Homebuyer Training and Counseling*

Staff has initiated a program of homebuyer training and counseling with Housing Authority tenants that

are participants in the HUD Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) program or who are otherwise interested in homeownership. Staff has also facilitated credit counseling services with numerous other individuals who are interested in homeownership and the assistance programs that the County provides.

geographic coordinates so Santa Fe County can digitally compare "then and now" patterns of changing land use from large-scale agriculture to small residential lots and scattered agriculture. This unique method of visualization presented to the community of Chimayó, has greatly aided in the development of the Chimayo Community Plan.



### *Roof Repair and Replacement Program*

The County and its participating contractors completed one roof repair job for \$10,000 and have two other contracts in place, awaiting approval from the State Manufactured Housing Division to authorize GS-21 licensed contractors to perform work on manufactured home. To expedite the process for the coming year, staff has recruited additional contractors to bid on upcoming roofing work.

### *Affordable Housing Agreements*

During 2013, staff worked with the developers of Oshara Village and Apache Springs to create new affordable housing agreements.

## **Geographical Information System (GIS) Changing the Way Santa Fe County Operates in 2013**

Historic air photos were collected of the Chimayó area and tied to

GIS devised a method for mapping and analyzing a spreadsheet of traffic counts on County-maintained roads. This will add to other numeric evaluation of maintenance needs on County roads.

GIS became the database integration point for all documentation and mapping of past and current land ownership and leases. This facilitates cross-departmental sharing of data and information, and aids in evaluating County levels of service for various community amenities such as Senior Centers, Open Space, and Trails.

GIS and Development Review, in coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) developed a process of expedited archaeological review of new building permits. This process ensures that all new building permit applications are adequately reviewed by SHPO. This resulted in 106 total building permit applications forwarded to SHPO.

## Economic Development

Santa Fe County received a \$2,500 grant from the NM Economic Development Department for the Certified Communities Initiative, which will be used to support unincorporated communities within Santa Fe County with their marketing and Public Relation efforts.

Santa Fe County initiated environmental remediation efforts at the Galisteo Road property (Old Public Works yard) in an effort to prepare the site for a residential housing project with affordable housing and senior housing components. A Phase I Environmental Assessment was completed, as well as a Minimum Site Assessment for the NM Environment Dept. Petroleum Tank Storage Bureau.

Santa Fe County collaborated on and hosted a series of economic development seminars for elected officials and staff from Santa Fe County, Los Alamos County, Rio Arriba County, and Taos County.

Santa Fe County sponsored the BizMix business plan competition.

Santa Fe County sponsored the SF Business Incubator's Global Entrepreneurship Week.

In collaboration with City of Santa Fe, the Regional Development Corporation, and the NM Partnership, coordinated efforts to include outdoor recreation/ecotourism on the list of the NM Partnership's targeted industries for business recruitment.

### *Draft Economic Development Plan*

Santa Fe County completed a draft Economic Development Plan in 2013, to be considered by the Board of County Commissioners for adoption 2014.

The Economic Development Plan is an initiative to implement the Economic Development element of the Sustainable Growth Management Plan (SGMP). This Plan addresses the five target industries identified in the SGMP, which include:

- Arts/Culture
- Outdoor Recreation/Ecotourism
- Film/Media
- Green Energy/Water
- Agriculture

It also adds an additional target industry of Health/Wellness. The Plan provides an analysis of the local economy, and includes specific recommendations and policies for implementation.

### *Santa Fe Studios*

Santa Fe Studios is one of the largest economic development projects in Santa Fe County, and is the newest, most modern studios in New Mexico. With 2 sound stages totaling almost 40,000 sq. ft.

On Site Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) Job Hours

- 2nd Quarter 2013 On Site LEDA job hours: 6,474
- 3rd Quarter 2013 On Site LEDA job hours: 7,774
- 4th Quarter 2013 On Site LEDA job hours: 7,202

The total LEDA hours of 207,700 is Construction plus on Site.

### *Film Productions:*

- A Million Ways To Die In The West
- The Sixth Gun
- Cosmos: A Space Time Odyssey

## Open Space and Trails Planning

The Open Space and Trails Community Planner position was moved to the Planning Division in 2013 to address open space and trails planning and to be the liaison with the County Open Lands Parks and Trails Committee (COLTPAC). COLTPAC initiated a process to address long range planning needs for open space, trails and parks Countywide. The Board of County Commissioners approved a Resolution for El Camino Real Buckman Road retrace project to submit a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) application for federal grant funds.



For more information on the SLDC visit [www.santafecountynm.gov/SLDC](http://www.santafecountynm.gov/SLDC).

### Community Planning

Santa Fe County works with unincorporated communities throughout the County to create plans that guide future growth and development and address community needs and values through the Community Planning program in accordance with the Sustainable Growth Management Plan.

### Tesuque Community Plan

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted the Tesuque Community Plan via Resolution 2013-139. Through this community plan and past community efforts and partnerships, Tesuque continues to reinforce its historic development patterns and maintain a healthy ecosystem, enabling a sustainable future as a small distinctive rural community. For more information on the Tesuque Community Plan visit [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) » Growth Management / Land Use » Planning Division - Community Planning Program.

### Chimayo Community Plan

The Board of County Commissioners authorized the initiation of a community planning process for the Chimayo community by passing Resolution 2012-48 and the Planning Division has coordinated the process to work with the Chimayo community to address future growth and development. Santa Fe County has coordinated with Rio Arriba County and other agencies in the development of the plan. County has completed the first three phases of the community plan and is in the final phase of the process. The final phase of the Chimayo process has been initiated and will include a series of open

houses, community meetings and a final draft of the community plan which is anticipated to be completed by mid-2014. For more information on the Chimayo Community Plan visit [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) » Growth Management » Land Use » Planning Division - Community Planning Program.

### Transportation

Santa Fe County participates within the jurisdiction of three regional planning organizations: the Metropolitan Planning Organization, The Northern Pueblos Rural Planning Organization, and the Mid-Region Council of Governments, Rural Transportation Planning Organization. Each organization is set up to help facilitate the planning and programming of federal funds to local transportation projects.

### Metropolitan Planning Organization

This year Santa Fe County and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) worked closely on four major projects including:

- The County and the MPO will begin its update of the Santa Fe Metropolitan Transportation Plan in 2013.

- In 2013 the County worked closely with the MPO to successfully fund a critical segment of the Santa Fe Rail Trail.
- The Northeast and Southeast Connector Location Study, a critical study for the Community College District was initiated and public meetings were held to discuss alternative roadway alignments.
- The NE/SE Connector study will identify two new road segments east and north of Richards Avenue near the Community College aimed at relieving existing and future traffic.

