

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 122

**A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING SANTA FE COUNTY 2024 LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION**

WHEREAS, climate change threatens the continued habitability and sustainability of Santa Fe County (County) and the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the environment is under sustained attack from other sources as well; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners would like to demonstrate strong support to the State Legislature and Governor for environmental sustainability and climate action legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board strongly urges the New Mexico Legislature and Governor to enact legislation during the 2024 Regular Session that would:

1. Advance environmental sustainability, community resiliency, and climate action.
2. Promote water and energy conservation and/or management and improve sustainability at the state and local level.
3. 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. Result in one or more of the following: the incentivizing of EV ownership and usage, decrease emissions from transportation, increase access to low/no carbon transportation options, especially for lower-income households, decrease the reliance on vehicle ownership, and decrease combustible fuel vehicle miles traveled.
5. Promote water conservation and water planning.
6. Advance 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. Provide adequate funding and support for State departments tasked with implementing climate policies and programs and protecting the environment, such as the New Mexico Environment Department and Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.
8. Support 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.
9. Provide capital outlay for facility energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy (including photovoltaic solar) improvements, and resiliency improvements.
10. Make property pollinator friendly, including planting pollinator friendly, regionally-appropriate plants and avoiding the use of pesticides known to kill pollinators, and supporting coordinated, regional, statewide and national action to protect pollinator species in order to implement the objectives set forth in Santa Fe County Resolution No. 2020-51.

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11. Improve the New Mexico Energy Grid including use for renewables and the ability to operate independently from the national grid.
12. Create a program at the State level, comparable to Solarize Santa Fe, to assist individuals with questions about and funding of solar installation in homes.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports the state's adoption of the Advanced Clean Cars and Advanced Clean Trucks rules to strategically eliminate emissions from transportation in the coming future and increase air quality throughout the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports legislation banning single-use plastic and polystyrene products within the state of New Mexico, including an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law for packaging that will hold producers and manufacturers responsible for the design life cycle of their products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports the creation and enactment of surface water rules that further protect and conserve this natural resource throughout the State.

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.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 28th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

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By: *Anna Hansen*
Anna Hansen, Chair

ATTESTATION:

Katharine Clark

Katharine E. Clark
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 11/30/23

Approved as to form:

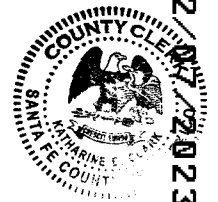
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Katharine E. Clark
Deputy *Myra J. ...* County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM



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