Henry P. Roybal Commissioner, District 1

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> Katherine Miller County Manager

#### **MEMORANDUM**

Date:

November 8, 2017

To:

**Board of County Commissioners** 

From:

Maria Lohmann, Open Space and Trails Planner For ML

Via:

Tony Flores, Deputy County Manager

Re:

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO REPRESENT DISTRICT 1 ON

THE COUNTY OPEN LANDS, TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY

COMMITTEE (COLTPAC)

#### SUMMARY:

The County Open Lands, Trails, and Parks Advisory Committee (COLTPAC) has a vacant position for the District 1 representative. Staff is requesting that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) appoint a new representative for District 1 to COLTPAC.

### BACKGROUND:

Ms. Jeannie Dodson-Edgars was appointed as District 1 representative on COLTPAC in April 2016. Ms. Dodson-Edgars submitted an email to COLTPAC staff liaison indicating her resignation on September 3, 2017.

Santa Fe County Resolution No. 2011-4 outlines the procedures for appointments to COLTPAC. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the BCC, acting through and with the assistance of the County staff on matters related to open space, trails, and parks.

Resolution 2011-4 states "Members of COLTPAC shall be appointed by the BCC based on letters of interest, qualifications, county-wide representation, and advice from Open Space and Trails Program staff." Additionally, the resolution identifies that committee members should represent diverse backgrounds and varied types of open space, trails, and parks user groups/interest. The resolution identifies various types of expertise for committee members, including:

- land/water/wildlife/natural resource conservation, management and restoration,
- cultural resource protection,
- community interests and education,
- trails planning and construction,
- agriculture,
- public administration, and finance.

The Resolution outlines the membership for COLTPAC as follows:

- 9 committee members
  - 5 members to represent the Commission Districts (1 resident from District)
  - 4 "At Large" members (May reside in any area of the County)

Currently, there is one vacancy for the District 1 resident position. Please see the next page for a summary of the current Committee membership.

COLTPAC Membership – November 2017

Name	District	Appointment Date	Term	Term Expiration	
VACANT	1				
Susan Murphy	2	June 2016	1	June 2019	
Rubén Cedeño	3	January 2016	1	December 2019	
Dave Dannenberg	4	January 2017	2	December 2020	
John Parker	5	February 2016	2	February 2019	
Ernesto Ortega	At Large (5)	February 2016	2	February 2019	
Greg Betts	At Large (4)	January 2016	1	December 2019	
Linda Siegle	At Large (5)	January 2017	1	January 2020	
Jean Pike	At Large (3)	January 2017	1	January 2020	

Staff has announced the vacancy and requested volunteers to submit their interest in serving on the committee. The vacancy was advertised on the County website and through a press release from September 5 through September 22, 2017. Staff received two applications during the application period. Both applicants are residents of District 1. The following is a brief summary of the applicants:

#### Deirdre Monroe

- Ms. Monroe has been active in local New Mexico trails work, producing a multi-use, commercial map of trails for the Caja del Rio, co-authoring a Recreational Trails Program Grant and being an active participant in the LANL Trails Working Group.
- Designated as the American Endurance Ride Conference New Mexico State Trails Advocate.
- Ms. Monroe worked for Los Alamos National Laboratory for 20 years and retired in May 2016.

#### Sandra Madrid-Massengill

- Ms. Madrid-Massengill worked for the New Mexico State Parks from 1985 -2008 managing the Land, Water Conservation Fund Program for the development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. She also managed the Recreational Trails Program for New Mexico for the improvement of trails.
- Currently serves as the Board Secretary for the Santa Fe Conservation Trust.
- Ms. Madrid-Massengill served on COLTPAC from 2009-2013. Her experience gives her an
  institutional knowledge and understanding of the County's Open Space and Trails planning
  and needs.

### ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff recommends that the Board appoint of Sandra Madrid-Massengill to COLTPAC to represent District 1 for a term of three years.

