

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY
OPEN LAND, TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COLTPAC)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026, 6:00 PM**

1. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Open Land, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Mann at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at the County Administrative Complex, Santa Fe, NM.

B. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Mann, Chair
Steve Forde, Vice Chair
Bryan Bird
Paige Grant
Dan Potter
Tom Dominguez
Deirdre Monroe
Jesse Crews

MEMBERS ABSENT

Amelia Adair

OTHERS PRESENT

Adeline Murthy, Open Space and Trails Planning Team Leader
Anna McMahon, Planning Team Leader

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Potter, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2025, COLTPAC MEETING MINUTES

In section 6A, it was suggested that more detail be provided. Section 6A changed

from: "Ms. Grant gave a report on the recent visit to OMOS [Ortiz Mountains Open Space], saying Dr. Craig Allen feels that we need to burn it. He gave a suggestion of an expert to look at the options. She would like to get going on this;" to: "Ms. Grant gave a report on the recent visit to OMOS [Ortiz Mountains Open Space], saying Dr. Craig Allen feels that we need to develop and apply a prescribed burn plan. He suggested it might be useful to have Dr. Ellis Margolis prepare a fire history of the property. Ms. Grant would like to get going on this."

The minutes as amended were approved by unanimous consent.

E. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2025, COLTPAC MEETING MINUTES

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

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None.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NOS. 1995-10, 2001-1 AND 2015-6 TO UPDATE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR COUNTY OPEN SPACES, TRAILS AND PARKS

Ms. Murthy reviewed the memo in the packet which described the proposed changes to the Ordinance and the justification for making the changes. She stated that it had been ten years since the Ordinance had been updated. The purpose of this process was to modernize the language of the ordinance and make updates to reflect new technology such as e-bikes, climate change adaptation, enhancing partnerships with Tribal agencies, enhancing alternate transportation options, and addressing the need for more spaces for people to gather.

Ms. Murthy reviewed the changes and additions to the Ordinance, including the COLTPAC recommendations, the addition of definitions, addressing traditional uses by Tribal Nations, more leeway for staff to remove invasive species, increasing the threshold for the requirement of special use permits for events to 50 people, rules and regulations for e-bikes and other electric personal mobility devices, a new section on a speed limit of 15 mph, language regarding operating drones, and restricting travel off of designated trails.

There was discussion around e-bike classifications, the definition of bicycles, the implications of making changes as this time, tweaks in the language around e-bikes, and a consideration of helmet requirements. COLTPAC decided that any helmet requirements would require more research and stakeholder engagement before being included in the ordinance.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Potter, to support the County staff proposal regarding repealing and replacing Ordinance Nos. 1995-10, 2001-1 and 2015-6 to update the rules and regulations for County Open Spaces, Trails and Parks.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE

A. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE

Ms. Grant would like to see a discussion of wildlife crossings on the next agenda. Mr. Bird agreed to give a presentation at the next meeting.

Ms. Grant would like to see porta potties at every trailhead.

Ms. Grant would like wind turbines on Santa Fe County land to be designed to minimize bird and bat collisions. She said painting one blade black can reduce bird collisions, and adding ultrasonic whistles at the end of the blades can reduce bat collisions.

5. MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. UPDATE ON POLICY FOR DISPOSITION OR CHANGE OF USE OF OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES

Ms. Murthy updated the Committee that Legal reviewed this policy and that she will bring it to the Board of County Commissioners on March 10th.

B. UPDATE ON VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR POSITION

Ms. Murthy updated the Committee that the position will be posted in the next month. She will circulate the posting to the Committee when it is available.

C. UPDATE ON RIO EN MEDIO TRAIL ACCESS PLANNING

Ms. Murthy updated the Committee about the community open house meeting on

January 17th regarding trail access, and talked about some of the new ideas that came up at the meeting.

6. NEXT REGULAR MEETING


A. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

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


VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.



Chris Mann, Chair




Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

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Deputy  _____ Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Katharine E. Clark
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

