

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**

**July 10, 2025**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**1      Opening Business**

A.      This meeting of the Santa Fe County Water Policy Advisory Committee (WPAC) was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. by Chair Shann Stringer on the above-cited date in the Plaza Conference Room, 240 Grant, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The meeting was conducted as a hybrid with people attending in person and on line.

B.      A quorum was achieved with the following members present:

<b><u>Members Present:</u></b>	<b><u>Member(s) Absent:</u></b>
Amy Jordan	James Mike Henry [virtually]
Emily Wolf, Vice Chair	Jeff Montoya
John Kadlecsek	Commissioner Bustamante, <i>ex officio</i>
Shann Stringer, Chair	Darrin Muenzberg
Peter Gowen	
Laird Graeser	
Stephen Schmeling	

**C.      Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Schmeling moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Gowen seconded and the agenda was unanimously approved.

**D.      Introduction of WPAC Guests**

Three guests introduced themselves being NMED Groundwater Bureau staff Avery Young Team, Lead Large Domestic Systems and Christal Weatherly, Attorney; and Cora Cliburn, USC Berkeley Grad Student Researcher in the Energy & Resources Group and summer intern for the Santa Fe Watershed Association.

**2.      Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**A. June 23, 2025**

Mr. Graeser moved to approve the June 23, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Gowen seconded and the motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Harnden indicated the June 12 draft minutes were not uploaded to the agenda and would be uploaded to August 14 agenda.

**3. Matters from Staff**

No matters were raised by the staff.

**4. Presentations**

**A. Presentation & Discussion: Bishops Lodge Discharge Permit Application Update (Avery Young, NMED Groundwater Bureau)**

Avery Young, NMED Ground Water Bureau Team Lead Large Domestic Systems provided a powerpoint presentation on the Lodge's discharge application including site description, regulatory framework and review process, and the submitted wastewater treatment plant design. Ms. Young indicated NMED had drafted a permit with 65 conditions.

WPAC members asked a number of questions to which Ms. Young provided responses. This included matters regarding the hearing process, technology in the permit application, history of the Lodge's discharges, regulatory framework, applicability of ground and surface water standards for operation, timeframes for the review process, minimum operator qualifications, operation and maintenance, treatment of contaminants, public access to water quality testing records, purpose of the disposal field, conditions of approval, and remaining steps in the review and decision process.

**5. Action Items**

**A. WPAC 2nd Quarterly Report for review and approval prior to presentation to BCC July 29**

Mr. Gowen presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report (Attachment A). Members discussed tasks progress and next steps, and possible next meeting dates for the Working Groups. Mr. Gowen moved to approve the report as submitted which was seconded by Mr. Kadlecek. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Report on La Pradera Homeowners Association Application for Retail Wastewater Service Pursuant to Santa Fe County Res. 2015-121. Includes instructional Memo to BCC**

Members discussed the application and expressed that more details were needed on the application's infrastructure design. Deputy Utilities Director Travis Soderquist answered questions regarding County staff review of the application to date. Peter Gowen offered and discussed a Report on the La Pradera Homeowners Association Application for Retail

Wastewater Service Pursuant to Santa Fe County Resolution 2015-121. The Report recommends approval of the concept of La Pradera's Preliminary Application for retail wastewater service from Santa Fe County, with the understanding that much work remains to be done. The project is not ripe for commitment of County funds. WPAC further recommends that the County and La Pradera proceed with a written Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) memorializing their mutual understandings regarding the project, and proceed with the project. Mr. Gowen moved to approve the Report and its recommendations. The motion was seconded by John Kadlecek and approved unanimously.

6. **Informational Items** None

Members and staff agreed that WPAC Outreach Working Group would meet to discuss the County water summit after staff meets internally to discuss and clarify the summit purpose and provide a draft agenda for the committee.

7. **Matters from the Public**

Ms. Cora Yuqing Cliburn, USC Berkeley Graduate Student graduate student and summer intern for the Santa Fe Watershed Association described her research project on the bulk water sector. She indicated she is conducting interviews with local stakeholders, and agreed to do an online presentation on her findings at a later WPAC meeting.

8. **Matters from the Committee**

Carl Dickens provided information regarding a proposed WPAC visit to the Buckman Direct Diversion and City's Paseo Real wastewater treatment plant. It was agreed the committee would review possible dates and choose a time to visit the plant, and that public notification would be done for the visit.

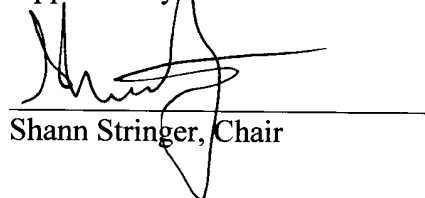
9. **Next WPAC Meeting** August 14, 2025

10. **Concluding Business** - No concluding business.

A. Adjournment

Following a motion by Mr. Stringer and seconded by Mr. Graeser, this meeting adjourned at approximately 5:08 pm.

Approved by



Shann Stringer, Chair

Respectfully submitted by:



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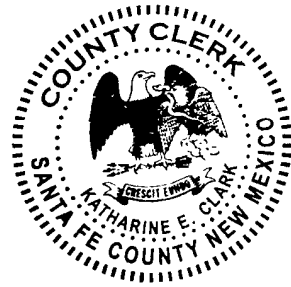
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