### North Central Regional Transit District Expanded Routes in Santa Fe County

Santa Fe County is a part of the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) which provides transit service through the "blue bus" throughout the County including the communities of Española, Chimayo, Pojoaque, Eldorado, Tesuque, Edgewood and all of the tribal entities and many other areas in the County. The regional transit tax collected in the County last year along with federal dollars provided funding to NCRTD transit routes, and includes six regional routes operated by Santa Fe Trails bus system. The NCRTD expanded its routes in Santa Fe County in 2013 to add stops in Madrid and Cerrillos to the 599 route.



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## Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC)

The Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC) was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners through Ordinance 2013-6 on December 10, 2013. The SLDC was adopted after an extensive public input process. The public input process included the release of the SLDC Adoption Draft in October 2013, which incorporated revisions to the SLDC Public Review Draft that was released in September 2012. Meetings were held in each area (El Centro, El Norte, Galisteo and Estancia) of the County as part of the outreach process in addition to Board of County Commissioners Study Sessions and Public Hearings. The public provided comments on the draft throughout the process.

In addition to the extensive rewrite, the following items were developed for the SLDC process:

- Developed preliminary zoning map for the SLDC
- Created Official Map Series for Sustainable Land Development Code, consisting of:
  - Sustainable Development Areas map;
  - Existing rights-of-way map;
  - Future road network map;
  - Bikeways map;
  - Open space, trails,

"We take pride in working with communities within Santa Fe County. The community planning program continues to evolve under the Sustainable Growth Management Plan objectives, setting forth a transparent, manageable and legal role for community and area based participation,"

Robert Griego, Santa Fe County Planning Manager.

- and parks map;
- Utilities map
- Created Affordable Housing Requirements and Archaeological Protection Zones maps for Sustainable Land Development Code.
- Revised proposed Official Zoning Map for Sustainable Land Development Code, based on public comments that have been received.
- Created zoning map GIS data for the community plan-based zoning ordinances and land use plans (12 altogether,) that has been rectified to the County's current parcel data, for potential use in SLDC Official Zoning Map. Also created matrix showing possible relationship of zoning districts in community zoning ordinance to SLDC zoning districts.
- Reviewed and revised zoning-related provisions in the draft Sustainable Land Development Code.
- Prepared GIS data and maps showing the geographic analysis zones that will be used for making population and employment forecasts, for use in drafting the County's development impact fee ordinance

The zoning map will move through an approval process in 2014, once it is approved the SLDC will take effect as the new development Code for Santa Fe County.



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## Discover Your Inner Hero At Santa Fe County

In September 2013 Santa Fe County launched a Countywide campaign titled Discover Your Inner Hero that was a collaborate effort between the Corrections Division, Fire Department, Regional Emergency Communication Center, Sheriff's Office and Manager's Office. The campaign featured real Santa Fe County employees in print ads, bus wraps and commercials. Print ads appeared in various news publications, the bus wraps were on the back of City of Santa Fe Trails Buses, State of New Mexico Commuter Buses and North Central Regional Transit District "Blue Buses". The 30 second commercials were aired during Sunday night football games, 10 p.m. newscasts and other peak viewing times on local channels. The commercials even featured Santa Fe County employees as actors for non emergency responder rolls. While the campaign worked to increase employment in the Public Safety, it also was to help highlight the very close and intertwined coordination between the Public Safety at Santa Fe County. The Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office and Fire Department reached 100% staffing levels, there are minimal vacancies in the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center and increased employment at the Corrections facility.

Discover Your Inner Hero by visiting [www.santafecountynm.gov/hero](http://www.santafecountynm.gov/hero)

# Integrity.

Join Santa Fe County Public Safety and Discover Your Inner Hero.  
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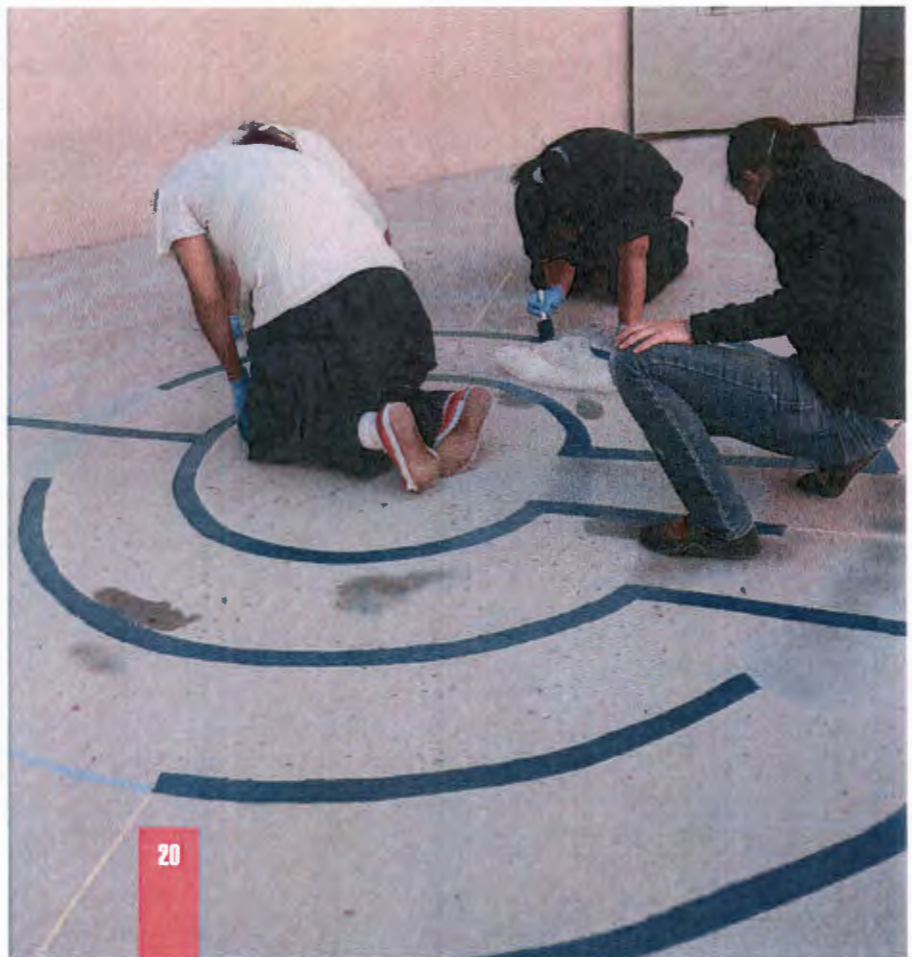
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### *Labyrinth Brings Sacred Space*

- In September 2013 a group of inmates in Bravo created a labyrinth with staff and volunteers. Their shared hope was that it would become a sacred space set aside in the recreation yard where people could come to reflect or to pray, to experience peace and inner freedom. The labyrinth is not a maze or a puzzle to solve. The pathway winds into the center and the way out is the same as the way in. The labyrinth design is ancient and found in different variations in many cultures, including cathedrals in Europe and in Santa Fe where many people think of it as a symbolic pilgrimage.



