

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-004**

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**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SANTA FE COUNTY GREENHOUSE GAS  
EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN FOR GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

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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 reductions 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 local governments across the United States, including Santa Fe County, are committed to, and have already begun, reducing their greenhouse gas emissions through strategies such as energy efficiency, waste reduction, recycling, water conservation, fleet efficiency, and renewable energy generation within government operations and community-wide; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2021, the County joined the "Race to Zero", pledging to reduce emissions from the building sector by 60% across County facilities by 2025, and countywide by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2021, the Board of County Commissioners voted to approve the publication of the greenhouse gas emissions inventory of County operations for the calendar years 2005, 2017, and 2018, as well as the approval of next steps: the creation of a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan (GHGERP) for County operations, and a countywide Integrated Climate Action Plan; and

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**WHEREAS**, the GHGERP is roadmap of action steps to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 in six phases, spanning five years each, across four sectors of County operations: facilities, transportation, water and wastewater, and solid waste, with detailed actions presented for the first two phases, from 2021 to 2030, and guidance provided for the final two decades; and

**WHEREAS**, while the GHGERP is based on the best data and evidence available to the County at this date, the plan allows for flexibility to update and revise emission reduction strategies and targets as new research, technologies, climate action policies, and funding sources present themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, while successful implementation of the GHGERP will require County resources of staff time and funds, investing in emission reductions today has significant returns on investment both fiscally (e.g. utility savings, reduction in operating costs) and in public health (e.g. improved air quality, improved mental health, ability to enjoy a livable planet).

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

1. The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan for Government Operations (GHGERP) attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted; and
2. Staff is directed to implement the GHGERP in full, with allowances to revise emission reduction actions and targets if policy, technology, research, and funding conditions change, and request staff and fiscal resources, as needed; and
3. Staff is directed to publish the GHGERP on the County's website to uphold transparency and accountability; and
4. Staff is directed to provide annual updates regarding the implementation of the GHGERP to the Board.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Jun 2022.

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By: Anna T. Hamilton  
Anna T. Hamilton, Chair

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ATTEST:

*Katharine E. Clark*

Katharine E. Clark, Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 1/25/22



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Gregory S. Shaffer*

Gregory S. Shaffer, Santa Fe County Attorney

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Katharine E. Clark

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County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM



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