#### **EXHIBITS:**

Exhibit A: Deirdre Monroe Application

Exhibit B: Sandra Madrid-Massengill Application

September 8, 2017

Ms. Maria Lohmann Senior Planner—Open Space and Trails Santa Fe County Planning Division 102 Grant Ave, Santa Fe NM 87504

Dear Ms. Lohmann,



I am submitting this letter of interest in application for COLTPAC for the District 1 position. As a COLTPAC member, I would hope to make a real and constructive (advisory) contribution to support multi-use trails planning and development in Santa Fe County. A résumé with relevant information follows on the next page.

I am also including a pdf of the Employee Spotlight write up.

Please contact me for any further information as needed.

Sincerely,

Deirdre C. Monroe



#### General Background

Deirdre Monroe came to New Mexico in 1995, working first for Sandia National Laboratories and then spending 20 years working at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Deirdre holds a B.S. in Biology from the University of Arizona, a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Colorado, and an MBA from Cornell University, Deirdre has been an active hiker and backpacker in the Western US and Alaska, an active runner, road biker, skier, and equestrienne. Deirdre has been especially active in local New Mexico trails work, producing a multi-use, commercial map of trails of the Caja del Rio portion of the Santa Fe National Forest, co-authoring a Recreational Trails Program Grant (for 100K to establish a trailhead in the Caja del Rio), and being an active participant in the LANL Trails Working Group. In 2015, Deirdre received accolades from LANL, being nominated to the Employee Spotlight for contributions to recreational trails and for making New Mexico trails "more accessible for outdoor enthusiasts." Deirdre retired from LANL in May 2016 but remains active as a guest scientist. She was recently selected as the American Endurance Ride Conference as their New Mexico State Trail Advocate and is a strong advocate for multi-use sharing of our public lands.

Information more specific to trails advocacy may be found on the following page. My previous experience (that is most directly applicable to COLTPAC) has been with trail mapping, grant writing, and trailhead development in the Caja del Rio, a portion of the Santa Fe National Forest.

- I have a published a commercial trails map of the Forest Service portion of the Caja entitled: Caja del Rio Plateau: Riding, Biking and Hiking trails. The intent of this map was to stimulate knowledge and recreational use of the Caja while, at the same time, honoring and supporting traditional grazing.
- I was also instrumental in writing (with USDA Forest Service and AERC (American Endurance Ride Conference) as the principals) a 2007 RTP grant proposal for the Caja del Rio that was funded for \$100K and that has resulted in construction of the Caja Headquarters Well trailhead. I am proud that this trailhead will now become an anchor point for the Camino Real trail, i.e., that trails development has continued and that the Caja trailhead is now supporting development of surrounding trails.
- Finally, I have recently retired and been designated as the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) New Mexico State Trails Advocate. With my local experience in the Santa Fe area in multi-use trails, with much fewer time constraints, and with the AERC trails role, I would hope, again, to provide a real and tangible contribution to the COLTPAC advisory board.

Perhaps more important than any specific contribution is attitude and outlook. I always search for "win-win" options. What do people (not just recreational users) need and want? What makes sense and how can we construct a path forward that best honors all needs? How do we connect people in constructive ways? How do we find funds to accomplish our vision once we have a path forward? Ultimately, I believe that the Caja project was successful because of a "win-win" approach and a focus on the "soft issues," i.e., in developing the critically important relationships between a very diverse set of people. I would hope that this perspective would helpful in a COLTPAC advisory role.

Phone



# **Employee Spotlight: Deirdre Monroe**



# If you map it, they will come

When the Weapon Systems Engineering Division's Deirdre Monroe and a horseback riding friend left her horse's boarding stable on the fringes of Santa Fe to ride west toward the Santa Fe National Forest's "Caja del Rio Unit" for the first time, she could not have imagined that the "Caja" would capture her heart so dramatically and completely as to turn her into a dedicated endurance rider, Caja advocate, trail developer and cartographer over the next 18 years.