### Highlighted Financial Accomplishments and Audits

- Reduced overtime resulted in a monthly savings of \$16,000 which equals an annual savings of \$192,000
- Generated \$6.8 million in revenue for Corrections through finalized confinement agreements with 28 governmental entities
- The New Mexico Association of Counties Detention Affiliate Auditing Team completed their final audit of the Adult Detention Facility auditing 208 detention standards. Preliminary recommendation was to support the passing of accreditation with 100 percent compliance to be awarded in 2014.
- The United States Marshal's audit team conducted two (2) detention standard audits that render a 100% compliance
- A full time County Physician and Programs Manager were hired. The Physician assumed the role of Medical Director to develop and continue a sound medical team with a vested interest in county operations. The Programs Manager established additional inmate programming recruiting and training a total of 91 volunteers
- Electronic Monitoring increased revenue by \$62,026.58 between Fiscal Year 2012 (\$106,522.22) and Fiscal Year 2013 (\$168,548.80) as part of an increase in population through court orders into the electronic monitoring program as an alternative to incarceration

### Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility Staff Donates Coats for Kids and Adults

The Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility staff and volunteers pitched in to make a few Santa Fean's winter a little warmer with some coats, hats and gloves in 2013. On Friday, December 20,



2013 staff from the Adult Detention Facility met with children who needed winter coats from Sweeney Elementary to help them pick out new coats, hats and gloves.

The donations were an assortment of new and slightly used items. In total 30 jackets were donated to the children at Sweeney Elementary.

The Adult Detention Facility Staff also collected men's and women's coats that were donated to the Esperanza Shelter in Santa Fe.

### Youth Development Program (YDP) Development 2013

- The Santa Fe Fiesta Court, which gave a history presentation to the residents, presentation included mariachis, singing and dancing
- SITE Santa Fe Art Group volunteered with YDP residents and completed several art projects

which included a piñata project

- Native American volunteers taught residents how to make wooden drums with leather hides and basket weaving from willow branches

- Hispanic Pathways to Brighter Futures Through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) careers volunteer group brought knowledge and

examples of job opportunities in the science and technologies field; volunteers who worked at LANL and Sandia Labs, scientists, Information Technology and music/video producers provided a question/answer session with residents to expand their knowledge in these fields

- Yoga classes
- Narcotic and Alcohol Anonymous
- Meditation
- Bible study
- Girls Inc. volunteers came in to work with our female residents
- Young Fathers group came in to work with our male residents

### *Working to Increase and Continue Services*

Therapist created a referral process for inmates who need on-going mental health and/or mental health therapy with community programs. Also new in 2013 was the implementation of weekly staffing for inmates who have severe special needs to assist with treatment plans and/or referrals to other programs within the facility and/or community. Upon release, inmates are referred to available community providers to ensure a true continuum of services which included Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment facilities, as well as to various departments within Children, Youth and Families. These cases involved a formal staffing conducted with the receiving agency to ensure proper information and diagnosis were communicated.

### *Corrections Capital Outlay Projects Completed in 2013*

Santa Fe County completed five Capital Outlay projects to enhance the safety and security, both internally and externally at the Corrections facilities

- Replaced plumbing fixtures throughout facility and replaced toilet and wash basin in booking
- Installed canopy in recreation yard
- Repaired/replaced fencing around perimeter
- Asbestos remediation/resurfaced floors in pods
- Purchased a Jetter and Forklift

### *Connecting with the Community*

Santa Fe County Corrections worked with the community to receive additional educational materials, replenish our inventory of library books and also recruited volunteers to expand volunteer programming.

### *Life Skill Programs Implemented in FY 2013*

Santa Fe County Corrections implemented several new Life Skill programs, but also worked to provide timely, professional, and comprehensive educational services to better prepare inmates for the job market which, upon release, will reduce the recidivism rate.

- Art Class
- Music Appreciation Class
- Creative Writing Class
- Art Appreciation Class
- Job Program (provides inmates with jobs within the facility while incarcerated)
- Created and implemented a Native American sweat lodge
- Created and implemented a portable legal library
- Therapeutic programs, such as "Thinking for a Change"
- Parenting classes, which provide inmate with a Life Skills Certificate
- Bible Study
- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
- Narcotics Anonymous (NA)



The six week training academy was adopted in 2013 to meet the standards of the American Corrections Association and the New Mexico Association of Counties Detention Mandatory Standards. The academy consists of each staff member completing training in security operations, customer service, dealing and treating the mental health and substance abuse addicted populations, and the overall commitment of providing a safe, secure, and humane environment with a variety of services to assist those in detention, whether they are sentenced to our facilities or awaiting transport, trial or sentencing. Santa Fe County graduated two cadet academies for a total of 23 detention officers.

Our current staff is also required to complete our Experience Based Training Academy, which is an enhanced 40 hour in-service training required for each employee governed by detention standards.

Through our new hiring process and retention program we were able to reduce our staff vacancy rate by 14 percent.

### *Santa Fe County First County to Adopt Crisis Intervention Training in the State*

Santa Fe County was the first of 33 counties in the State of New Mexico to adopt the Crisis Intervention Training in our Academy with cadets and staff in dealing with inmates who have mental health disorders. This consists of identifying inmates upon intake who have mental health disorders and properly referring for follow up care in the facility as well as follow up treatment in the community.

### *Crisis Emergency Response Team Implemented*

The facility administration implemented a well-trained Crisis Emergency Response Team (CERT) that will respond to any crisis or emergency in the facility. This team has been trained to deal with any facility crisis as well as being equipped with the modern equipment to do so.

### *County Facility Implements New Booking and Triage Process*

Our administration implemented a new booking and inmate triage process which consists of a medical, mental health, substance abuse, and individual case management assessment of each inmate who is booked into the facility. Our professional staff in medical, security, behavioral health and case management screened and triaged each inmate and referred inmates in need of ongoing services to the right department for follow up.

