

**WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 Stringer, Chair, at 4:00 pm, on Thursday, September 11, 2025, in the Plaza Conference Room, 240 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Shann Stringer, Chair  
Emily Wolf, Vice Chair  
Amy Jordan  
James Mike Henry  
John Kadlecek  
Laird Graeser  
Peter Gowen  
Stephen Schmelling  
Commissioner Camilla Bustamante

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Darrin Muenzberg  
Jeff Montoya

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Andrew Harnden, Growth Management Department/Planning  
Jacqueline Beam, Sustainability Dept  
Michael Carr, Public Works Environmental Compliance Officer  
Travis Soderquist, Public Works Utilities Director  
Aaron Kaufman, Rainmaker  
Reese Baker, Rainmaker  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

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**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** A motion was made and seconded 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 AUGUST 14, 2025, WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

These minutes were approved at a previous meeting.

**MOTION** A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 14, 2025 minutes as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a voice vote.

**3. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

None.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: GSI MASTER PLAN (RAINCATCHER)**

Mr. Baker and Mr. Kaufman, from Raincatcher, gave a PowerPoint presentation saying that they are working under a contract with Santa Fe County to draft a Green Storm Water Infrastructure Plan. This is a component of that plan and an overview of the five sites chosen.

There was discussion on the GSI Master Plan including soil damage and opportunities for plant growth, vegetation structures, design of basins and the Soil and Water District.

## **5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. REVIEW OF CONCEPTS FOR AMENDING RESOLUTION 2025-121**

Mr. Gowen, Committee member and Chair of the Drinking and Wastewater Management Working Group, gave a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the Group's conceptual recommendations for amendments to the Resolution regarding connecting to the systems for new development and existing systems connections.

Mr. Gowen said the big picture here is regarding hang-ups with applications not moving forward with County approval due to having to come up with engineering details that are requested by the Resolution. We suggest that the applicant come up with a concept plan after the pre-approval meeting with staff for guidance in the process. We propose that we bring the concept to the next meeting for approval. If you have any comments, please let him know. Staff and Legal have not looked at this.

Chair Stringer commended the working group and Mr. Gowen for their hard work.

### **B. COUNTY WATER SUMMIT OCTOBER 2025**

Mr. Harnden reviewed the recommendations that he and staff proposed including changing the name to the State of Water Resources in Santa Fe County and that the Summit be four hours beginning at 4:00 pm.

Ms. Ladd said we are still word smithing things. We would like input now and will bring details to the next meeting.

Mr. Graeser said he would like to have an item that addresses where the water will be coming from for developments.

Mr. Kadlecsek asked if staff needs any suggestions for speakers.

Mr. Harnden said it will be mostly staff who will be speaking.

Mr. Kadlecsek said item 6, what support exists to support small county water systems, is very important.

Mr. Harnden that is part of the theme for the County presentation at Next Generation Water Summit 2026.

Ms. Beam said she spoke to City Water Conservation Program staff to get their education perspective. We are working on that now.

Ms. Jordan said maybe that those efforts for education could be expanded to well owners.

**C. NEXT GENERATION WATER SUMMIT (NGWS)**

Ms. Beam said the Outreach working group met and talked about issues, speakers and event organization. The group talked about the following topics for the County presentation:

- reusing water for irrigation
- climate change
- mutual domestic financing
- paper vs wet water rights
- why data reporting is important and where it is available
- creation of a regional water alliance

Chair Stringer said maybe we should include speaker and experts from out of state as well.

Ms. Beam said if you have any comments, please send them to Andrew.

Ms. Beam said we are looking at the possibility of doing tours at the NGWS as well.

**D. NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINES FOR WPAC 2026 WORKPLAN DEVELOPMENT**

The Committee was asked to give some thought to the Work Plan regarding if they should stay with the current work plan, add things or change things. This will be discussed in the October meeting.

**6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP MONTHLY REPORT**

The Stormwater Management Working Group monthly report was given that included updates on discussion items such as erosion protection on County projects, educations efforts and incentives/ways to encourage conservation.

**B. DRINKING AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP MONTHLY REPORT**

The Drinking and Wastewater Management Working Group monthly report was given that included updates on tasks such as the La Cienega study, the PFAs report and the domestic well monitoring program.

**C. OUTREACH WORKING GROUP MONTHLY REPORT**

The Outreach Working Group monthly report was given that included updates on tasks such as the JPA agreement and educational materials and partnerships.

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

None.

**8. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**9. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

There was discussion about the Mill Levy for the Santa Fe County/Pojoaque District.

**10. NEXT WPAC MEETING: OCTOBER 9, 2025**

**11. CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

**A. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

  
Sharon Stringer, Chair

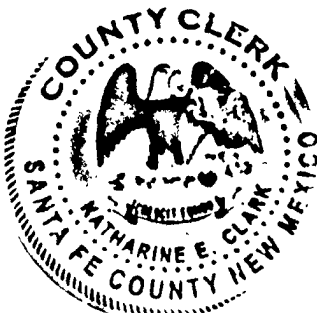
  
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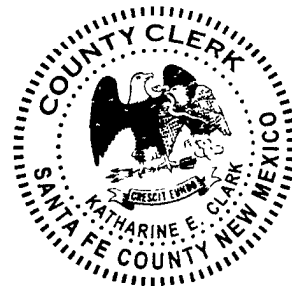
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