Today, thanks in large part to Monroe's efforts, the Caja is one of Santa Fe's best high-desert plateau areas for hiking, rock climbing, mountain biking and equestrian trail riding.

#### Maria E. Lohmann

From:

Deirdre Monroe < Deirdre@swcp.com> Thursday, September 14, 2017 10:46 AM

Sent: To:

Maria E. Lohmann

Cc:

suemurphy505; Piar Marks

Subject:

Re: Coltpac Posiiton

Hi Maria:

You can publish the following as my resumé. Thanks for the consideration.

Deirdre

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I would like to apply for the Coltpac "District 1" position. As a COLTPAC member, I would hope to make a real and constructive (advisory) contribution to multi-use trails planning and development in Santa Fe County. With my local experience in the Santa Fe area in multi-use trails, with much fewer time constraints, and with the AERC trails role, I would hope, again, to provide a real and tangible contribution to the COLTPAC advisory board.

#### General background:

- Deirdre Monroe came to New Mexico in 1998, working first for Sandia National Laboratories and then Los Alamos National Laboratory as a chemical engineer.
- Deirdre holds a B.S. in Biology from the University of Arizona, a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Colorado, and an MBA from Cornell University. Deirdre has been an active hiker and backpacker in the Western US and Alaska, an active runner, road biker, skier, and equestrienne.
- In 2015, Deirdre received accolades at Los Alamos, being nominated to the Employee Spotlight for
  contributions to recreational trails and making New Mexico trails "more accessible for outdoor
  enthusiasts." Deirdre recently retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory but remains active as a
  guest scientist. Having been active outdoors in many ways, she is a strong advocate for multi-use
  sharing of our public lands.
- Deirdre served (and continues to attend) on the Los Alamos Trails Working Group.
- Deirdre retired fro Los Alamos in May, 2016 with 20 yr experience.

I have significant experience in local trails issues, in regional trails development and in working with local recreational trails user groups. Santa Fe has some of the most stunning public lands in the country and recreational trails development can bring attention (and economic development) to our area. Some specifics of my local trails involvement follow.

I have a published (2004 and 2014) a trails map of the Santa Fe National Forest entitled: Caja del Rio Plateau: Riding, Biking and Hiking Trails. The intent of this map was to stimulate knowledge and recreational use of the Caja while—at the same time—honoring and supporting traditional grazing, which it has done. I was also instrumental in writing (with US Forest Service and AERC as the

principals) a 2007 RTP grant proposal for the Caja del Rio that was funded for \$100K and that has resulted in construction of the Caja Headquarters Well trailhead. I am proud that this trailhead will now become an anchor point for the Camino Real de Terra Adentro National Historical Trail and that the Caja trailhead is now supporting development of surrounding trails.

After retiring in May, 2016, I was designated as the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC)

New Mexico State Trails Advocate.

- Since retiring, I have taken on new trail projects. Most recently this has involved organizing a trail validation and mapping project for the San Pedro Parks Wilderness. This has been conducted for and in close conjunction with the Española Ranger District and has provided benefits not only in validating trail locations but in providing information on trail conditions needed to coordinate this summer's trail clearing efforts (which have been substantial). The work may be showcased in an upcoming article in New Mexico Magazine, which will bring further attention, recreational use, and hopefully funding for trails work in this area. As an important side benefit, the project has brought together a number of organizations such as the New Mexico Mounted SAR, the Los Alamos SAR, two chapters of the Back Country Horsemen (who perform trail clearing work), local hikers and backpackers, as well as the three USFS District Offices (Española, Coyote, and Cuba).
- Over the past 18 mo, I have also served as a member of the Rio Grande Trail Commission Trail
   Alignment Group and has proposed various trail options for the Rio Grande Trail on southern Caja del
   Rio lands, starting at La Bajada and terminating at the Caja Headquarters Well, which would provide a
   link to the new Camino Real de Terra Adentro National Historical Trail. A spur has been proposed to
   Santa Fe County and BLM lands next to the HIPICO center; this would encourage economic
   development and provide recreational users access to the Rio Grande Trail from County Road 56C.

