SANTA FE COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 2026

Justin Greene, Chair – District 1
Adam Johnson, Vice Chair – District 4
Camilla Bustamante – District 3
Hank Hughes – District 5
Lisa Cacari Stone – District 2

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1. Opening Business

A. Call to Order –The regular Board of County Commissioners meeting was called to order at 2:17 p.m. by Chair Justin Greene.

B. Roll Call. Roll was called by Jennifer Wilson, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Members Present:	**Members Excused:**
Commissioner Justin Greene, Chair	None
Commissioner Adam Johnson, Vice Chair	
Commissioner Camilla Bustamante	
Commissioner Hank Hughes	
Commissioner Lisa Cacari Stone	

C. Pledge of Allegiance.
D. State Pledge.
E. Land Acknowledgement.

The Pledge of Allegiance, State Pledge and Land Acknowledgment were led by Commissioner Chair Justin Greene.

F. Moment of Reflection.

The moment of reflection was led by Timothy Sintas of the Growth Management Department.

G. Approval of Agenda. (Action Item)

CHAIR JUSTIN GREENE: We have an agenda before us. Commissioners and staff, County Manager, what say you?

GREGORY SHAFFER (County Manager): Thank you, Chair and Commissioners. There are no recommended changes from staff to the agenda as presented. I would note that the initial agenda for today's meeting was posted on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 and the Amended Agenda was posted on Friday, September 4, 2026 at approximately 1:04 p.m. In terms of substantive changes between the Initial Agenda and the Amended Agenda, Item 7A was withdrawn at this time. Miscellaneous Action Item 8A was moved to Item 5C, and Miscellaneous Action Item 8F was added to the Agenda. Again, just note those differences between the two Agendas for purposes of our minutes, but there's no recommended changes to the Agenda as presented from staff. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, County Manager. Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER CAMILLA BUSTAMANTE: I'd like to make a motion to approve the Agenda as amended.

COMMISSIONER HANK HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR GREENE: As presented actually, if I...Correct? Because it was previously amended before. So, yep. Thank you. So, we have a motion from Commissioner Bustamante, a second from Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Hughes.

COMMISSIONER ADAM JOHNSON: Hughes.

CHAIR GREENE: My apologies. Hughes, over here. All in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Hearing none, we have an agenda. Thank you.

Commissioner Bustamante moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Hughes seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR GREENE: We have matters of public concern.

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2. Matters of Public Concern

Subject to Three (3) Minutes or Other Time Limit Imposed by the Chair; Pre-Register at Santa Fe County - Citizen Engagement.

CHAIR GREENE: We have some people that have signed up and probably some people in the room. Would anybody like to speak in the room to start? Please approach the microphone and introduce yourself if you'd like and take three minutes to say your piece please. Daniel, if you can put a timer up for everybody's reference.

NOEMI ARRAS: Hola, buenas tardes. Mi nombre es Noemi Arras desde hace 1 anos soy miembro de Somos Un Pueblo Unido mi experiencia con el programa de ciudadanía. Quiero compartir mi experiencia con el programa de ciudadanía de Somos Un Pueblo Unido y explicar por qué considero que es una oportunidad muy importante para nuestra comunidad. Para mí, hacerme ciudadana es un paso muy importante en mi vida. Significa tener la oportunidad de participar plenamente en el país donde vivo, fortalecer mi futuro y también poder ejercer mis derechos y responsabilidades como ciudadana. El proceso de ciudadanía puede parecer complicado y muchas veces uno no sabe por dónde empezar. Por eso estoy muy agradecida con Somos Un Pueblo Unido, porque ofrecen este programa de manera gratuita y nos brindan orientación, apoyo y las herramientas necesarias para prepararnos para el proceso. Lo que más me gusta es que nos guian y nos ayudan con los trámites, también nos preparan para el examen de ciudadanía y nos dan la confianza para seguir adelante. Para muchas personas, el costo de un programa o de una preparación puede ser un obstáculo, y que exista un programa gratuito hace una gran diferencia. Invito a todas las personas que sean elegibles para la ciudadanía a que aprovechen esta oportunidad. No tengan miedo de comenzar. Con el apoyo de este programa, uno se siente acompañado y con más confianza para alcanzar una meta tan importante. Estoy muy agradecida por tener acceso a esta ayuda y espero que mi experiencia pueda motivar a otras personas de nuestra comunidad a dar también ese paso y convertirse en ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos. Gracias.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Gracias Señora. Chair Greene, if I could ask con perniso se tiene su testimonial in Las Palabras escritas, por favor, [inaudible] a la Sara aqui. If you could submit, if you have written testimony in Spanish, we want to be sure it's submitted and we get it for the record, and then we'll have it translated as well. Is that okay? Because we...

SPEAKER1 (Interpreter): I have copies and I was going to read a translation, but...

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: No, no.

SPEAKER1: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Read exactly how you want, but we want to be sure to get it for the record if it's okay with Chair Greene.

CHAIR GREENE: Of course, please.

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COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you.

SPEAKER1: So, shall I read the translation or just submit a written copy?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Whatever you planned on doing.

CHAIR GREENE: Whatever you would like. You have three minutes.

SPEAKER1: Okay, I'll read it real quick.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Okay.

SPEAKER1: Hello, good afternoon. My name is Noemi and I have been a member of Somos Un Pueblo Unido for a year. I wanted to share my experience with the Somos Un Pueblo Unido Citizenship Program and explain why I consider it such an important opportunity for our community. For me, becoming a citizen was and is a very important step in my life. It means having the opportunity to participate fully in the Country where I live, strengthen my future, and exercise my rights and responsibilities as a citizen. The citizenship process can seem complicated, and often one doesn't know exactly where to start. That is why I am so grateful to Somos Un Pueblo Unido. They offer this program for free and provide us with guidance, support, and the tools needed to prepare for the process. What I like most is that they guide and help with the paperwork, they also prepare us for the citizenship exam and give us the confidence to move forward. For many people, the cost of a program or preparation can be major obstacle. So, the fact that a free program exists makes a huge difference in our community. I encourage everyone eligible for citizenship to take advantage of this opportunity. Don't be afraid to start. With the support of this program, you feel accompanied and more confident about achieving such an important goal. I am very grateful to have access to this help, and hope my experience can motivate others in our community to also take the important step in becoming a U.S. Citizen.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you.

NOHEMI: Buenas tardes. Mi nombre es Nohemi y desde hace Lanos soy miembro de Somos Un Pueblo Unido. Quiero compartir mi testimonio y agradecer de todo corazón a Somos Un Pueblo Unido por acompañarme en mi proceso para obtener mi ciudadanía. Hoy puedo decir con mucho orgullo que casi soy ciudadana de los Estados Unidos (solo me falta el juramento). Este logro significa muchísimo para mí y mi familia, porque ahora tengo la oportunidad de participar plenamente en mi comunidad y hacer escuchar mi voz. Gracias a este programa pude recibir orientación, apoyo y preparación durante mi proceso. Me siento muy agradecida con todas las personas de Somos Un Pueblo Unido que trabajan para ayudar y fortalecer a nuestra comunidad. Ahora que voy a ser ciudadana, voy a poder salir a votar, participar en las decisiones de nuestro país y alzar mi voz por mi comunidad inmigrante. Quiero que nuestra voz sea escuchada y que nuestras experiencias, nuestras familias y nuestras necesidades también sean tomadas en cuenta. Para mí, hacerme ciudadana no solamente representa un documento o un estatus. Representa una nueva etapa de mi vida, una oportunidad para participar y contribuir, y también una responsabilidad de usar mi voz para apoyar a nuestra comunidad. Estoy muy orgullosa de este paso y muy agradecida con Somos Un Pueblo Unido por haberme acompañado en este camino. Gracias.

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CHAIR GREENE: Gracias a usted. Estamos muy orgullosos de usted también. Thank you so much for being here.

MS. NOHEMI: Good afternoon. My name is Nohemi, and I have been a member of Somos Un Pueblo Unido for years. I wanted to share my story and express my heartfelt thanks to Somos Un Pueblo Unido for supporting me throughout the process of obtaining my citizenship. Today, I can proudly say that I am almost a U.S. citizen, I just need to have my swearing in, my oath ceremony next month. This achievement means a great deal to me and my family, and I now have the opportunity to fully participate in my community and make my voice heard. Thanks to this program, I received guidance, support, and preparation during the process. I am deeply grateful to everyone at Somos Un Pueblo Unido who works to help and strengthen our community. Now that I will be a citizen, I will be able to vote in this next election, participate in our Country's decision-making processes, and speak up for my immigrant community. I want our voices to be heard and for our experiences, families, and needs to be taken into account. For me, becoming a citizen represents more than just a document or a legal status. It represents a new chapter in my life, an opportunity to participate and contribute, as well as a responsibility to use my voice to support our community. I am very proud of this step and deeply grateful to Somos Un Pueblo Unido for helping me walk this path.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you. Yes?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Chair Greene, that was the previous testimony I believe? Or is it both Naomis or did we need to read the second one in English?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Ah dos Naomis. Okay, gracias. I just wanted to be sure.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Excellent. Other folks that are in the chambers that wish to address the Board? Come on up.

RICK ALLEN: Hello.

CHAIR GREENE: Bring the mic to your mouth, please.

MR. ALLEN: My name is...

CHAIR GREENE: You can...Perfect.

MR. ALLEN: Is that good?

CHAIR GREENE: Yes sir. Thank you.

MR. ALLEN: My name is Rick Allen. I live at 307 Red Rock Road which is out by Peña Blanca. I have lived there for 50 years. I built my own house there and I use, I'm here to kind of protest the, Santo Domingo has said they want to close the road that I have used as my access for 50 years, which is also the access for propane trucks and emergency services. I have used it. I've always just drove over it, I've never stopped to dump my trash or cut firewood or do anything. I just drive over the road to get to Red Rock Road, the road I live on and there hadn't been any problem 'til now. Now Santo Domingo wants to close that road because it's theirs and they can't find, I

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don't know why. I just don't want them to do it. The last thing I'll say about that, there's lots of easement information available about this, is that I have paid County taxes out there for 50 years, in the amount lately for the last two decades of about $1,800 a year. Now, I know the County uses my money wisely, I'm not objecting to that, but I haven't really seen any of it in our area. There has been no County work there in the whole time I've lived there. Now, like I said, I think you guys do a great job with it. I just think it's our turn because besides me, there's probably at least a hundred people, families living out there that have paid taxes for all this time. So, I appreciate your work, and I hope you see my point.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you very much. Join us.

LYNN ALLEN: Hello. My name is Lynn Allen. I also live at 307 Red Rock Road which is adjoining some various properties. I have brought with me a, oh, thank you. I have brought with me a map, a survey of the area. There is land for sale, 935 acres, which has been private land for sale. It abuts I-25 near the Cochiti Dam Exit, and it is very close to 307 Red Rock Road and a variety of people who live on Red Rock Road and La Bajada Road. The road that is called the Dam Road going from I-25 to the Galisteo Dam, it's an Army Corps of Engineer Road known as Highway 16 or also known as United Pueblo 90. Santo Domingo's contention that they're going to close the road to everyone except for the Army Corps of Engineers which would have a key. This would landlock all of the residents on Red Rock Road and La Bajada Road and also the 935 acres up for sale, these would be landlocked as well. By landlocked, I mean we cannot access them, there is no emergency services, there's no fire services. I have done some research, and I have with me today the various records. Records from the Office of Santa Fe County Assessor's Office, Santa Fe Clerk's Office, U.S. Government Records which are U.S. Congressional Law, Santo Domingo Pueblo's Claim Act of 2000, the 106th Congressional Law Number S-2917 commonly referred to as The Settlement. Also, the U.S. Federal Register Volume 77, Number 129, Thursday July 5, 2012 which has a notice on two pages. Documents recorded in Santa Fe County Clerk's Office, two surveys, one of which I have brought you showing four tracks of 935 acres of private land up for sale. I also have a survey that Pueblo of Santo Domingo recently did which anoints this survey giving it authority, and that was done August 22nd of this year. Also in this is The Settlement Act, which clearly states that...

CHAIR GREENE: Ma'am, I appreciate what you're saying. We give everybody three minutes.

MS. ALLEN: Okay.

CHAIR GREENE: I would recommend that you reach out to the folks that have worked on County Road Settlement Agreements in the past to understand how we can work through potential actions-.

MS. ALLEN: I would like you to realize, I'd like to give you this so you realize the jeopardy that you're putting private landowners of residents and property for sale.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair, we're working on this, just so

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you know.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay. So, Commissioner Bustamante mentioned that she's aware of this, this is in her District, and they are working on this. So, thank you for bringing this up to the rest of us.

MS. ALLEN: Would you like this survey or would you not like it?

CHAIR GREENE: You can, if you would like to leave it with us, we can have that for our records here. Yes, so thank you. We will have it available, but thank you very much for coming in today. Is there anybody else here in the Chambers? Alright.

JUSTIN SACHS: My name is Justin Sachs. I'm on a Committee from the Red Rock Road and Baja Waldo. We've created our own little, not really an association, but a small group of us. I was voted by our community to help facilitate conversations about this particular problem. We've spent the last six months, I'd like to say longer, but since last October when we found out about this, we've attempted to be good neighbors to the Kewa Pueblo. We've met with them a couple of times in person with Governor Aguilar and had great conversations and truly respect their sovereignty of their land. It's important to us because as landowners on the other side of the property, we have had access through the Galisteo Dam Road all this time without conflict, without any issues. The problem here is that there's been no help from the County, the State or the Federal Government in helping us deal with this issue which we've had many conversations in the past. Bustamante's been aware of it at least for six months when we started these conversations, and here we are today with a final word from the Pueblo that the road will be closed on September 30, 2026 without any safety measures put into place for our community. There is a back way in to 14 that is incredibly difficult, requires four-wheel drive and nerves of steel to drive on these roads in good weather, let alone snowy weather or rain. These roads out there wash out very easily. The community takes care of the roads for the most part pretty well, but they're not good enough to do this route every day. My community is an elderly community who requires doctor visits and emergency services easily. Ferrellgas already wrote us a letter and said they will not deliver to us. My wood guy will not deliver to us. We are now landlocked from the rest of the world, and safety is incredibly important at this time. I know that we're already in contact with you and have talked, but to us it seems like things are just beginning, and it's been a long time, and we've been really trying hard. I'm the person who's been in contact with emergency services. Bustamante, I don't think we've directly talked, but you've been in touch with our Committee and right now, this is imperative and it's now ground zero for a dangerous situation for all of us. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you. Thank you very much.

KAREN COX: Hello, my name is Karen Cox, and I also live out in that area. I live at 202 Baja Waldo Road and when we all bought our land that was the road in and out. The Army Corps of Engineers used to maintain the road. They haven't really maintained it, I would say, for the last seven to ten years. The potholes have gotten really bad and when we tried to reach out to the Army Corps of Engineers they said,

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"Oh, it wasn't their road, it was Santo Domingo," and when we reached out to Santo Domingo, they said, "Oh no, we don't maintain the road." They used to trim the edges and fill the potholes. Army Corps of Engineers is the one department that has not gotten back to us. The Department of Transportation came out and drove the back road, Secretary Quintana and Jerry Valdez and they said, "That road is not even viable." I believe one of them got a little sick. So, this is our only road in and out. As Justin said, emergency vehicles won't come, propane gas, no deliveries. We have people who are in their 80s. We've had ambulances come out before for emergencies and they have no way to get in anymore if they close this road. So, we're asking help from the City, the County, the State, Federal if needed to help us continue to have access on this road. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you very much. Is there anybody else in the Chambers that wishes to...One more.

BRIAN WILLIAMS: My name is Brian Williams. I'm a resident of Baja Waldo also in that area. We've only been out there about three years.

CHAIR GREENE: Please lift the mic to your...

MR. WILLIAMS: We've been out there for three years. When we moved out there, there were realty signs on this area, meaning that the land's for sale. The realtor showed it to us two different days. I have names in the realty office, but to the point where a realty office in Santa Fe didn't know that something like this was going on or going to go on. So, we put our money in, our life savings, we've been building or rebuilding a house up there. We're not quite finished yet. So, when this goes off at September 30, 2026 that means my route to get construction supplies is going to be up over this impassable road that Mike was just talking about up and over Red Rock to 14 which means I have to descend Baja Waldo, turn, and then go back up Red Rock to 14 to make it to get lumber. It's not going to happen. So, these next few weeks I'm in a huge crunch, which to nobody's fault, but at the same time when I was shown this land two different occasions before we made a purchase, there's realty signs on that road which means somebody selling these properties on Baja and Red Rock. Why would they sell us this if this is going to happen and we have zero access and be landlocked. So, this is my thing. We have stuff to do, and I am one of those seniors. We have no emergency medical services, no more propane delivery. We have a well, we have solar. That's not going to do it if something happens. We can make a phone call, but at the same time if something goes down, we have to go down Baja, turn and go back up Red Rock. So, basically over an hour plus has been added on to our commute time either to Santa Fe or to Albuquerque. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you very much. Is there anybody else in the Chambers that wishes to speak to the Commission? Thank you. Go to online.

DANIEL FRESQUEZ (Media Coordinator): Mr. Chair, we have one person raising their hand and we also have a few people with their cameras on. I don't want to mistakenly overlook them. If you want to speak, please raise your hand, your digital or I'm watching the cameras right now. Our first speaker is Chris Mechels.

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CHAIR GREENE: Okay. Sir, you'll wait a second. We'll get back to you in a second.

STEVE FITCH: What's that?

CHAIR GREENE: We'll get back to you in a second. Mr. Mechels, we've just acknowledged him, so. Mr. Mechels, please, do the honors.

CHRIS MECHELS: Here we go. Yes, Chair and Members of the Commission. A change of pace here. This is bringing you a different set of problems. It's the usual set unfortunately. Once again today, the Commissioners are in violation of the Open Meetings Act, specifically you're in violation of the fact that you should be presenting the minutes of August 25, 2026 meeting and the minutes of the August 20, 2026 meeting of the BCC today for approval, but you're not. You know very well that you should be doing this because we've discussed it, but you don't care to act and you remain in violation. I know what you're getting from your attorneys is, he's saying, and I have records of it, what he's saying is, "So, sue us." Is that okay with you that you could violate the law and when I raise it up, your attorney just says so sue us? Is that your response? You need to look at this. The other area, it's not just the BCC itself, the scofflaws, you're infecting the rest of the County. For example, two Boards, Ethics Board and the Salary Commission, both of which are chartered by the BCC, neither of them even bother posting their agendas on the Boards as required. They're in blatant violation of OMA even worse than you and they just proceed. Again, your attorney would say, if approached, "So sue us." That's your County Attorney, that's your County Manager. These are people that you've hired and their response to breaking the law and breaking it very overtly is, "So sue us." Is that okay with you? The other thing I would raise today, which is new, and please pay attention is, I believe that you need ...You've got a Consent Agenda today, Item N concerns the District Attorney's Office, but it isn't even identified as concerning the District Attorney's Office. You're basically...It's asking you to pass that item blind because they don't even identify it properly. What it has to, what it has to do with is you're talking about changing or purchasing and using a new office for the DA, and if you look at the history of it, it doesn't pass examination. I'm not saying...What I'm suggesting to you today is pull that off the Constant Agenda. It's improperly identified and what they're asking you to do is blindly approve a four hundred and some thousand dollar addendum to an agreement that in the past you haven't even bothered looking at. This is just absolutely incompetence on your part. Pull Item N, take a look at it or if not, I'll try to get an outside auditor to look at it. I don't know. Anyway, have a good day. Bye bye.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Mechels. Is there anybody else online? Just making sure that we don't miss anybody there.

MR. FRESQUEZ: Mr. Chair, it doesn't appear anybody else wishes to speak.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you very much Daniel. Sir? There was one more person. Yeah, go ahead, come on up.

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MR. FITCH: Hello, my name is Steve Fitch, and I live at 186 Baja Waldo Road. I'm with these other people here and I'm not going to repeat, I hope, mostly what they said. I retired in 2014 after teaching at the College of Santa Fe for 24 years. I've lived out in the Baja Waldo Roads. We bought our land in 1981 and have always accessed it on what was New Mexico Highway 16, which we also called the Galisteo Dam Road. We've been driving that road across Santo Domingo land for that long. It, in our mind was always a public road, it was a public highway. There were signs on I-25 that said Galisteo Dam Scenic Overlook Picnic Area. To my mind, we've had public access that whole time, and I really don't believe it's right, after 45 years, for the Pueblo to close the road, and as other people have said, it's basically going to landlock us. We won't be able to get ambulances, fire trucks, Ferrellgas has said they won't deliver propane anymore. So, that's all I have to say. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: You're welcome. Thank you very much for coming in. Last call. Anybody else in Chambers, anybody else online? Nope?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Mr. Chair, there is a call-in user. I just want to give them the opportunity.

CHAIR GREENE: Sure.

MR. FRESQUEZ: If you want to speak and you're the call-in user, hit star three to raise your hand. Mr. Chair, I think we can move forward.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you very much, Daniel. Alrighty. We are on to meeting minutes here. Melinda you were holding something up like you wanted to talk? Just to give you that last chance. Yes, but you need to unmute yourself. You still need to unmute yourself. Oh, you looked unmuted for a second and now you're back to mute. Alright, Melinda if you do want to reach any of us at the Commission, just reach out to us. We're pretty accessible. So, thank you very much. We're going to move on to approval of the meeting minutes.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Action Item)

A. Request Approval of the August 11, 2026 Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

CHAIR GREENE: We have meeting minutes from August 11, 2026 before us today. Are there any changes? Yes, Commissioner Hughes?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I notice there's a mistake on page seven where he put in...It's in bold, "He does not want to prevent estuaries from going into landfill," and they highlighted that because I don't think they knew what word he said. I don't know if we should pass the minutes like that. Probably he meant essential items not estuaries.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you for catching that. That is potentially the risk of AI.

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COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes.

CHAIR GREENE: Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR GREENE: Yes, please.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Could I suggest that we ask the staff responsible for the minutes to just review that portion of the minutes and make the appropriate correction based on the video recording?

CHAIR GREENE: I think we can. It's on page seven you said?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I mean, now, if, that would be how I would correct it, and instead of us sitting here and rewatching the video of our last meeting, God help us.

CHAIR GREENE: Mm hmm.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I think that's probably the best way to do that. I think it is worth...Thank you, Commissioner Hughes for pointing that out. I don't see that elsewhere, but let's flag that for future review of the minutes.

CHAIR GREENE: Yeah, and I do have to thank AI for flagging it itself because it was unintelligible.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Absent that, we could just put unintelligible instead of, in parentheses, and pass them right now.

CHAIR GREENE: County Attorney Boyd?

WALKER BOYD (County Attorney): Chair Greene and Commissioners, the minutes are the record, the written record of the past meeting. I think replacing it with unintelligible would be appropriate. The law does require you to consider an approved minutes at today's meeting. So, I wouldn't defer this to a future meeting.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay. I will move to approve the minutes with the change on page seven, changing the word estuaries and the time signature following it to now read unintelligible within parentheticals.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'll second that.

CHAIR GREENE: Excellent. Thank you. We have a motion from Commissioner Johnson to pass the minutes from August 11, 2026 and a second from Commissioner Hughes with the changes. All in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Hearing none, thank you very much Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Johnson for straightening that out.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the August 11, 2026, Board of County Commissioner meeting minutes as amended – replace the word "estuaries" on page 7 with "unintelligible." Commissioner Hughes seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

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CHAIR GREENE: On to the Consent Agenda.