### **Correction Facility Numbers 2013**

- Inmates booked into the adult facility 9,221
- Inmates released from the adult facility 9,217







- Purchased and distributed 106 sets of structural firefighting protective gear to the fire district volunteers acquired through a New Mexico Fire Protection Grant
- Awarded a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant to purchase breathing air compressors

### **Santa Fe County Fire Department Training**

- Completed one Cadet Fire Academy with seven graduates
- Graduated three field staff members from Firefighter/EMT to Firefighter/Paramedic through the Santa Fe Community College Paramedic Program
- Enrolled three field staff members into the University of New Mexico, School of Emergency Medicine-Paramedic Program
- Hosted the first EMT-Advanced course for Santa Fe County and brought six field staff members from the EMT-Basic level to EMT-/Advanced level
- Conducted 24 hours of Battalion training and over one hundred hours of fire and medical training

- Developed and delivered "Airway 911" course for over 150 Emergency Medical Technicians
- Held two basic out-of-recreation courses for seventy career staff and over a hundred volunteers
- Developed and implemented Aerial Apparatus training for the Northern and Western Regions of the county

### **Fire District Improvements**

- Apparatus ordered and delivered in 2013 include: one Tanker, one Brush Truck and one Fire Engine for Eldorado; one Engine for La Cienega; one Ladder Truck for Pojoaque; one Engine for Edgewood; one Brush Truck for Madrid; one Engine for La Puebla; and one Brush Truck for Chimayo
- Completed remodel of old La Cienega Fire Station for Fire Prevention Office
- Plans to remodel for Hondo Station 1, Glorieta Sub-station and La Cienega Station 2 underway
- 25 pump tests, annual hose, ladder, SCBA testing and over 650 work orders for fleet maintenance completed

### **Solar Powered Firehouse First in the County**

Santa Fe County completed a solar project to make the Tesuque Fire Station, the first fire station in Santa Fe County to be powered by the sun. The \$18,990, 6.1-Kilowatt solar system was funded in part from the nonprofit New Energy Economic as part of its "Sol not Coal" campaign. The Tesuque firehouse will be powered entirely by the sun and should receive a check of about \$20 a month from PNM. In total Santa Fe County will save approximately \$1,500 a year on energy costs because of the solar project. Santa Fe County started work on the second solar powered firehouse located in Chimayo

### **Corrections**

The Santa Fe County Corrections Division has improved overall operations in the past year to focus on the delivery of services that consist of quality of life and care, customer service, continuous quality improvement, development of employee retention and fiscal responsibilities.

"The Santa Fe County Corrections Department has worked diligently to establish a professional, yet personable bond with our community, staff, volunteers, and inmates," said Warden, Mark Gallegos.

### **Increasing Staff and Training**

The Corrections Division has re-focused on the safe direct supervision of the entire inmate population by increasing staffing levels and upgrading the facility and equipment in the facility increasing safety and security for staff and inmates

The Corrections Division has instituted new hiring and promotional standards which consist of a written and physical test, oral interview and a thorough background check of all applicants. Once accepted new hires are required to complete a six week training academy.



## Santa Fe County Fire Department

The Santa Fe County Fire Department's mission is to provide high quality fire, rescue and emergency medical services to the citizens and visitors of Santa Fe County. The Department protects approximately 1900 square miles of unincorporated area as well as the incorporated Town of Edgewood. Santa Fe County is also home to four Pueblos – Nambe, Pojoaque, Tesuque, and San Ildefonso - which rely on the Santa Fe County Fire Department for emergency services.

The Department maintains 32 fire stations countywide including five staffed regional stations and one staffed substation, as well as an extensive inventory of 199 vehicles including fire and EMS response apparatus and command and support vehicles.

### Emergency Calls and Transport

- Responded to over 6,700 fire and emergency medical calls
- Treated and transported over 2,300 patients

### Santa Fe County Fire Department Volunteer Recruitment

Santa Fe County Fire Department Recruiting and Retention Captain attended numerous job fairs, school career days and participated in Public Safety Day to help recruit new volunteers. In 2011 Santa Fe County Fire Department applied for and received a four year Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant in the amount of nearly \$499,200 which included funding for various media advertising campaigns, training costs, and the Recruitment and Retention Captain's salary and benefits. This resulted in the recruitment of 123 new volunteers, spread throughout 13 of the 14 County Fire Districts. The number of new

volunteers recruited in 2013 has helped maintain a steady number of volunteers who serve the fire department. Currently, Santa Fe County has approximately 350 dedicated volunteer firefighters

### Santa Fe County Fire Department Volunteer Training

- Completed two Volunteer Fire Academies resulting in 29 graduates who are International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAAC) certified at the Firefighter I level. These graduates bring the total number of Volunteer Fire Assistance graduates to 139 in the past four years
- Completed Fire Officer I course for Volunteer District Officers resulting in 16 graduates

### Santa Fe County Fire Department Grants

- Awarded 2013 New Mexico Fire Protection Grant in the amount of \$45,836.78 for Personal Protective Equipment Thermal Imaging Cameras and 4-Gas meters for 2 Districts

## Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC)

The RECC receives all police, fire, medical and animal control Emergency 911 calls and non-emergency calls for Santa Fe County, the City of Santa Fe and the Town of Edgewood, and dispatches the appropriate agency to the location as needed. The Center operates on a 24 hour/7 day a week schedule.

### RECC Implements Pilot Tracking Project

In calendar year 2013, the RECC completed the implementation of the pilot project for utilization of Global Positioning System (GPS)/ Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) systems and the upgrade to the Computer-Aided Design (CAD) and mapping systems. RECC is now implementing closest unit dispatch protocols that will allow dispatch to deploy the response resource that is physically closest to the incident, in place of radio calls to units. This will decrease response times, improve officer and field unit safety, and increase overall dispatch efficiency.

### Regional Training Location

RECC has established the Santa Fe County Center as a training hub for the region, hosting classes attended by law enforcement, fire and EMS agency personnel from various surrounding jurisdictions. Many Santa Fe County RECC employees have attained certification as State Law Enforcement Academy accredited instructors, allowing them to teach at the State Dispatch Academy and elsewhere as needed.

### Santa Fe RECC Instrumental in New Mexico 911 Scholarship Funding

Santa Fe RECC was instrumental in getting New Mexico 911 operators included as scholarship recipients for funding to attend training in dealing with all aspects of violent crime. As a result, New Mexico 911 operators have also now been added to the list of eligible recipients for statewide training grant money provided by the United States Department of Justice through the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission under the Violence against Women Act.

### RECC 2013 Call Volume

January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013

Total telephone calls handled 413,058  
of those 76,658 were 911 calls

#### Calls for Service (Number of Dispatches)

County response units dispatched 76,176

City response units dispatched 143,500

Town of Edgewood  
response units dispatched 5,942

### Emergency Management

National Incident Management System Utilized for Santuario de Chimayo Pilgrimage

Over 20 Public Safety Agencies spanning five separate jurisdictions came together in the 2013 event using the National Incident Management System. This system is a joint coordination effort between Santa Fe and Rio Arriba County Emergency Management Offices.

### Wildfire Preparedness Meetings Held in Various Commission Districts

By request from County Commissioners the Office of Emergency Management presented several Community Wildfire Preparedness meetings throughout the County. The public was introduced to the Ready, Set, Go Program which was recently adopted by the New Mexico State Forestry Department.

