

**SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 064

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SANTA FE COUNTY 2024 MS4 PERMIT
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PLAN**

WHEREAS, untreated stormwater runoff from rain and snow events can wash pollutants, such as sediments, oils, bacteria, chemicals, and trash, into local waterways; and

WHEREAS, to protect water quality, a permit is required under the federal National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program to operate municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) located within urbanized areas as determined by the United States Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, MS4s include stormwater conveyances such as ditches, curbs, gutters, and storm drains; and

WHEREAS, permitting is administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the County is required to submit an annual MS4 report to the EPA for which the County must obtain significant operational data information from several departments, including Growth Management, Public Works, and educational outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, sustainability staff has led the coordination of gathering data from stakeholder departments to prepare the County's FY 21, and FY 22, MS4 annual reports for the EPA, which were submitted following a 30-day public comment period; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County prepared required updates to the County's stormwater management program from 2013 to update reporting procedures to minimize pollutant loading to waterways from stormwater runoff, ensure compliance with current 2007 MS4 requirements, and prepare for future permit changes; and

WHEREAS, the County is in compliance with 2007 MS4 reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the updated MS4 Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP), attached hereto as exhibit A, is to support building and land management practices that improve the cleanliness of stormwater in New Mexico and also to meet an MS4 compliance requirement to include six minimum control measures:

1. Public education and outreach on stormwater impacts;
2. Public involvement and participation;
3. Illicit discharge detection and elimination;
4. Construction site stormwater runoff control;
5. Post-construction stormwater management in new development and redevelopment;

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6. Pollution prevention and good housekeeping for municipal operations; and

WHEREAS, meeting these control measures requires cross-departmental collaboration, and if adopted, the 2024 SWMP will supersede the 2013 SWMP; and

WHEREAS, if adopted, the County would continue to work interdepartmentally with eligible entities such as the Public Works and Growth Management Departments and Sustainability Division, the Department of Transportation, City of Santa Fe, soil and water conservation districts and watershed health focused groups, tribes, pueblos, and acequia associations, to promote stormwater health; and

WHEREAS, the County is responsible for the stewardship of stormwater health and cleanliness; provides the SWMP to the EPA as required to address minimum control measures; and serves as a guide for directing ongoing procedural MS4 related processes, education and awareness, code requirements and/or updates, trainings and workshops, collaboration with technical service providers, and public education about the importance of stormwater stewardship; and

WHEREAS, under the SWMP, the County will support the reduction of stormwater contamination for the community and provide assistance in watershed health endeavors in Santa Fe County and help the watersheds to remain viable for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the SWMP provides a wide range of benefits, including improved watershed health and water quality, better water infiltration and retention of soils, reduced soil erosion, increased resistance to drought and pests, greater resilience to extreme weather events and sequestration of atmospheric carbon, enhanced pollinator and wildlife habitat, and overall rural communities; and

WHEREAS, increasing stormwater health will boost the livability, drinking water and food security and viability of New Mexico's waterways, working lands and lead to greater vitality of our rural communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners that:

1. The Santa Fe County Commission adopts the 2024 SWMP for the County's 2007 MS4 Permit, attached hereto as Exhibit A, to be submitted to the EPA.
2. The Santa Fe County Commission supports the updated 2024 SWMP which supersedes previous MS4 SWMP Plans.
3. The Santa Fe County Commission advocates continued interdepartmental coordination and compliance to the current and future MS4 Permits.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 30th DAY OF APRIL, 2024.

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By: *Hank Hughes*
Hank Hughes, Chair

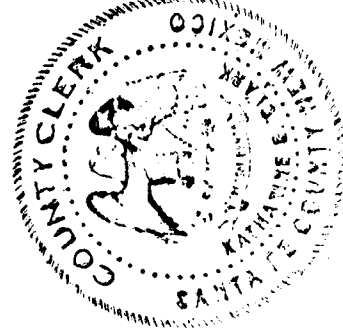
ATTEST:

Katharine E. Clark
Katharine E. Clark
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 05/01/2024

Approved as to form:

Jeff Young
Jeff Young
Santa Fe County Attorney



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 2033322
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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Katharine E. Clark
Deputy *Celeste Garcia* County Clerk, Santa Fe,

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