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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 11, 2017

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Maria Lohmann, Senior Planner
Robert Griego, Planning Manager
Penny Ellis-Green, Growth Management Director

Via: Katherine Miller, County Manager

Item: Resolution 2017-____: A Resolution Adopting The Open Space Management Plans For Lamy Open Space and Park and Madrid Open Space And Directing Staff To Implement The Plans

SUMMARY:

This is a resolution adopting the management plans for Lamy Open Space and Park and Madrid Open Space and directing staff to implement the Plans.

BACKGROUND:

The 2015 Sustainable Growth Management Plan and the Open Land and Trails Plan call for developing management plans for Santa Fe County's open spaces in order to provide effective management and maintenance of the properties.

The planning process included several meetings in each community attended by numerous stakeholders, community members, adjacent property owners, and relevant public entities working together to develop a long range vision for the open space properties. Management principles, including appropriate public access, minimal maintenance needs, limited capital investments, protection of resources, diverse use opportunities along with increased youth and community participation in site stewardship, guided the process.

Projects for each property have been identified and prioritized in the short-term, mid-term and long-term. Best Management Practices (BMPs) were established in each management plan in order to provide maintenance in a responsible and effective manner in accordance with terrain and property conditions.

Both the Madrid and Lamy management plans include an "Appendix A: Management Activities Matrix" which outlines project priorities for the first three years of implementation of the management plan. These matrices include planning, maintenance and improvement projects, labor

and cost estimates, and location. Current budget and capital requests include funding to implement and /or initiate short term priority projects for each site as outlined below.

Lamy Open Space and Park short-term project priorities:

- Cultural resource protection
- Community partnerships and programs for Citizen Science
- Environmental monitoring
- Trail planning and regional connections

Madrid Open Space short-term project priorities

- Study and planning to develop effective and practical storm water management of Madrid Greenbelt and associated properties
- Collaborative open space management with Madrid Community
- Enhanced recreational opportunities and regional trail connections

All projects will require interdepartmental coordination with Public Works, Growth Management, and Community Services as well as consistent community outreach and coordination with other agencies as appropriate. These plans also estimate additional staffing and funding needs for the planning, maintenance and capital implementation of identified projects, as well as identify needed training to develop robust staff capacity.

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption of the Open Space Management Plans For Lamy Open Space and Park And Directing Staff To Implement The Plans.

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A: Lamy Open Space and Park Management Plan

Exhibit A1: Appendices for Lamy Open Space and Park Management Plan

Exhibit B: Madrid Open Space Management Plan

Exhibit B1: Appendices for Madrid Open Space Management Plan

Exhibit C: COLTPAC Letter of Support

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF SANTA FE
RESOLUTION NO. 2017- _____**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR LAMY OPEN SPACE AND
PARK AND MADRID OPEN SPACE AND DIRECTING STAFF TO IMPLEMENT THE
PLANS**

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County (County) owns and maintains a network of over 6,600 acres of open space and parks, and 46 miles of trails, including the Lamy Open Space and Park and the Madrid Open Space; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Sustainable Growth Management Plan and the Open Land and Trails Plan call for developing management plans for open space properties; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners and the County Open Land, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee (COLTPAC) support the development of management plans for open space properties; and

WHEREAS, management principles were developed with community input to guide the development, management, and maintenance of Santa Fe County Open Space properties; and

WHEREAS, specific management principles were developed for the Lamy Open Space and Park and the Madrid Open Space which include appropriate public access, minimal maintenance needs, limited capital investments, protection of resources, diverse use opportunities, and increased youth and community participation in site stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the planning process for the Lamy Open Space and Park and the Madrid Open Space included numerous stakeholders, community members, adjacent property owners, and relevant public entities who assisted County staff to develop a long range vision for each of the two properties through a vigorous community planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Management Plans prioritize projects for implementation in the short-term, mid-term, and long-term; and

WHEREAS, the Management Plans define Best Management Practices (BMPs) in order to guide maintenance in a responsible and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, according to the Management Plans, additional staffing would enhance the County's ability to address deferred maintenance needs, and increase the likelihood of implementing the Management Plans in a timely and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the Management Plans include implementation phasing timelines and preliminary estimated implementation costs; and

WHEREAS, COLTPAC has reviewed and recommends approval of the Lamy Open Space and Park Management Plan (Exhibit A), and the Madrid Open Space Management Plan (Exhibit B).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that:

1. The Management Plans attached hereto as Exhibits A and B are hereby adopted;
2. Staff is directed to implement the Management Plans to the extent possible with available resources and to request amendment of the plans as needed;
3. Staff is directed to request necessary budget for staffing, training, planning, maintenance, and capital funding for implementation of the Management Plans;
4. Staff is directed to involve community members and the public in the outlined management projects and activities contained within the Management Plans when appropriate.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of May, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Henry P. Roybal, Chairman

Attest:

Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

Approved As To Form:

Gregory Shaffer, County Attorney