

**SANTA FE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 023**

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**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
2026 WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE**

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**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2024, the Santa Fe County (County) Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted Resolution No. 2024-038, A Resolution Updating the Purpose and Activities of the Water Policy Advisory Committee (WPAC) and Repealing and Replacing Resolution No. 2019-95; and

**WHEREAS**, Paragraph 18 of Resolution No. 2024-038 states that at the Board's second meeting in January of each year, the WPAC shall present to the Board for its approval a report of progress towards adopted goals from the previous year and a draft work plan and meeting calendar for that year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board appointed ten (10) voting members and one (1) non-voting County Commissioner to serve on the WPAC for a three-year term from May 15, 2024, through May 15, 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, WPAC in 2025 convened in twelve (12) regular and one (1) special meeting from January to December 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the WPAC unanimously approved its 2026 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule at its December 11, 2025, regular meeting for recommendation to the Board for approval, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the WPAC's 2026 Work Plan focuses on twelve (12) strategically identified priorities within three categories of focus - 1) Stormwater Management; 2) Drinking & Wastewater Management; and 3) Outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, the WPAC established three working groups and assigned members and leadership from each of the three County departments who support WPAC to each working group; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-038, Paragraph 19, the WPAC will present reports of its activities and recommendations to the Board in April, July and October 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

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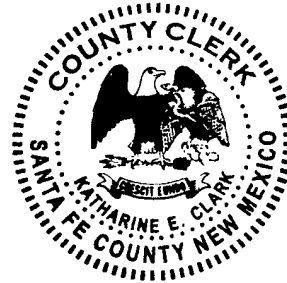
1. The Board hereby approves the Water Policy Advisory Committee's 2026 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule (Exhibit A).
2. The WPAC may propose amendments to the 2026 Work Plan to the Board for its approval in accordance with Resolution No. 2024-038.
3. The Board may amend the 2026 Work Plan at any time in accordance with Resolution No. 2024-038.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.**

**SANTA FE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**


**By**

Justin S. Greene, Chair



**ATTEST:**

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Notary Public

Katharine E. Clark  
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date:

1/28/2024

**Approved as to form:**

*Cristella Valez* for  
Walker Boyd  
Santa Fe County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE           )  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO         ) ss

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Deputy  County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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## **Exhibit A**

### **Water Policy Advisory Committee 2026 Work Plan REVISED**

#### **Stormwater Management Working Group**

1. Review and comment on the County staff and consultants' effort on: 1) revisions and additions to the Sustainable Land Development Code related to water conservation, harvesting and reuse, stormwater management, and code requirements for new developments; 2) Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Facility Master Plan; 3) GSI Installation and Maintenance Guide; 4) Subdivision review; and 5) Arroyo Stormwater Management component for the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP).
2. Explore and recommend projects and policies for promoting wastewater reuse in new and existing residential and commercial developments including updates to County's Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC) and Sustainable Growth Management Plan (SGMP) to include incentives and/or requirements for wastewater reuse.
3. Review information included in the Hazard Mitigation Plan on flood control structures that are owned by the Santa Fe-Pojoaque Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

#### **Drinking & Wastewater Management Working Group**

1. Review and process applications for utility service by existing water and wastewater service providers pursuant to Resolution 2015-121 and as it may be amended. Consider additional amendments specific to Mutual Domestic Community Water Associations (MDCWAs) and long-term coordination with the County's utilities system.
2. Review and comment on staff and consultant efforts on:
  - a. LC/LC PER/Water Planning Study & Rapid Watershed Assessment
  - b. County PFAS study
  - c. Santa Fe 2100 Water Plan
  - d. Wastewater treatment plant return flow credits
  - e. Aquifer Storage Recovery at the Quill Plant
  - f. Domestic Wells Monitoring Program
  - g. Return flow credits
  - h. Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System (PBRWS)
  - i. Eldorado Area Water & Sewer District (EAWSD) plans for water lines and for acquiring water rights and transfers

Comment on reports once available.

#### **Outreach Working Group**

1. Identify options for potential collaboration/partnerships regarding stormwater and wastewater management with the City of Santa Fe and other organizations such as the Santa Fe Watershed Association (SFWA), and with stakeholders and collaborative watershed planning groups in other County watersheds.

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## Exhibit A

2. Explore opportunities for greater cooperation between NM Environment Department, Office of State Engineer (OSE) and County staff, to coordinate reporting requirements and databases for septic tanks and domestic wells.
3. Explore options for supporting Community Water Systems for strengthening resiliency in infrastructure, people, and water supply. Support staff, NMED Drinking Water Bureau (DWB), Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD), and Rural Water Association (RWA) capacity building and training activities for Mutual Domestic Community Water Associations (MDCWAs) including systems regional collaboration for pooling and sharing resources. Propose engagement activities with MDCWA umbrella organizations as a contact point for staff efforts for promoting well monitoring and water conservation and reuse.
4. Explore and recommend strategies with USDA NRCS to increase agricultural producers' and residents' awareness of Soil Health Program. Work with Soil Health New Mexico.
5. Create a suite of strategies for increasing outreach to any county water-related program (domestic well reporting, for example, to address the question: how do residents find out about a program? (website, newsletter, property tax stuffers (biannual?), informational packets with new home purchases partnering with realtors. E-communication sign-up. Items for fun – water bottles, flow reduction products, videos, press releases, social media)
6. Continue exploring trends in water data and consider ways of updating these data elements and conveying relevant data to the residents of the county.
7. Explore and recommend processes for additional community engagement regarding County water-related projects. Meet with Acequia Association(s) to better understand needs and identify opportunities for coordination with the County.

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## **Exhibit A**

### **Water Policy Advisory Committee**

#### **2026 Meeting Calendar**

The Water Policy Advisory Committee will hold regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Plaza Conference Room located in the County Administration Building, 240 Grant Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501. Specifically, meetings will be held on the following dates in 2026:

January 8, 2026  
February 12, 2026  
March 12, 2026  
April 9, 2026  
May 14, 2026  
June 11, 2026  
July 9, 2026  
August 13, 2026  
September 10, 2026  
October 8, 2026  
November 12, 2026  
December 10, 2026

The Santa Fe County Water Policy Advisory Committee strives to make its meetings accessible to the public through alternatives to in-person attendance, such as virtual meeting platforms. These alternatives, however, are not guaranteed due to internet and other service disruptions and equipment failures, and duly noticed meetings may be held notwithstanding that those alternatives are unexpectedly unavailable. Accordingly, members of the public assume the risk that they may be unable to watch, listen to and/or participate in Water Policy Advisory Committee meetings through such alternatives.

Subject to the above disclaimer, the County intends to allow members of the public to listen to and participate in Water Policy Advisory Committee meetings virtually. For instructions on joining the meeting virtually, visit [www.santafecountynm.gov/joinwpac](http://www.santafecountynm.gov/joinwpac).

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