

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 074**

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**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COUNTYWIDE CLIMATE ACTION  
PLAN PHASE I AND SUPPORTING ITS IMPLEMENTATION**

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

**WHEREAS**, communities across Santa Fe County (“County”) are experiencing the impacts of climate change and numerous community leaders have pledged to act on behalf of their respective communities to ensure the safety, prosperity, and protection of natural resources for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Energy estimates that 75% of the building stock in the U.S. will be new or renovated by the year 2035, and that both state and local governments, “can reduce energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions, while ensuring that their constituents live and work in comfortable buildings with low utility bills”; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 County GHG emissions inventory findings show that energy used for transportation and buildings are the leading sources of GHG emissions in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has committed to reducing all GHG emissions throughout the County from buildings by 60% by 2030 (Race to Zero Pledge) and to the 30x30 global initiative to conserve and protect 30% of land and water located within the County (Resolution 2020-93); and

**WHEREAS**, the County has expressed its intent to reduce GHG emissions in numerous resolutions including Resolution No. 2017-68 which conforms to the targets set in the Paris Agreement in order to limit global mean temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, through its Sustainability Division, works to create resilient, equitable, and prosperous communities within the County for current and future generations while adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County (“Board”) approved the creation of the County’s comprehensive Countywide Climate Action Plan (“CAP”), based upon countywide GHG emissions inventory findings and best practices for meeting science-based targets, with the aim of planning a path forward to meet the County’s sustainability goals including the reduction of GHGs in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, CAP Phase I outlines the urgent responses needed to provide additional strategies for projects related to lowering GHG emissions, and formal approval of CAP Phase I by the Board will lead to the betterment of community health and a substantial reduction of GHG emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of CAP Phase I, will result in tangible benefits for improving upon County sustainability policies, tools, and programs necessary to support the decrease of GHG emissions, while increasing nature-based solution options, protection of habitat, operational resiliency, energy savings and sustainability related investments at the local level; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAP Phase I provides a tracking mechanism and implementation process via a designated County Cross-Departmental Team that focuses on interdepartmental planning and development of policies and procedures for implementing the sustainability mission of the County, including the goal of substantially decreasing GHG emissions and reaching net zero GHG emissions countywide; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is committed to adopting and implementing key nationwide policies, regulations, and best practices related to sustainability that can be readily adapted by local governments for the betterment of their respective constituents; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has pledged to facilitate and support the enactment of sustainability initiatives and practices that will continue to create equitable opportunities that support the well-being of the communities in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County seeks to increase its funding capacity, participation and support in collaborative opportunities that conserve resources, promote renewable energy, stimulate social equity and engagement, and increase sustainable practices in New Mexico.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board as follows:

1. Santa Fe County hereby adopts the Countywide Climate Action Plan Phase I and its recommendations and priorities for reducing GHG emissions and increasing resiliency countywide including but not limited to increased energy efficiency, renewable energy, EV charging station infrastructure, water conservation improvements, nature-based solutions and related projects.

2. The Sustainability Division will work collaboratively with all relevant County offices and agencies to prioritize the strategies and recommendations outlined in the CAP Phase I, the Operational Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan recommendations, and emerging sustainability- related priorities.
3. The County will strive to work interdepartmentally to provide the leadership, capacity building, and cooperation necessary to implement the CAP Phase I recommendations as well as to accelerate the County's efforts of net zero emissions by 2050.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS <sup>11</sup>~~27~~<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

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

*Anna C. Hansen*  
 Anna C. Hansen, Chair

**ATTESTATION:**

*Katharine E. Clark*  
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**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

*Jeff Young* for  
 Jeff Young, Santa Fe County Attorney

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

