

**SANTA FE COUNTY
OPEN LAND, TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COLTPAC)
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025, 6:00 PM**

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the County Open Land, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Mann at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

B. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Mann, Chair
Steven Forde, Vice Chair
Bryan Bird
Paige Grant
Amelia Adair
(2 vacancies)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dan Potter
Jill St. Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT

Adeline Murthy, Open Space and Trails Planning Team Leader
Dow Swart, Open Space and Trails Intern
Marvelous Echeng, Community Planner
Herbert Foster, Planning Team Leader
Carl Dickens
Deirdre Monroe
Lauren Aston

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus as presented.

D. APPROVE MINUTES

i. MAY 7, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were approved by consensus as presented.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by Ms. Swart, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Foster, Ms. Monroe and Ms. Aston.

III. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Dickens and Ms. Monroe made public comments.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. SANTA FE COUNTY TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM

Mr. Foster gave a presentation on the transfer of development rights program, followed by questions from the committee about the program and the relationship between development and the conservation of land.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. None.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TRAIL CONNECTING LA BAJADA RANCH TO TRES RIOS RANCH AND/OR OTHER OPEN SPACE AMENITIES

Staff presented a slideshow with photos of both properties and the conceptual plan of Tres Rios Ranch created by community members. Staff explained that the conceptual plan identifies the need for a secondary access route to the property from La Bajada Ranch. Mr. Dickens said that the secondary access route is included in the County's capital plan.

There was a discussion about options for the conservation of Tres Rios Ranch. Ms. Adair mentioned that the County could purchase easements rights at Tres Rios to allow public access via La Bajada Ranch.

Committee members inquired about next steps. Ms. Murthy said a County community planner, Joseph Scala, will be convening a working group for La Bajada

Ranch in the coming months.

B. POLICY REGARDING DISPOSAL OF OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES

This item was tabled and a special meeting will be scheduled to discuss the policy.

VII. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE

The committee discussed the procedure for working group members to visit open space properties that are currently closed to the public when needed. Ms. Grant expressed interest in joining the Open Space Interpretive Ranger on her weekend patrols of open space properties. It was discussed that these visits would have to be attended by a sub-quorum of COLTPAC members, with spots available on a first-come first-served basis.

VIII. MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. UPDATE ON SCALING UP OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Ms. Murthy updated the committee on these efforts, including updating the volunteer liability waiver with the County's legal team, and applying for a "Que Linda" grant through NMDOT to hire a volunteer coordinator for community clean ups of open space properties.

B. UPDATE ON ACQUISITION OF BOBCAT CROSSING RANCH

Ms. Murthy updated the committee on the progress of acquisition of the property. The environmental survey to identify potential environmental hazards is currently underway. The County is expecting to close on the purchase in mid-September.

C. UPDATE ON REVISIONS TO COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Ms. Murthy informed the committee that she is still in discussion with Public Works regarding this ordinance revision.

D. UPDATE OF FILLING COMMUNITY VACANCIES

Ms. Murthy informed the committee that a press release to recruit applicants has been drafted and will be published this week.

IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION A motion was made by Chair Mann, seconded by Mr. Forde, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Chris Mann, Chair

[Handwritten signature of Adeline Murthy]

Adeline Murthy, COLTPAC Liaison



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