### Santa Fe County Emergency Management Flooding Response

Flooding in 2013 led to over a week of Emergency Management response. Over a thousand sandbags were delivered to San Ildefonso Pueblo. Severe flooding around Santa Fe County led to four simultaneous swift water rescue calls in the Turquoise Trail area and below the Galisteo Dam. General Goodwin and other roads in the area were impassable by emergency vehicles. Santa Fe County Office of Emergency Management requested National Guard assistance.

#### Other Initiatives

- Full Scale Active Shooter Exercise
- Bureau of Reclamation/ County Emergency Operations Center Drill
- School Emergency Planning Activities

### *Prevention in Schools*

In 2013 Santa Fe County DWI Program prevention staff and contractors provided drug and alcohol prevention services to more than 12,000 students in 29 public and private schools in Santa Fe County. Prevention staff also had direct face to face contact with more than 5,000 people during community outreach events like the Santa Fe Bandstand and community health fairs. Anti-DWI and drug abuse messages were delivered as well as collateral material to support the message.

### *DWI Compliance Monitoring and Tracking program*

The DWI Compliance Monitoring and Tracking section of the DWI Program screened 365 DWI offenders referred by District, Magistrate, Metro and Municipal Courts in 2013. A majority, 334 of these offenders, were convicted in Magistrate Court. A total of 1,055 DWI offenders were supervised by Compliance staff in 2013 to ensure they completed court ordered requirements.

### **Santa Fe County Teen Court**

Teen Court of Santa Fe County supports the philosophy of breaking the cycle of behavior leading to criminal activity to keep teens out of Children's Court and the Youth Detention Center. Designed for first time offenders, Teen Court offers alternative sentencing and is run for teens by teens including volunteer Teen Attorneys. Teens are referred from Municipal and Magistrate Courts as well as the Juvenile Probation and Parole Office and Santa Fe Public Schools.

In 2013 Teen Court received 511 referrals and 369 cases were heard and sentenced at District Court. Teen Court defendants completed 8,897 hours of community service at local non-profit organizations and served 1165 jury duties throughout the year. Teen Court staff completed 318 drug and alcohol assessments and monitored an average of 337 cases.

For more on Teen Court visit [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) » Community Services » Teen Court

### *Teen Court Mural Program*

This year the focus of the Teen Court Program was youth development and community involvement. The Teen Court Mural Program is designed specifically to support

positive youth development while simultaneously beautifying communities and strengthening relationships within neighborhoods throughout Santa Fe County. The mural program gives opportunity to engage students in positive self-reflection as role models and constructive participants in their communities. The long term outcome of our Teen Mural Program is that youth will develop the personal and professional confidence to work closely with a "client" to create an appropriate mural design based on the client's directive using creativity and artistic knowledge. The youth learn to work collaboratively with peers and mentors to execute the project and represent their creative work to a wider audience through press conferences, community focus groups, and a public mural unveiling among other opportunities.

In May of 2013, under the guidance of seasoned muralist Jonathan Cohen, students designed and painted the mural on the home of the original land owner of Frenchy's Field, bringing it back to life as if it were still inhabited today. The students' intention for their beautiful work of public art is to act not only as a means of deterring graffiti and creating a shared responsibility for graffiti prevention at Frenchy's Field, but also celebrating the unique and colorful history of the park area and of the Santa Fe community. We celebrated with a mural unveiling on July 27, 2013.





**Hundreds Take Santa Fe County Cab Ride Home on New Year's Eve**

The Santa Fe County DWI Program Cab Ride Home was very popular and very busy. New Year's Eve 2013, 269 people took 147 cab rides home. On an average night during July through December, 223 people took rides home from 124 cab rides. The Cab Ride Service was expanded to include New Year's Eve.



**Enforcement**

In 2013 the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners passed Ordinance 2013-5 that modified the existing vehicle seizure ordinance to take and sell vehicles driven by drunk drivers who have been convicted of drunk driving at least once before. In response, the DWI Program obtained funding from the New Mexico Traffic Safety Division for a clerk's position in the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department to process seized vehicles for sale at auction. In 2013 the Sheriff's Office seized 50 vehicles from DWI offenders.

The DWI Program also hosted monthly meetings with seven law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney's Office, the Attorney General Special Traffic Prosecutor and other concerned groups. These meetings have increased cooperation which means more checkpoints, saturation patrols and a more coordinated attack on drunk driving.

**Walk to Stop DUI (5K Walk)**

The Walk to Stop DUI is a non-competitive 5K event hosted and sponsored by the Santa Fe County DWI Program, Santa Fe County Fire Prevention Division and many community partners to raise awareness and money to host a drug and alcohol free Post Prom Party for the Pajoaque High School 2013 Senior Prom. The 5K event was held on April 6, 2013. The course started and ended at the Buffalo Thunder Resort.

**WHO'S PICKING YOU UP TONIGHT?**

Call 438-0000 for a \$1 cab ride home from a bar Friday & Saturday nights or **DRIVE SURE** and go to jail.

**DRIVE SURE**

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE SANTA FE COUNTY DWI PROGRAM





## **Volunteer Coordinator Increasing Volunteerism in Santa Fe County**

In 2013 the Volunteer Coordinator for Santa Fe County worked on a variety of programs that increase volunteerism. The projects range from Food Drives to Open Space restoration. Based on her volunteer coordination and recruitment, several projects were complete and helped save tax payers money.

Some of her projects included but were not limited to:

### ***Food Drive 2013- Community Services***

Santa Fe County partnered with the Food Depot to collect non-perishable food in order to provide nutritious meals for neighbors in need. Santa Fe County had eight drop off food locations throughout the County equipped with containers to receive the food and monetary gifts. During the week of November 18-22, 2013, the total amount of food that was collected weighed in at 1013 pounds, and \$195 in monetary

contributions were collected. Valuing the monetary gifts at three pounds brought the total to 1,598 pounds. The total in contributions provides 2,131 meals.

### ***Arroyo Hondo Volunteer Work Days***

Carol J. Branch-volunteer coordinator for Santa Fe County planned and executed 3 volunteer work days at Arroyo Hondo Trail. Working with limited staff and 12 volunteers, they were able to vastly improve the trail.

Dead trees were removed, eroded areas of the trail were restored, dams were build and a three rail fence was installed as an overlook, using recycling materials.

In total 44 volunteer hours were utilized.

### ***Save the Cottonwoods- La Cieneguilla***

Workdays with volunteers from Youthworks and WildEarth Guardians worked to wrap the cottonwood trees with heavy wire fencing

to prevent beavers from gnawing the trees and eventually killing them.

Two staff members and 28 volunteers wrapped approximately 40 trees with 350 feet of fence.