4. Consent Agenda (Action Items)

A. Final Order for Case No. 26-5100 Uno Mas, LLC Subdivision. Uno Mas, LLC, Applicant, Integrity Land Planning, LLC, Agent, Requested Approval of a Conceptual Plan, Affordable Housing Agreement, Preliminary Plat, and Final Plat for a 30-Lot Residential Subdivision on ±14 Acres. (Growth Management Department/Kenneth Quintana)

B. Resolution No. 2026-112, A Resolution Accepting Grant Agreement SAP 26-K2489-GF for the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System, Confirming and Ratifying the County Manager's Signature on Grant Agreement SAP 26-K2489-GF on Behalf of Santa Fe County, and Designating Additional Authorized County Personnel for Grant Administration. (Public Works Department/Scott Kaseman and Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera)

C. Resolution No. 2026-113, A Resolution Accepting Grant Agreement SAP 26-K2490-GF for the Bulk Water Station Project, Confirming and Ratifying the County Manager's Signature on Grant Agreement SAP 26-K2490-GF on Behalf of Santa Fe County, and Designating Additional Authorized County Personnel for Grant Administration. (Public Works Department/Ira Roybal and Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera)

D. Resolution No. 2026-114, A Resolution Accepting Grant Agreement SAP 26-K2491-GF for a Water Infrastructure Feasibility Study, Confirming and Ratifying the County Manager's Signature on Grant Agreement SAP 26-K2491-GF on Behalf of Santa Fe County, and Designating Additional Authorized County Personnel for Grant Administration. (Growth Management Department/Andrew Harnden and Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera)

E. Resolution No. 2026-115, A Resolution Accepting Grant Agreement 26-K3232 (Control No. C5263232) for the New Mexico Highway 14 Turquoise Trail Extension, Confirming and Ratifying the County Manager's Signature on Grant Agreement 26-K3232 (Control No. C5263232) on Behalf of Santa Fe County, and Designating Additional Authorized County Personnel for Grant Administration. (Public Works Department/Robert Walton and Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera)

F. Resolution No. 2026-116, A Resolution Accepting Grant Agreement 26-K3234 (Control No. C5263234) for the Signs and Median Islands in the Tesuque Area, Confirming and Ratifying the County Manager's Signature on Grant Agreement 26-K3234 (Control No. C5263234) on Behalf of Santa Fe County, and Designating

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Additional Authorized County Personnel for Grant Administration. (Public Works Department/Ira Roybal and Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera)

G. Resolution No. 2026-117, A Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Road Maintenance Fund (204) and Road Projects Fund (311) in a Total Amount of $421,321 for Previously Approved Local Government Road Fund Projects. (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Works Department/Brian Snyder)

H. Resolution No. 2026-118, A Resolution to Authorize the Disposition of Fixed Assets in Accordance with State Statute. (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera)

I. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 6 to Memorandum of Agreement No. 2022-0140-CSD with The Life Link for Fiscal Intermediary Services for the Engage Program, Increasing the Compensation by $41,120 for a Total Amount of $296,064, and Extending the Term Through December 31, 2027; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order. (Community Services Department/Coy Maienza and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)

J. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 2024-0046-FD/BT with Shane Therapeutics, LLC, Increasing Compensation by $126,311 for a Total Contract Amount Not to Exceed $353,751, Inclusive of NM GRT, and Extending the Term through December 7, 2027; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order. (Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)

K. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 10 to Agreement No. 2021-0020-PW with the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps to Provide Resource Management Services on County Open Space Properties, Increasing the Compensation by $55,159 for a Total Contract Sum of $362,028.85, Inclusive of NM GRT, and Extending the Term of the Agreement to December 23, 2027; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s). (Growth Management Department/Monica Harmon and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)

M. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 10 to Agreement No. 2018-0036-CSD with Vista Grande Library, Increasing the Compensation by $70,000 for a Total Contract Amount Not to Exceed $572,000, Inclusive of NM GRT, and Extending the Term Through August 31, 2027; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order. (Community Services Department/Jennifer N. Romero and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)

N. Request (1) Approval of Change Order No. 1 to Agreement No. 2026-0327-PW with Road Runer Plaster & Drywall, LLC, Increasing Compensation by $461,470.59 for a Total Contract Sum of $2,241,842.62, Exclusive of NM GRT; and (2) Delegation of

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Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order. (Public Works Department/Robert Lambert)

CHAIR GREENE: We have a number of items here. Is there anything that people would like to take off of there?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I'll move to approve their Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Second it.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you. Excellent. I'm going to, just out of a matter of policy and from my own thing, I do like Item L, just to make a comment about that is that okay if we pull Item L?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Fine with me.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay. Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I agree.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay, thank you. So, removing Item L just for consideration. So, all items on the Consent Agenda except for Item L on the Consent Agenda. We've got a motion from Commissioner Johnson, second from Commissioner Cacari Stone. All in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Hearing none, thank you very much.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 4L. Commissioner Cacari Stone seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you. Item L will come up just in a bit. Moving on to Item 5, section 5. Consideration of Commissioner Proclamations, Resolutions, Recognitions and other items. Item A, request for approval of a Proclamation proclaiming September 2026 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and encouraging community participation in the State of New Mexico's Free ABC Suicide Intervention Training Program. Commissioner Bustamante, please.

5. Consideration of Commissioner Proclamations, Resolutions, Recognitions and/or Other Items (Action Items)

A. Request Approval of a Proclamation Proclaiming September 2026 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" and Encouraging Community Participation in the State of New Mexico's Free ABC Suicide Intervention Training Program. (Commissioner Camilla Bustamante)

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Chair Greene and

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Commissioners, fellow Commissioners. Yes, we've been approached and asked to sponsor this, and as it goes New Mexico is fifth in the nation for suicide which puts us way up there. The majority, unfortunately, we have a number who have been adolescents, but we're also seeing a lot of suicide in our older populations. Compared to the national average, we have approximately 25 per 100,000 residents. Nationally, it's approximately 17 to every 100,000 residents and men die at a suicide rate much higher than women, about three times higher than women, men are committing suicide, and the most important thing about this is that suicide is preventable, right? It's something that if we're aware and we're paying attention or we're getting information to people who may not know that they have resources available to them. If you've known anyone who has done such, you know, I knew a young man and he didn't know that even though his girlfriend had left him, there was still hope after this. Seventeen years old. There is more life after our darkest days and there are a number of reasons. We don't have the mental health support in the State that we could have to really address this problem, but now through ABC Suicide Intervention Training, which is free. It's free to anyone and everyone at Santa Fe Community College. We want to make sure that we get the word out regarding this month and always, and any desire to learn more about suicide prevention, this is a recognized and tested, it's an accredited Suicide Prevention Program is what I'm trying to say. So, what I do want to say with regard to the Proclamation, is that it's evidenced based, I think is where I was trying to go. So, for this month, in recognition of the importance of evidence-based, informed suicide prevention education and encourages all residents, businesses, schools, faith communities, nonprofit organizations, health care providers, first responders, employers, Veteran organizations, and civic groups to participate in Suicide Prevention Awareness activities throughout September. I would like to just openly ask County Management to see that people in our County know that this training is available and that it's free and that they'd be encouraged to attend this training. Also, be it further proclaimed that this includes Santa Fe County's efforts to strengthen the promotion of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and the availability of the ABC Suicide Intervention Program through existing communication channels including the County website, social media platforms, newsletters, community calendars, employee communications, public facilities, libraries, recreation and senior centers and other appropriate public outreach efforts to the extent these suggestions may be implemented in our community. So, we really want to see it everywhere this month. We're still earlier in the month. We have an opportunity to get the word out there. This training is free and we should all know about it. So, do we have any comments from you all?

CHAIR GREENE: Commissioner Johnson?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair, thank you Commissioner

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Bustamante. I appreciate you bringing this forward. A friend of mine, several years ago now, but her daughter committed suicide and it's just such a tragedy when a parent loses a child, a mother loses a son. You know, we sometimes feel helpless about what we can do in the face of someone who's suffering and training is exactly what you need. How do you talk to someone? How do you approach a subject? How do you show people that there are paths forward? So, I think this is important. It also just brings to mind the importance of our crisis services that we fund through the CSD and it's an unnecessary loss, so.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Hughes?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes, thank you for bringing this forward. I have a niece who either committed suicide or had an overdose and it was quite tragic. Quite tragic. She was, I think about 20 years old. So, thank you for bringing this forward and maybe I'll take the course.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Commissioner Hughes. Commissioner Cacari Stone?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair, thank you Commissioner Bustamante for bringing this forward, sponsoring it, but also for the resources. You know, I think that if we look at trends in Santa Fe County, the highest suicide rates are also amongst Latino and LGBTQIS2+ youth. Those are national trends. I think that our young people need role models. They need to know help is on the way and where to go and intergenerational trauma, I think, leads them to this dead-end street. So, I look forward to our Multi-Use Youth Behavioral Health Center when it opens, that we can provide also with that resource, reprieve for the families and many of us have been touched by suicide. Thanks.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Commissioner Cacari Stone. Maybe some of you know, some of you don't probably. I grew up in a household where suicide was front and center. My mother attempted suicide all through my teen years and then, regrettably, managed to die by suicide when I was 20 years old here in Santa Fe and this is one of the gaps of New Mexico. I was lucky enough to be raised in New York State for most of my youth where the mental health system was much more robust than New Mexico's. I do attribute the failures of the State here as to one of the reasons why my mother was successful or not successful, however you want to look at it, and I thank you for bringing this forward. This is near and dear to me, and I would have co-sponsored it with you gladly, but I do want to make sure that every resource is made available to everybody. That they know that in times of crisis we have the 988 phone number and then times when you get past the crisis that we have other support systems and all different levels and to hear this program at the community college is amazing. We should support it. We should put information in all of our HR manuals for our internal

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communications here at Santa Fe County and as a resource to the families of Santa Fe County, and we need to make sure that other people don't suffer. It's tough and it is, there's definitely ways through it and we need to bring resources for that. So, thank you for bringing this forward. I do want to reiterate that if you are hearing this and this triggers something in you that you need to call out, please call the Crisis Help Line 988 is a Federal and State line, crisis helpline for those seeking to harm themselves. So, please call 988 if you need it please. Commissioner Bustamante?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Chair Greene, and with that I'd like to ask you to make the motion and I will second it.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you. I request approval for a Proclamation proclaiming September 2026 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and encouraging community participation in the State of New Mexico's free ABC Suicide Intervention Training Program.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I second.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Commissioner Bustamante. A motion by myself and a second by Commissioner Bustamante. All in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Hearing none, thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Chair Greene moved to approve a proclamation proclaiming September 2026 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" and encouraging community participation in the State of New Mexico's Free ABC Suicide Intervention Training Program. Commissioner Bustamante seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR GREENE: Moving on to Item 5B, request for approval of a Proclamation declaring Santa Fe County as a County for Citizenship. Commissioner Cacari Stone?

B. Request Approval of Proclamation Declaring Santa Fe County a "County for Citizenship." (Commissioner Lisa Cacari Stone)

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair Greene. Thank you, Commissioners, the public. I'd like to invite those who will be testifying and speaking on behalf of the Proclamation on Citizenship Day to please come forward. Great. While you're coming forward, I want to recognize Somos Un Pueblo Unido that was founded, and I think she left the room, but Marcella Diaz, who is a phenomenal leader, advocate and very courageous organizer who has built generations with her and after her working Statewide. Somos Un Pueblo Unido has 3,500 members. They advocate for litigation and also on human rights and workers' rights, electoral and voting rights in the process.

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They have organized grassroots campaigns and have worked on the living wage as well as responding to arrest and raids by ICE that has terrorized our community. They provide a safe space. They've also advocated for ICE being out of New Mexico jails and Somos Un Pueblo was instrumental in really orchestrating, with Mayor Coss, the Sanctuary City Policy that we have now in the City of Santa Fe, but also working back in the day with the County and we have policies on the books protecting immigrants by not cooperating with the ICE, with the detention center, for providing community services, and also for the sheriff not cooperating with ICE. So, I want to welcome you and I believe we have Gretel Barrita who will be speaking on behalf, and your name young lady?

NICOLE LAUDICINA: Hello. Yes, my name is Nicole Laudicina.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Nicole. Thank you for both. This Proclamation, I'll say a little bit about it after you're able to testify and Ms. Marcella Diaz just walked in the room, I was singing your praises. So, thank you.

MS. LAUDICINA: Perfect. Thank you. Good afternoon, Chair and Commissioners. My name is Nicole Laudicina, and I work in the Citizenship Program in Somos Un Pueblo Unido. I want to give a special thanks to Commissioner Cacari Stone for sponsoring the Proclamation and to the entire Commission for considering making Santa Fe a County for Citizenship. There's an estimated 3,000 to 3, 500 lawful permanent residents in Santa Fe County who may be eligible for U.S. Citizenship, and these people, they're our neighbors, parents, workers, small business owners and longtime community members. Many have lived here for decades, raised families, paid taxes and contributed enormously to our community here in Santa Fe. We often hear that immigrants should do it the right way, and every day we work with people who are doing exactly that, and they still face significant barriers to citizenship. The process is extremely intimidating and increasingly expensive. People may not know that they qualify or where to find trustworthy legal help or how to prepare for the English and civics requirements and access to immigration attorneys as well is extremely limited in many parts of New Mexico. That is why Somos created Ciudadanía ¡Ya!, Citizenship Now! We hold community forums, provide trusted information in Spanish, connect people with legal assistance and citizenship classes, help people determine whether they qualify for fee waivers and provide our pro se citizenship program completely free of charge. At this moment our work is more important than ever. Citizenship provides something fundamental, a permanent voice in democracy in a community that people already call home. It means the ability to vote, greater security for families, a stronger voice in decisions affecting our schools, neighborhood, workplaces and children. Our democracy can be weakened in many ways, but it can also be strengthened through concrete action. By becoming a County for Citizenship, Santa Fe County is saying, "We want you to participate. We want your voice in our democracy, and we want to help make

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citizenship attainable." We look forward to working with the County to move hundreds and eventually thousands of eligible residents from citizenship eligibility to full civic participation. We respectfully ask you to vote yes today. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you very much. Please.

GRETEL BARRITA: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Gretel Barrita, and I am a community organizer with the Ciudadanía ¡Ya! Citizenship Program at the Somos Un Pueblo Unido. Through this work, I have had the opportunity to learn the stories, dreams, and the struggles of so many people in our immigrant community. Many of the people we work with have dreamed for years in becoming a U.S. Citizen, but they didn't know where to begin, were worried about the cost or didn't have access to trusted information and help. Through our free citizen program, we are able to walk alongside them through that process, and I have seen how hard people work to prepare. I have seen how nervous they are before their interviews and exam and the most important, I have to see the joy and pride they feel when they finally receive the news that they have become a U.S. Citizen. For me, this work is about much more than helping someone complete a citizenship application. It is about people and to remind them that they are not alone. It's about giving our community the information, support, and opportunity people need to accomplish something they may have dreamed about for many years, and citizenship opens new doors. New citizens have the opportunity to raise their voices and advocate for their families and their communities. That is why we have Santa Fe County join this affair. It's so important. Through Ciudadanía ¡Ya!, Somos is already working with the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe Literacy Volunteers and Santa Fe Community Schools, Guadalupe Credit Union, Contigo Immigrant Justice, and other community partners. With the County as a partner, we can reach many more eligible residents throughout Santa Fe County and connect them with free trusted citizenship sources and support. Every new citizen represents an incredible personal achievement, but they also represent something bigger, one more voice and one more person participating in making our communities stronger. I am very proud to be part of this work, and I hope you will vote yes today to make Santa Fe County for Citizenship. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you so much. Alright.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Yes, thank you, Chair Greene. Thank you Somos Un Pueblo Unido, thank you, all of you who are leaders here for coming today. You show up for the right, you're the champions for the right reasons around workers' wages, for fair labor, for voting, and for citizenship. I'm proud to say that this Proclamation that's stated as a County for Citizenship commits Santa Fe County to joining and becoming an active member of Cities & Counties for Citizenship along with the City of Santa Fe. We will use this national partnership to connect eligible residents with trusted legal services, citizenship education, community resources working

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alongside Citizenship Now!, Somos Un Pueblo, and our local partners. I'm happy that our community services is here today to be a part of it and make sure we're part of the connector. So, with that Chair and Commissioners, we present to you the Proclamation for your discussion and hopefully vote.

CHAIR GREENE: Great. Thank you. Commissioners, any thoughts? Commissioner Hughes?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes. Well, I think enough has been said, but I certainly appreciate this Proclamation. I appreciate the program that Somos Un Pueblo Unido has to help people become citizens. Seems like a very important and new program. So, that's great and I certainly will vote yes. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you. Commissioner Johnson?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Thank you to the two speakers. Thank you, Commissioner Cacari Stone for this item for our consideration. I really liked what this first speaker said, your first name is Nicole. I'm sorry, I didn't get your last name. You know, the importance of a permanent voice for democracy for those who already live in the community, already contribute to it, already participate are already part of it and form it. So, I don't know if citizenship is arbitrary, but in many ways it seems that way when we live in a united community in Pueblo Unido. So, I'm all for this obviously. We're a welcoming and inclusive community and this underscores that. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Bustamante?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Yes, thank you very much for bringing this forward, and I'm incredibly proud of the work that's been done over the last number of decades and seeing this organization grow. It matters, right? That statement falls flat, but we're talking about a person's ability to have the home where they are and I'm grateful to be able to support this. I'm so proud that we have people who are getting ready to do their pledge allegiance and get ready to vote. Si, usted es mi hermana. Así es como se dice, te lo digo a ti.

SPEAKER2: [unintelligible]

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Felicidades. Lo siento, mi español es malo, pero yo quiero. I'm very, very proud of you. So, thank you all very much and I'm in great support of this obviously.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Commissioner Bustamante. You know, one of the favorite days of my life, and I'm sort of, seeing the last issue item that was on the agenda was so near and dear to me, and this issue is near and dear to me too. So, one of my favorite days in my life was watching my wife take the citizenship oath in Albuquerque. If you've ever gone to a naturalization ceremony, it is the best thing you've ever seen. Four hundred people from all over the world, all over the world, all

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standing up by country, some with one sole person from some small country or just unique person in the Albuquerque, New Mexico area to 250 folks from Mexican descent. It was up everywhere, all over the world and they all swore an oath to the United States, our country. This is great. We sit here and we are part of that here. So, if you have a chance, please do it. Go watch. You'll cry, you'll love America more than you do already. I also wonder if we need to start looking at things at another dimension. We here sit here as representatives at a local level and there are communities around the country that allow for a local citizenship. If you've lived in Santa Fe County for 20 years, but you haven't been able to earn citizenship at a national level, maybe you should be able to vote in our local elections. I put that out there for us to discuss. We can't do that today, and we certainly...It's not precluded by the New Mexico Constitution to the best of my knowledge, but it is something worth us discussing because, at a certain level, folks that have lived here long enough to be citizens of the United States but not eligible to be citizens, certainly could be given that right at Santa Fe County or City of Santa Fe or at some local level because you contribute to our community and you have committed yourselves to our community and you should have a voice in our community more than coming here and speaking, but by vote. I throw that out there right now just to have that conversation in the future.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair Greene, thank you Commissioners y gracias a Somos Un Pueblo para sus lideres and for your courage and coming forth on that. I make a motion that we accept the Proclamation that Santa Fe County is a County for Citizenship.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Secundo.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you. We've got a motion from Commissioner Cacari Stone, a second from Commissioner Bustamante. All in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Hearing none, bienvenidos. Thank you.

Commissioner Cacari Stone moved to approve a proclamation declaring Santa Fe County a "County for Citizenship. Commissioner Bustamante seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Could we get a photo, Daniel, with Somos as our leader's here going back to the 90s. I'd appreciate that.

CHAIR GREENE: Of course.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Please.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Also, you didn't announce, but we do have...Marcella, we have next week, right? There's a press release and also a celebration on...

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MARCELLA DIAZ: September 18th at 5:00 p.m. right here at the Santa Fe Convention Center... Oh wait, 6:00 PM.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: September 18, 2026, 5:00 p.m. for the record at the Santa Fe Convention Center at 6:00 p.m. It was wonderful last year and we participated. Thanks.

MR. FRESQUEZ: Ready? One, two, three. One, two, three.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you very much. Can we bio break after the next item?

CHAIR GREENE: Alright moving on to Item C, request authorization to publish title in general summary of Ordinance Number, to be determined, an ordinance limiting the use of County property, resources and records for civil immigration enforcement. Commissioner Cacari Stone?

C. Request Authorization to Publish Title and General Summary of Ordinance No. 2026-___, An Ordinance Limiting the Use of County Property, Resources, and Records for Civil Immigration Enforcement (the "County Facilities and Community Trust Ordinance"). (Commissioner Lisa Cacari Stone) (Item Moved) (Packet Material Added)

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you Chair Greene. We've had a lot of celebratory moments today. In some ways this isn't so celebratory because of the urgency of the creation and agitation of mass fear by ICE Homeland Security on our communities. and I'd like to invite Ms. Gina Auz, Señora Auz, Señor Ivan Cornejo, and La Señora and Lawyer Jessica Noemi Aguirre to come forth please at the mic. So, I'll go ahead and read a little introduction and then we'll have words by each of you, and this is really critical. County Facilities and Community Trust Ordinance. The urgency of safety when one of us is not safe, none of us is safe. The fear of our immigrant communities is not distal. Families are afraid every single day to go to school, work, church, the grocery store or seek medical care. Businesses have closed since the August arrest at La Familia Medical Center in the parking lot there, and may we be reminded that Santa Fe County owns the Southside land of La Familia. So, the National Immigration Law Center documents how aggressive enforcement discourages people from accessing needed health care. They also do not report crimes and they have fear of calling our County sheriff and police. The Kaiser Family Foundation found that 40% of immigrant adults reported negative health effects from immigration-related fears. This fear has far reaches beyond the immigrant community to all residents who are people of color as well as Latinos and those of mixed status family, particularly our children.

In August, advocates reported, like Allegra Love and through the County Las Cumbres and the services we provide are providing with the City, Allegra has looked into and provided legal counsel to 16 ICE arrests in Santa Fe and the surrounding

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communities. To date, we don't know the whereabouts of some of these individuals, our family, our relatives. How can we respond? Our City, our County, nonprofits, Immigrant Rights Organizations, health providers, faith communities and residents as well as the leaders that stand here today have come together with a clear message, immigrants, everybody belongs here, you belong here. Everyone deserves dignity and safety. No one should fear calling the sheriff, taking their child to the doctor or even coming to the County for essential services or to pay some of your taxes or to get a form or to go to senior services. What this Ordinance does and does not do, and I'm going to ask legal counsel, our lead attorney Walker Boyd, to weigh in after the three of you speak, because it's very clear that local ordinances and what the City of Albuquerque did and Bernalillo County as well as Doña Ana County is being confronted by the Trump Administration and being sued for declaring safe spaces of their own jurisdictional facilities and lands. This Ordinance uses our authority as Santa Fe County over our own property, our personnel, our records and our resources. It limits voluntary assistance with civil immigration enforcement. It protects confidential records and prohibits consent to enter nonpublic spaces of the County without judicial process. It's subject to lawful exceptions. It also prevents the County resources from being authorized as staging or operational basis for civil immigration enforcement. Is this enough? It's never enough and I'll close again with we are not powerless, together we are stronger and together we stand together. We are up against billions of dollars and a military operations and implementation with Homeland Security and ICE. We defend ourselves through community organizing, through local governance and standing up and say, "Ya basta," but again we're up against so much right now, but safety means safety for everyone. So, thank you, and with that I welcome comments and we'll start with La Senora Gina Auz. Gina is an immigrant from Guayaquil, Ecuador, and she came at the age of 15. I have a bio here, but I want to recognize Gina as a celebrated and respected leader, la mujer poderosa aquí in Santa Fe who thousands trust con mucha confianza to contact you, is ICE at the Kmart or the Walmart? Where are they staged? What's happening here? You have alerta a la comunidad that runs live and everyone can access right away on social media. I want to mention that Gina has five children of her own and is helping with her partner and husband J.P. Granillo to understand the system more deeply and remind them and other children how much empathy and access are still missing. I would have to say as a community we need to take care of people who take care of people, and with you Gina, I stand with you.

