

**SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 012

**A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING SANTA FE COUNTY 2026 LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION**

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) would like to demonstrate strong support to the New Mexico State Legislature and the Governor for legislation that addresses environmental sustainability and climate action during the 2026 Regular Legislative Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners strongly urges the New Mexico Legislature and the Governor to enact legislation during the 2026 Regular Session that would:

1. Advance environmental sustainability, community resiliency, and climate action.
2. Promote clean water and energy conservation and/or management and improve sustainability at the state and local level, to include refinement and participation in the Water Security Act and Water Data Initiative and increasing Green Stormwater Infrastructure throughout the region.
3. Provide economic access and benefits for low-income households, while increasing their ability to access utilities, using 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, expand the development of EV charging infrastructure, increase access to low/no carbon transportation options, expand the production of low carbon intensity fuels, expand micro-mobility and multi-modal transportation options; especially for lower-income households, decrease the reliance on vehicle ownership, and decrease combustible fuel vehicle miles traveled.
5. Encourage reductions in building emissions through the increase of renewable energy production, incentivizing energy efficiency improvements and building electrification especially for lower-income households and multi-family residences, to include support of IECC adoptions no less than two years from release.
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

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communities and advance community resiliency and climate action. Provide additional funding or funding mechanisms to support facility energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy (including photovoltaic solar) and resiliency improvements

9. Create and advance pollinator friendly initiatives, to include healthy soil initiatives, incentivizing the planting of pollinator friendly, regionally-appropriate plants and avoiding and/or banning the use of pesticides known to kill pollinators or harm human health, and support 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. Support of alternative ownership models including microgrid access and renewable energy
10. Improve the New Mexico Energy Grid, including alternative ownership models, increased microgrid access and renewable energy sourcing, transmission line capacity, and the ability to operate independently from the national and regional grid.
11. Provide and grow programs at the State level, such as Community Solar subscriptions, or Solarize Santa Fe, to assist individuals with Community Solar participation, as well as questions about and funding of solar installation in the residential and commercial sectors.
12. Prioritize oil and gas reform to ensure clean air, water, and soil, through capping requirements of legacy wells, increased methane emissions regulation, requirement of wildlife, and wetland sensitive area protection and buffers, transition to renewable energy, and codification of net zero methane emissions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports:

1. Comprehensive climate legislation that will codify greenhouse gas emission targets at the State level for 2050.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The creation and enactment of surface water rules that further protect and conserve this natural resource throughout the State.
5. The Governor's executive order expanding and investing in climate-ready and infrastructure workforce goals.
6. Residential and commercial electrification and energy efficiency upgrade programs, including the training and certification of contractors for energy audits and projects in commercial and residential buildings.
7. Support intergovernmental cooperation to establish clear, transparent, and community-centered solar justice processes that enhance public participation and shared decision-making in the development of mass commercial solar projects ensuring outcomes that strengthen community viability and deliver measurable social, environmental, and economic benefits.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

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Camilla Bustamante, Chair

ATTEST:

Katharine Clark

Katharine E. Clark
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 1/14/2026

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County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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