In total 141 volunteer hours were utilized for this for this event.

### ***Equestrian Arena Extravaganza***

The Open Space and Trails crew worked several days to put up signs and clear out dead brush to prepare for the Grand opening at the Edgewood Equestrian Arena. On Saturday August 3, 2013 Santa Fe County along with Rio Grande Mule and Dankey Association, High Desert Riders and several other equestrian clubs held a grand opening at the new Edgewood Equestrian Arena.

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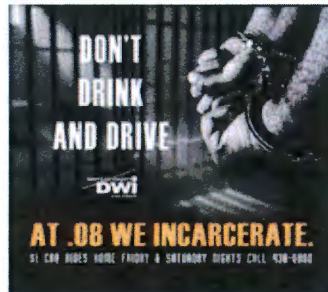
### Santa Fe County DWI Program

*The purpose and objective of the Santa Fe County DWI Program is to reduce impaired driving, DWI crashes, and alcohol related fatalities. The Santa Fe County DWI Program develops, implements and sustains programs and initiatives to mitigate the horrible consequences of driving while impaired. The Program works to increase personal and public safety by preventing or reducing the incidence of DWI, DWI related crashes and fatalities, alcoholism, and alcohol and other drug abuse.*

Santa Fe County closed 2013 with six alcohol involved fatalities, which represented 66 percent of all crash deaths in Santa Fe County. This is down from seven in 2012. There were a total of 106 alcohol involved crashes, down from 128 in 2012. The number of DWI arrests decreased from 820 in 2012 to 781 in 2013, a five percent decrease. Overall 504 vehicles were seized, 50 of them by the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department.

For more on Santa Fe County DWI Program visit [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) » Community Services » DWI Program.

"Santa Fe County paid for over 12,000 cab rides home last year, keeping drunk drivers off the roads in our community,"  
Lupe A Sanchez,  
DWI Planning Coordinator



#### Public Awareness

In 2013 the Santa Fe County DWI Program launched two public awareness campaigns, Who's Picking You Up Tonight and At .08 We Incarcerate. Both campaigns featured purchased and earned media that highlighted the increasing

threat of arrest by law enforcement for driving drunk and the safer option of a Cab Ride Home. Advertising appeared in the Santa Fe New Mexican, Santa Fe Reporter, the Nightlife Guide and the Restaurant Guide, The Santa Fe Bandstand program guide, AHA Festival Guide, and other high-visibility and high traffic areas. Radio commercials ran on several Santa Fe County radio stations. Public transportation buses also spread the word. King Kong wraps adorned the sides of buses with the message in both English and Spanish, and over 25,000 coasters were delivered in 2013 to more than 30 bars throughout Santa Fe with the message to not drive drunk but to take a reduced rate cab ride home.

#### Nearly 12,800 People Used the Cab Ride Home Program in 2013

The Cab Ride Home is provided as a public service on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as some holidays nights because crash and arrest data show this is when more drunk drivers are on the road. During 2013, a study of the pilot program determined that there was a slight reduction in ridership but an increase in the most important ride, the ride home after drinking. The study recommended increasing the price patrons pay from \$1 to \$5 per cab for one or two riders and \$10 per cab for three or more.

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### **Santa Fe County Housing Authority Scores 97% on Efficiency Assessment**

Every two years the Housing Authority is required to complete a process that determines the efficiency with which the Housing Choice Voucher or Section-Eight Program is administered at Santa Fe County. This assessment is important in communicating to the federal government how well this program is working for families who participate in our Section-Eight housing program. There are 15 key indicators that are measured and scored for an overall value. As a result of this process, the Santa Fe County Housing Authority scored a 97% out of a possible 100%. This score affirms that the Housing Authority is a High Performing organization providing a high level of service to families who participate in this program. This high score is a reflection of the quality of work that the staff at the housing authority perform on a daily basis.

### **Housing Occupancy Hits 100%**

The Public Housing reached 100% occupancy for public housing in March 2013. The Santa Fe County Housing Authority staff was successful in achieving a 100% occupancy rate for public housing.

### ***The Joshua Tree Project***

During the Holiday Season through the Joshua Tree Project, the Housing Authority was able to provide over 200 Christmas gifts to children living in three public housing sites in Santa Fe County. This county-wide effort includes the generosity of over 200 county employees donating gifts to help brighten the Holiday Season for the children who receive these gifts at this special time of year. Housing Authority staff sets up Christmas trees at various County buildings with tags including a child's age and gender, County staff picks tags and returns the tag with a gift.

### ***Holiday Gift Baskets***

During the Holiday Season the Housing Authority was able to provide 28 gift baskets for Seniors and Special Needs families living in three public housing sites in Santa Fe County. These gift baskets included fruit, nuts, candy, coffee, jam along with a coffee mug and kitchen towel. This effort is supported by Secret Santas who in some cases make anonymous donations that allow the Housing Authority to provide these baskets to families in our program.



## Santa Fe County Fair

Santa Fe County Fair is overseen by the Fair Association/Fair Board for the purpose of promoting the development of youth, agriculture, home economics, creative art skills and such activities of interest in Santa Fe County. County Staff works closely with the Fair Board, Superintendents, and New Mexico State University Extension Staff to ensure preparation for events is complete. The County Fair is usually held during the first week in August. After the County Fair, several families travel to State Fairs in Albuquerque (held in September) and Roswell (held in October) representing Santa Fe County. The 2013 County Fair was well represented in both livestock and indoor projects. Livestock (Horse, Cattle, Pig, Sheep, Goat, Poultry, and Rabbit) had 212 entries shown by 103 exhibitors. 4-H indoor had 315 entries by 52 exhibitors. Open indoor youth had 201 entries by 38 exhibitors. Open indoor adult had 236 entries by 182 exhibitors.

## Fair Grounds/ Extension Office

Santa Fe County continues to provide financial support to the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service in a three-way partnership with the State and Federal government in order

to provide services from the Land Grant University to the citizens of Santa Fe County that enhance their quality of life. These services include unbiased, research-based information in the areas of agriculture, home economics, 4-H and youth development. The Santa Fe County Extension Service also plays a vital role in working with Santa Fe County Fair Board to plan and execute the annual County Fair

## Agriculture

In 2013, the Santa Fe Master Gardeners provided 8504 hours of volunteer service valued at



\$188,278\*. Through the agricultural program, farmers and ranchers are assisted with diagnosis of production challenges, whether crop or livestock related, and developing solutions to help them keep production costs down while improving their profit margins. Overall more than 6340 contacts were made relative to agriculture, horticulture and natural resource management spanning from the northern areas of Santa Cruz and Chimayo all the way to Stanley and Edgewood.

