SANTA FE COUNTY
WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026
240 GRANT AVENUE, PLAZA CONFERENCE ROOM, 4:00 PM
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

1. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Water Policy Advisory Committee was called to order by Peter Gowen, Chair, at 4:00 PM, on Thursday, July 9, 2026, in the Plaza Conference Room, 240 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, NM.

B. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT
Peter Gowen, Chair
Shann Stringer
Stephen Schmelling, Vice Chair
Amy Jordan
James Mike Henry
Laird Graeser
Emily Wolf
Darrin Muenzberg
Commissioner Camilla Bustamante, ex-officio member

MEMBERS ABSENT
John Kadlecek, excused
Jeff Montoya

OTHERS PRESENT
Andrew Harnden, Sante Fe County, Senior Water Planner and Committee Liaison
Alexandra Ladd, Director, Growth Management
Leandro Cordova, Deputy County Manager
Walker Boyd, County Attorney
Brandt Geist, Santa Fe County Utilities Department
Travis Soderquist, Santa Fe County Utilities Director
Jacqueline Beam, Santa Fe County Sustainability Manager
Michael Carr, Santa Fe County Public Works Environmental Compliance Officer
Carl Dickens, community member

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Michael Miller, community member
Cora Cliburn, community member
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Gowen proposed that item 4 be moved to before item 8.

MOTION A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MAY 14, 2026 WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Chair Gowen said on item 6D, it says Mike Henry is the Chair for the Outreach Subcommittee. The Chair is John Kadlecek. That change needs to be made.

MOTION A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

B. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

4. ITEM 4 WAS MOVED TO BEFORE ITEM 8

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. WATER HAULING FINDINGS FOR SANTA FE COUNTY

Ms. Cliburn made a PowerPoint presentation on the Water Hauling Findings for Santa Fe County, including some of her research findings on the practices, perspectives, and costs associated with bulk water use in the County. She said this is part of a larger study on water hauling, which she will be publishing this fall. A number of you generously contributed to this study and she thanks you for that.

Ms. Cliburn gave some background on water hauling including residential bulk water use at the Ojo de Agua and existing research focused on water haulers and other residents who self-supply their water and are especially vulnerable to climate change.

Ms. Cliburn said the key take away is that hauling is a necessity for a broad demographic and that the median age is considerably higher than that of the County. Thirty of the thirty-four households she spoke with reported that their water hauling began in response to either experienced or anticipated domestic well-related issues. This is just a sample of the findings.

Commissioner Bustamante said she wanted to acknowledge Cora, who interviewed her a while back, and she is happy to see that Cora is still moving along with her research. She is wondering what her plans are after she gets this published and are there any recommendations that are coming through that you would make as to policy.

Ms. Cliburn said she plans to publish a journal article of these findings. Also, one of her interests is also having a more public-facing report that could accompany that with a bit more of a summary of the details. She does not feel that, at this point, she is in a position to make policy recommendations. Her goal was to illuminate some of the perspectives and experiences of the water hauling residents she spoke with.

There was discussion around the quantification of what the commercial use is from the primary County site and the category of residential users; water use to keep the dust down for building; water testing of the hauled water; and water origins.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF WPAC DRAFT 2ND QUARTER REPORT FOR BCC JULY 27, 2026 MEETING AS AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Mr. Harnden said two documents had been prepared for this item. One is a one-page summary, and the second is an addendum. The addendum goes through each of the water tasks. Each of the working group Chairs have reviewed both the summary and the addendum. This draft has incorporated the comments from all three working groups.

MOTION A motion was made by Chair Gowen, seconded by Mr. Graeser, to approve the 2nd Quarter Report for presentation to the BCC.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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A. DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS AND RESULTS FROM NEXT GENERATION WATER SUMMIT JUNE 2026

Ms. Beam said she did not have any statistics yet. We are waiting for the organizer to provide us with that information. She feels like it was a huge success and likely due to the County's involvement. She will share the stats with the Committee as soon as they are available.

