

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 139

**A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING SANTA FE COUNTY TO WORK WITH THE CITY OF SANTA FE AND
THE SANTA FE SOCCER COMMUNITY TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF
ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL SOCCER AUTHORITY.**

WHEREAS, there are approximately 8,000 league soccer players and countless enthusiasts in Santa Fe County;

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Soccer Leagues and Santa Fe area soccer facilities also serve the residents of Rio Arriba, Taos, Los Alamos, as well as, several Santa Fe Schools;

WHEREAS, soccer provides a platform to serve both the health and welfare of youth and young adults;

WHEREAS, soccer is the fastest growing sport in the world;

WHEREAS, interest in soccer in the United States has seen a historical increase;

WHEREAS, the only dedicated soccer facilities in the Santa Fe area is the MRC Soccer Valley;

WHEREAS, the MRC Soccer Valley facilities are in desperate need of renovation and expansion;

WHEREAS, there is significant potential for economic development through the promotion of tournaments;

WHEREAS, a single youth tournament can have a direct and indirect economic benefit of up to \$1,000,000 for the host city and region;

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Soccer Complex, a 501 (c)(3) organization, is comprised of four major soccer leagues in the Santa Fe area;

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Soccer Complex demonstrates the ability to manage the facilities, grounds, and programs at the MRC Soccer Valley;

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Soccer Complex has established relationships with National Leagues and tournament sponsors and coordinators;

WHEREAS, said relationships and management experience can provide a basis to better manage and maintain the MRC Soccer Valley, as well as, to promote and market the facility in the national soccer tournament circuit;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe do not have the resources to manage the MRC Soccer Valley in a manner that would allow for the most successful facility and program;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe do not have the resources to promote and brand the MRC soccer facilities as a tournament destination;

WHEREAS, the soccer leagues in the North Central New Mexico region do not have the capital funding required to renovate the MRC Soccer Valley fields;

WHEREAS, currently there are many cities and counties in the United States that have established private/public relationships with various soccer leagues to help provide for the needs of their communities;

WHEREAS, establishing a private/public relationship often results in the creation of a regional soccer authority, which can pursue sources of capital funding from state and local governments to build and/or renovate soccer facilities;

WHEREAS, under the auspices of the regional soccer authority, the private soccer leagues can assume the responsibilities of management and maintenance of grounds and facilities, as well as, the responsibility to promote and manage tournaments and programs;

WHEREAS, said authorities allow for savings to local government operating budgets by eliminating program management and maintenance costs for the soccer facilities;

WHEREAS, said authorities also can contribute to a significant increase in GRT and direct/indirect economic development in the regions with successful tournaments;

WHEREAS, to date, the project has received approximately \$500,000 from the New Mexico State Legislature. Additionally, Santa Fe County has budgeted \$500,000 toward the construction of four new soccer fields at the MRC Soccer Valley, which the County will contribute upon review of the feasibility of a Regional Soccer Authority, plans for the soccer field construction including the contributions from partners, a plan for ongoing field operation and maintenance, and water availability;

WHEREAS, the water demand for the soccer complex including the new fields will be less than current demand because of the installation of turf fields;

WHEREAS, the water demand will continue to be met with reuse water;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County request that the County Manager with the assistance of appropriate County staff collaborate with designated staff from the City of Santa Fe, the Santa Fe Soccer Complex, and any other appropriate regional local governments or entities to investigate the possibility of creating a Regional Soccer Authority for the MRC Soccer Valley fields.

Said collaboration will consider the following:

- The entity to assume responsibility for the land patent with BLM;
- A facility, grounds, and programs management agreement;
- The role of each member of the authority, which will include each member's funding;
- Responsibilities with regard to operating costs and capital costs;
- Resource management (specifically including water demand, supply sources, and costs).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a Regional Soccer Authority is created, this authority shall report to the governing bodies during the County's annual budget review hearing.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 13th day of December, 2016.

By: Mague/Chavez
Chair, Board of County Commissioners

Date: 12/13/16

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

Date: 12-13-2016



Approved as to form:

Andrea Salazar for
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Date: 12/5/16



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