Perhaps more important than any specific contribution I have made is my is attitude and outlook. I always search for "win-win" options. What do people (not just recreational users) need and want? What makes sense and how can we construct a path forward that best honors all needs? How do we connect people in constructive ways? How do we find funds to accomplish our vision once we have a path forward? Ultimately, I think that the Caja project was successful because a "win-win" approach and a focus on the "soft issues," i.e., in developing the critically important relationships between a very diverse set of people. I have brought the same approach to the San Pedro project and to the Rio Grande Trails project. I would hope that this perspective would helpful in a COLTPAC advisory role.

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On Sep 11, 2017, at 8:39 AM, Maria E. Lohmann < melohmann@santafecountynm.gov> wrote:

Hi Deirdre,

I have received your letter of interest. Can you please send me a resume as well?

Thanks,

Maria

Maria Lohmann Senior Planner-Open Space and Trails Santa Fe County Planning Division

# 102 Grant Ave, Santa Fe NM 87504 505-995-2774

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----Original Message----

From: Deirdre Monroe [mailto:Deirdre@swcp.com]

Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 1:59 PM

To: Maria E. Lohmann <melohmann@santafecountynm.gov>

Cc: suemurphy505 < suemurphy505@comcast.net>; Piar Marks < prsantafe@gmail.com>

Subject: Coltpac Posiiton

Hi Maria:

I understand that there is an open position for District 1 on the COLTPAC committee.

I would like to throw my hat in the ring once again.

Cheers,

Deirdre Monroe 505-670-4925

September 29, 2017

Ms. Maria Lohmann Senior Planner - Open Space & Trails P. O. Box 276 Santa Fe, NM 87504

Dear Ms. Lohmann,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a resume' for your consideration, to serve on Santa Fe County's COLTPAC Advisory Committee.

I feel very fortunate to be considered for the opportunity to be involved with Santa Fe County's continuing efforts to optimally plan, manage and conserve outdoor recreation, trails and open space for everyone to enjoy. I currently serve as Board Secretary with the Santa Fe Conservation Trust that also shares the same interests for the conservation of open space and expansion of trails.

I retired from New Mexico State Parks with twenty years of experience as a grants manager and planner, overseeing two federal grant programs that allocate funds statewide for outdoor recreation, trails, open space and land acquisitions. I had the pleasure of working with federal, state, county and local entities that shared the same vision.

I would like to be involved with the County's efforts to advance its vision as a COLPTAC advisory committee. Because of my interests, along with my work experience, I hope I could make a positive contribution should my credentials meet your needs. I am a native New Mexican and live in the Pojoaque Valley (30 years). Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Sandra Madrid Massengill 17803 US 84/285

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506 sandramadmass@yahoo.com

505-470-3113



STATE OF NEW MEXICO: Natural Resources Department - Administrative Division Santa Fe, New Mexico

Personnel Management Specialist II: 1984-1985. Responsible for performing all payroll functions, leave, training and personnel actions.

STATE OF NEW MEXCO: Natural Resources Department - State Parks Division, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Park Ranger: 1984. Responsible for park maintenance and construction projects in include fee collection, interpretation & law enforcement practices at Hyde Memorial State Park.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO: Department of Game and Fish - Game Management Division, Statewide.

Co-op Student and Student Aide: 1983-1984. Peloncillo Mountains - Desert Bighorn surveillance on mortalities and harvest. Snow Lake and Fort Bayard - assisted with elk trapping research project. Santa Fe - worked statewide with deer research study for conservation purposes.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR: Bureau of Land Management, Burley Idaho.