Mr. Graeser said there were lots of good ideas. He really appreciated the organization on the part of the County.

There were further comments by Committee members stating that it was well worth the time and attendance, there was genuine outreach, well done by all of you, good job everyone and there were great discussions.

Ms. Beam said the day before the summit, the City and County met together with the State Bureau of Geology and Minerals. We put together a plan for a flyover project to map the aquifer in Santa Fe County. The amount of information they can draw from this is pretty astounding. They have already mapped about 14% of the State.

B. DISCUSS COUNTY POLICY ON WATER SUPPLY AND SUSTAINABILITY

There was discussion on water use for developments; water rights - paper and wet; water banking; asking developers to confirm with water rights; determining if this is a topic the Committee needs to take on; having a formal presentation to the Committee; and long-term water planning.

Ms. Ladd said unfortunately Utilities is not on the call today. She thinks they could walk you through what you are asking for. We can arrange for that. She will work with Andrew on setting that up. The City and County joint meetings will be addressing these issues as well and working on a plan.

C. UPDATE ON SANTA FE RIVER GREENWAY PROJECT

Mr. Harnden said at our May meeting, the Executive Director of the Watershed Association attended our meeting to identify some problems with an ongoing project. As a result of that, there has been a County response.

Chair Gowen said he needed to disclose a conflict of interest in that he serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Watershed Association. He is going to turn this discussion over to Stephen, the Vice Chair.

Ms. Hensley said she was on the call and is happy to answer any questions.

It was stated that currently Mike Hart, Project Manager at Public Works, is overseeing this project. The planning for this project has been ongoing for seven years.

Mr. Cordova said Mike Hart would be the appropriate person to answer your questions. He did not understand that this would be a staff item. He respectfully asks that this item be tabled to a future meeting so that we can ensure that Mike is here to represent the project and respond to the concerns.

There was discussion around if the Santa Fe River Greenway Project is the same as what was originally the Paseo Real Lower Santa Fe River Wetlands Restoration Project.

Mr. Cordova said he did not have that answer, but it sounds like two separate projects. We will look into that.

Ms. Hensley said it was her understanding that this is more related to the River Corridor Master Plan. The Greenway is sort of County Open Space that goes along the river section through specifically the Village of Agua Fria.

Chair Gowen asked Ms. Hensley to describe her view of what has happened recently through dialogue with the County and what she expects in the future.

Ms. Hensley said the Santa Fe Watershed Association and other partners met with Commissioner Cacari-Stone and other County staff as well as the AECOM on June 25th. There were general concerns expressed. A report from the AECOM engineers is expected this Friday, July 10th. Next steps will be based on what that response says. The project is in Commissioner Cacari-Stone's District.

Chair Gowen said we will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

There was continued discussion as to the role of the Outreach Working Group in improving public engagement and the dialogue between the County and the Watershed Association and other groups and the damage of this project to the Agua Fria community without the necessary repairs being committed to.

D. DISCUSS OPTION TO REQUIRE WPAC MEMBERS TO ATTEND A MINIMUM NUMBER OF MEETINGS EACH YEAR

There was discussion regarding County rules for Advisory Committees and the Resolution establishing WPAC. It was stated that whatever is recommended for this Committee needs to also be in effect for all County Committees.

Commissioner Bustamante committed that she and Brittany will look into the other committees that exist to see what the rules are for missing meetings. She does

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believe that it is appropriate to update the current Resolution as it is written, as some things have changed. She thinks we can make some modifications and still expect results. She will work on this between now and the next meeting.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP PROGRESS REPORT

Ms. Wolf said our group met on the 26th and made some really good progress on refining what our specific goals are with reviewing the Sustainability and Land Development Code, green stormwater infrastructure requirements and recommendations to update the code as well. We are going to look at other city codes and information before making recommendations. We are also looking at arroyo management. We will bring our recommendations to the full Committee at a later date.