Next to speak will be Ivan Cornejo, who co-chairs with Marcella Diaz the Task Force, Immigrant Task Force that is supported by the City of Santa Fe and that Task Force came out of the 1990s Original Sanctuary Policy, and also called for you to work as an Immigrant Task Force Committee, which brings a lot of network. You're a trusted respected leader. I listen to you when you speak, and I want to thank you for your

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responses and your humble ability to bring people together Ivan and I want to say as a first-generation college educated, I'm sure your parents are very proud of you and your college education and what you're doing for many in terms of your leadership. So, thank you.

Next, we have Jessica Noemí Aguirre who is an attorney with Contigo Immigrant Justice. Contigo was the former Dreamers New Mexico and has really brought in many lawyers to work with this organization. She's the first-generation daughter of immigrants. She works on a variety of immigration related matters including family-based citizenship applications and humanitarian relief for children of survivors of a crime. She has her JD from the UNM Law School. So, here we have our homegrown fabulous leaders. So, if you each can make a comment and then I'd ask Attorney Boyd and then we go to the Commissioner's comments. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Gina. Take it away please, welcome.

GINA AUZ: Good afternoon. Thank you. Commissioner Cacari. My name is Gina Auz, but I gave you a paper in English, I want to say it in Spanish because I feel more comfortable because I'm new at this. Lo yo no es siempre lo correcto. Y lo correcto no es lo que [inaudible] dicta. La historia nos ha demostrado que muchas leyes han sido injustas, y que demasiadas veces la sociedad ha normalizado conductas que lastiman a comunidades enteras. Y si no aprendemos del pasado, no podremos avanzar hacia un futuro más justo. Hoy estamos aquí para reconocer esa verdad y para corregirla. La comunidad Latina representa el 12.1 por ciento de Santa Fe, y aporta de manera esencial a la economía y el bienestar del condado. No somos cifras. Somos familias, trabajadores, estudiantes, vecinos. Somos parte de esta comunidad. Por eso, es fundamental que Santa Fe rechace el programa 287(g). Este programa convierte a la policía local en agentes de migración y abre la puerta a perfiles raciales, de tensiones injustas y miedo a nuestra comunidad. Rechazarlo no es un gesto político. Es una decisión que protege derecho, evita abusos, y permite que las familias vivan un poco más en paz en medio de este caos. Significa que aquí la policía sirve a la comunidad, no a ICE. También es clave el CAT, Community Action Team, este equipo reune instituciones y líderes comunitarios, para identificar brechas en servicios y proponer soluciones reales para las familias inmigrantes. No es simbólico. Es una herramienta estratégica para mejorar accesso a salud, educación y vivienda, información, y protección. Es un espacio donde la comunidad tiene voz y donde se puede construir mejoras concretas. La ordenanza es un paso hacia un Santa Fe más seguro y más humano, un Santa Fe que avance hacia un condado más justo e inclusivo, donde cada familia, sin importar su estado migratorio, idioma o identidad puede sentirse protegida, escuchada, y valorada. Afirmar que la dignidad es una persona no depende de

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documentos, fronteras, categorías legales, sino de la humanidad que compartimos. Con esta ordenanza del condado, asume su responsabilidad moral de cuidar a todos los contribuyentes y de construir un futuro donde nadie sea excluido por quien es o de donde viene. Un Santa Fe que reconoce que todos somos parte de la misma comunidad. Gracias.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Gracias Gina, y compromiso. Chair Greene, I just want to read highlights from what she shared in English.

CHAIR GREENE: Sure.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Is that okay? Thank you, Gina. What is human is not always what is right and what is right is not always what the law dictates. The Latino Community represents 12.1% of Santa Fe and contributes in essential ways to the County's economy and overall well-being. We are not numbers, we are families, workers, students and neighbors. We are a part of this land, that is why it is crucial for Santa Fe to reject the 287(g) Program. The Community Action Team is also essential. That's part of what the County provides. This team brings together institutions and community leaders to identify gaps in services and propose real solutions for immigrant families. This Ordinance is a step toward a safer and more humane Santa Fe, a Santa Fe moving toward a more just and inclusive County where every family regardless of immigration status, language or identity can feel protected, heard and valued. Gracias, Gina.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Commissioner, thank you Gina. Who is up next?

JESSICA AGUIRRE: Good afternoon, Chair and County Commissioners. Thank you, Commissioner Cacari Stone, for the lovely introduction. So, briefly I am a managing attorney at Contigo Immigrant Justice. Our organization provides direct legal representation to immigrants throughout the State as well as advocates for policy that promote dignity, justice, and equity for the immigrant community. I am also a member of the City of Santa Fe Immigration Committee, and I am here in strong support for Commissioner Cacari Stone's proposed Ordinance, Ordinance Number TBD. This proposed Ordinance ensures that the County does not use any resources to assist with enforcing federal immigration laws. Our County Government should use its limited resources to help build stronger and safer communities, not enhance the Federal Government's already overloaded immigration enforcement resources to terrorize our communities. Involvement of local government in the enforcement of federal civil immigration laws deteriorates community trust. When vulnerable groups feel that they cannot trust law enforcement, survivors of domestic and sexual violence, as well as survivors of other violence do not speak up or escape

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their victimization due to fear of detention and deportation. This Ordinance will not limit or prevent law enforcement officials from arresting a person who has been charged with a crime, but it will safeguard sensitive information from being shared with immigration and customs enforcement. Without this Ordinance, the possibility of immigrants who are being arrested and held under suspicion of a crime are being reported to ICE before they are even convicted of committing a crime. This clearly violates the individual's presumption of innocence and traps them in the deportation system. Passing this Ordinance would not make anyone immune to the consequences of crimes, but rather confirms that due process is enshrined at the County level. In passing, common-sense policies that further protect the immigrant community from rogue enforcement schemes, the County sends a message, immigrants are safe and welcome here.

Moreover, this Ordinance would restore community trust in local governance and ensure that we are upholding the values of our County as one that is welcoming to vulnerable communities. As it stands, ICE is heavily funded, having received several multibillion-dollar funding packages through Congress amounting to approximately $145 billion during the current executive administration and congressional tenure. They do not need additional local funding to enforce their unconstrained violence of our local communities. Right now, approximately 70% of individuals in ICE detention have no criminal convictions. ICE's priorities are clear and as a County we do not need to uphold those values as our own. I respectfully ask that the Commission consider and adopt this Ordinance to protect our communities from undue harassment by Federal Immigration Enforcement and, as a County, we do not have to be complicit. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you very much. Ivan, please.

IVAN CORNEJO: Bueno las tardes presidente, comisionados. Good afternoon, Chair, Commissioners, County staff. So, just as Gina and Jessica, I am here today to express my support for the proposed county facilities and Community Trust Ordinance. I know this Ordinance is about trust, it's about safety and good government. Every resident here should feel safe calling law enforcement, reporting a crime, seeking medical assistance or accessing County services without fearing that their interaction with local government could potentially lead to unrelated immigration consequence or being a bystander deportation. This is not about fully preventing federal agencies from carrying out their responsibilities, but it is about clearly defining the role of the Santa Fe County and ensuring that County resources, personnel, facilities, and records are used to serve our community not to facilitate unlawful immigration detentions or create fear in the community. This clear policy can also protect our County

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employees. They all deserve to know exactly what they can and cannot do when outside law enforcement agencies request to access County facilities, information or individuals in County custody. When people trust their local government, they are more likely to report crimes. They are more likely to seek help, they are more likely to cooperate with law enforcement and, more than anything, access the services that they need. That makes all of our County and community safer. I thank you Commissioner Lisa Cacari Stone and the County Commission for bringing this forward. I respectfully urge the Commission to continue moving forward with this important measure. A community that trusts its public safety and protecting that trust benefits every resident in Santa Fe County. Muchas gracias de nuevo, comisionada Lisa Cacari Stone.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you. Commissioners? Commissioner Hughes? Oh sorry, Attorney Boyd, that's correct, yes.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair.

ATTORNEY BOYD: Chair Greene and Commissioner Cacari Stone, I'm happy to stand for any specific questions you have about the Ordinance, but I've reviewed it and I've signed it as I think I'm confident it's consistent with State and Federal Law. So, again I would stand for any specific questions you have about this, and I think my colleagues at the dais spoke more beautifully to the issue than I possibly could.

CHAIR GREENE: Commissioner Hughes?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, I think this is very important that people feel comfortable with the County services and the sheriff and not feel threatened by us. I think ICE is particularly the evil thing here and I'm not happy with it. I think Trump is the actual criminal, and a lot of this messiness is to cover up all of his crimes including those that may have occurred here with Jeffrey Epstein. I think it's pretty clear that he has sexually abused a lot of young women. So, I just can't, I know that's not related to this, but I can't avoid thinking about that when we pass this because I think he's the real criminal. So, anyway this is an important Ordinance, so thank you for bringing it forward.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Commissioner Hughes. Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair, thank you Commissioner Cacari Stone. Thank you to the three of you for speaking very eloquently to this subject. ICE is a virus. It's, I mean, it creates a disease in the community as was stated by all of you. You know, the stress, the fear, the sort of inability to move about your daily life because there's something that haunts you is just a tragedy. It's not how we build community, it's not how we operate as, it's not how we should operate as a society. As Commissioner Hughes mentioned, Washington is really sick. They don't mind the sort of torture of innocent people, people who come to this place to seek a better life or opportunity to be with family, whatever their reasons are. Our violation of their rights

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through ICE's actions are unacceptable. So, anything that the County can do to mitigate that, to protect and to, as was mentioned by multiple speakers, you shouldn't be afraid to go pay your taxes. You're paying your taxes. You shouldn't be afraid to go seek medical attention. You're trying to help your kid who has an illness. So, the actions of ICE are totally disgusting. I am appalled whenever they're noted in the news and, Gina, I appreciate your informal, not informal, it was very formalized, but sort of the way that you leveraged social media to connect community in ways that we can't always do. The County can only do so much through press releases and such. So, your network's really important and the work of your colleagues, I really appreciate your work. So, let's vote yes.

CHAIR GREENE: Great. Commissioner Bustamante?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Yes, thank you. Everything that's been said is pertinent. It's very important that people are safe here. I think the number one thing that just keeps rolling through my head is the worst of the worst. I spent my time on, I don't know if it was Prime or Netflix watching every single possible drug cartel show I could to get a handle on what's going on and those aren't the people that we're picking up. That has absolutely nothing to do with kids being incarcerated and people who are trying to make a living and live. This is, you know, where's the worst of the worst? I have to say I agree with Commissioner Hughes. We've got the worst of the worst sitting where we're sitting. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you. It's always great to see Santa Fe County doing its part and I don't know you ma'am, but I do know two of you that have testified up here, and I really love your work. So, thank you, and I'm sure all three of you do amazing work in these communities. Fantastic. I do want to say I support this, but I also want us to be proactive. So, in this world of AI and all sorts of data that we put out there, we need to very proactively make sure that whatever we're putting out there doesn't identify folks in our community. It's not just making property inaccessible to ICE or things like that. It is making sure that everything that we can do to protect our citizenry and our residents is done so that we don't create a digital trail that can be used in ways that we might think are inappropriate by this Ordinance, but that there's another way of being utilized that is not expressively precluded by this Ordinance. So, I'm in support of this and Commissioner, take it away.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair Greene. I just wanted for the public, if Attorney Boyd, when we introduce an Ordinance, if you could describe the public legal process it goes through because it will come for a vote, not today, but for September 29, 2026.

ATTORNEY BOYD: Thank you, Chair Green and Commissioner Cacari Stone. Yes, before the Board today is a consideration of a vote to publish this Ordinance or actually publishing notice of intent to adopt this Ordinance. So, a summary of the

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Ordinance will be published in the Santa Fe New Mexican shortly after today's vote, assuming that the Board votes to proceed with giving notice. Then there will be a hearing likely on September 29, 2026 where the Board can consider public testimony in support or in opposition to the Ordinance. At that time, the Board will make a decision as to whether to adopt the Ordinance as currently drafted, it can also consider amendments so long as they're reasonably related to the original Ordinance that was published. Yeah, that's the overall process. So, again today not here for adoption of the Ordinance itself. We're just considering publishing notice of intent to adopt and there will be a hearing on the September 29, 2026 if the Board votes yes today.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair Greene, thank you Attorney Boyd. Thank you, Ivan, Jessica and Gina. I just want to mention also I've been working, since the August incident in La Familia, evenings, weekends we've spent, these leaders, we had sort of like a public town hall. It was meant to be a working group, but County Manager Shaffer came, Chanelle Delgado came, as well as Warden Williams and the Mayor was there. I want to thank Councilor Castro, Councilor Pilar Faulkner, Councilor Bustamante, and also Councilor Lee Garcia who was part of us going up to meet with Las Campanas to debrief. There's been a lot of activity and particularly Councilor Castro and Councilor Faulkner have tried to coordinate and Mayor Garcia and them are going to be introducing something in the next week or two that's comparable to the Safe Spaces and building public trust. So, again while it's not a working group, we're working it, City and County together. So, with that, I move to adopt, to propose, let me get the right language, hang on. I may pivot. Move to adopt a request authorization to publish title and general summary of Ordinance Number 2026, an Ordinance limiting the use of County property, resources and records for Civil Immigration Enforcement. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR GREENE: We have a motion from Commissioner Cacari Stone, a second from Commissioner Johnson. All in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Hearing none, let's put it in the newspaper and hear this in a couple weeks. Thank you.

Commissioner Cacari Stone moved to approve to authorize publication of title and general summary of Ordinance number 2026-___, An Ordinance ; limiting the use of County property, resources, and records for Civil Immigration Enforcement (the "County Facilities and Community Trust Ordinance"). Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR GREENE: Do we have one more, quick?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Yeah.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay. No, you're fine. Alright. That's alright.

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Okay. Legacy recognitions.

6. Legacy Recognitions (Action Items)

A. None.

CHAIR GREENE: Appointments and reappointments.

7. Appointments and Reappointments (Action Items)

A. ITEM WITHDRAWN.

CHAIR GREENE: Item A was withdrawn.

B. Request Appointment of Four New Members to the Water Policy Advisory Committee. (Growth Management Department/Andrew Harnden)

CHAIR GREENE: Item B request for appointments for four new members of the Water Policy Advisory Committee, WPAC.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: [unintelligible]

CHAIR GREENE: Sorry?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: [unintelligible]

CHAIR GREENE: After that.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: What item?

CHAIR GREENE: WPAC. If that's okay.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I thought we were going to break.

CHAIR GREENE: I know. Well, we're going to talk about water. We'll really have to go. Andrew, do you want to come join us and tell us who should be on WPAC?

ANDREW HARNDEN (Water Planner): Okay. Yes. Good afternoon, everybody, Chair Greene and the Commissioners? The item before you is a request appointment of four new members to the Water Policy Advisory Committee. Staff requests the Board of County Commissioners consider the appointment of up to four County residents to serve on Santa Fe County's Water Policy Advisory Committee. Pursuant to Resolution Number 2024-038, WPAC is a 19-member Advisory Committee to the Board. Matters considered by the WPAC includes sustainable utility services, domestic water supply and conservation, wastewater management, reclamation, irrigation, drought management, flood prevention and control, and water reuse in the

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County and region. Members serve three-year terms and there is no limit to the number of terms a member can serve. Currently, there are 10 active members whose terms expire May 15, 2027. Members on WPAC must reside within the County's exterior boundaries and are expected to be of diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise within the water sector. Section 7 of the Resolution identifies areas and organizations from which voting members shall be appointed to achieve representation and diversity where practical. Currently there are nine vacant positions on WPAC. The Board may appoint all four candidates or select among the candidates for appointment. Current and proposed membership representation identified in Section 7 of the Resolution, again which is Number 2024-038 is summarized in the staff memo. The proposed four appointments are: Maya Clifford, General Manager of the Eldorado Area Water and Sewer District. Blake Lewis of the New Mexico Acequia Association. Claudia Borchert, New Mexico Environment Department, and Stewart Alsop, currently on the Board of Trustees of Trout Unlimited. Again, through the layout of the existing numbers is in the staff memo as well as proposed appointments. The recommended action is for the Board to consider appointment of up to four County residents to serve three-year terms on the Water Policy Advisory Committee effective September 8, 2026 being today through September 8, 2029. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Andrew. Commissioner Bustamante, you are the resident member of WPAC and so would love to hear your thoughts.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I am and I'm very grateful that we have some real heavy hitters who are available. We really do. We have people with great experience who continue to volunteer to be with this Committee that actually works pretty hard and I'm super grateful for them. I also see that those who have submitted their names fit well in the areas that we need them, though we're sort of running weak on our City and our Members At Large. So, right now we're looking at, it sounds like we have enough people who have applied to fill the spaces that we have, and then we also have an individual who sent his letter of interest to the Manager's Office, and I understand that he's not able to be here, but Gabe can read a letter from him. I don't know, because his name isn't on this list, so it looks like he didn't make it onto this list but then we got the letter. Greg found it in his box and went to you, and Gabe has a letter that he would like to read on behalf of this particular applicant. The only difference is that the other applicants don't have an opportunity to speak, but I guess if they would've been here, I would leave that to you Chair if you want to allow this particular applicant to be there, and his name is Carl Dickens and he's very knowledgeable. So, I just put that out there.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay, just for discussion purposes, was this somebody that was applying but just sent it to the wrong email or something in this?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: No, he sent it. It just didn't get found. It

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just didn't make it to the main list.

CHAIR GREENE: Is this an either or is this for one of the other openings?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I think that there's adequate...That everyone who has applied, including Mr. Dickens, that we have appointment space for, for him as well. Is that correct, Andrew?

MR. HARNDEN: I believe so, when you can you look at the representation provided for another resolution, including Section 7a Water Systems. So, I believe Mr. Dickens would be aligned with that. I believe he resides in the Central Planning Area Section 7f and a number of members from there already, and a subjectively broad water sector experience in the area.

CHAIR GREENE: Obviously a Member At Large.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Yes, and actually he is with the City of Santa Fe Water Department. So, he works with the City. He had opted at last round, he had been on it for years, and was an ex officio member, and it became very apparent that given his role with the City, he's very active and has a lot to offer by way of our understanding of what's happening with the City and the County. So, I saw that, Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I just wanted to clarify. We could vote in five members and that would be fine according to our rules. Manager Shaffer?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you. I would defer the Open Meetings Act issue to the County Attorney. I just wanted to clarify that the call for applications specified folks were to submit them to Mr. Harnden, and so this came to my attention after we had processed through the ordinary course, the letters of interest that had been submitted. So, I did forward Mr. Dickens' letter to Mr. Harnden, and he's already reached out to Mr. Dickens to process that out of cycle, if that's the will of the Board, but I did want to clarify why it was that Mr. Dickens was not included in this batch. It's because his information was sent to the County Manager's general mailbox as opposed to Mr. Harnden's. So, when it was brought to my attention, it's now been forwarded to Mr. Harnden to process. So, if you could delay until his letter of interest has been processed, again, or if Mr. Boyd indicates that five would be appropriate given the Agenda, you could appoint Mr. Dickens now at the pleasure of the Board.

CHAIR GREENE: Attorney Boyd?

ATTORNEY BOYD: Chair Greene and Commissioners, the Open Meetings Act requires that the Board's Agendas identify items of discussion or action with reasonable specificity, and I believe that because...Well, my opinion is that because a less specific item simply saying that the Board may consider appointing members to the Water Policy Advisory Committee would be sufficiently specific for the Open Meetings Act, that there's no Open Meetings Act violation by the Board taking action on this

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appointment specifically. Now, that doesn't address the potential process issues that have just been discussed about it being considered somewhat out of cycle.

CHAIR GREENE: So, let me ask another couple questions if I may. Well, I'm the Chair, I guess I get to ask questions, but when is the next WPAC meeting?

MR. HARNDEN: Commissioner Greene, the next WPAC meeting is day after tomorrow, Thursday September 10, 2026.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay. If Mr. Dickens wanted to attend as a member of the public to "get up to speed," but still be subject to the next meeting, us properly going through whatever process he could attend, the Chair could acknowledge him and he could get up to speed, he just wouldn't get to vote but he could be there, right?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair? He's been going to all meetings.

CHAIR GREENE: Right.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: The other thing that I'd like to be transparent about is he had asked, "Well then how do I do it?" and I said, we had had a meeting about the open, and I said, "Send it to the Manager's Office." So, I would like to take some responsibility for it not going to directly to Andrew Harnden. At the same time he did send it to the Manager's Office, but I had to ask the Manager earlier last week if you had seen it in your email, and he had not. So, the delay was somewhat, I would say on our end, and I'm going to take responsibility for who I had him send it to and that would have been before a Manager Shaffer took his daughter to college.

CHAIR GREENE: I believe so.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: So, he did get it in, in ample time, it just didn't get to Andrew in ample time, and we can tell Mr. Dickens that I directed him in the wrong, you know, I had him send it to the wrong place, but had things gone normally, it would have gone from the Manager's Office to Harnden. Sarah looks confused.

CHAIR GREENE: So, yeah. So, just as a matter of process, instead of forcing this, if he's ready, willing and able and the five of us seem like we're going to encourage, we would but for a process, could he wait until the September meeting? He shows up later this week and then we do that, right? It's just to not have any phone calls from some of the usual suspects saying your process is...

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: No problem.

CHAIR GREENE: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I just want to disclose that it was a hiccup on my part, but I don't think that Mr. Dickens would have a problem with that.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Chair, thank you everyone. It sounds wonderful, and thank you Commissioner Bustamante and County Manager, for you bringing the names forward. So, are you proposing we table this and then we vote all...

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CHAIR GREENE: No.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: ...at once?

CHAIR GREENE: No, no....

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I just want to be clear.

CHAIR GREENE: ...that we take the four that we have in front of us.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Okay.

CHAIR GREENE: We still have vacancies. It's not an either/or for Mr. Dickens. There's still a vacancy that he would be able to fulfill and it wouldn't be like, "Oh, Ms. Lewis or Mr. Alsop need to...," we're not making a choice out of this.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Gotcha.

CHAIR GREENE: We're just making a...

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Okay.

CHAIR GREENE: Saying, "Due to process he can come forward next meeting." Seems to clean things up a little bit better. I do have a question. Commissioner Hughes, I'll get back to me in a second.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Well, if I understood Attorney Boyd, it's okay to appoint all five at this meeting and it saves us a problem of, I don't know, putting us all...

CHAIR GREENE: It's an Agenda Item three weeks from now.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: ...but if it's okay to appoint all five this time, I mean, I know Carl Dickens to be a very good person as well as these others. I think we ought to just appoint him and be done with it. That's my opinion.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay, well, thank you. Commissioners? Commissioner Johnson?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I'm agnostic. I think we might as well just appoint everyone if we are able to and then we are going to hear from our usual suspects anyway.

CHAIR GREENE: Well, that's that doesn't mean that we work in opposition of that, but let me ask you another question while I have you. We have Buckman Direct Diversion, it's Section 7h? Any reason we haven't put somebody forward for that?

MR. HARNDEN: Basically, we haven't received interest from a member on the board of the BDD, but again I know at least a year ago, a year and a half ago we reached out to stakeholders and said, "Hey there's, we have up to 19 positions available, provides for a lot of people of different backgrounds and areas," but we can reach out again.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay, and the same thing for something that I don't see on here, but I know that I would kind of recommend that we probably have to change a

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Resolution, which would be to include somebody from the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System. It is not a category that's on there.

MR. HARNDEN: Commissioner Greene, I guess arguably under Section 7a does mention Water Systems...