## Home Economics

One of the major programs in the Home Economics area is the "I CAN" program, which stands for "Ideas for Cooking and Nutrition". The mission is to reduce nutritional health disparities in New Mexico and make a measurable positive

impact on the well-being of our communities by facilitating series of research-based hands-on nutrition experiences with adults and youth. In 2013, we had 194 adult graduates and 556 youth graduates in this program. Through our Home Economist Extension programs, we had 2177 volunteer hours performed in Santa Fe County in 2013 valued at \$48,198.78\*.

## 4-H and Youth Development

Santa Fe County 4-H is the program for all youth development programs conducted through NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service. Teaching youth life skills such as communication, decision-making responsibility and service through specific project and program content such as animal science, engineering science, home economics, and personal growth and development enables youth to become productive and successful citizens. The community club program is our most comprehensive delivery mode; encompassing clubs from Edgewood, Eldorado, Pajoaque, Santa Fe and Stanley. Youth may choose from over 100 projects offered through this delivery mode. In 2013, 2,248 youth were serving through the three program delivery modes: community clubs, special interest and school enrichment programs. The total contacts reached by the 4-H program in 2013 were 21,865. 4-H volunteers 2013 gave almost 49,441 hours of their time, equating to a value of \$1,094,623.74\*.

\*Value is based on the Independent Sector index of \$22.14



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County's Senior Voice. The Senior Voice was first printed in February 2013 and quickly became popular with our seniors. The Senior Voice is printed monthly and distributed to seniors throughout our program. A separate page is designated for each center, and upcoming events are highlighted. Also highlighted in the Senior Voice are photos of seniors participating in County sponsored trips.

### Senior Activities

Seniors continue to enjoy the variety of activities offered at each of our facilities as well as off site trips to various events around New Mexico. These events allow seniors the opportunity to socialize, participate in exercise programs and explore New Mexico on one of our many trips. Seniors enjoyed pumpkin picking at McCall's Pumpkin Patch, The International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque and many other trips around our beautiful state.



## Teen Court Provides \$110,000 for Summer Programs

Teen Court of Santa Fe County provided funding to seven organizations for summer educational and recreational programs in 2013. The intention of the funding is to assist with the development and administering of summer programs designed to serve the youth of Santa Fe County. In total \$110,000 were appropriated by the Board of County Commission. In order to support multiple organizations, each grant award was limited to a maximum of \$20,000 per applicant. The organizations funded served youth from kindergarten to 12th grade and were asked to integrate evidence based or promising practices into programming to increase the health and overall social well-being of Santa Fe County youth. The organizations funded in 2013 include: Agua Fria Elementary School, Rio Grande Educational Collaborative, Pomegranate Studios, Santa Fe Boys and Girls Club, Pojoaque Valley Schools, Wildlife West Nature Park, Espanola Family YMCA.

## Senior Services

The Santa Fe County Senior Program continued to thrive in 2013. Residents throughout the County are hearing about the fabulous services provided to seniors in our community. This dedicated staff continues to go above and beyond to provide services to our seniors.

Our senior centers, located in the communities of Chimayo, Edgewood, El Rancho, Eldorado, Rio en Medio, Santa Cruz, and the Traditional Agua Fria Village serve congregate meals to all seniors. These meals are prepared on-site daily using fresh ingredients. Home Delivered Meal recipients also receive hot meals delivered

"We take great pride in the service we provide and the food we serve, the food we prepare for the Seniors is getting fresher and better all the time," Greg Smith, Senior Services



directly to their door. The Senior Services Division also provides transportation services to seniors who need rides to the grocery store or to medical appointments.

## Expanded Services

### *Casa Rufina*

In 2013 the Senior Services program opened a new meal site at Casa Rufina Apartment Complex in the Traditional Agua Fria Village. The new site has been extremely successful. The opening of the facility has allowed us to provide services to 87 individuals, with a total of 2,020 congregate meals and 4,025 home delivered meals in a six month period.

### *Senior Voice, Monthly Newsletter*

Seniors throughout the County are provided information on upcoming events, monthly menus, and pertinent information through Santa Fe

## Statistics for Santa Fe County Senior Services Program for 2013

- 31,702 home delivered meals provided to 196 eligible participants
- 29,666 congregate meals to 843 eligible participants
- 8,144 one-way trips for medical appointments, grocery shopping, personal care needs, to/from congregate meal sites and County sponsored trips.

## Santa Fe County in 2013: A Community Health Profile

The Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission, as part of its mandate from the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners, finalized **Santa Fe County in 2013: A Community Health Profile**. The HPPC partnered with CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center to complete the profile, which provides in-depth information about the health of County residents. The report provides data on a variety of health indicators and is being used by Santa Fe County to develop health priorities and by various government and private entities in their own planning and grant seeking activities.

to view the Community Health Profile visit [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) » Community Services » Health and Human Services Division.

### Health Action Plan

In June of 2013 the Santa Fe County Community Services Department held a Provider Forum at the Santa Fe Community College in order to gather community based input into our planning process. The Community Services Department is in the process of finalizing its Health Action Plan which will be used to guide both the County and the community in developing and funding evidence based strategies to improve health conditions.

### Food Depot Food Drive

The Food Depot recently acknowledged the efforts of Santa Fe County staff for hosting a Thanksgiving food drive. The Santa Fe County food drive collected 1,013 pounds of assorted nonperishable food and \$195 in monetary donations. Each dollar donated buys three pounds of food through the depot, so the monetary

donation equaled 1,598 pounds of food, providing 2,131 meals for hungry people in Northern New Mexico. The Food drive was organized and coordinated through the Santa Fe County Community Services Department.

ed with La Familia for a total of \$120,000 to develop a treatment program for pregnant women who are addicted to opiates.

The program was based on both anecdotal and other evidence

## Got Drugs?

Turn in unused or expired medication for safe disposal



### Health Care Reform

Santa Fe County has worked actively with our community based partners in 2013 to implement the Affordable Care Act in New Mexico. The Community Services Department developed and distributed materials providing guidance to Santa Fe County residents on contacts and procedures to access health care coverage through either the Health Care Exchange or Medicaid. In addition, the Community Services Department contracted with La Familia to do outreach and health care enrollment in rural areas of the County. Community Services also applied for and received funding to do radio Public Service Announcements about enrollment in early 2014. Four Community Services Department staff were trained to do Medicaid enrollment including the expanded coverage.

### Reducing Drug Addiction in Santa Fe County

**TREATMENT:** The County released a Request for Proposals to hire a contractor who would develop a comprehensive behavioral health program that would reduce opiate addiction in Santa Fe County, with a specific emphasis on pregnant women. In 2013 the Community Services Department contract-

indicating a significant increase in babies born with neonatal withdrawal symptoms. La Familia is also tasked with developing a public awareness campaign to increase the number of pregnant addicted mothers getting prenatal care.

