

**SANTA FE COUNTY
OPEN LAND, TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COLTPAC)
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025, 5:30 PM**

1. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Open Land, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Mann at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

B. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Mann, Chair
Steve Forde, Vice Chair
Bryan Bird
Paige Grant
Amelia Adair
Dan Potter
Tom Dominguez
Deirdre Monroe, virtually

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jill St. Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT

Adeline Murthy, Open Space and Trails Planning Team Leader
Alexandra Ladd, Director, Growth Management Department
Monica Harmon, Open Space Resource Management Specialist

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus as presented.

The Committee introduced themselves and welcomed the two new members.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. POLICY FOR DISPOSITION OF OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES

Chair Mann stated that the County does not have a policy for the disposition of open space properties. He provided background as to why COLTPAC was discussing such a policy. The issue first came up when the County sold South Meadows Open Space without public input. Then the issue came up again when COLTPAC was tasked with considering the Town of Edgewood's proposal to transfer the ownership of Edgewood Open Space & Equestrian Center from the County to the Town. And it came up once more when Ms. Grant and Mr. Bird suggested that some open space properties were no longer serving the program.

The Committee reviewed the table describing the legal protection status of each property so that Committee members could know where things stand in terms of existing conservation easements, deed restrictions, and properties in which the development rights have been severed.

The Committee then reviewed the draft property disposition policy, and explained that the purpose is to create a transparent and thoughtful process for the disposition or change of use of open space property. The Committee read through the policy and made suggestions, which were captured by Ms. Murthy. Mr. Potter stated that he would like the policy to ensure that if the land is disposed of, it would remain protected and still serve the reason for which it was selected for acquisition by the community. Ms. Adair said that land swaps could also be an option. Ms. Monroe asked about the definition of "open space." The Committee then discussed this definition, including the difference between "open space" and "open lands." Ms. Adair said the policy should be respectful of landowners who sold or donated their land to the County for open space.

Mr. Potter asked about the process for COLTPAC's recommendation, and if this draft policy would come back to COLTPAC for a final review and vote after County staff and legal review. Ms. Murthy said that is correct, and that COLTPAC could vote on it at the next meeting.

A discussion ensued to wordsmith the draft policy.

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING A POLICY FOR THE DISPOSITION OF OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES.

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE

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Mr. Forde stated that he would like to revive the Volunteer Working Group, and could put together a draft proposal ahead of the next meeting.

Ms. Murthy said she will add that discussion to the next meeting agenda.

6. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.



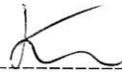
Chris Mann, Chair

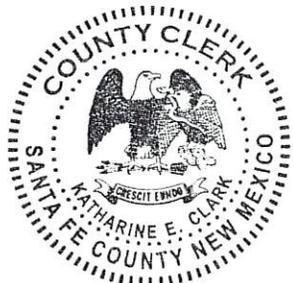


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