

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2013 - 7

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES AND DIRECTING STAFF TO "LEAD BY EXAMPLE" WITH RESPECT TO IMPLEMENTING COST-EFFECTIVE WASTE REDUCTION, RECYCLING AND CLEAN ENERGY STRATEGIES IN COUNTY OPERATIONS

INTRODUCED BY COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County ("the Board") has demonstrated its commitment to promoting sustainable resource management by adopting Resolution No. 2010-210 (adopting the Sustainable Growth Management Plan), which contains substantial waste reduction, recycling and clean energy policy and program components;

WHEREAS, in order to effectively promote adoption of sustainable resource management strategies to the citizens and businesses of Santa Fe County it is incumbent upon the County to "Lead by Example" in its daily operations;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2012-52 established the Solid Waste Task Force, which subsequently recognized the importance of maximizing waste reduction and recycling strategies by Santa Fe County at all of its facilities;

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2011-16 (adopting the 2010 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan of the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency), which includes aggressive recycling goals;

WHEREAS, facility and vehicle energy expenditures associated with County government are substantial and incorporating cost-effective renewable energy and energy efficiency strategies provide an opportunity to significantly reduce County government operating costs and, therefore, the burden on County taxpayers;

WHEREAS, renewable energy and energy efficiency efficiencies must also recognize some of the unique needs of government in the areas of law enforcement, fire and corrections, and public safety and security must be the primary goal when renewable energy and energy efficiency measures are considered; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 7 ("Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency") of the County's Sustainable Growth Management Plan, specifically directs County government to incorporate renewable energy and energy efficiency measures in its facilities and daily operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Policies. Santa Fe County commits to "Leading by Example" with respect to aggressively implementing waste reduction, recycling and clean energy strategies in all aspects

of its facilities and daily operations. All County facilities and operations that come under the purview of the Commission are subject to this policy.

2. This policy shall include but not be limited to:

a. Waste Reduction and Reuse: The County shall ensure reuse and/or long-term use rather than frequent disposal of equipment and supplies, and the County shall ensure that all County operations minimize generation of discards as a priority even higher than recycling. Specifically, a policy of double-siding all documents is hereby established to promote waste reduction. With appropriate exceptions, all documents are to be double-sided, including those that are generated by outside entities using County funds and by consultants and contractors doing business with the County.

b. Recycling: The County shall ensure that all recyclable items generated in County-owned facilities and which are accepted at the Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer Station are recycled and not disposed of. Limited exceptions may be made if collecting and transporting the recyclables is cost and resource prohibitive.

c. Clean Energy: To the extent feasible given funding and staff availability, the County shall ensure that cost-effective renewable energy and energy efficiency strategies are implemented throughout County facilities and daily operations.

3. Implementation and Reporting.

a. Care shall be taken to ensure that implementation of this directive shall in no way negatively impact public safety and the smooth and efficient delivery of County services; accordingly, implementation of this resolution shall always be subject to the unique needs of law enforcement, fire and corrections. Public safety and security must be the primary goal; to the extent that the needs of law enforcement, fire and corrections conflicts with policy goals set forth in this document, the former shall prevail.

b. The County Manager shall establish an internal "Lead by Example" working group consisting of representatives from appropriate departments and divisions. The Board may appoint two at-large members (members of the public or staff members) to the "Lead by Example" working group. The working group shall be chaired by a representative from the Public Works Department. The first charge of the working group shall be to implement the sustainable policies outlined above by establishing a "Lead by Example" implementation plan. In its first six months, the working group shall meet monthly to develop the implementation plan. The implementation plan shall be presented to the Board no later than September 1, 2013.

c. The working group shall meet quarterly or as needed, thereafter, to maintain and monitor implementation of the implementation plan. The working group shall prepare a "Lead by Example" report, which shall be presented annually to the Board at the beginning of each fiscal year, however the first report shall be due no later than September 1, 2013.

4. Successful achievement of the sustainable resource management policies set forth herein requires the dedication and commitment of every County staff member, starting with County management, to ensure that the policies set forth herein are given a high priority. The implementation plan will help guide the process but will not, alone, ensure that every employee is consistently implementing the established waste reduction, recycling and energy conservation practices on a daily basis. In addition to ensuring a commitment to these policies by department and division directors, employee training and regular outreach shall be provided.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 29 DAY OF JANUARY, 2013.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

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Kathleen S. Holian, Chair

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