WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
240 GRANT AVENUE, PLAZA CONFERENCE ROOM
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 Stinger, Chair, at 4:00 pm, on Thursday, August 14, 2025, in the Plaza Conference Room, 240 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. ROLL

MEMBERS PRESENT
Shann Stinger, Chair
Emily Wolf, Vice Chair
Amy Jordan
Jeff Montoya
John Kadlecek
Laird Graeser
Peter Gowen
James Mike Henry
Commissioner Camilla Bustamante

MEMBERS ABSENT
Darrin Muenzberg, excused
Stephen Schmelling

OTHERS PRESENT
Andrew Harnden, Santa Fe County Planning
Maxx PL. Hendren, Santa Fe County Planning
Jacqueline Beam, Santa Fe County Sustainability
Scott Kaseman, Public Works
Doug Pushard, Next Generation Water Summit
Joel Murray, Santa Fe County Water Resources Manager
Carl Dickens, Former Water Policy Advisory Committee Member

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

D. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 12, 2025, WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The following corrections were noted: Mr. Muenzberg was listed as absent and was present, on page 4 it should say Canada de Los Alamos, on page 6 add Association after Watershed, and remove the H in Mr. Kadlecek's name.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Gowen, seconded by Mr. Graeser, to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

B. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE JULY 10, 2025, WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The following corrections were noted: the introduction of guests should say Cora Cliburn, on page 2 a copy of the report should be attached to the minutes, on page 3 - item 5 a copy of the report should be attached to the minutes.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Graeser, seconded by Mr. Gowen, to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

3. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Mr. Murray introduced himself as the Santa Fe County Water Resources Manager.

Staff informed the Committee of an event on August 28th in La Cienega from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: POJOAQUE BASIN REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM 2ND QUARTERLY REPORT 2025

Mr. Kaseman gave a PowerPoint presentation of the second quarterly report on the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System, including the project map, water rights capacity, system operations, the RFP for the contractor, status of design and construction, the budget and partner agreements.

A member of the Committee asked if residents maintain groundwater rights if they join the system.

Mr. Kaseman said they are required to convey a certain amount depending on certain factors.

A member of the Committee asked how confident they are in the funding.

Mr. Kaseman said we are confident. We are positive of the $10 million in ICIP money. It is in the bank.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. COUNTY WATER SUMMIT OCTOBER 2025

Mr. Harnden reviewed the Summit preliminary agenda, sharing the purpose of the summit, and the eight topics.

Comments and suggestions from the committee included the following:

Topic 1

- Make the information as simple as possible and make the information available on line
- Add Canyon Road to sources of water
- Address where the water is going to come from in simple terms (new development)
- Talk about paper water rights vs wet water rights
- Have people register in advance
- Add mechanism after the fact to direct people where the information can be found

- Maybe insert in utility bills
- Mention the Pojoaque water site as water source
- Make San Marcos water contamination issues clear
- Make sure to address the county-wide water issues
- Don't get too technical

Topic 2

- Add Arroyo Hondo to stored water
- Use opportunity to lead people to the Next Generation Water Summit

Topic 3

- (Partner with the Santa Fe Watershed Association, suggestion to BCC to do Resolution Put on next Committee agenda)

Topic 4

- Make helpful documents available after the summit
- Add Colorado compact update/information

Topic 5

- Explain what paper water rights are

Topic 6 - Done with beginning discussion

Topic 7

- Solicit what would help mutual domestics

Topic 8

- Add aqua recharge for future opportunities

What the County could do better

- Some of this could be embedded in the other topics. This is late in the agenda. Add what we could do better into each topic instead

- Make that input available after the summit

- Allow for participants to note comments through interactive system

Mr. Harnden said the date of October 27th has been selected, from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

There was discussion around the time of the event.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. ENDORSEMENT OF CONCEPT FOR JOINT CITY-COUNTY NEXT GENERATION WATER SUMMIT 2026. TO INCLUDE COUNTY- LED SESSION ON RURAL AND TRADITIONAL COMMUNITIES WATER SYSTEMS, NEEDS AND CONSERVATION STRATEGIES

Ms. Beam introduced Doug Pushard, the originator of the Next Generation Water Summit and shared a PowerPoint presentation overview of the Summit and proposal for the County to become a larger participant in the event as a lead partner.

Mr. Pushard spoke to the participation data and organization of the event in 2025 and thanked the County for their support over the years.

Mr. Pushard gave examples of topics, national speakers and workshops from past events.

Mr. Pushard reviewed the goals for the 2026 event and improvements for the event. The event will be the 11th and 12th of June next year at the Round House with a reception at the Governor's Mansion.

Ms. Beam said the role of the County would be to join in with the planning of the event, a County-led session on rural issues focused on County residents and issues throughout the Nation.

Mr. Pushard said we will provide the infrastructure. We need your help in fleshing out the topics, discussion about speakers and marketing events and meetings.

Ms. Beam said the question posed is if WPAC deems this as something they want to do.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Gowen, seconded by Mr. Kadlecek, that WPAC endorses the County participation in the 2026 Next Generation Water Summit consistent with today's presentation.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

It was decided that a Next Generation working group would be formed.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP MONTHLY REPORT

This report was postponed to the next meeting.

B. DRINKING AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP MONTHLY REPORT

This report was posted to the website and reviewed.

C. OUTREACH WORKING GROUP MONTHLY REPORT

The report was posted to the website and reviewed.

8. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

9. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Bustamante asked that we revisit results based accountability relative to events and what we are doing. We need to follow the accountability standard and say what we are getting done. We need to show what we are doing with tax dollars.

Commissioner Bustamante said she appreciated all the work that is done.

It was suggested that each working group meet and restructure the tasks.

Mr. Harnden said when he does reports in the future, he will structure them to reference results based accountability.

10. NEXT WPAC MEETING: SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

11. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Shann Stringer, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

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