

**SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 108

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REOPENING OF THE RE-USE CENTER AT
THE ELDORADO CONVENIENCE CENTER**

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved the establishment of an area at the Eldorado Convenience Center (a waste and recycling transfer station) to house reusable items that might otherwise be deposited in a landfill; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County (County) approved the volunteer Eldorado/285 Recycles group to administer the area; and

WHEREAS, Eldorado/285 Recycles, in cooperation with County staff, opened the Re-Use Center for residents and, for more than a decade, has helped Eldorado and surrounding communities share usable items and keep thousands of pounds of material out of the landfill each year; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County's Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance No. 2014-10 states that one of its purposes is to: "promote to the greatest extent possible, waste reduction and the reuse and recycling of materials to further conservation and minimize landfill disposal"; and

WHEREAS, in June 2025, OSHA received a report of rodent infestation at the Re-Use Center; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2025, the report reached Santa Fe County Department of Human Resources, and on August 29, 2025, the County closed the Re-Use Center; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2025, the County completed the cleaning of the Re-Use Center; and

WHEREAS, the former site of the Re-Use Center has been cleared and is presently available to be used again for the same purpose; and

WHEREAS, reopening the Re-Use Center directly supports the Santa Fe County goal of waste reduction and the reuse and recycling of materials and strengthens local sustainability; and

WHEREAS, in response to previous health and safety concerns, Eldorado/285 Recycles has developed a Policy Manual for the maintenance and proper management of the Re-Use Center for volunteers, and is ready to implement a plan for improved conditions and upgraded sanitary measures to enhance the safety of volunteers, County workers, and the public; and

WHEREAS, reopening the Re-Use Center immediately would allow more than 1,000 residents who signed a petition to reopen the center to find a home for reusable goods and divert materials from the landfill; and

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WHEREAS, a permanent and continually operating Re-Use Center is in the best interest of the County and an evaluation of different options for access, parking, and donation areas will alleviate traffic congestion and interruptions to the Eldorado Transfer Station's daily operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners hereby directs the County Manager to:

1. Develop and implement a plan for reopening the Re-Use Center, in coordination with Eldorado/285 Recycles, following resolution of applicable health, safety, operational, and liability considerations, and to utilize the existing facility for a trial reopening period through January 1, 2027, to evaluate best practices for potential long-term operations; provided, however, that operations of the center may continue after January 1, 2027, if the County Manager and the volunteers of Eldorado 285 Recycles determine that it is safe to continue operations pending a final decision by the Board of County Commissioners on continued operations;
2. Evaluate the effectiveness of the trial reopening period and provide recommendations to the Board regarding the continued operation and long-term configuration of the Re-Use Center;
3. Report back to the Board with recommendations regarding the future operation and configuration of the Re-Use Center;
4. Obtain an estimate for design and construction of a simple road and parking lot located on the south side of the present reuse center, with the intention of establishing a permanent Re-Use Center parking area, apart from the activities of the transfer station, while using the existing building and alleviating traffic congestion;
5. Report to the Board concerning operations during the trial reopening period, as well as options and recommendations for continuing the operation of the Re-Use Center; and
6. Ensure that any reopening is conducted in accordance with an approved operating plan addressing volunteer management, sanitation, health and safety protocols, liability considerations, donation procedures, and coordination with Eldorado/285 Recycles.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

**SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: _____

Justin S. Greene, Chair

ATTEST:

Katharine E. Clark

Santa Fe County Clerk

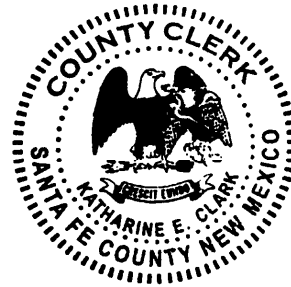
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