B. DRINKING AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP PROGRESS REPORT

It was reported that the working group met at the end of June and the minutes for that meeting are in the packet. A brief summary of the meeting was given saying their first task is to review any applications for water service on the Resolution 2015-121. There have been no staff reports so there is nothing to report there. Task two is to review and comment on staff and consultant efforts. The executive summary on that is available for review. We have reviewed it and commented on it as well.

C. OUTREACH WORKING GROUP PROGRESS REPORT

Chair Gowen said John is dealing with some medical issues. He is basically excused through the September meeting. There is an Outreach report in the packet.

4. MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. UTILITIES

Mr. Geist gave an update on Utilities including that they continue to work on several ongoing water planning efforts, they are evaluating future rate structures, revenue needs and long-term utility financial planning. We are progressing with the RFP process and coordinating with small systems and regional water planning efforts as well. Two weeks ago, we had a really good meeting with the City of Santa Fe, as well as Hazen and Sawyer, consultants. We talked about what has been done and next steps. We have been putting together a list of vulnerability scenarios, adaption strategies and evaluation criteria to prioritize strategies.

B. SUSTAINABILITY

Ms. Bean reported that they are working with Growth Management on the SLDC updates and continuing to provide recommendations. We are moving into soil health as well. It is her understanding that the Growth Management prefers to wait until all the information has been returned so that we have a full spreadsheet and understand the full picture.

C. PLANNING

Mr. Harnden said we have four applicants for Committee membership that will be presented to the BCC on July 27th. We recommend the names to the BCC for their consideration for approval.

D. PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Carr said we do not have anything that requires WPAC input at this moment. In the coming months, he will be sending out a finalized domestic well metering program brochure for you to look at and provide some feedback for us.

9. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Laird Graeser spoke about the Anti-Donation Clause and said there is nothing that prohibits the expenditure of State funds or resources for the purpose of providing essential services, primarily for residential purposes. He found that interesting. One of his ideas it to talk with Peter Wirth on regionalization because he is not going to serve anymore as majority leader. He may want to get involved in water and essential services. The Chair handed out a State Constitutional Amendment that is currently in place. He said there is not enabling legislation to take advantage of that to aid in economic development such as infrastructure, buildings, cash, etc. We could possibly provide water meters for seniors as an example. It seems to him that we could propose some legislation that would enable this.

There was continued discussion.

10. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

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There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Peter Gowen, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

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Santa Fe County Water Policy Advisory Committee
2026 2nd Quarter Summary Report
Pursuant to Santa Fe County Resolution 2024-038

Introduction

This Summary Report highlights WPAC progress made on its 2026 Work Plan in the 2nd Quarter of 2026. It is responsive to the Santa Fe County Resolution 2024-038, paragraph 19 requirement which states: "WPAC shall present a report of its activities and recommendations to the Board on a quarterly schedule..." for the second quarter of 2026.

Greater detail is presented in an Addendum to this Summary Report. (Attached.)

Unified Water Authority

On February 12, 2026, WPAC considered and approved a letter stating "WPAC Findings and Recommendations Regarding the Pursuit of a Unified Santa Fe County–City of Santa Fe Water Authority." WPAC remains ready to continue work on this effort once County and City elected officials develop a MOU to explore creation of a utility authority pursuant to the Regional Water System Resiliency Act, consistent with BCC action taken at its April 14, 2026 meeting.

Drinking and Wastewater Management

Drinking and Wastewater Management Working Group has reviewed and commented on the following consultant reports made available by staff:

1. LC/LC PER/Water Planning Study & Rapid Watershed Assessment
2. PFAS study
3. Aquifer Storage Recovery at the Quill Plant
4. Preliminary draft report on a "Santa Fe County Water Utility Master Plan"

The Working Group comments were presented to the full WPAC at its May 14, 2026 meeting. Other consultant efforts listed in the 2026 Work Plan have not yet produced reports for WPAC consideration.

Outreach

The Outreach Working Group is monitoring community discussions concerning an ongoing County project concerning the Santa Fe River Greenway Project, Section B. for purposes of exploring how the County can consider community input for future water related projects. The WG will be commenting on proposed changes to the SLDC when drafted by the consultant.

Stormwater Management

The Working Group continues to provide comments on staff and consultant efforts regarding implementation of the Sustainable Growth Management Plan (SGMP) through its County's Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC).

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Santa Fe County Water Policy Advisory Committee
Addendum to 2026 2nd Quarter Report
Pursuant to Santa Fe County Resolution 2024-038

PREAMBLE

This Addendum supplements the WPAC 2nd Quarter 2026 Report pursuant to Santa Fe County Resolution 2024-038, paragraph 19 requirement which states: "WPAC shall present a report of its activities and recommendations to the Board on a quarterly schedule..."

INTRODUCTION

The WPAC 2026 Work Plan (Plan) was approved by the Board on January 27, 2026. (Attachment 1.) The Plan identified three WPAC working groups, and assigned specific tasks to each group. Those working groups include: 1) Stormwater Management Working Group; 2) Drinking & Wastewater Management Working Group; and 3) Outreach Working Group.

This Addendum describes 2nd quarter 2026 WPAC activities for each working group, by specific tasks.

The abbreviation "WG" used throughout this Report stands for "Working Group".

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

Task 1

Review and comment on the County staff and consultants' effort on: 1) revisions and additions to the Sustainable Land Development Code related to water conservation, harvesting and reuse, stormwater management, and code requirements for new developments; 2) Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Facility Master Plan); 3) GSI Installation and Maintenance Guide; 4) Subdivision review; and 5) Arroyo Stormwater Management component for the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP).

2nd Quarter 2026 Activity

The WG is reviewing consultants' (BHI and Raincatcher) recommendations for modifications to the Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC) to implement relevant portions of the Sustainable Growth Management Plan. The WG is reviewing case studies from other cities in the region and will consider incentives for implementation.

Task 2

Explore and recommend projects and policies for promoting wastewater reuse in new and existing residential and commercial developments including updates to County's Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC) and Sustainable Growth Management Plan (SGMP) to include incentives and/or requirements for wastewater reuse.

2nd Quarter 2026 Activity

The WG is developing a recommendation for development of a Green Stormwater Master Plan that integrates green infrastructure in comprehensive stormwater management including arroyos.

Task 3

Review information included in the Hazard Mitigation Plan on flood control structures that are owned by the Santa Fe-Pojoaque Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

2nd Quarter 2026 Activity

The WG is exploring best practices and policy recommendations for managing high flow conditions in Arroyo Hondo and Arroyo Chamisa as they impact La Cienaga.

DRINKING & WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

Task 1

Review and Process applications for utility service by existing water and wastewater service providers pursuant to Resolution 2015-121 and as it may be amended. Consider additional amendments specific to Mutual Domestic Community Water Associations (MDCWAs) and long-term coordination with the County's utilities system.

2nd Quarter 2026 Activity

No applications pursuant to Resolution 2015-121 have been forwarded to WPAC for its consideration.

Task 2

Review and comment on staff and consultant efforts on:

a. LC/LC PER/Water Planning Study & Rapid Watershed Assessment
b. County PFAS study
c. Santa Fe 2100 Water Plan
d. Wastewater treatment plant return flow credits
e. Aquifer Storage Recovery at the Quill Plant
f. Domestic Wells Monitoring Program
g. Return flow credits
h. Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System (PBRWS)
I. Eldorado Area Water & Sewer District (EAWSD) plans for water lines and for acquiring water rights and transfers

Comment on reports once available.

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2nd Quarter 2026 Activity

Consultant reports on items a, b, e, above and an additional preliminary draft report for a "Santa Fe County Water Utility Master Plan" were made available to the Working Group. Review comments were prepared and presented to the full WPAC at its May 14, 2026 meeting. There is no additional actionable work for WPAC at this time for the other task items.

OUTREACH WORKING GROUP

Task 1

Identify options for potential collaboration/partnerships regarding stormwater and wastewater management with the City of Santa Fe and other organizations such as the Santa Fe Watershed Association (SFWA), and with stakeholders and collaborative watershed planning groups in other County watersheds.

