

The Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque, as partners with Santa Fe County in the Aamodt Settlement, support the County's presentation on the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA).

The Pueblos appreciate the efforts of Commissioner Roybal, as the County's lead negotiator, and County staff with regard to negotiation of the JPA that has been presented to the Commission today.

The JPA is one component needed to successfully implement the Aamodt Settlement which will benefit all residents of the Pojoaque Basin.

The JPA is an agreement for the limited purpose of forming the entity (Regional Water Authority, “RWA”) which will operate a utility (the Regional Water System, “RWS”) to provide a firm, reliable water supply to all customers of the utility.

The Pueblos have worked diligently in partnership with the County for several years to address the issues and concerns of all Pojoaque valley residents and future customers of the RWS.

## The multitude of issues the Pueblo and County have addressed in the JPA include:

- County will serve as fiscal agent for the RWA
- County will operate the RWS on behalf of the RWA
- County and State laws and rules will apply with regard to meetings, procurement etc.
- Ensuring full enforceability of the JPA
- Ensuring easements free of charge over Pueblo lands as necessary for operation and expansion of the RWS
- Providing for a super majority vote for significant expenditures or contracting decisions
- Ensuring customer participation on the RWA Board (in addition to the County citizen advisory committee established by the Cost Sharing and System Integration Agreement)

Approval of the JPA by the  
Commissioner will allow the partners  
to move forward on the other  
important components of the Aamodt  
Settlement for the benefit of all  
Pojoaque valley residents.

The Pueblos urge the Commission to approve the JPA as there is much more work to be done to ensure Pojoaque valley residents receive the full benefits of the Aamodt settlement.