CHAIR GREENE: Oh, but that is...

MR. HARNDEN: Oh.

CHAIR GREENE: Yes, so is Buckman Direct. I mean...

MR. HARNDEN: Oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIR GREENE: Buckman Direct is a water system, Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System is a water system.

MR. HARNDEN: Okay.

CHAIR GREENE: I would parse it and say that water systems on 7a are more like mutual domestics and specific County-operated or partnered systems like Buckman Direct or Pojoaque Basin are specialized.

MR. HARNDEN: Mm hmm.

CHAIR GREENE: So, yes, go ahead, Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Well, I didn't mean to derail you Chair, I have a kind of different question or really a comment.

CHAIR GREENE: Sure.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay. I just wanted to appreciate that the four applicants that we saw, I'm happy to adhere to this. I don't know Mr. Dickens, so I would like Gabe to read the letter, but I do want to appreciate the fact that Maya Clifford who is the Executive Director of the Eldorado Water System has applied. She wrote to Commissioner Hughes and I and has great expertise in this but also represents a water system that is independent but interconnected with Santa Fe County. So, I think that it seems like a really strong team. So, I applaud you, Andrew, for getting the right applicants.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you. I personally don't want to violate protocol and process. I understand we could do that, but there's no harm, no foul if Mr. Clifford has been a part of this, or Mr. Dickens. Sorry, sorry. I appreciate Commissioner Hughes' point in this as well, but I do want to actually actively either figure out how to address Pojoaque Basin into this and maybe that's a new Resolution in the next few weeks and get recruiting for the Buckman Direct position and for the At Large position for that matter, so that maybe there's a full contingent and Mr. Dickens could join at that point. Is that...For protocol purposes?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Whatever your pleasure, Chair Greene.

CHAIR GREENE: You guys can make the motion that says, I would make

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the motion for the four that are up there. I know three of the four. Actually, I think I know all four of these and they're all great people, and I'm sure that Mr. Dickens is also great.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: You work in the interest of protocol. I mean...

CHAIR GREENE: For the matters of protocol at this moment, I will make a motion to appoint the four as recommended by staff, Ms. Maya Clifford, Ms. Blake Lewis, Ms. Claudia Borchert and Mr. Stewart Alsop to these positions.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I would like to ask, and I appreciate your motion. Since we have the other letters in the packet, that we do hear the letter that has been submitted so that we have it before the next one since we've already read the ones that are in there. Is that okay?

CHAIR GREENE: Sure.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Can we do that as part of discussion post second motion or would you can we do that now? Whichever you'd prefer.

CHAIR GREENE: Whatever you would like. Is there a second just in this, my motion.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'll second. Okay.

CHAIR GREENE: Yep.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: So, Gabe would you please read the letter from Mr. Dickens?

GABE BUSTOS (Constituent Services Liaison): Mr. Chair, commissioners, I think the
statement from Mr. Dickens was him expecting appointment tonight? It's pretty brief, but he just says that, "He regrets not being able to attend today's Commission meeting and thank you for considering his appointment of the Water Policy Advisory Committee and he looks forward to working with other Committee members to address water issues in Santa Fe County." So, that was it.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

MR. BUSTOS: Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Further discussion? Please, Mr. Johnson?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: So, yeah just since I haven't seen a resumé and I don't know this individual, I think that we're moving in the right direction with your motion.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay, thank you very much. He'll get on soon enough. We'll get him there and encourage him to show up at the next meeting and to stay as involved and....Thank you. Alright, any further discussion? Hearing none, we have a motion by myself, a second by Commissioner Bustamante. All in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Wonderful. Thank you very much.

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Commissioner Chair Greene moved to appoint Maya Clifford, Blake Lewis, Claudia Borchert, and Stewart Alsop to serve on the Water Policy Advisory Committee for three-year terms beginning September 8, 2026, and ending September 8, 2029. Commissioner Bustamante seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR GREENE: Alright, it is 4:08 p.m., we are going to take a 12-minute bio break. We will be back at 4:20 p.m., please. Thank you very much.

[Break from 1:49:48- 2:05:53]

CHAIR GREENE: We're back. It is now 4:24 p.m. and we are on to Miscellaneous Action Items. We do have a holdover that was pulled from the Consent calendar, which was Item L.

8. Miscellaneous Action Items

L. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 2025-0185-GM/TJ with PlaceMakers, LLC, Increasing Compensation by $210,291.25 for a Total Contract Sum of $371,803.25, Exclusive of NM GRT; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order. (Growth Management Department/Herbert Foster and Timothy Sintas and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)

CHAIR GREENE: Just for my purpose, we don't have to present this, I just want to say a personal policy of mine that even though it was well explained in the memo and in this, that when we have an increased compensation for significantly more than 50% of an item's original budget, I personally think that it should not fall on the Consent Agenda. So, I just wanted to say that, but it made sense and I understood the logic of this. We don't need to...Except Attorney Boyd is walking in front of the mic, but not for that purpose. So, with that, unless there's any other discussion on that item? Hearing none, I will make the motion to approve Item L, request for approval of Amendment Number 2 to Agreement Number 2025-0185-GM/TJ with PlaceMakers, LLC increasing compensation by $210,291.25 for a total contract sum of $371,803.25 exclusive of GRT and delegation of authority of the County Manager to sign purchase order.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR GREENE: Motion by myself, a second by Commissioner Johnson. All in favor, say aye.

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COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair, I have a question.

CHAIR GREENE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: So, if we held it over, so did you not have any questions about the 50% or was it just to hold it over because it was 50%?

CHAIR GREENE: Because it was, and I wanted to open it up for discussion if there was and I think as a policy, maybe that's one of those things that should become a policy that if something increases significantly beyond 50% or like adding another year. Like if it's an increment of, "Oh, we did $150,000 last year and we're going to go for three more years at $150,000, plus or minus inflation..."

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Right, right.

CHAIR GREENE: ...then it makes sense to do that do that, but if it is such a different scope and scale then it should be...

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: So, we're holding it over for the purpose of understanding that when it's over by 50%, then we would have this held over?

CHAIR GREENE: Yeah, yeah, then it should just be as a Miscellaneous Action.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: We wouldn't have any questions about it right now, then?

CHAIR GREENE: I was okay with it, I just wanted to voice my opinion of that.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Yes. Yes, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Also, I don't know, I haven't been, Chair but I support you being able to look at Agenda Items with our County Management ahead of time and either approving or not or asking questions. So, don't you have that authority as well?

CHAIR GREENE: I did, it just came late in the Agenda.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Oh okay. I just wanted to make sure.

CHAIR GREENE: Like my meeting was pushed past the initial agenda.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: So, and it made sense, but I just wanted to voice this and I think it's a policy that we should adopt, but that'll be up to us in the next few weeks or months. So, we have a motion by myself, a second by, I'm sorry...

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Me.

CHAIR GREENE: ...who was the second by? Commissioner Johnson. All in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Hearing none, thank you for letting me say my piece.

Commissioner Chair Greene moved to approve Amendment Number 2 to Agreement Number 2025-0185-GM/TJ with PlaceMakers, LLC, increasing compensation by

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$210,291.25 for a total contract sum of $371,803.25 exclusive of GRT and delegation of authority of the County Manager to sign purchase order. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR GREENE: Moving on to Miscellaneous Action Items, Item B.

A. **ITEM MOVED.**

B. **Request Authorization to Publish Title and General Summary of Ordinance No. 2026-___, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2023-05 To Align with Current New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority Rules.** (Community Development Department/Jonathan Butler and Anne Wodarczyk) (Packet Material Added)

CHAIR GREENE: We have a request for authorization to publish Title and General Summary of an Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2023-05 to align the current City current New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority Rules.

JONATHAN BUTLER (Community Development Director): Chairman Greene, Commissioners, thank you all for your time and consideration. At your August 11, 2026 Board meeting, I solicited feedback and presented recommendations for potential changes to our Ordinance and Rules regarding the down payment assistance program. At that time, I stated that we would come back to you all for the formal processes of codifying those proposed changes and amending Ordinance 2023-05 to align the Affordable Housing Rules with the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authorities current rules. Today we are requesting your authorization to publish the Title and General Summary of the proposed Ordinance Amendment. As I stated when I addressed you previously, the Amendments really incorporate the State's Affordable Housing Act definitions and align our Affordable Housing Rules with MFA's current rules. It would also incorporate any subsequent changes to the State's Affordable Housing Act and MFA Rules by reference, eliminating the need to seek Board approval to ratify any subsequent changes if those entities make changes to their current rules. The Board would still reserve the right to adopt any more restrictive standards if the Board so chooses at any time. The Amendments would also increase the eligibility standard raising the standard from servicing residents whose area median incomes do not exceed 120% up to 150%. They would include tribal governments and tribal agencies as eligible applicants for affordable housing funds, they would remove the fixed percentage contribution requirement for qualifying grantees of multifamily housing to a proportional percentage, they would expand the definition of allowable fees that may be classified as affordable housing funds, and they would include a conflicts provision to govern in cases of inconsistencies in subsequent rules, ordinances and definitions. In such cases of conflict, MFAs rules and the State's Affordable Housing Act would control over any inconsistent provisions of the Ordinance. As Attorney Boyd described earlier in your previous considerations in deciding whether to authorize publication of the Title

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and General Summary, the Board is not adopting the Ordinance at this time, but it's rather initiating the formal Ordinance process and adhering to the requirements of State law for those publications, and the time periods as designated we have put those specific declarations in the memorandum for your consideration.

To comply with these statutory deadlines, staff recommends that this Ordinance come back to the Board for public hearing and potential adoption on October 27, 2026. With that, I will stand for any questions. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you. Just before we get to the other Commissioners, is there a reason it goes all the way till October 27, 2026? Is there a publishing in the timeline that...

DIRECTOR BUTLER: Yes. The MFA Act requires that no less than 45 days prior to enactment, the County shall submit a proposed Ordinance to the authority which shall review the proposed Ordinance to ensure compliance with rules promulgated by the authority pursuant to Section 6-27-8 in NMSA 1978.

CHAIR GREENE: So, that's different from our normal Ordinance adoption process and timing?

DIRECTOR BUTLER: Yes, sir.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay, great. Thank you for clarifying that. Okay, Commissioners? Nothing? Commissioner Hughes?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Oh, just a comment. I certainly appreciate this ordinance. I think it's interesting. It shows how unaffordable our housing is if we have to move up to 150% of area median income. I mean I assume lots of people in the County already own their houses and probably made it, but if you wanted to buy a house, oh my goodness. So, anyway, I appreciate you bringing forward the Resolution, the Ordinance.

DIRECTOR BUTLER: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: That's all.

CHAIR GREENE: No? Okay.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Chair Greene, I just wanted to say that I appreciate...I asked the questions when you presented it, you guys put a lot of time into it and I think it needs to be updated, modernized to align with the reality, what's happening with our community. So, thank you.

DIRECTOR BUTLER: Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you. I, too, like the fact that these are living documents. The Legislature makes changes, and we need to keep up with it. I've seen other communities sort of let their Ordinances and their plans wither so that they're not able to take advantage of programs that the State enables. So, it's great that we're staying up on these things. Moving things along. I will make a motion to approve the authorization to publish Title and General Summary of an Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2023-05 to align with current New Mexico Mortgages Finance Authority Rules.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

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CHAIR GREENE: Got a motion by myself, a second by Commissioner Hughes. All in favor, say aye. Alright, go take out an ad. Thank you.

Commissioner Chair Green moved to authorize publication of Title and General Summary of Ordinance Number 2026-05, an Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2023-05 to align with current New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority Rules. Commissioner Hughes seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you. Item C, a resolution establishing La Bajada Ranch Comprehensive Work Plan Working Group.

C. **Resolution No. 2026-119, A Resolution Establishing a La Bajada Ranch Comprehensive Plan Working Group.** (Growth Management Department/Herbert Foster) (Caption Updated) (Packet Material Added)

CHAIR GREENE: Mr. Foster?

HERBERT FOSTER (Planning Team Leader): Thank you, Commissioners. I will be very brief, I promise. I'm stepping in for Joseph Scala who couldn't be here to ask for your approval of a resolution forming a working group for La Bajada Ranch. Joseph presented the idea of a working group in some detail of La Bajada Ranch itself at the last meeting, so I won't dwell on the planning or the ranch itself, just focusing on the working group. Very briefly, La Bajada Ranch is a County-owned property. It's 470 acres. It was purchased in 2009. The Community Plan for La Cienega/La Cieneguilla calls for effective ongoing stewardship of the property and as does the County's Strategic Plan. So, this working group falls right in line with those priorities that have been expressed in those pre-planning documents. The structure of the working group would be advisory only. The meetings would be open to the public. The Resolution requires them to meet at least twice per quarter. There would be an appointed staff liaison who would, I presume, be Joseph Scala. The composition of the membership of the working group would be one community representative from La Cienega/La Cieneguilla area, four staff members, eight members appointed by the Board, one District Commissioner or their appointee. The kind of expertise or interests that we're looking in is primarily from an agriculture and this comes from a lot of the studies and recommendations that have been put forward in the past and the main task of the working group with their expertise is looking at prior work that has been done and recommending a final master plan and operations and ongoing stewardship of the property.

So, that type of expertise that we're looking at is in agriculture, specifically value-added food production in viticulture or winemaking, commercial or residential development, Water Rights or water law, tribal or pueblo interests or representation, nonprofit governance or a cooperative management, the ownership and ongoing management of the structure of the property will be important. A cold storage food hub, tourism or economic development, environmental conservation, or ecology. There

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are a lot of opportunities for using the properties, so we want to make sure that the working group is well rounded but also knowledgeable in the areas that have already been considered and explored for the property. Don't have to pay a lot of attention to the map, just an illustration to show there's been a lot of planning that has already gone on. So, one of the first tasks of the working group is to evaluate existing planning documents and then recommend updates for new studies that might be needed, look at potential management models, it could be a lease, it could be a nonprofit, some sort of institute, it could be County-owned and managed facilities and programming. We want them to evaluate different approaches to Water Rights and how to utilize the property with water resources, specifically with an eye towards agriculture. Also, assist with public engagement. I know there's a very active attentive community, has a very strong interest in what happens there. Recommend the scope objectives and the desired deliverables for various studies and then participate in and provide recommendations regarding the planning process. We have considered what we would call a charrette, like a design workshop, typically multiple day where all the experts and stakeholders and neighbors are looking at the information, the maps, instead of a much more elongated, you know, you do a draft and you get revisions and so on. Charette is a slightly different model for engagement. Then provide written reports and recommendations to the Board for ultimate adoption and approval for moving forward and fundraising and programming and capital improvements.

The Evaluation Criteria of the type of uses for the property that we want the working group to consider is the compatibility with the land and the surrounding community in the local agricultural practice. I think very clearly the preference for use and stewardship of the property is to put it in some production in agriculture, growing food. Sustainability, conservation of unique cultural, agricultural, historical, and biological resources. There are many out there. Responsible stewardship. It does represent a significant investment from the County and support for underserved or at-risk populations and how the programs or facilities might support those communities, potential economic development and social services benefits. The overall feasibility of the operation and the stewardship of the water resources and the overall community benefit and stakeholder input. Almost done. The timeline that's outlined in the Resolution is 30 days after adopting the Resolution, which could be today, we'd ask the County Manager to appoint the members and then 90 days after their first meeting, we would ask them to submit a preliminary work plan for their organization, and then a year after their first meeting to complete the evaluation of the existing studies that have been done, there are boxes of them in our office, make recommendations on the overall kind of ownership, management, operational structure. What is the business model, in other words? Then moving forward with the public engagement process and then again final recommendations of a master plan for the Board to consider. That concludes my presentation. I would just ask for your approval of the Resolution forming the working group for La Bajada Ranch.

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CHAIR GREENE: Thank you very much. Commissioners? Commissioner Bustamante?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Yes, it was my understanding that the names of those who submitted interest would be brought to the BCC to choose the participants. You just stated that the County Manager would be doing that, but I understood from the County Manager that you would be providing those to the BCC for approval.

MANAGER SHAFFER: If I could Chair and Commissioner Bustamante. So, in paragraph four of the Resolution, there are nine members appointed by the Board and then the County Commissioner representing District 3 or the Commissioner's designee. Again, all of those are County Commissioner or Board appointees. The only appointments to be made by the County Manager are County staff representing areas. You are correct, Commissioner Bustamante, and that is in paragraph four of the Resolution.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. My apologies.

MR. FOSTER: I stand corrected.

CHAIR GREENE: Excellent. Commissioner Cacari Stone?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair Greene. Thank you, Herbert. I think I'm just making the case for possibly adding two members, one from La Cienega and one from La Cieneguilla, and this of course would be up to Commissioner Bustamante, just considering the uniqueness and the interwoven history there but the uniqueness of both. So, I would propose supporting two community reps, but I'll defer to Commissioner Bustamante. I'm just advocating for two.

CHAIR GREENE: Commissioner Bustamante?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I don't have a problem with it, but I don't know that it has to necessarily be one from La Cienega and one from La Cieneguilla. This is very much on the La Cieneguilla side, and having two community members might create some kind of balance. I don't really see the difference and I do know that there have been a lot of discussions to create a separate perspective of a different community there, but in the years that I grew up in the area, that was all one big community and we've had really a couple of very divisive voices trying to create it as a substantially different location when there were shared families on both sides for generations. So, I don't know that I really want to entertain something that just further creates difference between the two communities, but having two people on that, I don't see that as a problem. I mean it could be someone from La Cieneguilla and I don't know that anyone there would have the same invested interest as those who are living proximate to the property. So, either way.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Well, Commissioner Bustamante would know best and I'm just advocating for two members because they're up against staff and all these other representatives, but I'll defer to the Commissioner who's that's their District.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I would have to say yes. I do hear the

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opportunity for having additional voices.

CHAIR GREENE: So, the obligatory two members of the community representing La Cienega/La Cieneguilla?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Yeah.

CHAIR GREENE: Then, so it could become a working group that'll consist of 15 people or would we reduce one of the eight members appointed by the Board? I mean of course the eight members by the Board could all be from La Cieneguilla if it worked out that way.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I don't really have any strong feelings either way. I did sit on the original Committee when the land was purchased, and I do hear Commissioner Cacari Stone's suggestion that it would be helpful to have an additional member. It's sort of all on that one person by way of communicating with the community and, at the same time, I'm going to be on that Committee. I think as many from the community's voice as possible, but I don't disagree with any of those placements and I have already, since we had this conversation at our last meeting, received a number of very qualified, capable, and talented people including individuals from neighboring Pueblos who I see to be very qualified and a huge opportunity who we've worked with before on the Caja del Rio stuff. So, that being said, I don't think anything's going to make it a weaker Committee. I think having one more La Cieneguilla person on there, at the risk of sounding...Kind of puts the target on both people's backs. It's a very difficult discussion. It gives two people to have the communication with the community because when people say, "What the heck? We didn't agree," it's like, "No, but this is how the conversation went," and I see a huge opportunity in that. I really do. So, I would say the same number of people and just add an additional community member. That's how I would, if that's okay with folks.

CHAIR GREENE: So, Item 4 would stay as 14 members, but Item A would be two community representatives from La Cienega/La Cieneguilla and then C would become seven?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Works for me.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay. Alright. Question. Just in regards to neighboring areas, do they have to be County residents? Like if somebody is from Sandoval County and a member of Cochiti?

MR. FOSTER: Chair and Commissioners, I'm trying to remember from the Resolution, if you can give me a moment. I don't recall that it said that it specified.

CHAIR GREENE: I don't see it here but I'm just want to make sure that I'm not missing it. So, I don't seem to see it and I just...That's the closest.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I would defer that tribal is more important than getting someone from Sandoval County...

CHAIR GREENE: No, I understand, but the tribal, like if it restricts it, if it's...

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: ...but they're tribal and they are in Sandoval County, it's their tribal that's getting them in, not the Sandoval County...

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CHAIR GREENE: Right. No, no, no...

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: ...so I see it as moot point.

CHAIR GREENE: ...not saying it's Sandoval, but I'm just saying precluding Sandoval County. If you're a Cochiti, you live in Sandoval County, "Oh sorry, you don't qualify."

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: No, they'd be Cochiti. If they're a Cochiti member and they were the ones who were chosen as a result of being a member of the Pueblo who's supported by the Governor of the Pueblo because I anticipate that the person who would be Pueblo would be someone that the Governor, from whichever tribe that they're coming from, would be accepted by or appointed, frankly, by their Governor.

CHAIR GREENE: Yep.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Which has been my experience.

CHAIR GREENE: Yep. Okay. Okay. Would you like to make the motion with those amendments or is that...

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'd like to make a motion to approve the proposed with the suggested changes to the membership for La Bajada Ranch planning.

CHAIR GREENE: You got those?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay. We have a motion from Commissioner Bustamante, a second from Commissioner Johnson. All in favor, say aye.

Commissioner Bustamante moved to approve Resolution Number 2026-119, a Resolution establishing a La Bajada Ranch Comprehensive Plan Working Group, as amended – update the working group membership on page three to include two community representatives from La Cienega appointed by the Board; and seven members appointed by the Board. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I want to explain my vote however.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay, please.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I appreciate this Resolution but I also, I notice that wine making is still on the list and I think we should consider the disadvantage of that, and I notice our next item on the Agenda regards DWI. So, I don't know, I just want to express my discomfort with winemaking as a use. All the other uses seem very much needed, food processing, agriculture, all that's very useful. I think winemaking is not something we need in this community. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thanks.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I did vote yes.

CHAIR GREENE: They can make grape juice if they so desire, and great. Thank you. Congratulations. Go to work.

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JENNIFER WILSON (Chief Deputy Clerk): Mr. Chair, just for the record did Commissioner Hughes vote nay on that?

CHAIR GREENE: He voted in the affirmative. We all did.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I voted yes.

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Let me address that. I think I completely agree and I did support the wine industry for a number of years and I still do for those who are responsible drinkers, but I sincerely hear what you're saying and it doesn't necessarily have to be a part of a County-owned or a governmental entity. It does create issues, and I pretty much always feel that if we have water that we're using to grow things, we should be growing food. So, unless it's going to be used for the sacristy, I don't really understand that since I don't, yeah, thanks.

CHAIR GREENE: Alright.

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: Mr. Chair, there's a resolution number for that item.

CHAIR GREENE: Please, go ahead.

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: For 8C, it's 2026-1-1-9.

CHAIR GREENE: 1-1-9. Excellent. Moving on to Item D, request for approval of Agreement Number 2026-0231-PW/DK with Apple Mountain Constructors, LLC in the amount of $3,189,769.07, exclusive of NMGRT, to provide construction services for the Agua Fria Wastewater Infrastructure Project Phase Three and delegation of authority to the County Manager to sign the purchase orders. Mike Hart and Bill Taylor somewhere. Mike Hart, take it away please.

D. **Request (1) Approval of Agreement No. 2026-0231-PW/DK with Apple Mountain Constructors, LLC, in the Amount of $3,189,769.07, Exclusive of NMGRT, to Provide Construction Services for the Agua Fria Wastewater Infrastructure Project, Phase III; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order.** (Public Works Department/Mike Hart and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)

MIKE HART (Project Manager): Chairman and Commissioners, this is actually for approval of a contract for construction services of Phase Three. This is the third phase of five. There's 37 streets. This will take us an additional nine streets. This went through a competitive bid process of which we had five respondents. The lowest responsible bidder was Apple Mountain, which we're recommending for approval. I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR GREENE: Great. Commissioner Cacari Stone. This is your District. Questions?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: No, I don't have any questions. I think that I just really appreciate your work Mr. Hart, and, of course, Public Works. You know, I do know in going to Agua Fria Traditional Village Meetings and especially this last one

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last Monday or Tuesday night, was there's always a question about being able to afford hookups to the sewage system and I just want to say for the public record, I want to think comprehensively how we can create solutions for that. Do we look for grants? Do we work with Mr. Brian Snyder in Public Works along with the Agua Fria Village and some foundations? I'm not sure, but I know residents can't afford the cost of the hookups but they want the sewage option there. So, I'm just putting that out there. I think we need to think about some solutions, and this is about the water hookups, Brian, the people not being able to afford it.

MR. HART: No. Unfortunately, the design of the area requires a lot of low pressure which requires a grinder which is a lot more expensive due to the topography. So, gravity systems aren't as frequently available.

CHAIR GREENE: Where is the main line that it connects to?

MR. HART: It actually occurs in multiple places, but Agua Fria as well as Rufina are the two laterals that these connect to. This phase actually is mostly in the southern part of Agua Fria, which the City maintains. The northern part of the river is actually mostly County which is in Phase Four and Five.

CHAIR GREENE: So, there needs to be a pump station somewhere?

MR. HART: Fortunately, no. There's no lift stations required as part of any of these designs.

CHAIR GREENE: So, it's still gravity fed all the way over to Rufina or Agua Fria?

MR. HART: It is, yes sir.

CHAIR GREENE: That's great, and how much are we talking about, in terms of hookups, just for...?

MR. HART: Between $25,000 and $30,000 for a grinder.

CHAIR GREENE: Per home?

MR. HART: Per home.

CHAIR GREENE: No kidding. Alright. Yeah. That's...

MR. HART: As opposed to replacing your septic system that's failing which could be easily as much.

CHAIR GREENE: Right and yes, okay. Yeah, that's real. Where do they get their water? These are all on wells, or they're getting it from the Mutual Domestic out there?

MR. HART: So, they connect to a master meter with the City and/or County and it's all distributed water. There's very few wells left. It's mostly for farming.

CHAIR GREENE: The Agua Fria Mutual Domestic System is...?

MR. HART: Yes, it's on a master meter.

CHAIR GREENE: It's on a master meter that's using City and County water...

MR. HART: Yes.

CHAIR GREENE: ...through BDD, it's not on a well?

MR. HART: Correct. They do have some wells but mostly...

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CHAIR GREENE: They have some wells.

MR. HART: ...that's not for domestic use.

CHAIR GREENE: So, it's BDD water theoretic, and it's all going to the Paseo Real Wastewater Treatment Facility?

MR. HART: Correct.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay. That goes into that greater calculation with our utilities on how we get return flow credits? That if somebody hooks up to it and is using County water...?

MR. HART: Only if it's actually part of the County's system which is south, or north of the river, I'm sorry. South is actually part of the City.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay, different conversation but it is something out there for us to think about...

Chairmen Yes.

CHAIR GREENE: ...in that. Okay. Commissioners, any further questions? Commissioner Bustamante? Nope? Commissioner Hughes? Nope? Commissioner Cacari Stone, this is you.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Yes, hang on a minute. Give me a second.

CHAIR GREENE: Item D.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Okay, make a motion that we approve the Agreement Number 2026-0231 PW/DK with Apple Mountain Constructors, LLC, in the amount of $3.1 million exclusive of New Mexico GRT to provide construction services for Agua Fria Wastewater Infrastructure Project Phase 3 and delegate authority to the County Manager to sign the purchase order.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

CHAIR GREENE: We got a motion from Commissioner Cacari Stone, a second from Commissioner Bustamante. All in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Hearing none, go build some sewers.

Commissioner Cacari Stone moved to approve Agreement number 2026-0231-PW/DK with Apple Mountain Constructors, LLC, in the amount of $3,189,769.07, exclusive of NM GRT, to provide construction services for the Agua Fria Wastewater Infrastructure Project, Phase III, and delegate authority to the County Manager to sign the purchase order. Commissioner Bustamante seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

MR. HART: Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Moving on to Item E, request approval for Agreement number 2026-0227-A-CSD with Firestik Studio to provide Countywide Public Awareness Campaign Services, providing annual compensation not to exceed $155,000 for a four-year term, for total compensation not to exceed $620,000, inclusive of NM GRT; and

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delegation of authority to the County Manager to sign the purchase orders. Chanelle and Tyler, take it away please.

E. **Request (1) Approval of Agreement No. 2026-0227-A-CSD with Firestik Studio to Provide Countywide Public Awareness Campaign Services, Providing Annual Compensation Not to Exceed $155,000 for a Four-Year Term, for Total Compensation Not to Exceed $620,000, Inclusive of NM GRT; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Orders.** (Community Services Department/Chanelle Delgado and Tyler Riemann and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)

CHANELLE DELGADO (Youth and Family Services Division Manager): Good afternoon, Commissioners and Chair. The Community Services Department in coordination with the Purchasing Division is pleased to bring forward this agreement with Firestik Studios for Countywide DWI prevention and public awareness campaign services. Under this four-year agreement, Firestik Studios will develop and implement at least two primary Countywide campaigns along with two additional campaigns each year. The primary focus will be DWI prevention and awareness while also providing opportunities for other County programs, initiatives, services, and strategic priorities as needed through alternative funding sources. All campaigns will be developed in both English and Spanish. The Agreement provides up to $155,000 per year including New Mexico gross receipts tax for a total not to exceed $620,000 over the four-year term, specifically for DWI prevention messaging. Funding in future fiscal years will be subject to available appropriations, and the County conducted a competitive request for proposals in March 2026 and received six proposals. Following the evaluation process, Firestik Studios was selected as the most qualified and responsive prosper. Firestik has also been a valued partner to Santa Fe County since I oversaw the DWI Program back in 2020 and has done some very valuable work for the County including radio, social media, digital media, bus wraps, signage, and other community outreach materials, which you have in your packet some samples of the work that they've completed for us. These campaigns have helped us reach residents across a variety of platforms with approximately 935,000 impressions in the third quarter of FY26 alone. The initial funding is budgeted through the Community Services Department's Alcohol Program Fund from DFE with the potential for other County departments to participate when funding is available. We believe this agreement will provide the County with a strong and flexible resource to continue engaging our community with meaningful bilingual DWI prevention messaging and other important public awareness efforts. Staff respectfully requests that you approve this Agreement and delegate authority to the County Manager to sign off an associated purchase orders. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Ms. Delgado. Questions from the Commission? Commissioner Bustamante?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: The only question I have, I think this is great. I really appreciate the work that you all have done, and I think this is more for

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maybe the County Manager and where, when we do the DWI, and we just passed a Proclamation for suicide prevention, that would be a whole different budget to work on getting that campaign launched this September as well? How does this work?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Vice Chair or Chair and Commissioner Bustamante, so the money that is tied specifically to this agreement now I believe does come from local DWI grants from the state. So, any additional outreach that was not using County existing resources such as social media or what have you, would have to be separately budgeted and potentially added to this contract if that was the question, but...

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Yeah.

MANAGER SHAFFER: ...I read the Proclamation to be focused on using noncreative resources, if you will, in order to push the word out relative to the suicide prevention.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Commissioner Hughes?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, just I appreciate this program. Thank you for bringing it forward. Thank you, Chanelle.

MANAGER DELGADO: Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you very much. Other Commissioners? No? Commissioner? Yes?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Nope.

CHAIR GREENE: No? Alright. What's the will of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I make a motion to approve this Item which is Item E, appointment of Agreements with Firestik Studio to provide Countywide public awareness campaign services providing annual compensation not to exceed $155,000 for a four-year term for a total compensation not to exceed $620,000 inclusive of GRT and delegation of authority to the County Manager to sign the purchase orders.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

CHAIR GREENE: We have a motion from Commissioner Hughes, a second from Commissioner Bustamante. All in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Hearing none, good job.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Agreement Number 2026-0227-A-CSD with Firestik Studio to provide Countywide public awareness campaign services, providing annual compensation not to exceed $155,000 for a four-year term, for total compensation not to exceed $620,000, inclusive of NM GRT, and delegate authority to the County Manager to sign the purchase orders. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you very much Chanelle and Tyler and team. Item F. Request for an approval of an order imposing tax rates on the net taxable value of property allocated to the appropriate governmental units within Santa Fe County for the 2026 Tax Year.

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F. Request Approval of an Order Imposing Tax Rates on the Net Taxable Value of Property Allocated to the Appropriate Governmental Units Within Santa Fe County for the 2026 Tax Year. (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera) (Item Added)

YVONNE HERRERA (Finance Director): Good afternoon, Chair, Commissioners. The order before you today is for the imposition of property tax rates on the net taxable value of property in Santa Fe County. Statute 7-38-33 requires the Secretary of DFA issue a written order to the property tax mill rates for governmental entities in New Mexico by September 1, 2026. The County received the electronic version of the order on Monday August 31, 2026 and included in their notice was the DFA's rate setting order and the Santa Fe County 2026 tax certificate. The Board's responsibility is detailed in Statute 7-38-34 is to issue its own written order imposing the tax rates within five days of receipt of DFA's order, which will then be delivered to the County Assessor. In preparation of today's meeting, the County reviewed the rates for accuracy, in addition the County shared the tax certificate with all government units included in the certificate so that they could also check for accuracy. The County worked with its financial advisor, RBC, to review the County's debt service rate and internally reviewed the operational rate using the tools provided by DFA. All taxing entities were contacted, and all positively confirmed their respective rates with the exception of Pojoaque Valley Schools who was still working with their financial advisor to review their rates as of just about an hour ago. Included in the packet was also an analysis as Exhibit D, the Certificate Mill Rate Computation Change between 2026 and 2025 tax rates per $300,000 of market value or an assessed value of $100,000. For illustration purposes, Santa Fe County resident taxpayer will see a decrease of $4.80 while nonresidential taxpayers will see no change resulting from the operational property tax rate and both residential classifications will see no changes in property tax on the debt service rate as it's the same as last year. With that Mr. Chair, I stand for any questions.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Ms. Herrera. Commissioners? Questions? Thank you for the mundane tax rate explanations and getting into the details.

MS. HERRERA: Mr. Chair, you are very welcome. It's also fun. Not really.

CHAIR GREENE: Yes. Okay, okay. Well, you put a fun face on it, yeah, and we've learned more and more over the years that I've sat here. So, it's always interesting. So, glad somebody does it and explains it to people like me. Commissioners, what is the will of the board?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Chair?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I'll move to approve and order imposing tax rates on the net taxable value of property allocated to the appropriate governmental units within Santa Fe County for the 2026 tax year.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I second it.

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CHAIR GREENE: We have a motion from Commissioner Johnson, a second from Commissioner Cacari Stone. All in favor, say aye. You've got...

MS. HERRERA: Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: ...rates. Excellent. Okay. It is now 5:05 p.m. We have the potential to skip ahead and do some public hearings. I do see two of them here for Joseph. If you want to take the...Yep, sorry for the presentation team that just walked in, but...These first two public hearings are going to be faster.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Faster?

CHAIR GREENE: Maybe...

CHAIR GREENE: Please.

13. Public Hearing(s) on Proposed Nuisance Abatement Resolution(s) - To Be Heard No Earlier than 5:00 P.M.

A. **Resolution No. 2026-120, A Resolution Finding 28 Plaza Del Cerro A Public Nuisance and Authorizing Administrative Enforcement Code Enforcement Case No. 25-8135 Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2023-04**. (Growth Management Department/Joseph A. Martinez)

JOSEPH MARTINEZ (Code Enforcement Supervisor): Chairman Greene, Commissioners, before you today is Code Enforcement Case Number 25-8135 concerning the property located at 28 Plaza Del Cerro. This is in District 1. This matter is being presented under Santa Fe County Ordinance 2023-04, the Property Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. This case began in July of 2025 when Code Enforcement staff observed the property while conducting code enforcement activities in the area. Staff observed a fire-damaged structure, an unsecured dwelling, abandoned or inoperable vehicles, significant accumulations of trash and debris, and open storage conditions. A formal investigation followed and County records confirmed that the dwelling had been damaged by a structure fire in December of 2021. The investigation also identified an extensive history of calls for service associated with the property and delinquent property taxes dating back several years. Throughout the enforcement process, Code Enforcement made repeated efforts to identify and contact a responsible party. A notice of violation was mailed to the owner of record and after the certified mailing was returned, the notice was posted at the property. Follow-up inspections confirmed that the nuisance conditions remained substantially unchanged.

A notice of written order was subsequently issued and posted; however, the County or Code Enforcement staff did not receive a response sufficient to resolve the violations and voluntary compliance was not achieved. The matter, therefore, proceeded to a Nuisance Hearing. Desiree Martinez, daughter of the property owner, Joe Michael Martinez appeared at the hearing on behalf of the family. Ms. Martinez

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explained that her father was out of town and that she was attending primarily to gather information for him. She further advised that her brother had been working on cleaning the property, but that progress had been slow as he had recently obtained employment. Code Enforcement staff acknowledged the family's willingness to work towards compliance and explained that the County would continue to provide an opportunity for the family to clean the property themselves before the County moved forward with Abatement. Prior to today's meeting Code Enforcement conducted a final site inspection on August 7, 2026. That inspection confirmed that substantial trash, debris, discarded materials, and open storage conditions remained on the property. The fire damaged and deteriorated structures also remained unsecured and continued to exhibit the substandard conditions documented throughout this case. Today, Code Enforcement is respectfully requesting that the Board adopt the proposed Resolution authorizing the County to proceed with Nuisance Abatement and the Clean and Lien Process provided under Ordinance 2023-04. Adoption of the Resolution does not mean that the County cleanup begins immediately. Consistent with what was discussed at the Nuisance Hearing, staff will continue to provide the family an opportunity to complete the necessary corrective work. However, if voluntary compliance is not achieved, the Resolution will provide the County with the authority necessary to abate the remaining nuisance conditions and recover the associated costs. Thank you and I'm available for any questions that the Board may have.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, very much. Commissioners? Questions? So, when I look at the property tax map it looks like the structure has already been removed from the property tax. So, theoretically somebody has made a motion to the Assessor to say, "Please, this is uninhabitable. It has no value." Are we going to remove the structure all the way down to the foundation or what are we going to do probably?

SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ: Chairman Greene, Commissioners, per the Resolution, the recommendation by the Hearing Officer was if the Resolution was to be adopted, the removal of the structure...

CHAIR GREENE: All the way down.

SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ: ...all the way down.

CHAIR GREENE: All the way down.

SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ: That's correct, including the removal of the foundations.

CHAIR GREENE: Wow. Okay. You know, they've had plenty of time to take care of this and we have public safety issues on the property and all-around Chimayo. So, I'm sure the neighbors will appreciate this. Any other questions? Alright.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Chair Green, I just want to appreciate

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when I see the amount of work you and your team put into, and once it gets to this point, I think it's a given we need to move forward with enforcing the code. So, thank you for your work.

SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ: Yeah, Chairman Greene, Commissioners, absolutely. Our goal is voluntary compliance, and we'll try to work with the property owners as much as possible, but we understand given the circumstances and the cost involved, the property owners may not be able to fully come into compliance. So, we'll continue to work with them but at the same time, per our policy right now, we'll be doing the 30 days. Once the, if the Resolution is adopted, we'll provide a summary of the Resolution to the property owner and allow them 30 days to submit a timeline. Based upon that, we'll work with them with that timeline, but if we've had no contact within 30 days, then we'll go ahead and proceed with the Abatement.

CHAIR GREENE: So, I mean this becomes involuntary at this point for them, right? We remove the house as opposed to them fixing the house, that we assume a cost structure that is not them doing it themselves and certainly not them hiring a contractor that might be able to do it more affordably. It's at our rates and it is a higher risk for them to not address this. I hope we make that apparent to them.

SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ: Chairman Greene, Commissioners, in that timeline, if we make contact with them, we'll go ahead and we'll present. We've also got a cost analysis that we'll present to them so that that way they're aware of what this would wind up being. If it turns out that they do have an opportunity or the means to be able to either abate or to repair, then at that point, we'll allow them to be able to make the presentation and then County staff will go ahead and evaluate and then determine the best pathway forward.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay. Great. Any other questions, Commissioners? No? Hearing none. This is in my District. I will do the honors. I will...

ATTORNEY BOYD: Chair, Chair?

CHAIR GREENE: Oh, yes? Huh, yes? Oh, sorry. Yes, thank you very much.

ATTORNEY BOYD: Yeah, Chair, I was just going to remind you all that the hearing before the Hearing Officer has concluded. The Hearing Officer took testimony and made findings of fact. So, today's hearing is more in the way of confirmation and an appeal. So, you can hear argument, but you're not in the posture of finding facts like you would be in a land use case.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you very much. My apologies for jumping ahead. So, this is a public meeting, a public hearing. Is there anybody in the room or online that wishes to speak for or against this on this subject? I see none in the room. Is there anybody online?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Mr. Chair, it does not appear that anybody's online wishing to speak on this item.

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CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, very much. Alright, one last call in the room. Nope? Alright. We will close public hearing. Are there any questions from the Commissioners at this point? Hearing none, I will make a motion adopting a Resolution finding 28 Plaza Del Cerro a public nuisance and authorizing Administrative Enforcement Code Case Number 25-8135 pursuant to Ordinance Number 2023-04.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, very much. I have a motion by myself, a second by Commissioner Bustamante. All in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Hearing none, keep moving to clean it up. Thank you.

Commissioner Chair Greene moved to approve Resolution Number 2026-120, a Resolution finding 28 Plaza Del Cerro a public nuisance and authorizing Administrative Enforcement Code Enforcement Case Number 25-8135 pursuant to Ordinance Number 2023-04. Commissioner Bustamante seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR GREENE: Moving on to Item B. Resolution finding 2805 New Mexico 14, a public nuisance and authorizing Administrative Enforcement Code similar to 25-8137 and pursuant to Ordinance number 2023-04. Joseph again.

B. **Resolution No. 2026-121, A Resolution Finding 2805 NM 14 A Public Nuisance and Authorizing Administrative Enforcement Code Enforcement Case No. 25-8137 Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2023-04.** (Growth Management Department/Joseph A. Martinez)

SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ: Chairman Greene, Commissioners, before you today also is Code Enforcement Case Number 25-8137 concerning five contiguous parcels associated with the estate of Sherry Lynn Ballow-Watts, including the property located at 2805 NM14 in Madrid. This matter is being presented under Santa Fe County Ordinance 2023-04, the Property Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. This case began in July of 2025 when Code Enforcement staff observed significant nuisance conditions while conducting Code Enforcement activities in the Madrid area. A formal inspection documented a fire-damaged and substandard dwelling, substantial accumulations of debris in open storage, and numerous inoperable vehicles distributed throughout the parcels. Because the titled property owner was deceased, Code Enforcement staff conducted additional research and identified Mr. Brian Dorais as the duly appointed personal representative of the estate. Throughout the enforcement process, Code Enforcement staff made repeated efforts to provide notice and obtain voluntary compliance. At the time enforcement began, Mr. Dorais was incarcerated at the Santa

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Fe County Adult Detention Facility and Code Enforcement staff personally served the Notice of Violation and the subsequent Notice of Written Order upon him at that facility. Following his release, Mr. Dorais contacted Code Enforcement and advised staff that he had begun removing vehicles and addressing the conditions on the property. Follow-up inspections confirmed that some progress had been made, however significant nuisance and substandard building conditions remained. The matter was subsequently preceded to Public Nuisance Hearing where Mr. Dorais personally appeared on behalf of the estate. During the meeting, he explained that he had been actively working on the cleanup including making numerous trips to dispose of materials, removing vehicles and working on demolition and cleanup of the fire-damaged structure. Mr. Dorais acknowledged that the substantial work remained and requested additional time to continue the cleanup. Code Enforcement staff acknowledged those efforts and explained that obtaining Clean and Lien Authority would not prevent Mr. Dorais from completing the work himself but would preserve the County's ability to move forward should sufficient progress not continue.

Since the hearing, the property has shown measurable improvement. During the August 4, 2026 final inspection, Code Enforcement observed that a substantial amount of cleanup had occurred, including removal of vehicles, debris, and a significant portion of the fire-damaged structure. Code Enforcement staff recognizes the work that Mr. Dorais has completed and the progress that has been made. However, portions of the fire-damaged structure and other nuisance conditions remain, and additional corrective work is still necessary before the property can be considered fully compliant. Today, Code Enforcement is requesting that the Board adopt the proposed Resolution authorizing Nuisance Abatement and the Clean and Lien Process under Ordinance 2023-04. Based upon the progress demonstrated by Mr. Dorais and the timeframe previously provided to him, Code Enforcement staff still remains willing to continue working with him and provide a reasonable opportunity to complete the remaining cleanup voluntarily. Adoption of the Resolution would not require the Code Enforcement to immediately undertake the Abatement, rather, it would provide Code Enforcement staff with the necessary authority to move forward if progress ceases, the remaining violations are not corrected within the agreed timeframe, or voluntary compliance is otherwise not achieved. Our goal remains voluntary compliance. If Mr. Dorais continues making meaningful progress and completes the necessary corrective work, County intervention may not be necessary. However, adoption of the Resolution ensures that the County is positioned to complete the Abatement if the remaining nuisance conditions are not ultimately resolved. Thank you and I'm available for any questions that the Board may have.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Joseph. Commissioners? Commissioner Bustamante, this is in District 3.

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COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'm grateful. I think that it's good that you all are working very much to have some voluntary, but the case in having, "Yes, you can stay cleaning it, we just want to be in the position to do so," so I don't see any reason why we wouldn't move ahead given sort of the delays in getting it cleaned up in the first opportunities that he's had. So, thank you for your continued good work.

CHAIR GREENE: Commissioners? I too appreciate that you're working with the representative, the owner, whatever the situation is. We take steps forward, they take steps forward, and hopefully we don't have to do this, but we have to put a little bit of pressure on just at least it's...Commissioner? Oh, this is a public hearing. Is there anybody in the room that wishes to speak for, or against this?

BRIAN DORAIS: Brian Dorais.

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: Sir, I do need to swear you in before you testify. Will you please raise your right hand? Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

MR. DORAIS: Yes, I do.

[Duly sworn, Brian Dorais, testified as follows:]

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: Thank you, and then for the record, please state your name and address and that you understand you're under oath.

BRIAN DORAIS: Brian Dorais...

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: Can you speak directly into the microphone, please?

BRIAN DORAIS: Brian Dorais, PO Box 2, Cerrillos, New Mexico, 87010.

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: You understand that you're under oath?

BRIAN DORAIS: Yeah.

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: Thank you.