**LEADERSHIP:** Santa Fe County has been partnering with Santa Fe Public School and the New Mexico Department of Health to organize and lead Santa Fe Opiate Safe (SOS). SOS is a community based group of providers, advocates, law enforcement representatives and government agencies who meet monthly to coordinate activities to address opiate addiction on the local level.

**PREVENTION:** In 2013 Santa Fe County residents emptied their medicine cabinets of over 500 pounds of unused, unwanted and expired prescription medications during two special Drug Take Back days. The Community Services Department partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration to coordinate events in April and in October of 2013. Officers from the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office, the Santa Fe Police Department, Edgewood Police and the New Mexico State Police collected drugs at six locations around Santa Fe County. Permanent sites for take back activities are planned in 2014.



## Clinics and Classes

### *Free Flu Shot Clinics*

Santa Fe County partnered with the New Mexico Department of Health to hold community based flu clinics in 2013. Over 500 flu shots were administered at a dozen different locations: including Edgewood, Turquoise Trail Fire Station, Nambe, Chimayo, Santa Cruz, Eldorado and others. In addition to the community based flu clinics, the Santa Fe County Senior Services hosted three free flu shots clinics around Santa Fe County for Seniors in October 2013. The clinics were held at Senior Centers in Eldorado,

Edgewood and Nambe. The New Mexico Department of Health provided Santa Fe County with 300 vaccinations for the free clinics. The free flu shots were distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

### *Free Pneumonia Vaccination Clinic*

The County Health Division hosted a free Pneumonia vaccination clinic on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at the Santa Fe County Nambe Senior and Community Center.

The clinic was sponsored by Santa Fe County Health Division and Presbyterian Espanola Hospital.

### *Free weekly Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Classes*

Free weekly classes were held beginning January 15, 2013 to help residents learn more about preventing Type 2 Diabetes and what they can do to reduce their risk of Type 2 Diabetes by making lifestyle changes.

The free weekly classes were held in Espanola with transportation from the Santa Fe County Senior Program. Diabetes prevention programming is based on the National Diabetes Prevention Program model.

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## Health Care Assistance Program

The Health Care Assistance Program provides financial assistance toward health care costs of County residents without adequate funds. The program is administered by the Board of County Commissioners in its capacity as the Indigent Hospital and Health Core Board funded by the County's gross receipts tax.

In 2013, the program processed 8,914 approved claims of County residents, for close to \$6.2 million. These claims covered care provided by clinics, substance abuse treatment providers, ambulance services, and mental health providers with Santa Fe County. Claims also covered care provided by CHRISTUS St. Vincent and hospitals in Espanola, Los Alamos and Albuquerque.

Through the Health Care Assistance Program Santa Fe County paid for the cremation of 38 indigent and/or unclaimed County residents in 2013.

This program is expected to undergo significant changes in 2014 as a result of State Statute changes and the Affordable Health Care Act.

"We are proud of developing relationships with partners like CHRISTUS, the City, the Department of Health, La Familia and so many others who help make our community healthier, and more engaged," said Patricia Boies, Community Services Department.

## Mobile Health Van

The Santa Fe County Mobile Health Van travels throughout the County, providing free health services including blood pressure screening, glucose checks, cholesterol tests, body-mass index (BMI) tests, and oxygen assessments. Nurses also provide health information, in both

English and Spanish and refer people to health care providers, including primary care, behavioral health, and dental providers. In 2013 the Mobile Health Van expanded services to include weekends.

In 2013, the Community Services Department hired a full-time community health nurse and began outreach and collaboration with new locations, including partnering with the Interfaith Community Shelter, Santa Fe Community College, Zona del Sol, and the Turquoise Trail Fire Station. This is in addition to frequent visits to all the Santa Fe County senior centers in El Rancho, Chimayo, Edgewood, Eldorado, and Santa Cruz, and to local churches and community events and gathering places. These preventive efforts, as well as new approaches to using the van, will lead to reaching more of the underserved in Santa Fe County.

For more on the Mobile Health Van visit [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) » Community Services » Health and Human Services Division » Santa Fe County Mobile Health Van.

Total visitors	2,010
Blood pressure checks	2,006
Blood glucose checks	1,807
Referrals to providers/agencies	396
Discount prescription drug cards	521



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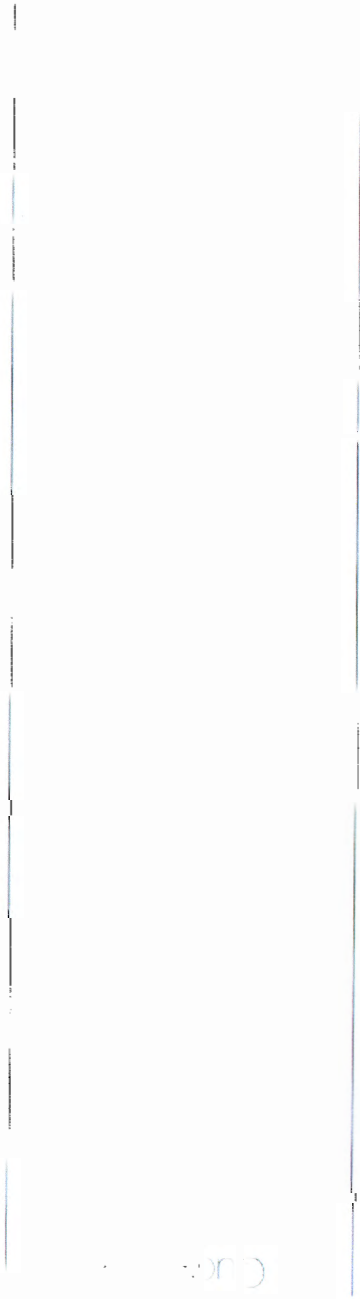
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# Santa Fe County Fire Department Wildfire Awareness Fair

The Santa Fe County Wildland Division in conjunction with the Edgewood Soil and Water Conservation, and New Mexico State Forestry

will be hosting a

Wildfire Awareness Fair

April 5, 2014

Edgewood Fire District Station 1

#1 Municipal Way

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

## TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- Address hazards and risks of wildland fire throughout Santa Fe County and the East Mountains
- Reducing the threat of catastrophic wildland fires in the Wildland Urban Interface
- Structural ignitability reduction
- Educate homeowners on how to create a defensible space for their property (fuel mitigation)
- Fuel reduction projects in the East Mountain area
- Santa Fe County Fire Codes / Burn Restrictions
- SIM Table demonstrations (computerized traditional sand table that creates a visual effect of fire spread in real time)
- Resources and services available



BEFORE TREATMENT



AFTER TREATMENT

For more information please visit the Santa Fe County Wildland Division website at [www.sfcfirewildland.com](http://www.sfcfirewildland.com).