

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 121

Introduced by: Commissioner Anna Hansen

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A RESOLUTION  
ESTABLISHING SANTA FE COUNTY 2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION

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**WHEREAS**, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that climate change caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems threatening ecological stability and human well-being today; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners ("the Board") adopted Resolution No. 2013-7 committing to "Leading by Example" to reduce waste and implement clean energy strategies in County facilities and operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2017-68 which expressed its intent to support greenhouse gas emission reduction within the County and the community, and agreed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions per the targets set in the Paris Agreement in order to limit global mean temperature increase; and

**WHEREAS**, many state and local governments in New Mexico, including Santa Fe County, have already begun reducing their greenhouse gas emissions through implementing energy efficiency, waste reduction, recycling, water conservation, fleet efficiency, and renewable energy generation in County facilities and operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to encourage and work with the State of New Mexico, other counties, Native American Pueblos, Tribes, and Nations, and local governments to continue to prioritize the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico State Legislature, New Mexican counties, and Native American Pueblos, Tribes, and Nations, and local governments have significant opportunities to provide incentives and resources to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, hereby supports legislation in the 2022 New Mexico Legislative Session that:

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1. Relates to the advancement of environmental sustainability, community resiliency, and climate action;
2. Promotes water and energy conservation and/or management and improve sustainability at the state and local level;
3. Will provide economic access and benefits for low income households, while increasing their ability to access utilities, use cleaner forms of energy for electricity and transportation, and/or increase the energy efficiency of their residences;
4. Will result in one or more of the following: the incentivizing of EV ownership and usage, decrease of emissions from transportation, increase of access to low/no carbon transportation options, especially for lower income households, decrease of reliance on vehicle ownership, and decrease of combustible fuel vehicle miles traveled;
5. Promotes water conservation and water planning;
6. Advances the sustainability and climate action goals of the County, including conservation and protection of natural resources, carbon neutrality, climate resilience, economic vitality, increased quality of life, and social equity;
7. Provides adequate funding and support for State departments tasked with implementing climate policies and programs;
8. Supports the prioritization of funding and funding mechanisms for infrastructure projects, energy projects, and economic development opportunities that enhance local communities and advance community resiliency and climate action.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Santa Fe County supports comprehensive climate legislation that will codify greenhouse gas emission targets at the state level for 2050.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Santa Fe County supports a Green Amendment to the New Mexico Constitution, adding a new section to Article II, the Bill of Rights, that establishes, among other things, a constitutional mandate recognizing a healthy environment as an inherent and generational right of all New Mexico citizens.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, while this Resolution represents a majority of the intent of the Board as to 2022 New Mexico legislative priorities related to sustainability, other timely priorities may be approved by the Board, incorporated into the County's 2022 state legislative agenda, and forwarded to the County's lobbying team for action.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Manager be directed to send a letter to Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and each member of our state legislature with this request and a copy of this Resolution as ultimately approved by the Board.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 14th day of December 2021.

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

*HPR*  
Henry P. Roybal, Chair

**ATTEST:**  
*Katharine Clark*  
Katharine E. Clark, Santa Fe County Clerk



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Date: 12/14/21

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
*Gregory S. Shaffer*  
Gregory S. Shaffer, Santa Fe County Attorney

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Katharine E. Clark  
Deputy *Destiny Romero* County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