BRIAN DORAIS: I'd like to say I haven't got much cooperation from the County. I was trying to work with Frank Jones, and we had a hearing February 26, 2026. I was supposed to get a decision within five days. Well, he came out early March because I complained I wasn't getting cooperation from the County, and he was supposed to give me some deadlines and tell me advice on what to do. I ended up telling him that I was going to have a backhoe come in, demolish the burnt dwelling, which I did. Only thing left now with the burnt dwelling is a historical rock house that has no fire structural damage. My sister was there and Frank said they had 30 days to give me the hearing, and he'd get back in touch with me. Well, to this day, other than getting a poster 10 days ago for this meeting, I never heard from Frank Jones. That's a long time, early March. So, I got no cooperation from the County, no deadlines ever, but you know, I made a lot more in progress. Five 30-yard dumpsters went out, 25 loads to the dump and there still is a couple...There's one inoperable vehicle that a gentleman was supposed to pick up and there's two operable vehicles there. Now the structurally

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sound sheds, one has a water tank in it, and it's hooked up to the well. I don't know if they want that gone. I hope they don't and then there's a shed that's on the tax roll on an improved lot out of the five that I pay extra taxes on, $1850 a year combined for those lots. I would expect some cooperation from the County after paying them, you know, but they're trying to make me look real bad. When I went to rehab for 30 days, I told Frank Jones I was going to rehab and he chose to do two inspections in that time, and the only inspection he did get permission to be there and meet me was early March when he said, "Continue to make progress, keep doing what you're doing," and now I understand they're upset, I guess, on that poster it says because I didn't get a permit to demolish the house, but I told Frank the backhoe was coming. He really had no recommendations other than to keep doing what I was doing, and I did more than progress. It was a miracle what's been done already. I wished I had brought some current photos to show it that the house is gone and if you compare the photo album introduced at the hearing on February 26, 2026, which I never got a decision from, like I said, there's pictures of the same vehicles three times, there's pictures of mailboxes that a construction company working on a water project took down mailboxes. I don't even know who the mailboxes belong to, but I don't know why there's pictures in my file and my arrest record was mentioned. I don't have no idea why, other than to show my other unavailability. I plan on continuing to get up with the violations. I have failing health. I had aneurysm surgery that I was recovering from at the same time I was doing all this progress and networking on Craigslist, Marketplace trying to get what recycled could be used, but if you saw the photo album from the hearing and what exists today, there's a very, very large percent of junk vehicles, what they considered trash, building materials, open storage. There's still more to be done, but I think this is a little premature at this stage, just like the Hearing was, because I was making progress before the Hearing.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay, thank you. We can, remain here for questions if the Board has questions.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I just want to point out that the first NOVs were out in 2025. So, respectfully, it's been over a year. Premature, I wouldn't necessarily agree with that, but what I do hear is that you still have the opportunity to continue to work, and I do see that you've made a bit of progress. So, it wouldn't...I don't see, one thing I don't see is the timeline. When would be the ultimate date for Mr. Dorais?

SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ: Chair Greene, Commissioners, so, if the Resolution was adopted, then at that point, per the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance, we would have to provide him with a copy of the Resolution and we'd have to post in the Santa Fe New Mexican or... a summary of the Resolution for a minimum of one day per week, for three weeks. So, basically, it's that 30-day timeframe. So, within 30 days, Mr. Dorais has an opportunity to be able to come in and discuss a timeline and then we

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would agree to that timeline with legal and, then at that point, he would be held to the timeline. If it turned out to be that he would wind up needing additional time to be able to obtain the permits, we would take that into consideration, but basically once that 30 days is up that we've fulfilled the requirement and the Ordinance, we could go ahead and proceed with Abatement if Mr. Dorais is not able to commit to any kind of timeline.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Thank you. So, Mr. Dorais, what I'm hearing is that if we pass this tonight, you would have 30 days to work with Officer Martinez and legal to establish a timeline for getting the permits and cleaning it up. Is that...What are the concerns that you would have with that?

MR. DORAIS: Well, I don't feel like I can trust him. This was supposed to happen with Frank Jones and it never did. You know, I understood his priority was the collapsing ceiling and the burnt dwelling. I got rid of it. I complied best I could. Nobody's never given me advice from the County on what's a priority and how much time, like they said they would.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mm hmm.

MR. DORAIS: You know, that's why I feel it was premature.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: So, now you would be on a timeline of 30 days from tonight and then you would have an opportunity to meet with them and then set a schedule at that point, and I'm hearing a commitment from staff to work with you on a committed timeline that they would assist you and work with you on.

MR. DORAIS: Yeah, you know, I used a lot of financial resources with the backhoe and the dumpsters and the dump runs and tremendous amounts of scrap. There were two trucks and two trailers at times. I had a lot there, I'll admit it, but some of these violations go back to when the lots were surveyed in 1973, maybe some telephone poles or something, but the rock house is purely historic. It was there before the town was subdivided, you know, and I would like to have the cooperation and do one violation at a time because my resources are pretty used up. I used a lot of resources. I did a lot of networking. It was pretty stressful, a pretty big financial burden and thank God my sister helped out, but, you know, she was there when they said, "Make progress." So, progress was made. So, that's another reason I feel this is all premature because he did recognize the progress, but apparently, it's not enough.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Are there other questions from the Commission?

CHAIR GREENE: Hold on. Yes, Commissioner Johnson?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for your testimony, Mr. Dorais. Out of curiosity, I suppose I'm sympathetic to thinking about them piecemeal rather than all at once as far as Abatement goes. You know, taking action on a particular lot because there are, what four or five parcels here? So, I guess

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I'm wondering if that is possible within our rules. So, a question for either Mr. Martinez or Attorney Boyd.

ATTORNEY BOYD: Chair Greene and Commissioner Johnson, the Ordinance contemplates taking action against a declared nuisance, so I don't think that it would necessarily turn on the formalities of a parcel or a tract division. I don't know if that answers your question.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: So, it's either it's kind of all or none is the layman's way of...

ATTORNEY BOYD: All or none what if I may ask?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Well, so there are four recommendations from staff or four, let me just scroll down. This is on page 11. "The proposed Resolution would authorize Santa Fe County to secure the remaining structures, remove the fire-damaged structure, clean and remove accumulated garbage, debris, and materials throughout the property and then place the lien. Five contiguous parcels located at 2801(B), 2805, 2807, 2809." I guess another way to say this is I'm just curious about some flexibility. This is a group decision obviously, but I'm open to weighing that possibility. Flexibility, in other words in the timelines for Abatement.

SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ: So, Chairman Greene, Commissioners, I think to answer that question is going to be the part that we have if Mr. Dorais is willing to meet with us in that timeframe to be able to discuss a timeline because there are five individual properties. The property itself, they're not clearly defined with fences to be able to say which parcel is which. Of course, we do have Warranty Deeds and we do have the plat showing where the parcels begin and end adjacent to each other, but if it is an option that Mr. Dorais would like to consider and like for us to review, if he wants to go a parcel at a time in order to be able to achieve that, we're willing to work with him on that. I don't think that would interfere with any of the rules that would...And Attorney Boyd can go ahead and confirm or if he's got something else on that as far as...But to my understanding the Resolution that was presented was for all five parcels. So, all five parcels will, as part of the Resolution, if no progress is made and the County has the authority once it's adopted, then at that point all five parcels would be clean. So, but how they're addressed by Mr. Dorais, we can go ahead and work with him on how he wishes to address them for voluntary compliance.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Yeah, and just one addition because this might help you with your answer. There are five parcels, liens are placed on each of those in various configurations. So, I'm sort of thinking what if 2801(B) is, you know, Mr. Dorais cleans that up and the other four, the County needs to do that, then he doesn't have a lien on that particular parcel. I don't mean to get into the weeds, but...So, I apologize to my colleagues.

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CHAIR GREENE: No, but you do bring up an interesting question because it's not common ownership, right? So...

PETER VALENCIA: (Assistant County Attorney): Commissioner Johnson, if I may?

CHAIR GREENE: Of course, please.

ATTORNEY VALENCIA: For the record, Peter Valencia, Assistant County Attorney. I'm reading the ordinance when I'm looking at the enforcement mechanisms. As Code Enforcement Officer Martinez has stated, the main goal is always compliance. So, when we're talking about a piecemeal situation where one of the five properties does come into compliance, there's nothing that prevents us from, within the Ordinance or I think in the Resolution that you're passing, that prevents us from segregating that out from further enforcement. So, if it does come down, to say for instance, there's one piece of property of the five that does come into compliance, we can still go forward with the four and seek a lien on the four and, if the other one comes into compliance, we can leave that one alone and we don't have to put a lien on that piece of property. There's nothing that prevents the County from, as you're saying, basically if this piece of property is fine, then we can call off the resolution. The whole point of the Ordinance, I think, and everything is we're always trying to kind of seek voluntary compliance. So, that's always the main goal.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: That's helpful. Thank you. What I want to communicate to Mr. Dorais then is that, if we pass this this evening, first of all, I think you have heard commitment from the staff and also desire from the Board in our leadership to ask staff to work well with Mr. Dorais in this process and understanding that some total removal may not be possible, maybe it is, but working diligently towards that goal and working with staff to get in those timelines. You know, I would ask staff to be flexible within reason about how we extend that. If it's 31 days, that seems a little absurd, right, but four months, six months for a total Abatement seems reasonable to me. Those are my thoughts. Thanks. Thanks Officer Martinez.

CHAIR GREENE: So, I have a little concern that with uncommon ownership and a poorly delineated property that somebody can be charged for work that isn't on their property.

SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ: So, Chairman Greene, Commissioners, the reason Mr. Dorais is the personal representative, was because of Probate Court. So, he's the personal representative as determined by Probate.

CHAIR GREENE: Of all five parcels?

SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ: Of all five parcels.

CHAIR GREENE: All five? Okay. Just making sure. Okay. Okay, so this is still a public hearing. Is there anybody online that wishes to speak on...

MR. FRESQUEZ: Mr. Chair, there are no members of the public online.

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CHAIR GREENE: Okay, is there anybody else in the Chambers that wishes to speak for this? Or against? Okay, hearing none, we are going to close public hearing right now. We may still have some questions for you, but the public testimony part of this is over. Commissioners, any further questions?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I just want to...Mr. Dorais, thank you for being here, for showing up for yourself. I also want to thank enforcement for all that you've done, you've taken a lot of steps. Based on what I've heard today is from both sides, but especially our County staff is that they're very willing to work with you in setting timelines and deliverables and remediation around your different parcels. So, I feel very confident that the County team will work with you, Mr. Dorais, and that's what I'm hearing. Thank you.

MR. DORAIS: Okay. I'd just like to say on February 26, 2026, Frank Jones shook my hand after the meeting and said he would be getting with me, and we'd be working out deadlines and what to do, what violations were priority. I spent a lot of time and resources in the meantime making progress and doing what I thought should be done. I don't feel like we would be here today if Frank had worked with me. So, I just want to bring up the issue that I hope we can hit this head on now and it looks like I'm going to have to use a lot of more resources, but that's why I said it was premature. We probably wouldn't be here today, and I could have used the resources better that I already used if I had cooperation from the County.

CHAIR GREENE: So, Mr. Dorais, you have the next 30 days. I wouldn't wait all 30 days, but I would make an appointment for a few weeks from now and start the communication as to what the priorities are and then incorporate those aspects into a plan. Our team is very reasonable. They will work with you and I think that if you sit down with a plan that you can keep to that is prioritized based on what is the most visible nuisance and danger and risk to the community and prioritize those things, that you should be able to avoid the ultimate action by the County. So, I encourage you to do that. I think we've got a great team. The fact that you are here, this is the first time that we've had somebody come to a Lien and Clean on behalf of themselves and their property. So, it says a lot about you and your care for this property and the fact that you are voluntarily working on this, but work with our staff to understand what their priorities are, meet what their guidelines are, be realistic about what you can achieve, and I'm sure they will work with you.

MR. DORAIS: Okay, that's something I wanted to happen in the past. I have two phone numbers for Frank Jones. They belong to other people. I don't know if he still works there. It's been since early March since I last had contact. He said he would be getting back with me. So, this has been attempted before. Your team, I don't know how to get in touch with them. You know, I don't know where I'm supposed to sit

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down and do this. Are we supposed to make an appointment and do it out there in the fields, or am I supposed to come into an office and meet some team?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Let's call for a motion, sir.

MR. DORAIS: How do I contact him?

CHAIR GREENE: Yep. So, he's got a business card right there. He's the boss. He will work with you directly.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Chair, call the question?

CHAIR GREENE: Yes, go. Go for it.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'd like to make a motion to find 2805 NM14, a public nuisance authorizing Administrative Enforcement, Code Enforcement Case Number 25-8137 pursuant to Ordinance Number 2023-4, which includes five contiguous parcels at 2801(B), 2805, 2807, 2809 and 2809(B) on New Mexico 14.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR GREENE: We have a motion from Commissioner Bustamante, a second from Commissioner Hughes. All in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Hearing none, go for it. Thank you. Thank you.

Commissioner Bustamante moved to approve Resolution Number 2026-121, a Resolution finding 2805 NM 14 a public nuisance and authorizing Administrative Enforcement Code Enforcement Case Number 25-8137 pursuant to Ordinance Number 2023-04. Commissioner Hughes seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ: Thank you, Commissioners.

CHAIR GREENE: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: Mr. Chair, those last two items have resolution numbers.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you.

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: So 13A is 2026-120 and B is 2026-121.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay. Excellent. We're going to go to our last public hearing of the night. One of our favorite topics, Case Number 26-5200, Santa Fe Brewing Company requests approval for a beer and wine wholesaler's liquor license. The zoning of the property is Planned Development District, PDD, within the Community College District, CCD, Employment Center, EC, Subdistrict. The property is located at 35 Fire Place and lies within Section 24, Township 16 North, Range 8 East, SDA Number 1, Commission District 5. Dominic, thank you for...

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I just...

CHAIR GREENE: Yep. Mm hmm.

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A. Case No. 26-5200, Santa Fe Brewing Co. Request for Approval of a Beer and Wine Wholesaler Liquor License. The Zoning of the Property is Planned Development District (PDD) Within the Community College District (CCD), Employment Center (EC) Subdistrict. The Property is Located at 35 Fire Place and Lies Within Section 24, Township 16 North, Range 8 East, SDA-1, Commission District 5, Parcel No. 99307036. (Growth Management Department/Dominic Sisneros)

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

DOMINIC SISNEROS (Building and Development Supervisor): I do.

[Duly sworn, Dominic Sisneros, testified as follows:]

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: Thank you, and for the record, please state your name and title and that you understand you're under oath.

SUPERVISOR SISNEROS: Dominic Sisneros, Building and Development Supervisor, 240 Grant Avenue, and I understand I'm under oath.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Dominic.

SUPERVISOR SISNEROS: Chair Greene, Commissioners, good evening. Santa Fe Brewing Co. requests approval of a beer and wine wholesale liquor license. The zoning of the property is Planned Development District within the Community College District, Employment Center Subdistrict. The property is located at 35 Fire Place and lies within Section 24, Township 16 North, Range 8 East, SDA-1, Commission District 5. Santa Fe Brewing Co. applicant requests approval of a Wholesale License for its existing facility located at 35 Fire Place, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508. The property currently holds a Small Brewer License and a Winegrower's License with all production activities occurring at this location. Santa Fe Brewing Company has operated on the subject property and produced beer at the facility since 2005. The requested Wholesale License would allow the applicant to directly deliver products manufactured at the facility to licensed accounts. The proposed Wholesale License is intended to support the distribution of products from the existing manufacturing facility and does not involve the establishment of a new production facility or change in the existing use of the property. The tasting room currently operates from 11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The request is associated with Santa Fe Brewing Company's existing brewery operation at the property and would allow the company to conduct wholesale distribution activities in conjunction with its current license manufacturing operation. The Sustainable Land Development Code, Chapter 8, Section 8.10, Table 8.44, CCD Use Table allows wholesale trade in non-durable goods as a Permitted Use within the Employment Center, Subdistrict of the Community College District. This use reference code 3520 of the Land-Based

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Classification Standard reference guide. The LBCS Code 3520, Nondurable Goods, identifies alcohol beverages as wholesale products.

The State Alcohol Beverage Control Division has granted preliminary approval pursuant to the Liquor Control Act. The Liquor Control Act requires the Board of County Commissioners as the Local Option District to conduct a public hearing on the request. Under the Liquor Control Act, the Board may disapprove the license only if alcohol sales are prohibited at the location under the New Mexico law, issuance of the license would violate zoning or another ordinance, or the use would be detrimental to public health, safety, or morals of the residents of the local option district. Legal notice was published in the Santa Fe New Mexican on Friday, August 7, 2026 and Monday, August 24, 2026, compliance with the Liquor Control Act, a complete application was submitted on July 30, 2026. Growth Management staff reviewed the request for compliance with applicable code requirements and finds the following facts in support of the application: The SLDC CCD Use Table permits wholesale trade in nondurable goods as a Permitted Use within the Employment Center Subdistrict, and LBCS Code 3520 identifies alcoholic beverages as wholesale products. The applicant has satisfied the State of New Mexico Notice Requirements, and the site is located in more than a thousand feet from the nearest church and the nearest school. With this, staff recommends approval of a beer and wine wholesale liquor license for Santa Fe Brewing Company located at 35 Fire Place Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508. Chair, Commissioners, this report is hereby entered. May I enter this into the record?

CHAIR GREENE: Please.

SUPERVISOR SISNEROS: I stand for any questions?

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you very much. Commissioners, any preliminary questions up front? Hearing none, this is a public hearing, is there anybody in the Chambers that wishes to speak for or against this? Pardon me, I did not offer the applicant who is in the room if he would like to speak, but you don't have to.

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: Thank you. Please raise your right hand. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

BRIAN LOCKE: I do.

[Duly sworn, Brian Locke, testified as follows:]

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: Thank you, and then for the record please state your name and address and that you understand you're under oath.

MR. LOCKE: Brian Locke, 508 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, and I understand that I am under oath.

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: Thank you.

MR. LOCKE: Commissioners, I'll make this quick. The application is for a Wholesale License. I previously have had a Wholesale License that I let go a decade or so ago. In the current climate of the craft industry, I felt it was a good business step to

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allow me to go direct to particular retailers. So, that's the reason that I've applied for a Wholesaler License once again.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, very much. This is a public hearing. Is there anybody in the in the Chambers that wishes to speak for or against this? Seeing none, is there anybody online that wishes to speak for or against this?

DEPUTY CLERK WILSON: Mr. Chair, I don't see anyone online indicating that they'd like to speak.

CHAIR GREENE: Excellent. Last call? Sorry, it's an alcohol term. Okay. Seeing none, are there any questions from the Commissioners? Yes sir?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'll make a motion to approve the Wholesale License and I just want to comment that while I don't approve of drinking, I do approve of an occasional beer.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I will second that.

CHAIR GREENE: Just to make sure you know...

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Not the...

CHAIR GREENE: You know that that occasional beer is drinking, right?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Alright.

CHAIR GREENE: Alright, but you've established that you don't like wine, but you do like beer. We...

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: They make the beer somewhere, I'm just saying.

CHAIR GREENE: Yeah, they've got to make it. That's right, we could make it too.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I do prefer beer over wine, yes.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I'll second just the part that we're here for.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Okay.

CHAIR GREENE: Alright. We have a motion from Commissioner Hughes, we have a second from Commissioner Johnson. All in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Hearing none, go sell to the world. Get rid of that middleman.

MR. LOCKE: Yes sir.

CHAIR GREENE: That's right.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Interesting.

SUPERVISOR SISNEROS: Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Dominic. Thank you very much

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Commissioner Hughes moved to approve a beer and wine wholesaler liquor license for Santa Fe Brewing Co., Case Number 26-5200. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR GREENE: Okay. I'm being told that we're not going to have Executive Session. So, we have a little...

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: [unintelligible]

CHAIR GREENE: Okay, well he likes to have us in a room together, so. Well, we're going to do Presentations, but the question is can you survive until after Presentations to...

COMMISIONER BUSTAMANTE: [unintelligible]

CHAIR GREENE: I know. Let's keep going. Come on, come on. Let's go to Presentations.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Now?

CHAIR GREENE: Yep. I got you. Presentations. Okay, Item A. A Presentation on Domestic Well Use Metering Program and Implementation and Outreach Campaign. Michael Carr, please. Take it away.

9. Presentations

A. Presentation on the Domestic Well Use Metering Program Implementation & Outreach Campaign. (Public Works Department/Michael J. W. Carr)

MICHAEL CARR (Program Administrator): Good evening, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to present tonight. I'm excited to provide you with an update on the implementation of the Domestic Well Use Metering Program. I'm going to go through just a general overview of the program, kind of show where it started and where we are now, and the majority of this presentation is going to be highlighting a planned outreach and communication campaign that we're going to be undertaking leading up to the formal implementation of the program in early 2027. So, just kind of to start, this was originally passed as an Ordinance in 2002. That was in response to some extended drought conditions in the late 90s and early 2000s. Timely coincidence, we're still feeling the effects of that now, maybe not coincidentally because we know what we're facing in the years to come and the main purpose of that Ordinance, when it was originally passed, is still relevant today and that's generally to be good stewards of our groundwater resources and to find ways to basically ensure the sustainable use for our communities, help us better understand where we can expand our utility infrastructure based on usage by communities who might be using a lot of groundwater and therefore makes a good return on investment for expansion, and really to ensure that the quantity restrictions that we put in place for new developments

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are actually being complied with. So, over the course, since its implementation in 2002, it's gone through a couple different reworks of the language and as it sits now as codified in 2016, this will be hopefully the formal implementation of the program as it's kind of had some false starts over the years. This also has been on the Strategic Plan since 2019, so we're really excited to finally be making some serious progress on this and to finally get it implemented.

There have been some previous efforts on, sort of, targeted communities from 2022 to 2025. Sustainability had been leading a sort of targeted pilot program on an investigation to a monitoring program. So, a little bit beyond the scope of the actual SLDC language for a metering program in the La Cienega/La Cieneguilla communities. A lot of great work came out of that for understanding the hydrogeology and well use in that area and really gave a lot of groundwork for understanding how we could actually implement a Countywide metering program per the SLDC, maybe what some of those challenges are, and how to prepare for them going forward. Just to kind of quickly cover, I brought up this briefly last year during our Water Summit. We've made a lot of progress since then and with the new fiscal year, we're currently working on procuring with a third-party web developer to hopefully develop some tools to help us make this as easy as possible for the community to report. Previous documentation was a little bit cumbersome, and we have a lot more understanding of, kind of, where we want to go with it which is what I'll touch on a bit more. Throughout that process, over the last about year, had a lot of work with our Water Policy Advisory Committee through internal discussions and got a lot of good feedback from them on how this might affect their communities or any recommendations that they would have with their backgrounds that might make this better.

So, as I stated our goal is really to make this program as easy as possible for constituents just to kind of touch on the main purpose of it. This program would require annual reporting of well meters for properties enrolled in the program. How we're going to move forward with that is basically once this is implemented, that's when we're going to start tracking and including individuals in the program. Going backwards to do some retroactive work is, I think, going to be a larger project that we can address once we have provided the community with as much information on the program as we can and started building up the framework to support that work. Up on the slide now is basically a projected timeline once we're able to procure the contract with our web developer when we could see this actually deployed. This will pretty much run up into hopefully January, February, I'm hoping earlier in 2027 and, as this progresses, I'll be here to give you guys updates and ensure any feedback I get can be incorporated into that design. So, as far as enrollment in the program itself, this will be built into the Development Permit Application process. So, as you go through requesting a Development Permit, if you utilize a well, you're going to be required to basically get a receipt from myself as the Program Administrator showing that you have enrolled in this program and, from then on, you'll be provided with information via email or whatever contact information you provided on how to report, when you should report reminders,

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that sort of thing and hopefully make it as simple as possible based on some of the existing reporting systems that are out there. We're basing this program system predominantly on the meter reading web or MRWeb application that the OSC currently operates, which is pretty much all you have to do is put in your Water Rights number or Certification Number, input your meter reading and from there it's captured to a database and all the usage information is done on the back end of the application.

So, over the next couple months, we want to make sure people understand the process that's going on as we develop this application and implement the program here in the next several months. So, we have prepared a whole slew of different communication avenues to ensure we get the word out and provide as much information and if we don't have the answer now, provide them with the resources to keep in touch with so to get those updates and to find the answers, hopefully, that they're looking for. So, that's going to be direct communication via email with community stakeholders. We're developing some educational materials and media, some of that is currently available on the revamped meter reading web page including a slew of different groundwater reports that the County has either published or been a part of for quick reference for any interested or a more technical community member. Newsletters, we are planning some open house events, radio broadcasts, podcasts. So, we're trying to make sure we get the word out as much as possible so people are aware. So, I have a bit of a rough timeline for the next couple of months. Hopefully, within the next couple of weeks, we'll put out a press release basically announcing this effort and announcing some open houses over the next couple of months. Starting to get the word out in October via radio, posting flyers, finalizing some program specific outreach material, and hopefully also getting that translated as quickly as possible to Spanish so we have some bilingual education material ready for folks that might not be able to access the English material.