Range Technician: 1982. Conducted trend and fire plot studies and wrote amendments to environmental impact statements for proposed range improvement projects on Burley Districts Raft Resource Area. Assisted BLM permittees with range surveys to determine animal unit months.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR: U.S. Forest Service - Silver City District, Silver City, New Mexico

Lead Forestry Technician: 1979-1981. Camp Director and Supervisor for Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) and Young Adult Conservation Corps (YACC) for 35-40 enrollees. Responsible for accomplishing designated District field projects. Provided orientation to Corps staff and on-the-job training to enrollees to include range seeding, tree planting, thinning, prescribed burning; fire-fighting; campground maintenance; construction (fence, rock walls, trails, watershed and wildlife trick tanks) projects. Conducted environmental and safety awareness programs and training for YCC program and handled all personnel matters for both programs.

**Lead Technician:** 1978–1979. Worked as a group leader and counselor for YCC. Supervised 34-36 enrollees during summer months to construct and maintain various District field projects.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: New Mexico State University - Grant County Cooperative Extension Service- Silver City, New Mexico.

4-H Extension Aide: 1975-1978. Conducted educational activities for community development youth programs such as Hunter and Bicycle Safety courses. Assisted youth with agricultural projects to include the raising of beef, sheep and horses as well as soil judging and horse packing.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR: U.S. Forest Service - Black Range District, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

Forestry Aide: 1975. Learned procedures and responsibilities for managing a fire tower including implementing management objectives for each fire at Lookout Mountain in the Black Range.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR: Bureau of Land Management - Las Cruces District Office, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Recreation Technician: 1973-1975. Worked at Aguirre Springs Recreation site in the Organ Mountains east of Las Cruces. Duties included maintaining camp and trail sites and providing interpretive assistance to visitors.

Youth Conservation Corps Group Leader and Counselor: 1973-1975. Counseled 20 enrollees in a residential camp setting, Assisted in the supervision and construction of work projects to include rock wall horse stables, landscaping, recreation rehabilitation, trail construction and maintenance,

#### **EDUCATION**

MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL: Las Cruces, New Mexico. 1970

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE COLLEGE: Theology classes, San Antonio, Texas. 1971

**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY:** BA in Social Welfare/Psychology; Minor in Physical Education. Las Cruces, New Mexico. 1974.

WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY: Teacher Certification. Silver City, New Mexico. 1979.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY: Las Cruces, New Mexico, Range Science 1982.

Sandra Madrid Massengill 17803 U. S. Hwy 84/285 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506 Home phone: 455-3516 (Pojoaque) sandramadmass@yahoo.com

# **WORK EXPERIENCE**

REI - RECREATION EQUIPMENT INCORPORATED - Santa Fe, New Mexico

Cashier - August 2008 to Present. REI is a retail outdoor gear and apparel operation. Part-time duties also include stocking and conducting outdoor education presentations to promote environmental awareness and protection.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO: Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department State Park Division-Santa Fe

Consultant: March to May 2008. Sixty day contract with the Department to assist in the management of two Federal Grant Programs as referenced in next paragraph, until positions were filled.

Planner Director: 1989 to 2007. Retired 12/31/2007. Managed and administered all facets of the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Federal grants-in-aid Program for the development of outdoor recreation areas/facilities around the state and the National Recreational Trails Fund Program (RTP) for New Mexico for the improvement and development of trails around the state. Governor appointed State Liaison Officer for the LWCF Program. Experience included contractual, fiscal, supervisory/personnel management along with field work and inspections around the state.

Responsible for the development and implementation of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Planning document (SCORP) for New Mexico as revised and updated every five years.

1997-2001 Managed 14 concessions operations, 437 lease lot operations & 11 miscellaneous property management contracts for the State Parks Division; oversight of Division's Volunteer Program.

Planner 2A: 1985-1989. Grants Administrator for the LWCF Program.

CHAVEZ CREEK OUTFITTERS- Chama, New Mexico

Elk Hunting Guide: 1985-1986.

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