

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 95**

**A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES  
OF THE WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND REPEALING AND  
REPLACING RESOLUTION NOS. 2013-42 AND 2018-67**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) seeks to create and maintain a coherent water policy that encompasses the full spectrum of water matters of importance to the residents of Santa Fe County (“County”); and

**WHEREAS**, the County's Sustainable Growth Management Plan identifies water as a matter of importance to the County's residents that requires a full community effort to conserve and protect; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has numerous existing water policy documents that require review and revision on a regular basis;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the County's interest to address water issues in a regional manner, including utility service, domestic water supply, wastewater management, irrigation, drought management, flood prevention and control, and water reuse; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution should repeal and replace County Resolution Nos. 2013-42 and 2018-67.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board as follows:

1. The Water Policy Advisory Committee (“WPAC”) is hereby established for the purpose of ascertaining and providing factual information and recommendations to the Board regarding utility service, domestic water supply, wastewater management, irrigation, drought management, flood prevention and control, and water reuse in the County and region.
2. The WPAC shall be comprised of twelve (12) voting members appointed by the Board; *provided*, however, that the initial members under this Resolution shall consist of the current members appointed under Resolution No. 2013-42, who may serve out their existing terms and shall thereafter be eligible for re-appointment under this Resolution.
3. WPAC members shall reside within the exterior boundaries of the County.
4. WPAC members shall be selected to ensure that the WPAC reflects a wide range of expertise and experience, including membership in established community water

groups, professional practice in a water-related field, including agriculture, and volunteer experience.

5. To achieve this diversity and representation, the WPAC members should be appointed from the following areas, where practicable:
  - a. A member of a water system (i.e., mutual domestic water consumers' association, water cooperative, rural water system, or water district);
  - b. A member of an agricultural organization (i.e., soil and water conservation district);
  - c. A member of an acequia association;
  - d. A member from the Estancia Planning Area;
  - e. A member from the Galisteo Planning Area;
  - f. A member from the Central Planning Area;
  - g. A member from the Northern Planning Area;
  - h. A member from the Buckman Direct Diversion Board; and
  - i. Any remaining members shall be chosen by the Commissioners.
6. A County resident who is interested in being appointed to the WPAC shall submit a letter of interest and evidence of his or her qualifications.
7. WPAC members shall serve terms of three (3) years. In the event of a vacancy, the Board shall appoint a new member to serve out the remainder of the departing member's term. There shall be no limitation on the number of consecutive terms that a member may serve. A member may be removed by the Board with or without cause.
8. WPAC members shall elect a chair and a vice-chair in alternate years by a majority vote of a quorum of the members present at a meeting noticed for that purpose.
9. The WPAC shall meet as often as necessary to carry out its work, but no less than once each quarter. The WPAC shall hold its meetings in a County facility or such other location as may be conducive to attendance by the public. The WPAC shall comply with applicable state laws and County policies for public notice, open meetings, and rules of order.
10. All matters coming before the WPAC shall be resolved by a majority vote of

the quorum, which shall consist of a majority of the members actually appointed by the Board at that time.

11. The County Manager shall appoint an employee of the Public Works Department to serve as liaison to the WPAC. At the request of the WPAC, the liaison may prepare agendas, provide information, and assist with research.
12. The Public Works Department shall, to the extent practicable, present water issues to the WPAC for discussion so that it can make a recommendation to the Board.
13. The WPAC shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
  - a. Make recommendations on water issues to the Board;
  - b. Assist the County in addressing proposed aquifer storage and recharge activities and projects;
  - c. Explore the concept of an independent regional water authority;
  - d. Make recommendations on drought management;
  - d. Recommend updates to the County's ordinances, policies, and plans related to water issues; and
  - e. Provide such other assistance as directed by the Board.
14. At the Board's second meeting in January of each year, the WPAC shall present to the Board for its approval a draft work plan and meeting calendar for that year. The work plan shall include a list of tasks and topics to be addressed by the WPAC, including a schedule for the submittal of reports and other deliverables. The work plan may be amended by the Board on its own initiative or in response to a proposal by the WPAC.
15. The WPAC shall present a report of its activities and recommendations to the Board each year at a mutually convenient time.
16. The Board, in its discretion, may dissolve or incorporate the WPAC into another standing committee at any time.
17. This Resolution repeals and replaces County Resolution Nos. 2013-42 and 2018-67.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 30 DAY OF JULY, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

By: Anna T. Hamilton  
Anna T. Hamilton, Chair



ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar  
Geraldine Salazar  
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 7-30-2019

Approved as to form:

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ss

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Deputy Estrella Martinez County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM