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> Katherine Miller County Manager

### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

April 2, 2015

TO:

**Board of County Commissioners** 

VIA:

Katherine Miller, County Manager

FROM:

ITEM AND ISSUE: BCC Meeting April 14, 2015

Presentation on the Santa Fe Basin Study (Public Works/Claudia Borchert)

### SUMMARY:

Santa Fe Basin Study partners, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), Santa Fe County, and City of Santa Fe have completed the draft, in-review Santa Fe Basin Study, which identifies the three primary water supply adaptation strategies for the Santa Fe basin (watershed): water conservation, use of reclaimed wastewater (including possibly for potable supply), and additional use of the Buckman Direct Diversion with the acquisition of water rights.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On November 11, 2011, Santa Fe County approved an MOA with the City of Santa Fe and the Reclamation -Albuquerque Office, to study the impact that projected climate changes could have on the water supplies of the Santa Fe basin. The total study budget was \$421,256, of which Reclamation contributed 47%, the City 48%, and the County 3.5% (in-kind), and other stakeholders 1.5% (in-kind).

The study is part of the Department of the Interior's WaterSMART Program Initiative, specifically their Basin Studies Program, which look at climate change impacts to water supply on a basin scale. This study is focused on the Santa Fe basin and the water supplies on which it depends, the Rio Grande basin north of Otowi Bridge and the upper San Juan basin, from which the County's San Juan-Chama water originates.

### DISCUSSION:

The Santa Fe Basin study is nearly complete. It is currently under review by the Reclamation – Washington office. The attached summary presentation describes the four parts of the study, highlights the results, and considers how the study may be used by the basin partners in the near future to better manage the region's water resources.

The City staff presented the results of the study to the City Public Utilities Committee on February 4, 2015. County staff presented the study to the Water Policy Advisory Committee (WPAC) on March 12, 2015. The committee's comments on the study were twofold.

- 1) The WPAC endorses the study, while recognizing that the great degree of uncertainty in all climate change projections. As was stated by one of the WPAC members, this report is not a forecast or a prediction of what will occur, but rather an analysis of the climate-related trends that need to be incorporated in any water planning efforts.
- 2) The WPAC recommends the County move forward with the planning steps identified in slide 17 of the presentation and listed below:
  - 1. Develop Utility Master Plan
  - 2. Develop Back-up Groundwater Supply
  - 3. Update 40-year Water Supply Plan
  - 4. Update Water Conservation Plan
  - 5. Launch Reclaimed Wastewater Feasibility Study

A copy of the in-review Santa Fe Basin Study executive summary (16 pgs.), full report (82 pgs.), and report with appendices (366 pgs.) is available on the Santa Fe County T-drive at T:\Santa Fe Basin Climate Change Study. Once the report has been finalized by the Reclamation Washington office, it will be available to the public and will be posted on the County's website, along with other pertinent Santa Fe Basin Study documents.

### **ACTION REOUESTED:**

None. For informational purposes only.

Attachments:

Slides of the Santa Fe Basin Study presentation

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**Board of County Commission** 

April 14, 2015

Claudia Borchert, on behalf of Santa Fe County Utilities and Project Partners

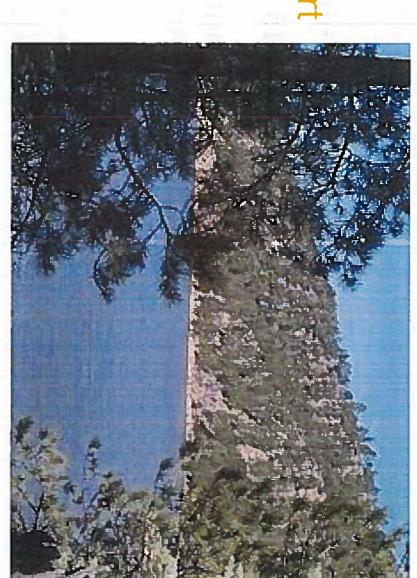




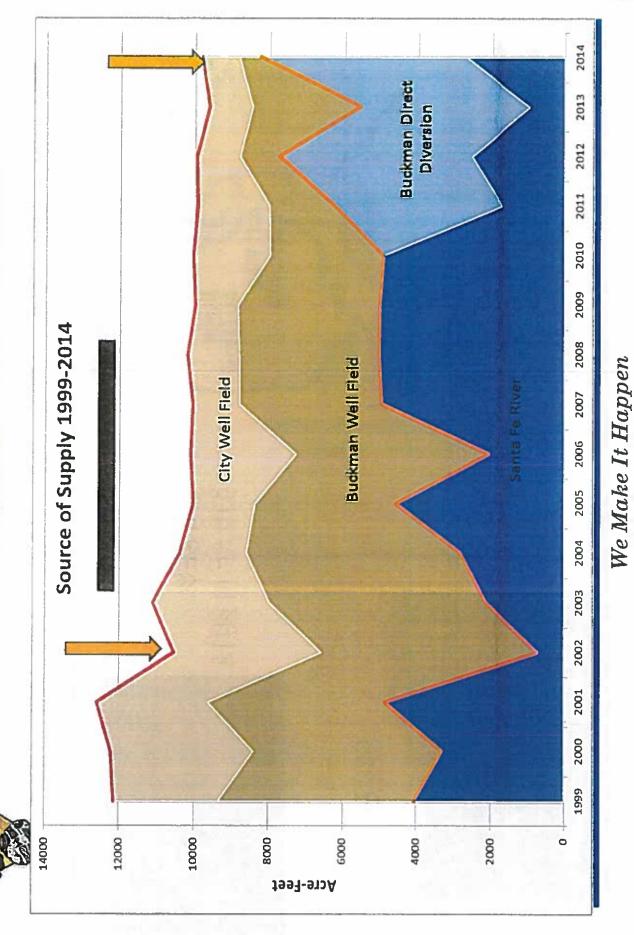


### Outline

- Historic Use of Santa Fe Basin Water Supply
- Basin Study Report
- Planning for the Future



## Water Supply 1999-2014





## San Juan-Chama Water and Storage, December, 2014





# Four Parts of the Basin Study

### Santa Fe Basin Study:

Adaptations to Projected Changes in Water Supply and Demand

**Draft Summary Report** 

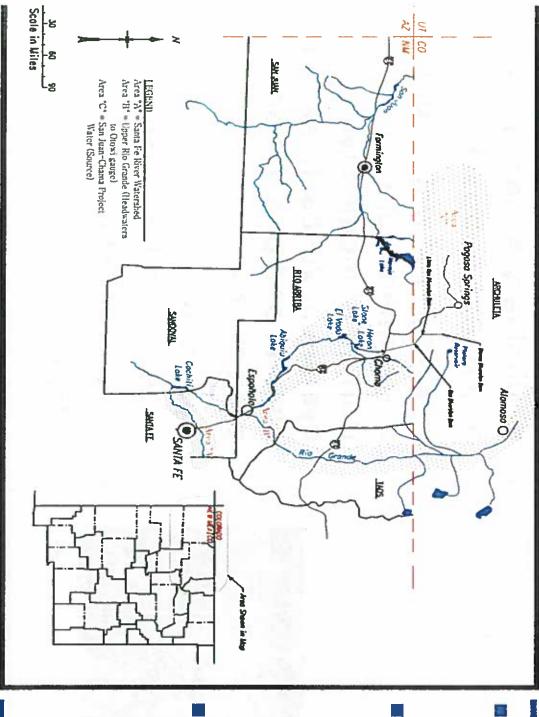
Santa Fe Basin, New Mexico



- Preliminary Assessment and public outreach
- 2. Evaluation of water supply and demand for City-County combined water system in 2050s, based on climate and population projections
- Assessment of surfacewater reliability, 2050s.
- Evaluation of proposed adaptation strategies



## Geographic Extent of the Santa Fe Basin Study



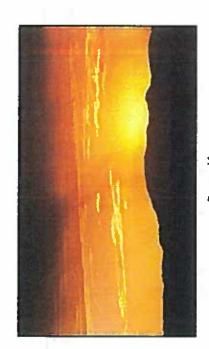
- Required to focus on a basin (watershed)
- Focus on water utilities, since constitutes over 90% of the SF basin water rights and use
- Has application Santa Fe County wide

# Preliminary Assessment

October, 2012

Climate Change and the Santa Fe Watershed: A Preliminary Assessment

Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Program Initiative



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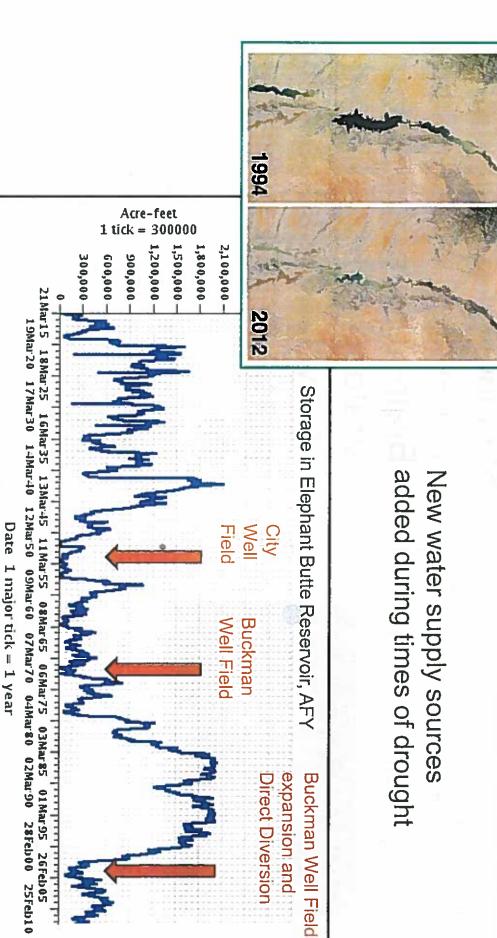


Stakeholder participation

- Watershed vulnerabilities
- Brainstorm of adaptation strategies for watershed, ecosystem, food security, transportation, quality of life
- Assessment of adaptation actions already underway in the community.



# Historic Climate Variability

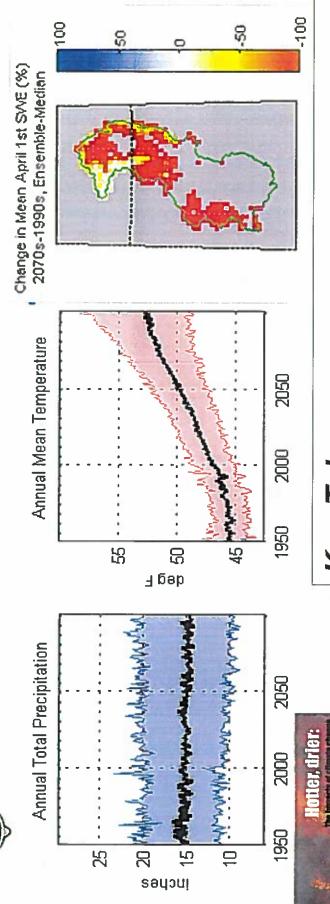


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# Projected Climate Changes



### Key Takeaways:

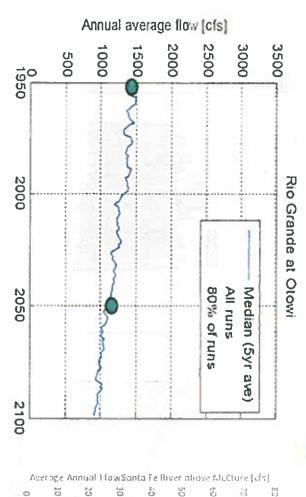
- Upward of 75% Snowpack Reduction by the 2070s
- 5 Degree F Temperature Increase by 2050
- Higher Evapotranspiration Rates
- High Variability in Precipiation
- Potentially Greater Monsoonal Intensity

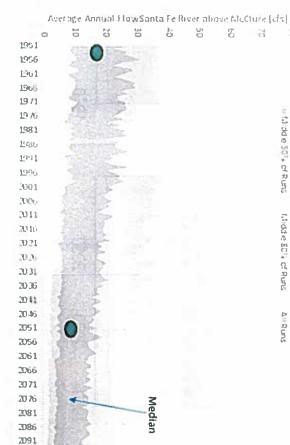
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# Projected Native River Flows

Santa Fe River Above McClure CMIP3-GCM-VIC Based Projections





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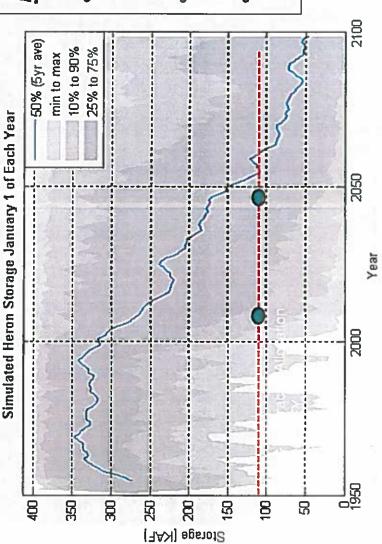
## Key Takeaway (2050s):

~33% average decline in availability of the native (Santa Fe Watershed and Rio Grande) surface-water supply



## Chama Water Allotments Projected Changes to San Juan





## Key Takeaways (2050s):

- water shows greater reliability 25% decline in SJC water San Juan-Chama Project than native surface water availability
- Initial (Jan. 1) allocations diminish over time



## Adaptation Strategies



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## WaterMAPs: A Tool for

# **Festing Adaptation Strategies**

### Adaptation Strategies Preliminary Assessment



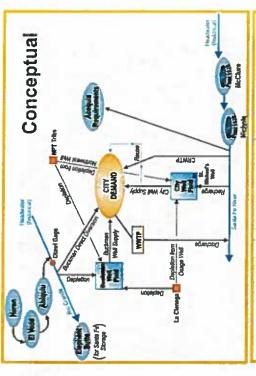
Reliability Screening

Fill Supply Gaps Sustainable Groundwater Pumping 90% of years, deficits are less than 100 AFY

Annual Deficit less than 2000 AF



Performance Screening Weighted Criteria and Scoring





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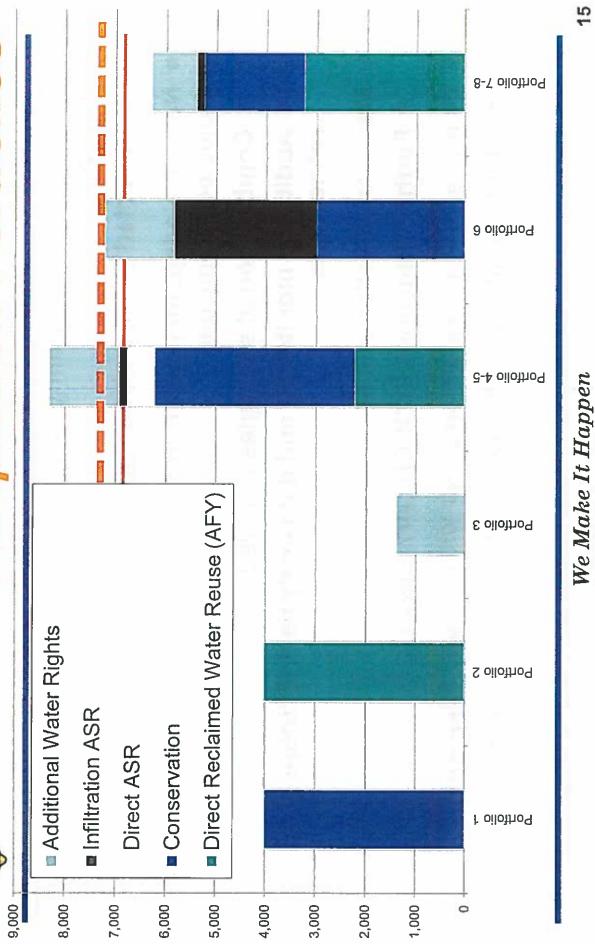


## Projected Gap between Water Supply and Demand (2055)

Santa Fe Ba	Santa Fe Basin Projected 2055 Water Supply Gap	er Supply Gap		
		Climate Scenario	0	
	Simulated Historic (no climate change)	Central Tendency	Warm-Wet	Hot-Dry
Total Demand - Average Annual (AFY)	21,643	22,925	22,646	23,299
Total Supply - Average Annual (AFY)	16,488	15,550	16,304	13,976
Water Supply Gap - Difference between Demand and Supply (AFY)	-5,155	-7,375	-6,342	-9,323

## Filling the Gap:







# Basin Study Key Findings

- Considerable uncertainty remains regarding future climate and its impacts
- Projected surface water supply shortfalls of 20-35%
- No single adaptation solution alone is sufficient to address the projected supply gap
- Combination of strategies required
- Additional monitoring and data analysis and future retinements
- More conservation will be needed
- Further reductions in GPCD (20% target)
- Increased use of reclaimed water will be a key adaptation
- 3 highest ranked portfolios emphasized reclaimed water



## 2015 Work Plan Planning for Adaptation:

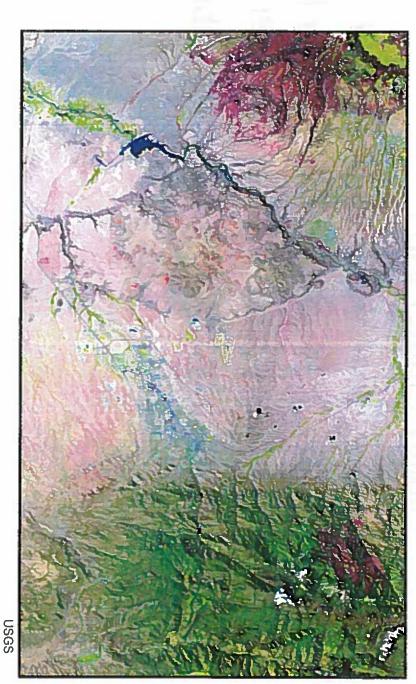
- Utility Master Plan
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- Reclaimed Wastewater Feasibility Study (\$132,000 grant)



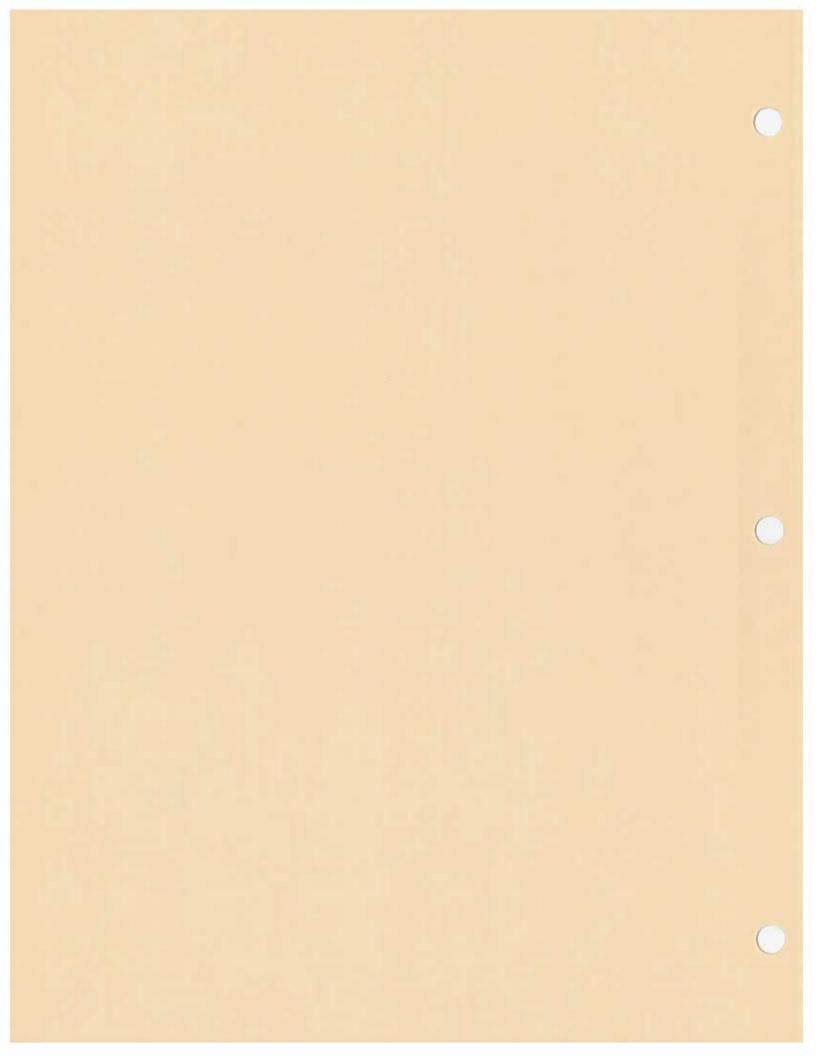
## Ensuring Future Water Supply for the Santa Fe Basin

### Thank You! Questions?









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### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

April 6, 2015

TO:

**Board of County Commissioners** 

FROM:

Maria Lohmann, Open Space and Trails Planner (Growth Management)

VIA:

Robert Griego, Planning Division Manager

Penny Ellis-Green, Growth Management Director

RE:

Presentation from COLTPAC on Santa Fe County Trails Days 2015

### **BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:**

Santa Fe County Open Space staff in collaboration with County Open Land, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee (COLTPAC) have organized a series of trail events taking place in April, May and June. This outreach campaign will highlight County Open Space properties. The first event of the series will occur on April 11<sup>th</sup> with a hike on the Rail Trail. Additional events include hikes at Camino Real Park, Arroyo Hondo Open Space, and Ortiz Mountain Educational Preserve. The trail event series will culminate in a guided hike celebrating local mining history at Cerrillos Hills State Park on June 6<sup>th</sup>, National Trails Day.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Presentation only, no action required.

EXHIBIT A: Event schedule and description







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### Trail Days 2015

Get Up. Get Out. Get Moving.

Santa Fe Open Space, Trails and Parks. Connecting you to the
Outdoor Treasures of Santa Fe County.





Santa Fe County Open Space, Trails, and Parks are located in your backyard and we want you to get outside and enjoy them this year. This is the inaugural year for this series of free trail events and we hope you will enjoy the outdoor treasurers of Santa Fe County. Santa Fe County Open Space and County Open Lands, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee (COLTPAC), collaborated to bring you an amazing series of FREE events at a variety of Santa Fe County properties over the next several months. These events (see full schedule below) are designed to be low impact and casual – to

help everyone Get Up. Get Out. Get Moving. All you need for these great events are some comfortable walking shoes and a water bottle. Join us for some fun and easy outdoor activity to help you familiarize yourself with the properties, learn basic trail etiquette, and more! You can attend one of the events or all of them, they are all free and open to the public.

Thank you to the everyone who is making the Santa Fe County Trail Days 2015 a reality including: Cactus and Succulent Society of New Mexico, Santa Fe Botanical Gardens, Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve, Adopt-an-Open Space Volunteers and trail stewards, Cerrillos Hills State Park, Santa Fe County staff, and COLTPAC.

Download additional event information including: trail locations, meet locations, directions, property descriptions, event details, and contact information » (http://www.santafecountynm.gov/userfiles/SFCountyTrailDays2015N.pdf)

### County Trail Days 2015 Schedule

Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Santa Fe Rail Trail Easy Hike

Meet Location - Santa Fe Rall Trail – Rabbit Road trail head

### **Directions**

South on S. St. Francis Drive until you pass under I-25. Take a right heading west on Rabbit Road and follow for about a half-mile until you reach the railroad tracks and a small parking lot on the left.

### Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 9:30 am -10:30 am

El Camino Real Park River Trail Walk

Meet Location - El Camino Real Park - Parking lot located at the end of Constellation Drive.

### **Directions**

Airport Rd. East before crossing Hwy. 599, take a right on Constellation Dr. Parking area is located at the end of Constellation Dr.

### Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Cactus and Succulent Society of New Mexico educational hike at Arroyo Hondo Open Space Meet Location – Upper Parking Area located at the end of Old Agua Fria Rd

### Directions

From the Old Pecos Trail (OPT) exit of I-25 drive, drive South until OPT dead ends at the stop sign at Old Agua Fria Road East. Turn left onto Old Agua Fria Rd. E, drive over cattle-guard where dirt turns into pavement.

### Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Santa Fe Botanical Gardens hike to Placer Peak in the Ortiz Mountain Preserve
Meet Location - The Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve is located approximately 30 miles
southwest of Santa Fe. The travel time from Santa Fe to the gate is nearly an hour.

### Directions

From Santa Fe, take Cerrillos Road/Highway 14 south towards Cerrillos. Continue on Highway 14 past the turnoff for the village of Cerrillos, across the Galisteo River bridge, about a half mile further to the turnoff on the left for Goldmine Road/County Road 55. Note the collection of houses and a sign for the Preserve at this turnoff. Drive southeast along Goldmine Road/County Road 55 to where it ends (about six miles from Highway 14).

(Note: Maximum 15 attendees, must RSVP Contact Maria at melohmann@santafecountynm.gov (mailto:melohmann@santafecountynm.gov) for reservation

Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. – noon

Arroyo Hondo Open Space History of the Area

Meet Location - Upper Parking Area located at the end of Old Agua Fria Rd.

### **Directions**

From the Old Pecos Trail (OPT) exit of I-25 drive, drive South until OPT dead ends at the stop sign at Old Agua Fria Road East. Turn left onto Old Agua Fria Rd. E, drive over cattle-guard where dirt turns into pavement.

Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 11 a.m.
Cerrillos Hills State
Meet Location - Cerrillos Hills State Park Main Entrance

Directions
Half a mile north of Cerrillos village on County road 59
(Note: Cerrillos Hills charges \$5 per vehicle)

Rail Trail Bike Cruise

Date: TBA

For more information on any of these events, please contact Maria Lohmann at melohmann@santafecountynm.gov (mailto:melohmann@santafecountynm.gov) or 505-995-2774

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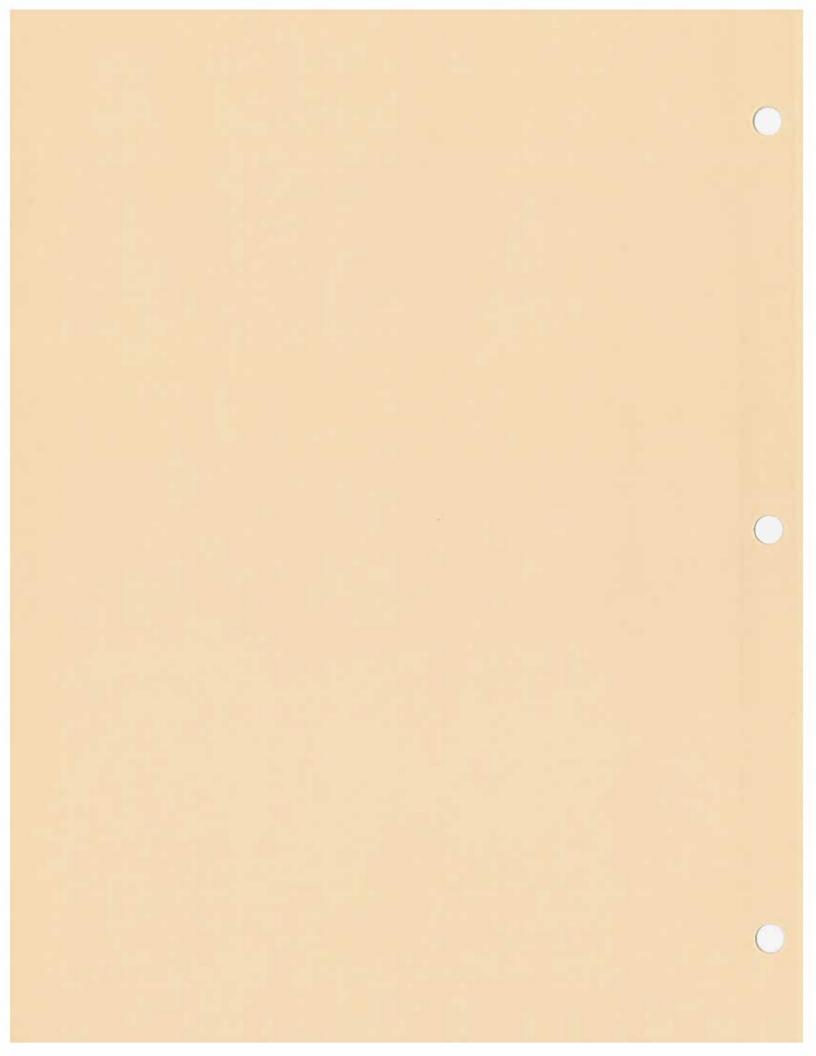
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Event	Time and Place	Description/ Directions	Group size RSVP	Difficulty
Santa Fc Rail Trail Easy Hikc	Date: April 11, 2015 Time: 9:30 am – 11:00 am Santa Fe Rail Trail – Rabbit Road trail head.	The 17-mile Santa Fe Rail Trail follows the old Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway line, beginning in the Railyard park in town and continuing along the tracks to Highway 285 through Et Dorado to Lamy. This there and out hike will begin at the Rabbit Road Trail head and continue on to the Spur Trail connection where participants will turn around and head back to Rabbit Road.	No RSVP	Easy hike. Approximately 4 miles round trip
		Directions South on S. St. Francis Drive until you pass under 1-25. Take a right heading west on Rabbit Road and follow for about a halfmile until you reach the railroad tracks and a small parking lot on the left		
El Camino Real Park River Trail Walk	Date: May 2, 2015 Time: 9:30 am -10:30 am El Camino Real Park – Parking lot located at the end of Constellation Drive.	El Camino Real Park is currently the outermost reach of Santa Fe's River Trail project. The park's location marks an intersection of the historic Camino Real de Tierra Adentro trail (The Royal Road of the Interior), a principal trade route that linked New Mexico to Spanish-occupied New Spain and operated from the late 16 <sup>th</sup> century for nearly 300 years.	No RSVP	Easy hike. Approximately 2.0 miles Flat
		Directions Airport Rd. East before crossing Hwy. 599, take a right on Constellation Dr. Parking area is located at the end of Constellation Dr.		
Cactus and Succulent Society of New Mexico	Date: May 9th Time: 9:30 am - 10:30 am Arroyo Hondo - Upper Parking Area	This hike will with some luck coincide with bloom times of many of the cactus varieties along the trail. Your guides will identify and provide fun facts about the variety of cactus species found in the Arroyo Hondo Open Space.	No RSVP	Easy hike. Approximately 1.5 miles. 400 feet
hike at Arroyo Hondo Open Space.	Incrited at the end of Old Agua Fria Kd.  This hike is subject to the cacti blooming period, and the date may change.	Directions From the Old Pecos Trail (OPT) exit of I-25 drive, drive South until OPT dead ends at the stop sign at Old Agua Fria Road East. Turn left onto Old Agua Fria Rd. E, drive over cattle-guard where dirt turns into pavement,		elevation.
Santa Fe Botanical Gardens hile	Date: May 19, 2015 Time: Meet at 8:30	The Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve consists of 1,350 acres in the Ortiz Mountains, including Placer Peak, the highest peak in the Ortiz range of 8 207 feet. The Beacast Constitute of the Ortiz range of 8 207 feet.	_	Difficult hike. Approximately
to Placer Peak in the Ortiz Mountain Preserve	The Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve is located approximately 30 miles southwest of Santa Fe. The travel time from Santa Fe to the gate is nearly an hour.	mine shafts from the New Mexico gold rush in the early mid- nineteenth century. The Preserve is located approximately 30 miles southwest of Santa Fe off the Turquoise Trail scenic byway. Visit <a href="http://www.santafebotanicalearden.org/visit-us/ortiz-nnountains-educational-preserve/">http://www.santafebotanicalearden.org/visit-us/ortiz- nnountains-educational-preserve/</a> for more information. Please pay close attention to the sections on GUIDELINES, LOGISTICS,	for reservation	o mites. 2400 ft. Elevation to Placer Peak
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		For a map of the park, visit:		
		For directions:		
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		For general information about Cerrillos Hills State Park please visit:		
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Moderate hike. Hike will be	\$5 / vehicle	a variety of	Time: 11:00 am	State Park
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400 feet		Hando region, including the flood of 1912.	Arroyo Hondo – Upper Parking Area	that provide
Approximately		0	Time: 10:30 am - noon	Open with great views
Easy hike	No RSVP	Hike the Arroyo Hondo Open Space with local trail advocate and		Arroyo Hondo
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•••		further to the tumoff on the left for Goldmine Road/County Road		
		of Cerrillos, across the Galisteo River bridge, about a half mile		
		From Santa Fe, take Cerrillos Road/Highway 14 south towards		
		Directions		





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### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

April 1, 2015

TO:

**Board of County Commissioners** 

FROM:

Carol J. Branch, Volunteer Coordinator Community Services Department

VIA:

Rachel O'Connor, Community Services Department Director

Katherine Miller, County Manager

RE:

Presentation Recognizing the Students from the Early College Charter High School Master's Program and Leaders from The Trails Alliance and Fat Tire Society for their Contributions in Restoring and Beautifying Santa Fe County

**Public Lands** 

### Background and Summary:

The Santa Fe County Community Services and Public Works Department partnered with the Early College Charter High School Master's Program to restore and beautify Santa Fe County public lands.

Throughout an 8 month period, July 2014-May 2015, the Master's Program Students in the Public Lands class completed twenty different projects in Santa Fe County including open spaces, trails, and stretches of the river. Projects consisted of trail building and maintenance, erosion control by the building of water bars, identification and removal of non-native trees, transplanting trees and willows, and fire prevention through the removal of dead brush and protection of cottonwood trees in the river.

Students in the project adopted the trail at Little Tesuque Creek and have transformed the once rough and meandering track into a trail that is easy to follow through a beautiful canyon.

We wish to express our thanks for the work done by the students from Master's Program, their instructor, and members of Trails Alliance of Santa Fe and The Fat Tire Society

102 Grant Avenue ● P.O. Box 276 ● Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0276 ● 505-986-6200 FAX: 505-995-2740 ● www.santafecounty.org

### List of Volunteers

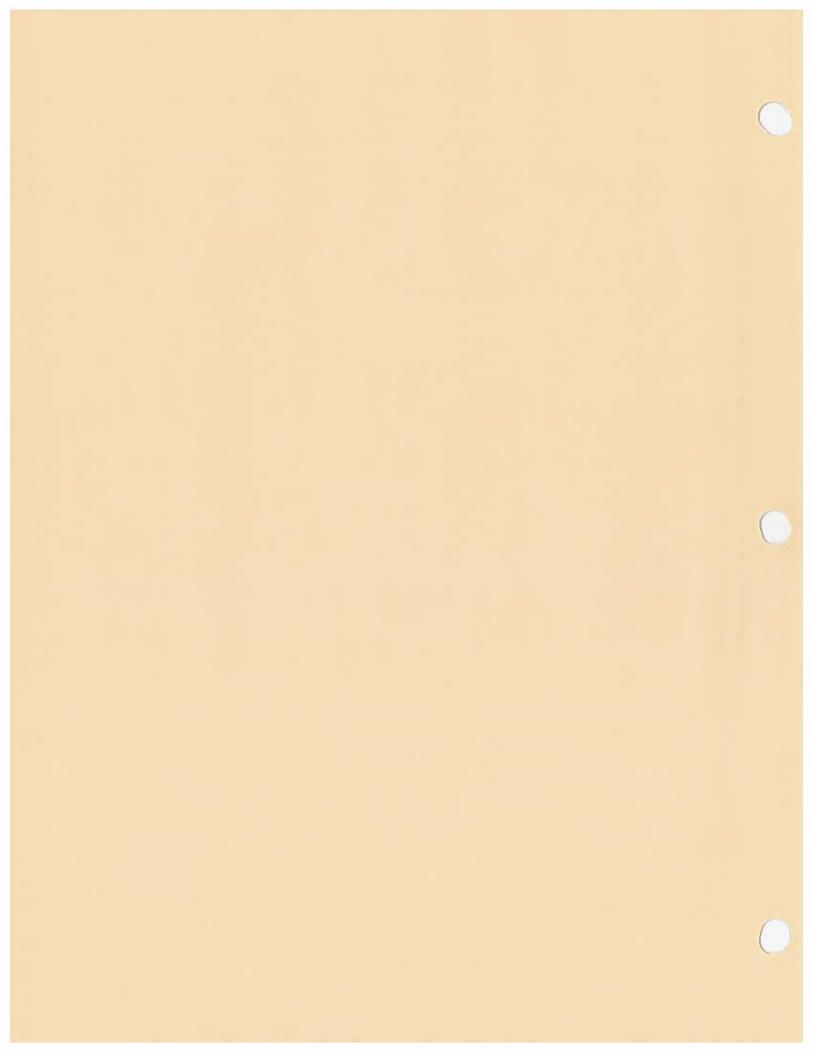
### Leaders/ Mentors

Margaret Alexander-The Trails Alliance of Santa Fe
Jean Higgins- Botanical Gardens of Santa Fe
Dr. Bill Johnson- Arroyo Hondo Trail Steward, Trails Alliance
Alan Karp- Talaya Hill Trail Steward
Henry Lanman- Trails Alliance, Fat Tire Society
Tina Lanman- Trails Alliance
Manny Maes-Trails Alliance
Peter Prince-Fat Tire Society
Steve Washburn-Trails Alliance
David Wilson-Fat Tire Society
Jody LeFevers-Director-Public Lands Director with The Master's Program

### Students:

**Dolores Avalos** Sofia Avery-Kapulski Vincent Benavidez Olivia Caulfield Noel Dominguez Isabel Fernandez Jaden, Herrera Karl Nelson Zachary Rubin Juana Ruiz-Ramirez Brenda Serrano-Perez Hassan Sharif-Petty Jonathan Talavera-Gonzalez Jacob Varela Mekiah White Jesus Zavala





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DATE:

April 1, 2015

TO:

**Board of County Commissioners** 

VIA:

Katherine Miller, County Manager

FROM:

Chris M. Barela, Constituent Service Liaison District 3

RE:

Presentation by Pat Kulhoff, President of the Salida del Sol Chapter, Old Spanish

Trail Association

Board of County Commission meeting April 14, 2015

### **BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:**

Mr. Pat Kuloff will provide a presentation on information for the upcoming Three Trails Conference that will be held on September 17-20, 2015 at the Santa Fe Convention Center.

The Three Trails Conference 2015 is a joint conference of three historic trail associations: El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association (CARTA), the Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) and the Santa Fe Trail Association (SFTA).

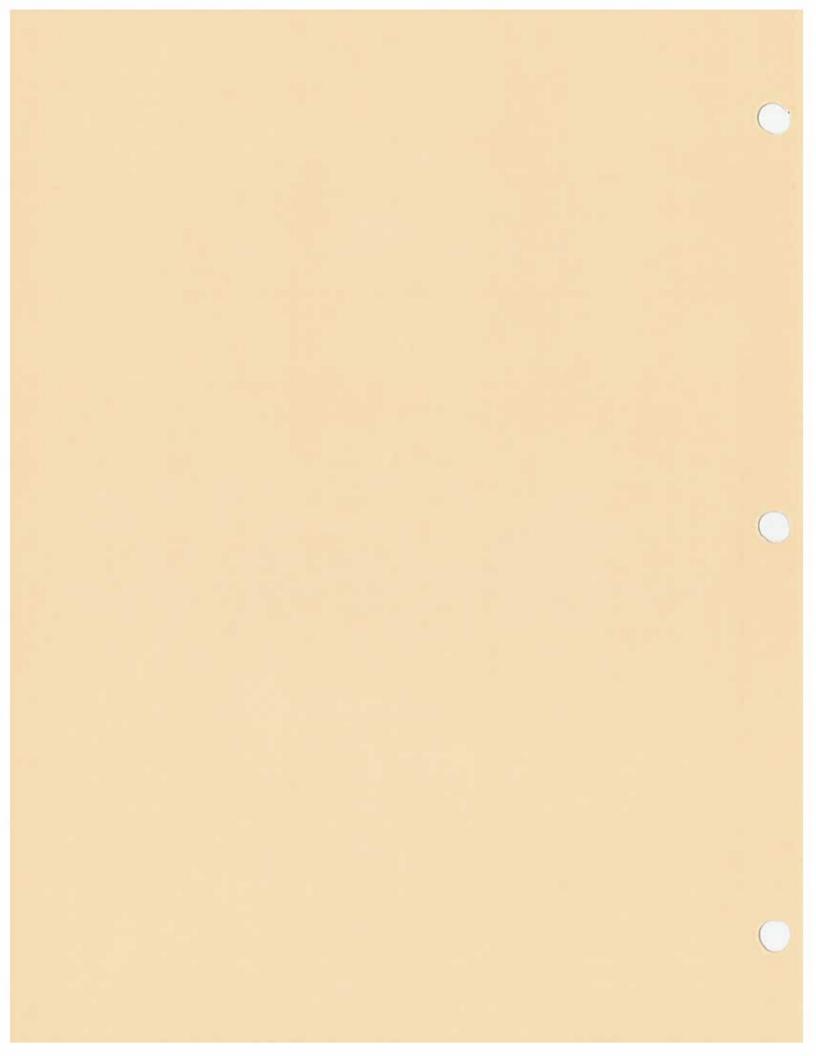
Along with the Conference information Mr. Kuloff will present the Commission with the Conference poster which was commissioned as a memento by the Three Trails Committee who came together early in the planning process.

### **REQUEST ACTION:**

This agenda item is strictly informational and no action is required.

### THERE ARE NO ATTACHMENTS





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Robert A. Anaya Commissioner, District 3



Kathy Holian Commissioner, District 4

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Commissioner. District 5

Katherine Miller County Manager

DATE:

April 6, 2015

TO:

Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners

FROM:

Ken Martinez RECC Director

SUBJECT:

Recognition of National Telecommunicators Week, April 12-18

### BACKGROUND

Each year, the second **full** week of April is dedicated to honoring the men and women who serve their communities as public safety telecommunicators. First conceived by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County (Calif.) Sheriff's Office in 1981, this recognition was observed only at that agency for three years. Members of the Virginia and North Carolina chapters of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) took note and became involved in the mid-1980s. By the early 1990s, the national APCO organization convinced Congress of the need for a formal proclamation. Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) introduced what became H.J. Res. 284 to create "National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week." According to Congressional procedure, it was introduced twice more in 1993 and 1994, and then became permanent, without the need for yearly introduction.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

We would like to take this opportunity to honor and thank all of our local Santa Fe 911 operators for their hard work, dedication and continued service to the citizens of Santa Fe County.