2nd Quarter 2026 Activity

At its May 14, 2026 meeting, WPAC became aware of community concern over the implementation of an ongoing County project concerning the Santa Fe River Greenway Project, Section B. The WG is monitoring discussions among interested parties, including the SFWA. Active intervention and engagement by WPAC is not expected on this project at this time, but the matter will be studied for purposes of exploring how the County can consider community input for future water related projects.

The WG reviewed the Low Impact Green Stormwater Infrastructure Guidebook before its public release in April.

Task 2

Explore opportunities for greater cooperation between NM Environment Department, Office of State Engineer (OSE) and County staff, to coordinate reporting requirements and databases for septic tanks and domestic wells.

2nd Quarter 2026 Activity

The task leader learned that there is no useful state database for septic systems, and that prior funding for one has been withdrawn. Staff reports that a consultant is preparing suggested changes to the Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC) regarding to water-related issues. The WG will review and comment on the same when ready.

The WG is also reviewing and commenting on materials developed by staff regarding domestic water well metering.

Task 3

Explore options for supporting Community Water Systems for strengthening resiliency in infrastructure, people, and water supply. Support staff, NMED Drinking Water Bureau (DWB),

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD), and Rural Water Association (RWA) capacity building and training activities for Mutual Domestic Community Water Associations (MDCWAs) including systems regional collaboration for pooling and sharing resources. Propose engagement activities with MDCWA umbrella organizations as a contact point for staff efforts for promoting well monitoring and water conservation and reuse.

2nd Quarter 2026 Activity

The WG has been working with and participating with the Water Leadership Institute in its educational program for water providers including MDCWAs on topics of governance, water conservation, collaboration models and Open Meetings Act. The WG has responded to the Interstate Stream Commissions new rule for regions creating Water Security Plan, identifying the need for the County to identify a representative, as well as Mutual Domestic Community Water Associations.

Task 4

Explore and recommend strategies with USDA NRCS to increase agricultural producers' and residents' awareness of Soil Health Program. Work with Soil Health New Mexico.

2nd Quarter 2026 Activity

This is a program managed by the The Santa Fe - Pojoaque Soil and Water Conservation District, which has sponsored this program in the past. Due to administrative challenges with the state agency, the District is not continuing the program this year, but hopes to re-engage next year with improved administrative conditions. There is no additional WPAC WG activity expected for the remainder of this year. However, the WG will review proposed modifications to the SLDC related to this task when they are developed by the consultant.

Task 5

Create a suite of strategies for increasing outreach to any county water-related program (domestic well reporting, for example, to address the question: how do residents find out about a program? (website, newsletter, property tax stuffers (biannual?), informational packets with new home purchases partnering with realtors. E-communication sign-up. Items for fun – water bottles, flow reduction products, videos, press releases, social media)

2nd Quarter 2026 Activity

The Work Group conferred with the organizers of the Next Generation Water Summit (NGWS) on the NGWS 2026 program and several members attended the summit.

The Work Group commented on the Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Guide, suggesting that once it is formally released in April, that a link be included in utility and tax bills.

Task 6

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Continue exploring trends in water data and consider ways of updating these data elements and conveying relevant data to the residents of the county.

2nd Quarter 2026 Activity

See response to Task 2 above.

Task 7

Explore and recommend processes for additional community engagement regarding County water-related projects. Meet with Acequia Association(s) to better understand needs and identify opportunities for coordination with the County.

2nd Quarter 2026 Activity

Initial outreach has been made with N.M. Acequia Association and N.M. Acequia Commission to facilitate some conversations. A problem has been identified regarding acequias wanting advance notice of land disturbance activities in their areas to protect their assets. Response to this is under consideration. The WG has reviewed applicable provisions of the SLDC for possible modifications, but has not developed any suggested changes yet.

Attachments:

1. 2026 WPAC Work Plan

Attachment 1

Addendum to WPAC
2nd Quarter Report

Water Policy Advisory Committee
2026 Work Plan

(As Revised by BCC 1/27/2026)

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