This table is just kind of a quick representative look at kind of how I've compartmentalized the different outreach community groups. So, we have a list of local organizations that will basically forward along information on the progress of this program coming into play. That includes state agencies, organizations like the Watershed Association, Extension Office. So, if people are talking about wells or well water regulations with any of these community agencies, they'll be aware of what's going on and can point them back to the County for more information, and then also working directly to send information to all of our community and registered organizations. We have the contact information for them and then any community stakeholders that you yourselves, the Commissioners, have forwarded on to us will also be included in those outreach blasts. So, for the public houses right now thinking about two for this year, I'll hopefully eventually be able to put one together for every District. Some of those might come after the actual implementation of the program, but as it rolls out, it's not going to be a wave of people coming in. It's only going to be those who have a well and are going through a Development Permit. So, we'll definitely be learning a bit of if there are shortcomings, how to meet them as that's implemented,

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but these initial open houses, I hope, will be a tool to one, convey to the communities of what's happening and if there are any ideas that they have, we can get those integrated into our working plan for the program before it launches. Right now, I'm looking at specifically Nambé and La Cienega, kind of two central north and central south locations. I especially wanted to include La Cienega and La Cieneguilla specifically because they had so much of an active role in that original pilot program between 2022 and 2025. So, I'd like to kind of close the circle in that conversation and receive any feedback from them if they have any.

Again, just touching on the website resources. So, you can find the meter reading web page under Public Works. There will be, at the top there's just a quick little block there so as people start enrolling in the program, they'll be able to navigate there. Click the button, it'll open the web portal. Quick, clean and easy, hopefully, for participants once they're enrolled in the program, and then as you scroll through, I have contact information for myself as the Program Administrator, a frequently asked questions section which I'm happy to build on as we get feedback from the community, and then a slew of other resources there. So, kind of, in conclusion, at least in this initial step for this program, we really just want to make sure people understand that we're making actual progress here and we're going to moving forward with the rollout of this program in early 2027. So, what is it, who's affected, what to expect, who to contact? Those are the main points that we want to get out to the community so that they can reach out to us and we can provide them with whatever information that they might want regarding it or if they have any confusion or questions on how it might look going forward.

So, as I stated earlier, I'm going to come back a couple more times over the next several months and give you guys updates as we make more progress. So, I'll hopefully come back here next maybe two months, three months, depending on how much progress our consultant gets on the web application and maybe provide a bit of a demo and maybe update a little bit more on some of the constituent feedback we might have received from the open houses. Early next year, maybe right before or right at the implementation, come out, show you guys the finalized product, walk you through the whole process of what it would look like for a constituent to basically enroll and input data into this and what it would look like on our end, and then a little bit later in the year, come back as we get some interaction with it to look at what that data might look like long term. The more people we get over time, the better we're going to recognize what the usage is in groundwater across the County. So, that information will also be really useful to our Water Resources Manager and Hydrogeologist and linking that to some of the broader Water Resource Management Goals of the County long term.

Then beyond just some internal, hopefully goals, with getting that data, we do hope to come to some sort of data sharing agreement with the OSE. The OSE does require a variable regular reporting of groundwater use by well owners. That hasn't been communicated in the best way and that is not enforced in any real manner. So, a lot of people aren't aware of the existing requirements to report to the State and this

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program in a way fills that gap because no one is currently collecting that data, and it is really important for us to understand what those groundwater resources look like at a local level. As we build up that information locally, even since we're kind of filling a gap that maybe the State program should be filling, we'll actually have the most robust groundwater usage data of the State. So, we'll be better reflected in their long-term plans and models and research reports to come. So, we're not only helping ourselves, but we're helping others to help us as well.

As this kind of builds out, I want to make sure that the constituents are participating, are getting at least some sort of benefit from us. So, I'm hoping to develop a bit of like a water usage report to send out to see how their usage compares to others in the community or, at a broader extent and the same thing with community use well reporting, if we start running into issues where community members don't feel comfortable sharing that data directly to us, I want to explore potentially using intermediaries like community organizations or registered organizations that can pull that information provided to us as well. That'll be more of kind of a second phase approach to where this program can go, because I think these first initial steps to get this stood up are more important than trying to make it perfect at the start considering it's been around since 2002. It still hasn't been stood up in a long-term way. So, with that, I stand for any questions.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Michael. Commissioners? Commissioner Johnson?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Michael, for the update. I want to encourage down the line, I understand that Nambé and La Cienega may be first, but I think there's an opportunity to connect with La Cañada de los Alamos. They have failing wells, not everyone. It's extremely variable and I think knowing more about that, the situation there, is going to help us with some long-term planning. So, I think there's an opportunity to make a connection because they're developing their community plan. So, Nate Crail, Joseph Scala, Marvelous Echeng, other growth management folks are actively meeting with him. There's one tomorrow, but there may be opportunity, say two months from now. They meet regularly so I think this would be something that...I think it's important information from the County. I think I can see why it was enacted in 2002, but people sort of fear measuring consumption and, you know, kind of digging their head in the sand. I feel like I'm probably guilty of this myself. So, yeah, I'd just like to place in your brain the seed for La Cañada de los Almos. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Hughes?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, thank you and thank you for the presentation. Could you explain a little bit more about how you're going to roll this out community by community? I was wondering, in particular, in Eldorado, there's a group of people on private wells, probably not a high priority, but I wondered when do we get to them and just how you're going to roll this out community by community.

ADMINISTRATOR CARR: Thank you for the question, Mr. Chair,

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Commissioner Hughes. So, how this will be implemented moving forward is that starting in early 2027, when we issue that this is now enacted, at that point anyone coming in from the County for a Development Permit that utilizes a well for their property will be required to enroll in the program. So, it will be less of a community by community that'll be more of an educational aspect of it because, once this is implemented, it will affect everybody in Santa Fe County just so we can cast a broad net and make sure we abide by the written Code and not maybe pigeonhole ourselves with some community and not include everybody.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay, well then, will you have meetings in the various communities? I mean, I know you're going to have two public meetings, but neither of them is close to Eldorado. Will you have one for the group in Eldorado at some point?

ADMINISTRATOR CARR: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hughes, yes. So, the goal with these first two was kind of just to hopefully set the first bit of momentum for reaching out. The goal is to eventually hold an open house for every single District and when we get to District 5, I'm happy to have one in Eldorado for that community. As interest and questions build for this or maybe as we get additional interest from you all in my subsequent meetings, if there is a need for additional community outreach, I'm happy to meet that requirement.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, and I'm sure you know there's also well owners out on Route 14 who also would need a community meeting to get them enrolled and they would probably be more interested as their wells are going dry. So, thank you. That's my question and thank you for your answers. I think that's a good idea.

CHAIR GREENE: Commissioner Bustamante?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. I see on the Community Information Sharing, you don't have the La Cienega Valley Association as a CO. I'm pretty sure they're a CO. They're either a CO or an RO, and I don't see them, but I do see, and I kind of thought, "Whew," because they're not on this list, but you are going to do a presentation there. I understand the reasoning for doing the presentation there, but I also understand it was quite heated and standing up anybody who volunteered, I didn't even know who they were, because otherwise I've never seen that little building that you had on your other slide as packed as it was when they were told we were going to put meters on the wells that folks had. So, is there a reason we would start with them?

ADMINISTRATOR CARR: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Bustamante, I did review the video of that initial meeting with DBSNA and Sustainability, and it was fairly heated. I think a lot of the points that were brought up by the public during that meeting are not going to actually be related to any of the compliance-related enforcement that comes with this program. There's no closing of wells. I'm happy to walk through the compliance steps that are outlined in the Code to the public so everyone's aware of what it means to be noncompliant with it once you're enrolled. I

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thought it was just a pertinent and appropriate spot considering the effort that had been put in there and then probably no real word of what the finality of all those efforts were.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: So, would it be...I'll just say the community has been in a, frankly under a bit of a microscope, maybe not the best metaphor, but, you know, with the PFAS issue, we have a new water company that has emerged in the La Cieneguilla part. There are so many uncertainties with that community. Wouldn't it be more appropriate to just contact those who are already participating or had volunteered instead of having another community meeting? I see it as not a good time. I don't know that it's the best way to do it because you're going to get a whole lot of questions on what are you going to do to clean up our water, and you're talking about a monitoring program, and that monitoring program again, I understand that you're going to address the reasons why it was heated, but it's not going to address any of the other stuff and it's going to be incredibly confusing in a bigger picture way. I just wouldn't make it my first one. I would really recommend having it someplace else and then having people communicate with the people in La Cienega how it rolled out because I do see...I mean it was already too much to try to communicate what was going to happen to those who were there at the last one, and now with all of the contamination issues and the ways that people want to address it, it's a very difficult time. So, not to repeat myself, but then my next question is, and how are you going to enforce this? So, we talk about enforcement but are you going to have actual Enforcement Officers or what's going to be done to make sure that those who have submitted are reporting, and that's part one of a question. Part two is, are people going to be able to get in and file? Are people right now able to get in and file an application for development online?

ADMINISTRATOR CARR: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Bustamante, to your first point, I'm more than happy to choose a different location for those initial two. If I definitely understand La Cienega has had a lot going on in it lately and maybe this is, hopefully not the straw that broke the camel's back, but I'm happy to transition to another community and maybe do a delayed interaction with La Cienega/La Cieneguilla in the short term. For your second question, the compliance measures are outlined specifically in the program. It is, once you've enrolled, if you fail to submit your first reading, the first year, so that will probably be 2028 or if you over exceed, you're provided with educational materials on water conservation measures and how to basically abate your overuse or to bring you into compliance of the program. The second year, at that point, triggers Section 14, the penalty section of the SLDC, which I believe is a fine. I think it's worded as fine or imprisonment. To a degree, I think it's the general compliance language for the SLDC. I would hope that through some dedicated education and outreach that we can illustrate why this is important and bring them into voluntary compliance as we go forward. For your second part, there is not currently a way to submit an application to participate in this program because...

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: No, just to even file an application to

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develop.

ADMINISTRATOR CARR: Yes, nothing has changed for the current development process, this won't take effect...

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: People are able to...

ADMINISTRATOR CARR: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Okay, online, and then when you say the first year, is that a calendar year or is that a year from when they started? My concern is assuring that people are compliant. How are we going to do that? Right now, we have a very, I say, understaffed structure for compliance for just about anything with regard to development. So, is someone going to be, such as yourself, and you're the single point of success or failure and something happens and you're gone and it's like, "Oh nobody's there for me to check it and I haven't heard from anyone," or whatever, "and it's been already three years and I never reported anything." You know, we do a whole lot of stuff like that and frankly, it just doesn't fare well for reputation. Is it something that we are really going to be able to verify enforcement if something really doesn't happen and someone really will be contacted and we will be able to follow up on that? How is that going to work?

ADMINISTRATOR CARR: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Bustamante, I have had some meetings with Building Developments with Dominic and Joseph regarding this issue and it's something I think we're going to continue to talk about as we work up the final implementation of this. We are meeting, well, we will be sticking to the word of the written program as it sits now and I think, as we develop this framework, its success or failure or how we see its success or failure and concerns to compliance are going to become more evident once we get it rolling. So, when we get this implemented, if we start seeing a lot of gaps in people not participating at all and us being ignored from our outreach to them requiring them to submit, Code Enforcement has voiced that they're willing to go to these addresses that the wells are connected to, and issue their citations as they see fit, but we are happy to, I think, amend and adapt this program as we see it implemented because we are...There is a little bit of ambiguity in the language that has required some internal conversations on definitions and how we see it implemented as written. So, I hope, this is kind of a, not a work in progress, because we have a solid program, but we can make it better as we work through it, and I think if we were to stop now to put it under a microscope, and be like, "How can we make this perfect?," we're going to be here again in 20 years trying to get this set up.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Chair Greene, thank you. So, the question...I hear what you're saying. The concern...Is it a database that is going to flag red when someone's year comes up or is it in January everybody has it? So, is it going to flag red? Is it something that's going to show you and then that would go to Code Enforcement?

ADMINISTRATOR CARR: So, I'm so excited as we get this developed and to come back and do demos of this process because that is the goal is to basically have this pretty self-automated. So, one of your questions earlier was, was this a year from

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enrollment or calendar year. This will be calendar year. As written in the SLDC, all meter readings are required to be submitted preferably January, but by, I think, April 10, I don't know the exact date in April, but to have those submitted by then, that's going to be worked into the database. So, once you're enrolled, they'll be an automatic email that goes out to your email, if you provided it, that says, "You have been enrolled in this program. This is how you go through the meter reading submittal process," and every year you'll be sent reminders and, if there's any changes, I'll be able to send communications out to anyone listed in that database and generate my own email communications via that. So, that's the current goal of the application. We're still waiting to procure that contract. So, once we start making progress on that, I'll be coming back to show you what exactly that looks like.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Mr. Carr. Thank you, Chair Greene.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you. Commissioner Cacari Stone?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair Greene. Thank you, Mr. Carr, for your enthusiasm and your presentation. I appreciate it. I just wanted to add to the list the Agua Fria Water Association by Mr. Roman Romero and some of the elders there is really, I think, a critical first stop even before the Agua Fria Village or in conjunction with. They just have such history and I'm curious, you don't have to answer now, but I'd like to join the conversation how this would either support or create challenges for them because most of the people have Water Rights in their wells dating back many, many generations. So, I just want to have that conversation with him and maybe you and just kind of learn from that. Thank you.

ADMINISTRATOR CARR: I'm happy to actually provide a quick answer to that. So, when it comes to Water Rights and how we're going to approach this is that per the SLDC new developments kind of have a cap on water usage, I believe is a quarter acre, but if people are coming in from pre-regulatory grandfathered in Water Rights, we can build that in to what the reporting measures are in that database. So, we'll have the flexibility to make sure that it's not just a blanket restriction as written in the SLDC that might not fit into the individual participants' allocation. So, that's another conversation that we'll be having over the coming months to figure out exactly how to ensure that that particular point is communicated effectively to any participants that might be coming in with that situation.

CHAIR GREENE: Thanks. Commissioners? No? So, thank you. This is one of those complicated things that it's a voluntary requirement. Square that circle. Right? I would be careful if we want to do a meeting in Nambé. You're going into a community that has an opportunity to benefit from meter readings. It's unlike any other community that we're dealing with probably, I don't know, but the fact that if you report your meters, you're supposed to in the Pojoaque Basin already, you get your established use and your established use can actually be used for how you elect to connect to the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System. So, if we decide to have this meeting sooner than later, because later I'm not here to help, you need to work on a

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messaging strategy that says, "This is part of this, as a tool for Santa Fe County, but understand it's not a threat, it's actually potentially a benefit for people that are having to prove beneficial use of groundwater." Don't do this...Do it whenever you want, but if you do it after January, you may end up with a different messaging and it's still fraught. So, you have to go into that community with a good cohesive message that says, "This is a tool, this is a requirement, this is a, you know, all these things," but you're going to have, just like La Cienega is complicated, probably everybody has a community that's complicated, you chose the two as the demonstration as probably the two most complicated. I would say that in the case of Nambé and the Pojoaque Basin that you can make this into part of their solution to securing future Water Rights, that would be in their connection to the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System. Do you understand that weird complication there? Is that something that you've been discussing on your side of this?

ADMINISTRATOR CARR: Mr. Chair, yes. So, I'm definitely aware of some of the complexities that are going to be encountered, I think, across the County for this. So, my goal here is to basically ensure that we have everything written down and convey it in such a way that it's not reliant on me understanding it really well, that it is available as a resource, a written resource on exactly how this is going to interact with all these different ongoing projects, whether it be Pojoaque Basin or La Cienega. So, if there are any questions, we can direct folks to a reference on exactly how this is going to interact with that and then provide them any supplemental information as gaps appear in that written reference. So, yes, that is my goal to make sure that all of the minutia that's going on with Water Resource Management currently in the County is ironed out and hopefully is clear as possible for everyone involved, ourselves as County and executive branch as well as individual members of the public.

CHAIR GREENE: So, if you would like to start planning that, if we're talking October, two months, not even, as little as a month, I would work with the Office of the State Engineer as well, make them part of this argument as well because some of these things are State level things as well. Work with Scott Caseman, with all of the folks that are working in that area that can answer questions about that area to help you have people with pitchforks and daggers and torches ready to, you know...You just hand it to Scott or you hand it to me and you hand it...Like, "I'm just here to tell you this and this is a tool," and so on, just to help get that as much as possible. So, if you want to start with us, go for it. I'm ready, so, but thank you. Commissioners, any further questions on this? No? Michael, thank you very much. Good luck.

ADMINISTRATOR CARR: Absolutely. Thank you

CHAIR GREENE: Yeah. Alright, Dominic, were you waiting for that? Was that...No? Yes, of course you were. Yeah. Thank you for sticking around. Alright. We got ACCEs.

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B. Presentation of the Arts, Culture and Creative Economy Five-Year Strategic Plan and Year-One Implementation Plan. (Community Development Department/Juan Torres and Anne Wodarczyk)

DIRECTOR BUTLER: Chairman Greene, Commissioners, first and foremost, my job this evening is to set the table for you and then let these fine folks, Anne Wodarczyk, do what I know will be a great presentation, and I know it's been one you all have been looking for, for quite some time. I want to thank you all for your continuous support of the work we've been doing, particularly with this Council, and I particularly want to thank Commissioner Bustamante for her leadership in ensuring that this continues to survive in the various seasons that we are representing. I also want to thank Commissioner Johnson for recently coming to join us and spend some time with the Council. His comments and his thoughts and the way he stayed with us to receive questions was frankly wonderful. So, we thank you for that.

We also have with us today the Vice Chair of the Council, Deborah Torres. You will hear in a few moments via video from the new Chair Mariah Burns, who I think will also help tell you about what the Council has been doing in a really, really effective way through her video presentation. So, thank Juan for his continued leadership in Economic Development and of course Anne, who has not only helped lead this work, but also that previous presentation that I did for you earlier. She has been a stalworth in ensuring leadership in that work as well. I'm not sure if you also know a little bit about me in this way, but this work is important to me. I'm also a creative. I'm a poet by nature, I'm also the son of a visual artist and a retired public art school, public school teacher. So, this work and what it means is not just something that I do in my capacity as Department Director, but it's also near and dear to my heart. With that, we were tasked by Resolution with coming to you all to present a Five-Year Strategic Plan. I will let Anne talk more about that and, subsequently, we will come back to you for some type of approval of a plan and the ask to continue the work of the Council. At that time, we will also sort of formalize our real recommendations to you all. I also want to give voice to this. We have extended an offer to an Economic Development Specialist who will assume a portion of this work, and we are looking forward to having her join us in September 18th or 19th, I think is her start date. So, at our next meeting, we will make sure that we introduce her to you all as well. I'll stop talking now. I'll let Daniel have time to queue up the video and then I will give it to Anne to do her presentation. So, thank you for that.

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MARIAH BURNS (Chair of the Santa Fe County Arts Culture and Creative Economy Council): Hello Commissioners. I'm Mariah Burns, the Chair of the Santa Fe County Arts Culture and Creative Economy Council. I'm sorry I can't be with you in person today, but I wanted to share a brief update on the Council's work since the last report in December. One of the strengths of the council is its Countywide perspective.

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Our members represent all five Districts as well as an at-large position and bring experience from across the arts, culture, and creative economy. That representation gives us an important connection to artists, organizations, creative businesses, and communities throughout the County. One area of focus has been the ACCE website and our presence within the Encantado Network. The Council has created a subcommittee to coordinate with County staff and IT on the website and related work. Since then, we've been looking at ways to make the space more useful and accessible including improved organization and functionality, opportunities for community connection, and especially the development of a creative Asset Map. The Asset Map has been a priority of the Council from early on. The goal is to better understand and eventually connect the artists, organizations, venues, cultural resources, creative businesses, and programs that already exist throughout Santa Fe County. We are also beginning to identify opportunities for the Council to lend its expertise to specific County projects. Earlier this year, for example, the Council discussed reviewing the Agua Fria Arts and History Center Project as a practical way to explore how ACCE can contribute its perspective to County work. Because of quorum requirements and the advisory nature of the Council, we see focused subcommittees as one effective way to do that work. Those could support areas such as creative Asset Mapping, the online hub and community outreach, programming and events, equality and inclusion, and other implementation needs as they develop. More broadly, our goal is to take the priorities identified through the planning process and begin turning them into tangible, achievable work while complementing, rather than duplicating, the work already happening within the County. There's a lot of enthusiasm about what comes next and we look forward to continuing to support the County in that process.

Anne Wodarczyk (Senior Planner): It feels a little odd going after a video. Sorry. So, good evening. I'm in Anne Wodarczyk. Today we're presenting the Five-Year Strategic plan and the Year-One Implementation Plan. We're here to walk you through both documents and to ask for feedback and direction before bringing them back for formal adoption later this month. So, in December 2024, I'm sorry I put the slides here, the Board adopted Resolution 2024-167 to strengthen the identity and economy of arts and culture here in Santa Fe County. That Resolution created the Arts Culture and Creative Economy Council, which we're calling ACCE, an Advisory Board with members appointed from all the five County Districts. So, since December 2024, the Council has worked with a consultant through the planning process that included monthly Council meetings, subcommittee sessions, and they produced the Five-Year Strategic Plan. This set the vision, mission, strategic priorities that will guide the County's investment in the creative sector.

So, our County staff, we have Juan Torres, who is the Economic Development Manager, our future Economic Development Specialist, and I've supported the efforts as Senior Planner. Our planning partners, we had Dr. Tressa Berman, who was our consultant through the process, and we had the ACCE Advisory Council listed here that Mariah already led you through. They provided guidance and perspective that shaped

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the Plan. So, the Five-Year Strategic Plan is written as the framework for the County's creative economy investment. This would go through 2030. The Year-One Implementation Plan starts the work. It's the operational roadmap that puts the Strategic Plan into motion. So, there are two separate but related plans. At the heart of the Five-Year Plan are the mission and vision. These were worked on pretty extensively. Vision, an inclusive and connected creative economy rooted in Santa Fe County's diverse history of artistic and cultural expressions, empowering sustainable, resilient, and thriving communities. The mission is to identify, cultivate, and invest in individuals, organizations, and communities to strengthen the arts, cultural, and creative economies of Santa Fe County that honors existing and future generations.

So, these vision and mission statements translated into three strategic priorities. First, we have creative economy, which focuses on County-wide connections and investment. Second, we have equity and inclusion, making sure investment reaches every community. Third, we have centering artists, meaning programs are led by artists, not just designed for them. So, why start with Year One? The Five-Year Plan sets the direction, but it doesn't focus on the day-to-day tasks, that's what Year One is for. It translates these strategic priorities into a practical work plan that fits with our current team and budget and requires no additional funding to get started. It's the first step in carrying out the Five-Year Plan. So, in the first year, we'll have a quarterly timeline. The first quarter, we adopt the strategic framework, complete stakeholder mapping, and identify pilot program candidates. In the second quarter, we build the asset inventory structure, hold community listening sessions, and select pilot programs. In the third, we launched the Encantado Network Forum or, at least, we launch a more prepared version. This will deepen ACCE Council engagement on framework and partnerships, and we'll begin building regional relationships. In the last quarter, we'll complete a governance review of the Council, evaluate the pilot programs, and draft the Year Two Plan. So, what are we trying to do? Resolution Number 2024-167, Item 3 states that the ACCE Council's work is complete once the Board takes action on the Five-Year Plan. If we take that literally, that means the official adoption of the Plan would sunset the Council. So, staff is recommending the Council continue. The Council's guidance shape the Five-Year Plan and Year One will continue to rely on that guidance to select pilot programs, refine the strategic framework, and define the Council's possible long-term structure. We're requesting that the Board's feedback and direction to guide implementation of the Year-One Plan at a future meeting will bring back a resolution to allow the ACCE Council to continue along with the Five-Year Plan and Year-One Plan for formal approval, and with that, we can take any questions.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Anna. Ms. Torres. Do you want to come say something while you're part of the presentation?

