

**SANTA FE COUNTY
WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025
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 Shann Stringer, Chair, at 4:31 PM, on Thursday, October 9, 2025, in the Plaza Conference Room, 240 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, NM.

A quorum was not present until 4:31 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shann Stringer, Chair
James Mike Henry
Peter Gowen
Stephen Schmelling
Amy Jordan
Laird Graeser
John Kadlecek

MEMBERS ABSENT

Darrin Muenzberg
Jeff Montoya
Commissioner Camilla Bustamante
Emily Wolf, Vice Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew Harnden, Santa Fe County Planning
Jacqueline Beam, Santa Fe County Sustainability
Michael Carr, Santa Fe County Public Works
Carl Dickens, community member

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Gowen asked that item 8, Action Items, be moved to after number 3 and

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before number 4.

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

Emma Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet introduced herself as a Water Resources student at UNM. She is attending the meeting as part of her studies.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE MAY 29, 2024 WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 29, 2024 minutes as presented.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

B. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 11, 2025 minutes as presented.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

C. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. ENDORSEMENT OF CONCEPTS FOR AMENDING RES 2015-121

Mr. Gowen said this Resolution was presented at the September meeting and tabled to allow us to receive additional comments. We received no additional public comments. Two staff members identified two changes, which we have incorporated into the Resolution before you. The two changes were a date change and the addition of a requirement that the concept plan should state the anticipated sources of funds for the proposal. Language was softened regarding the process by which WPAC meets to review Res 2015-121 so that instead of a public hearing it has been written as a public

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meeting. A conclusion was added that approval by WPAC on this concept for changes to Res 2015-121 process is the recommendation to consider changes and is not intended to limit staff or BCC discretion on what changes should be made and implemented.

There was a discussion around general funding sources, such as whether at the initial application stage the County should confirm funding availability. Language regarding funding was changed from “anticipate” to “possible”.

MOTION Member Gowen moved to approve the Requested Action to Approve Concepts for Reworking Resolution 2015-121 as presented, except for changing “anticipated” in the last sentence of section 1 - Concept Plan to “possible”. Member Kadlecsek seconded the motion.

Member Gowen further pointed out that attachments to the Action Request are not part of the approved document. They were, and remain offered as background information for the Action Request.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

B. ENDORSEMENT OF WPAC DRAFT 3RD QUARTER REPORT

Mr. Gowen said staff requested that he do a one-page report. He also prepared an addendum. The Committee is voting today on the one-page report only. The addendum is additional information only, but not necessary.

MOTION A motion was made and seconded to endorse the WPAC 3rd Quarter Report.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

4. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Mr. Harnden confirmed that preparations have been taken care of for the BCC Special Meeting for “Santa Fe County Water: Today and Tomorrow” on October 27th at 9:00 am.

Ms. Beam provided a progress update on planning for the Next Generation Water Summit 2026 and suggested that the WPAC Outreach Working Group meet soon to review the list of proposed session topics and speakers.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSION: DOMESTIC WELLS USE METERING PROGRAM

Mr. Carr presented a PowerPoint presentation updating the Committee on the Domestic Well Use Metering Program, including the history of the program, which began in 2002.

Mr. Carr reviewed the recent activity, next steps and what projects are being worked on currently.

B. PRESENTATION ON 2005, 2010, 2015 AND 2020 WATER USE REPORTS AND OPTIONS FOR UPDATING SANTA FE COUNTY 2024 DATA

Mr. Graeser presented an overview of recent Legislative Activity Relating to Water Issues and the 2020 Water Use Report for Santa Fe County. He proposed to postpone the presentation on 2005, 2010, and 2015 water use reports to the next meeting.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NEXT GENERATION WATER SUMMIT (NGWS) 2026

This presentation was given under Matters from Staff.

B. REVIEW AND RANK WPAC 2026 WORKPLAN DRAFT LIST OF TASKS

A draft report was given regarding the Drinking Water Wastewater Management Working Group that included preliminary thoughts, strike outs, additions, changes in language and new tasks for the group.

There was discussion around quantifying workplan progress without adding work for staff and reporting requirements. It was stated that the working groups are here to support staff, not increase their work load.

The Committee was asked to send in comments and suggestions for further discussion at the next meeting.

A draft report was given regarding the Outreach Working Group regarding proposed 2026 tasks.

There was discussion regarding quarterly reports, indicators of progress, what worked and what did not work, and consolidating conversations between working groups and staff.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. SANTA FE COUNTY WATER: TODAY & TOMORROW OCT 27TH, 9AM

START

Mr. Harnden said staff is working on this event. It will be held in the BCC Chambers. We are anticipating a four hour event. Virtual participation will be available to the public. We are publicizing the event now.

Mr. Harnden said staff will gather all the comments and questions from the public and staff from the event and will share that information with the County Commission. There will be a closing discussion at the end of the event.

9. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

There was a discussion around participation of Committee members in the meeting and achieving a quorum. The Committee asked that a memo go out to Committee members regarding participation in meetings and starting on time.

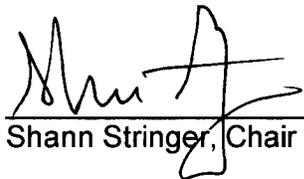
Chair Stringer asked that an item be added to the next agenda to discuss these issues.

10. NEXT WPAC MEETING: NOVEMBER 13, 2025

11. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.



Shann Stringer, Chair

Elizabeth Martin
Elizabeth Martin (Jan 6, 2026 15:34:09 PST)

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

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Deputy _____ County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