DEBORAH TORRES (Arts Council Vice Chair): Sure. I'll have to lower the mic. Chairman Greene, Commissioners, thank you so much for having us here today with the ACCE Council. We've really developed what it would look like, a roadmap, to make sure that every District is accounted for whether it's from my District, which are

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Pueblos that are very important all the way to the other side of Edgewood. So, I think there's important work in this Council that we're doing, and I'd ask for consideration to stretch, extend the project. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Deborah. Commissioner Johnson?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: We were battling for who could raise their hand the highest. Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Wodarczyk. Thank you, Ms. Torres, for your service on the Council. I'm going to praise you in a second more. Thanks, Jonathan, Director Butler, so good. Juan, I see you back there. Thank you for your stewardship. The economic development angle of this is very important to me. So, yeah, I met with the Council. I was very impressed with you all. Thank you for your work at the City also in the Economic Development Sector. So, you're kind of a superstar. I thought that the conversation was great. The Council had great ideas, the leadership, as Mariah was on our screen, I'm very pleased with the way that it's going. I absolutely support the continuation of it. I think that it would just sort of...We would stumble if we had to sunset it and start it again, and even why would we do something like that? So, I personally am very much in favor of continuing it. I think that the Plan, as presented here today, has a lot of strengths. The connection, I mentioned Economic Development, making that sort of connection to creative pursuits, the arts and things like that really sort of raises the bar for Santa Fe County and it also makes it a more sustainable effort so we can fund in the future First Year. As I understand it from our meeting, there was a grant application that would help us sort of push past the First Year. Please correct me if I'm wrong. Juan's going to correct me because I'm wrong?

JUAN TORRES (Economic Development Manager): Commissioner Greene, Commissioners, no, you are correct. We did submit an application to the Creative Industries Division of the New Mexico Economic Development Department on the 28th of August for a $150,000 grant.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Right, thank you. So, that kind of initiative and sort of synergy with State money is great to just kind of launch us. My intention is to continue to advocate for support from the Board of County Commissioners to the Council, and I think the task going forward is to grants for individual art projects, one-offs. That's good, and we would like to see that and we will, I think, consider funding for that sort of thing, but we talked about sort of marketplaces or community sort of fairs at that meeting as ways to bring artists together to generate sort of economic activity in certain places. The County is a large place. There's distinctive sort of artistic traditions, something like Madrid comes to mind because it has a sort of strong history of that, but I know that in my district, Lamy, for example, there are many artists who live there. I think that another strength of this is to sort of bring these people out of the woodwork, so to speak. The City Center has well known artistic contributions to the world. So, bringing out the people in the periphery because some of us choose to live there, is a really great way to just make these connections and sort of bolster us as a County and I think the connection that I would next like to see, and I don't mean this to say to make it only about economics, it's to make a connection with tourism with Lisa Katonak and her

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shop to be able to promote this sort of thing. I think that we can think creatively going forward about how we use Lodgers' Tax funding to sort of supplement this because it's not that we don't find places for that, but I think that we can diversify how Lodgers' Tax is applied. I see this Council is really critical to that and I think it's a good use of money. So, appreciate your work. I feel like in the back of my head there was one other thing that I wanted to say, but it's a little late. So, thank you for your work. Thank you for your leadership. Let's do it.

CHAIR GREENE: I'll give the mic back to you if you remember what you were going to say. Commissioner Bustamante?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Thank you, Chair Greene, thank you very much, Commissioner Johnson. So, bringing this to the Commission, it was interesting. We finally had an opening and an ability to do so. I understood that it was something people wanted to do for a little while, but that there had been some reluctance to do so at some point in a specific area. Bottom line is, it's here, but what was kind of a concern for me was that there had been a plan that had been developed and then the whole group was dissolved, and I don't want to see that happen again. I actually reached out and asked if we need to do the Resolution to establish this and formalize it and not just have the one year, what comes out of it and see how it's going to roll because quite frankly, since 2022, 2023, we're still making big bucks out of things that Will Schuster did, looking back a few days, right? We have had a history, and Commissioner Johnson just spoke to it, that we've been known as art colony and that's now over 100 years old. So, how and what we can do to really benefit off of the art economy, if you will, but to support the artists, because the artists never really went away we just didn't do a lot to actually do what you were talking about and where that really, Commissioner Johnson, where that really hit home was after I had visited the NACo, Travis County, and Kevin Box had actually participated in getting Travis County tied up with South by Southwest and holy kaboom. They're not suffering. You know, South by Southwest is known everywhere. It packs the place. If I look at the different types of economies that I would want to grow up in or raise children in or have a life in, a tourist economy relative to other kinds of businesses that can affect the environment in a much grosser way, especially now that we're developing our airport, tourist economy is pretty clean, comparatively speaking to a lot of things.

So, I'm super grateful, but I, with all sincerity ask when or I'm going to say because I asked if we should do the Resolution now as you were getting ready to do this presentation, but for this next one is to really authorize the implementation of the Five-Year Plan, the One Year and then the Five Year and not just write the Plan because plans are just a bunch of sidewalks on the shelves that nobody walks across. We can do better than that. So, I'm seeing our director nodding his head and that would be the time to really formalize the process, to support the overall effort in establishing the arts. I speak from the Madrid, Cerrillos, all the way to Edgewood. Even to Edgewood, there are artists all the way in that direction and if I'm not talking about Galisteo today, then I forgot a whole other part of our artist community. So, I'm super excited to hear this and

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I don't want to see five years, you know, the next four years and say, "Well, we did. We passed it, and it's on the shelf and that group is dissolved and we're not supporting it." So, Jonathan, I'm happy to see you moving to the mic in that sort of, "I'm committed," sort of way."

DIRECTOR BUTLER: Yeah, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Bustamante, I love what you have given voice to. Our thought process was just as you all adopted a Resolution that charged us to produce a certain result and come back to you and present that. In that same spirit, we thought it would be effective if we took something, we also agree with you with the thought that you can create a plan and it might just sort of live, it might go on a shelf, it might actually be implemented, but I think the staff's recommendation was, "No, let's take this and make it into something more real and tangible in the execution domain." Yes, you can ratify the Five-Year Plan, but we'd also like for you to hold us accountable by adopting that One-Year Implementation Plan and then also ratify the extension of the Council so that we can continue to build out in a robust way what this might live and look like, and the Council can make its determinations if they feel like, "Okay, we have sufficiently indoctrinated this work into County government in a way in which it may live." They can make those determinations when that time comes, but in this, the way you all charged us previously, we saw there are two provisions that could sunset the Council itself. It was if you immediately ratified a plan, but you didn't make a decision to continue or you could simply make a decision to continue with the Council's work. So, we thought we wanted to make sure that we presented you all with the options as we see and give you the opportunity to be able to then also extend the work of the Council. So, that's the method behind the madness and that is why you see sort of this Five-Year Plan, but there's this One-Year Plan attached to it. It's really to codify and streamline, this is what we think we want to focus on in this year, and then it could give that Five-Year Plan a lot more teeth as we continue to work through these One-Year Plans, which you will adopt and hold us accountable for those outcomes, and then we work in tandem in co-designing this with the Council itself. I think the movement of the Council felt like a lot of the plan is that is a consultant takes their ideas and they turn it into something, but there's this real spirit of this Council to co-facilitate, co-design, co-create, and we wanted to honor that within the spirit of an implementation plan within a year for you all too.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Jonathan. Chair Greene, respectfully, I really never saw the value of a consultant when you have creatives sitting down and doing what creatives do best. Maybe you need someone, but I'm looking over at a guy who does a lot of business stuff. So, you need some business acumen, but the creatives are going to be the ones to really think about how the creative economy could be something with some input from the business side. So, really the heart is in how the Commission itself, the group will see itself flourishing and really creating a place, this sounds silly, creating a place for the arts in Santa Fe County. We've already done that, right? So, let's do it. So, let's do it and frankly, we can do way better. So, thank you, thank you, thank you sincerely.

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CHAIR GREENE: Commissioner Hughes?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, thank you for the presentation and I find it very encouraging that you want to continue. I think maybe we thought, "We give you a task and you could do it and then you'd be tired," but no. So, yeah, I definitely would support, keep going. I'm also intrigued by the idea of using the Agua Fria Community Center that doesn't really exist yet, but that might be a neat place to display art or something. I also just hope you will give some concentration to Native American art since that is a very important part of Santa Fe County. Those are my thoughts. Thank you for your presentation.

CHAIR GREENE: Ms. Torres, please address that.

ARTS COUNCIL VICE CHAIR TORRES: So, Chairman Greene, Commissioner Hughes, that is part of the larger picture. To Commissioner Bustamante's comment, we're all here together and a lot of us are artists and those are the things that we're looking forward to really making Santa Fe County count for everyone that's here, including our native tribes.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you. Thanks for your work. It's great. It's good to see the evolution of this. I tried to attend last month, but I didn't have the right link. So, now you're going to get me in person tomorrow. So, where? Where is it?

PLANNER WODARCZYK: At 240 Grant in Johnson Street Conference Room.

CHAIR GREENE: See you in the morning. Great. In the spirit of collaboration, whether it's with the Pueblos, I also would like to see if there's a formal way of engaging the Pueblos and presenting to them and to make this understandable that they would like to solicit, if not a formal, "Hey, you sit on this Board," but as like, "Go to every Tribal Council once a year and report. You're part of Santa Fe County and we'd like to know what arts we can help you with," right? I mean, and it's consultation. These are the things that we're doing potentially on behalf of everyone and, the same sort of thing, I have a question about with the City, because about two years ago when we were proposing this, somebody cynically at the City said, "Please, take ours," right? They wanted to rid themselves of their Arts Commission. So, I wonder if there's any collaborative efforts happening there and to know whether they're doing well or whether there's either some level of, you know, is there duplication or is there collaboration in there? So, Juan, go for it.

MANAGER TORRES: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. So, there has been collaboration with the City's Art Commission and Department now. They're actually part of the grant. If we get the grant, we're going to be working with them very closely on some of the executables, and to your point about more direct collaboration with the tribal entities, through our proposed expanded contract through the Native Liaison Program, we're specifically identifying outreach to the tribal leadership through that mechanism and Deborah Torres to get more towards that kind of a goal.

CHAIR GREENE: Fabulous, and additionally, not to forget Edgewood and Española, right, to very formally make some sort of presentation to the community

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there and get in front of those communities. Because at the end of the day, if all we're working on Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe, we forget those other things. So, you know, one of the things that I want to encourage us to do, and this is where a County comes in. We're not here to make art. We're here to do things that artists can't do for themselves individually or even as a cluster of artists. Right? So, you take a good idea and you say, "What are artists struggling with? What would they wish they could have?" These are tools and this kind of circles back around to something that I've discussed here back in the tourism space with Lisa when she's presented. So, we have lots of communities that do studio tours. Studio tour used to come to Santa Fe County and get $5,000 for printing a guide, it was good for one weekend. Well, those studios don't exist one weekend. Those studios are here 52 weekends a year, they're here 365 days a year. Those studios should be made open through an app or some sort of tourist guide that allows for our arts community, no artist can do this app themselves, but this is the Santa Fe County, I've arrived here, whether I'm a local who wants to go down Highway 14 this weekend or whether I'm a tourist that just wants to discover art because I happen to be here. You flip this app open and it tells you which studios are open right now, and this becomes a tool that no artist can individually do and even not a single studio tour can do themselves, but we create this.

So, if people just toggle on, "My studio's open." They can open and close for an hour if they want, but those are the tools that an artist can't do themselves and that's where the County can step in and do that economic development tool to make somebody with just a little studio into a successful artist because they're hustling into opening their studio up and doing those things. Anyway, I think to Commissioner Johnson's point, is the economic development and tourism aspects that can be tools that we step in and bridge that for people that are craftspeople in their crafts. They're not marketing, they're not businesspeople.

ARTS COUNCIL VICE CHAIR TORRES: Chairman Greene, Commissioners, I think that's the bigger project of all of this because, as it's been mentioned, it is economic development, it is a driver. New Mexico Economic Development Department has recognized that they've created their own Creative Industries Division. So, I think we're going down the right path with having an Advisory Council. I think the next steps for the County Division is to make sure that it's funded and staffed because it just doesn't stop with a Council, it's a larger project.

CHAIR GREENE: I would encourage you all at Economic Development to not only staff it, well, first off have a Council, second, have somebody who owns it at the staff level and then thirdly, give them a budget, right? Give them a set of...

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: That was put in the budget this year.

CHAIR GREENE: Yeah. Okay.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: That was something that we worked on.

CHAIR GREENE: So, that would be great to sort of see how this work plan overlays with the budget. Did we give you enough? Probably not. You know, yeah.

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COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Sorry, Chair Greene. The other thing that I want to say, because I don't disagree that we should work with the neighboring Pueblos and tribes, Indian market alone on one weekend brings in $160 million plus in one weekend. That's the impact to the City. We have IAIA. They have a significant amount of wonderful resources and our real opportunity is to bring everyone up to that comparable, I can't say same because there is a uniqueness about Native American art that people really love, but we've got other populations to support big time. When we say, "What can we do for you?" I mean, the tribes do very, very well in the art world and, you know, $160 million is nothing to sneeze at if it's just a couple days in Santa Fe, New Mexico. So, our opportunities are broad. What are we doing with music? What are we doing...We have top dog musicians. What are we doing with theater? What are we doing? It used to be hopping with theater when I was a kid. You know, you had Greer Garson having all kinds of stuff going on over there. We have more to do. We can pick up on some of this because it's been amazing and it can be amazing again. I believe it.

CHAIR GREENE: Yep, and not to...One weekend of Indian market is one thing, there's 51 weekends the rest of the year and there's opportunities there just to make sure that we're representing all of our communities and SWAIA certainly doesn't represent the four Pueblos of Santa Fe County as well as it does the whole, a national sort of presence there. We're lucky to have them. We want to support that. I'm not saying to go to SWAIA and ask them how we can help SWAIA. I'm talking about the "little organizations" and small A artists that need help in that, but I appreciate that and that's why I would encourage you to do the things that a SWAIA can't do, that an individual artist can't do. Thank you very much. I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow and discussing this further and hearing other ideas from the individual Commission Committee people. Yeah.

ARTS COUNCIL VICE CHAIR TORRES: Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thanks. Anything else? No, excellent. Alright. That gets us back to, where are we on here? We are...Matters from the County Manager.

10. Matters from the County Manager

A. Miscellaneous Updates

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you Chair and Commissioners. Two brief updates. We have confirmed that the governing body of the City of Santa Fe has on its agenda for its regular meeting tomorrow the appointment of City Councilors to the Joint City County Action Working Groups that were created at the recent Joint City Council and Board of County Commissioners meeting. So, we will update the Board after the City Council takes action on its appointments to those working groups. Secondly, I just wanted to confirm that we are quickly moving toward the closing of all financing related

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to the Nueva Acequia 4% family and 9% senior projects, and we'll be asking the Board of County Commissioners to have a relatively brief and focused special meeting sometime during the week of September 21, 2026, so that any final approvals or allocations of previously authorized affordable housing funds to complete the capital stack for those combined projects can be approved and everything can be put in place timely for the closing on September 30, 2026. Thank you Chair and we'll be trying to coordinate that special meeting with you based upon your availability as the Board of County Commissioners by the end of this week. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, County Manager. Commissioners? What do we got? Who wants to go first?

11. Matters from the County Commissioners and Other Elected Officials (Action/Non-Action Items)

A. Commissioner Issues and Comments, Including but not Limited to Constituent Concerns, Recognitions, and Requests for Updates or Future Presentations. (Non-Action Items)

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'll go, I'm short.

CHAIR GREENE: Please.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Chair. I went to a meeting in Tierra Amarilla to discuss the implications of uranium mining along the Chama, along and around in the whereabouts of the Chama River of which we actually have an interest in if we think we're going to have a San Juan Chama, it'll dry up before we actually pull all the uranium out, but who knows, right? I'm saying that to be somewhat facetious and snarky, but the fact is it's a problem because if they do the test wells, there are rules and requirements for the reclamation. The focus tends to be on the nuclear component of that, but we tend to leave, and I say we in the generalist sense under the mining laws, etc., the in-situ chemicals tend to remain. That is something that was discussed in some detail. So, it's not necessarily whether or not it's hot in a nuclear kind of fashion, but the chemicals need to be removed if they're going to continue downstream. So, that was very good. We talked about the Roadless Rule. Of course we've supported a letter on that, but the other is that there will be a rewrite, and I understand it's being worked on for the, you know, the 1800s Mining Law that has been in effect for way too long. So, that's really the highlight of the discussion at that time. I went on behalf of the HCLC, which is a component of HECHO, the Hispanic...Hispanic, whatever. Hispanics Enjoying Environment.

CHAIR GREENE: Culture?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: No. Camping, Hunting and the Outdoors.

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That's what HECHO is. Don't make me do that again.

CHAIR GREENE: Sounds like a maker's thing.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Yeah, and the HCLC is the Hispanic Leadership group that comes from that. So, that's what we talked about. Thank you. I'm done.

CHAIR GREENE: Excellent. Thank you, Commissioner Bustamante. Commissioner Hughes?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Chair Greene. Just a couple things. One is I've heard from several constituents that are concerned about the use of rodenticides in my district. So, I'm going to work with Commissioner Johnson on perhaps a way to limit that. Several people have observed owls killed by rodenticides and obviously that's not good because we love owls, even though we don't particularly like little mice running around. Last week we had the Buckman Direct Diversion Committee and Mr. Green and I attended, and we are making progress on the improvements needed to the diversion. So, that was good to see. Then I was glad to hear that the City has on its agenda to appoint Committees members tomorrow. That doesn't leave us a whole lot of time to meet before our October meeting, but I guess we'll see how that goes, and that's it for me.

CHAIR GREENE: Commissioners, Johnson?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Yah, I look forward to working with Commissioner Hughes about rodenticide issues. An owl visited my house and my wife observed it and honestly like 10 feet away just sort of sitting there and then it noticed her and then it flew away. So, we want to protect the owls, and I think...Anyway, you'll hear from us soon. I went to the North Central Regional Transit District meeting. We got an update on service performance. I'm happy to say that the service along the Chile Line which goes from Taos to Española to Santa Fe grows continuously. There was something like 13,000 passengers last year and, post COVID, it's rebounding and one thing that I will mention is that there is in La Cienega a MyBlue service, the numbers are a little down on and that has to do with how often that service is provided, but I just wanted to remind anyone listening that there is MyBlue service, which is a sort of call on-demand service in that area. Commissioner Bustamante and I attended a charrette from HDR, which is the consultant doing the Public Power Study. It was very interesting and useful, I think, and you all should be hearing more about that soon. A couple other things, but I think I'll just end now by saying there's a pretty interesting presentation that will be hosted on Thursday evening by Homewise's Livability Series that is about State initiatives on housing. So, if that's of interest to any of my fellow commissioners, let's attend and not talk to each other. That's it. Thanks, Chair.

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CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Commissioner Johnson. I will be there on Thursday for that housing thing, so I'm looking forward to that. First off, I want to give a big thank you to all of the folks, firefighters and the Southwest Area Incident Management Team 4 for their work on the fire. It is 7:09 p.m. They have gone home today. Yes, that's good news. This has become a local fire. Our local forest service is on top of it now, so big thank you to the California Incident Management Team 8 who was here for three weeks and now the Southwest Area Incident Management Team 4. These guys and girls were amazing. The organization that they showed and how they worked both in fighting the fire and then the, kind of the unexpected care that they gave to our local values and priorities. You know, they came in and said, they know what irrigation ditches are but they had to learn what acequias were and they came in and they wanted to know and they put them on maps and they were asking to make sure that they protected our waterways because that seemed to be one of those intangibles that they realize were very important. So, when they talked about protecting life as a priority, that was the first one, property was the second priority, and then resources and stuff like water was their third level priority. It was amazing how they came in, and you don't expect that from the Feds so much.

Thank you to the Pueblo of Tesuque for making Camel Rock Studios available to the fire team. That was pretty amazing that they stood that up so quickly. I got to take a tour of Santa Cruz Lake Overlook where the field teams were living for a couple weeks and that's going to need a little bit of restoration. It's BLM land, but we should be looking at ways to make sure that that campground does not look nearly as trampled over because it had close to 400 people living up there day in and day out in a big operation up there.

I went to Zozobra on Friday. That was amazing, but I got a great experience because I was given the honor of introducing a number of Santa Fe's finest firefighters as well as folks from the Forest Service and folks from the Southwest Area Incident Management Team and most important person of the Forest Service was the one and only, Smokey Bear. So, you've never heard, maybe you have. I got the feeling of getting to introduce Smokey Bear next to me and you get 40,000 people yelling very nice enthusiastic things about, maybe not me, but Smokey Bear. So, it was great to be on the stage with Smokey and thank you Smokey and everybody from the Forest Service for coming down and telling people that, "Only you can prevent forest fire."

Lastly in the realm of the City and County working together, I've started to talk to folks at the City and to the County and at both staff level and at Council level at the City about trying to get something deliverable for October. We all have Committees that we have to do stuff, and it'd be nice to show up with something to report in, and so to that end you've heard me speak about a Housing Summit and the City has spoken about a Housing Summit. So, I've started to put together the skeleton of a Housing Summit. So,

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I forget who is on the housing issue with me, but whoever it is, I would love to...Is it you? Yeah? Okay, great. Would love to start collaborating on that. We've gotten potential dates already lined up with spaces and the beginnings of conversations at the City level and a little bit at the County level just to say, "What would this mean and what would we try to get out of this?" So, I look forward to working with someone, Councilor Bustamante or Commissioner Bustamante, it might even be Councilor Bustamante too, who knows. We will get something hopefully deliverable, obviously not a plan of action, per se, although maybe some of it, but definitely some first steps in understanding where we want to take a work plan for this collaboration. That's it for me. I appreciate you all being here. Anybody from the elected officials gallery who wants to speak today?

B. **Other Elected Officials Issues and Comments, Including but not Limited to Constituent Concerns, Recognitions, and Requests for Updates or Future Presentations.** (Non-Action Items)

MR. FRESQUEZ: Mr. Chair we do have the Treasurer online, but it doesn't seem like she has any updates to share.

CHAIR GREENE: She had really good horchata and lemonade today. Thank you, Madam Treasurer. Alright. Well, County Attorney, did you tell us, or do we have an Executive Session we have to get into? No, that's great. That's amazing.

12. Matters from the County Attorney

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A. Executive Session.

None discussed.

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ATTORNEY BOYD: I have no items for you all tonight.
CHAIR GREENE: Excellent. Well, thank you for saving us some time.
ATTORNEY BOYD: [unintelligible]
CHAIR GREENE: Well, you don't have to do it all with us together. You can take it home. Alright, what is the pleasure of the Board?

15. Concluding Business

A. Announcements.

None discussed.

B. Adjournment. (Action Items)

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Move to adjourn.
COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'd like to make a motion...
COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Sorry.
CHAIR GREENE: You know what that was like....
COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: You want to do the honors...
CHAIR GREENE: Yeah, please.
COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: ...Commissioner Bustamante?
COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: You do it. I feel like I just hog the mic.
COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: We all are guilty of hogging the mic, and I will move to adjourn.
CHAIR GREENE: We have a motion from Commissioner Johnson to adjourn.
COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.
CHAIR GREENE: Oh, we'll take the second from Commissioner Hughes. All in favor, say aye. We're adjourned. Thank you.
COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thanks, everyone.
COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hughes seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

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