

PREAMBLE

This report is responsive to the Santa Fe County Resolution 2024-038, paragraph 19 requirement which states: “WPAC shall present a report of its activities and recommendations to the Board on a quarterly schedule...” for the first quarter of 2025.

INTRODUCTION

The WPAC 2025 Work Plan (Plan) was approved by the Board on January 28, 2025. (Attachment 1.) The plan identified three WPAC working groups, and assigned specific tasks to each group. Those working groups include: 1) Stormwater Management Working Group; 2) Drinking & Wastewater Management Working Group; and 3) Outreach Working Group.

This report describes 1st quarter 2025 WPAC activities for each working group, by specific tasks.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

Task 1

Develop and present recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on revisions and additions to the Sustainable Land Development Code related to water conservation, harvesting and reuse, stormwater management, and code requirements for new developments.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

The Working Group has had a staff presentation providing background on the County’s stormwater management program, and continues to learn about the program.

Task 2

Develop a Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Facility Master Plan and GSI Maintenance Training Guide.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

Stormwater Management Working Group members received a briefing on staff’s initial progress on a GSI Master Plan and Training Guide.

Task 3

Review information to develop proposals for a County Compost Facility and Biogas Capture Project and provide recommendations to the BCC for inclusion in Planning considerations for County wastewater infrastructure expansion.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

Stormwater Management Working Group members received a staff briefing on current County practices for biosolids management and treated effluent, as well as staff's initial thoughts on possible wastewater management partnerships.

DRINKING & WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

Task 1

Develop a framework for potential customers to efficiently navigate the process of connecting to the County utility system or requesting that the County take over an existing system. (Requires completion of an after-action report on Cañada de Los Alamos application and requires review and potential request to amend Resolution No. 2015-121.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

The WPAC Resolution 2015-121 Report on the Cañada de Los Alamos Mutual Domestic Water Consumers and Mutual Sewage Works Association (Cañada), approved by WPAC October 10, 2024, has not yet been approved by the BCC. Substantive progress on this task awaits an after action report on the Board disposition of the Cañada application. In the meantime, the task leader has prepared separate internal working group memos describing existing procedures and policies for new developments and existing community systems to obtain water service from the County.

Task 1A

Develop and present recommendations to the BCC for La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Drinking Water Contamination Mitigation. Including a bilingual, digital, and door-to-door survey. (Three-month timeline – present to BCC in late March/early April.) (Andrew Harnden)

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

A draft one-page community survey on immediate and long-term actions to mitigate groundwater contamination has been received from staff. Working Group will provide input on the survey. A contract was signed with the consultancy DBS & A. A \$150,000 grant from NMED will help fund the study. A community meeting will also be hosted to gather information and give residents a chance to comment and get informed. The question of how to distribute the survey was discussed. Staff was strongly encouraged by member Muellenberg to actively involve the head of the Mutual Domestic Water Consumers' Association (MDWCA). Member Muellenberg pointed out how crucial it is to involve him proactively, sooner rather than later to avoid obstacles in the future. It was also noted that the survey could be possibly included with the mailing of the MDWCA bill. Liaison Harden noted that the BCC is putting aside money for drinking water.

A kick-off meeting was held on April 4, 2025 with DBS&A Project team for La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Preliminary Engineering Report Study for a Water & Wastewater Master Plan, (including a plan to replenish the aquifer and restore the springs) with DBS&A consultants Jennifer Hill & Chris Wolf, and sub-consultants Hazen Sawyer (Amy Ewing, Hydrologist) & Sites Southwest (Phyllis Taylor, Community Engagement). Staff provided an update on the following Planning projects & Utilities consultancies: 1) Regional Effluent Management Plan; 2) Water Utility Masterplan (includes growth planning, almost done); and 3) PFAS Study (currently getting permission to sample approximately 50 wells near what contaminant source locations).

Task 2

Review PFAS report dealing with the extent of contamination, clean-up timeline, alternatives analysis, and advise the BCC on most efficient path forward.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

Staff does not have much to go on at this point. After INTERA completes the initial sampling and incorporated that data into the model, with the preliminary findings, a direction to take will be more clear. It is known that there is PFAS contamination in the La Cienega / La Cieneguilla area and the most common question is, "What to do now?" INTERA's primary focus with this project is to determine the extent of the groundwater contamination. A goal is to provide guidance as to what the County and the affected parties can do to potentially reduce exposure in the future. The County may utilize the findings report to justify further funding of projects or programs that benefit County constituents.

Staff is encouraging WPAC to review the County website for info on PFAS and start thinking of scalable solutions that can be implemented in an efficient manner.

Task 3

Review policy, procedures, and enforcement for a Countywide Domestic Well Monitoring Program.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

The Working Group is reviewing the county's current domestic well monitoring initiatives and will begin providing feedback in the next quarter.

Task 4

Santa Fe 2100 Water Plan - Work with the City of Santa Fe to prepare for the growth and expansion of infrastructure and increased water demand.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

The City of Santa Fe signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Santa Fe County on February 13, 2025 regarding the County's Contribution of Funds to the City for Water and Wastewater Planning, The County signed this agreement in December 2024. City of Santa

Fe Water Resources Planner, Steve Shultz, summarized the “*Systems Tool for Evaluating Water Resource Decisions and Strategies*” (STEWARDS) model being developed as part of the long-range planning process, at the February 13, 2025 WPAC meeting. The use of this model is specifically called out in the MOA. County staff is working on population and service area projections for input into the model later this year. WPAC expects a staff presentation on these projections before they are delivered to the City.

The following tasks will be considered as time and information become available:

Task 5

Pursue petition return-flown credit application

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

Review of paragraph 8 of the Amended and Restated Water Resources Agreement (WRA) between the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County, signed by the County December 13, 2016 and by the City on December 14, 2016, reveals that the County has no right to any return flow from the City’s wastewater treatment plant. This task needs a policy clarification as to whether the County seeks to amend the WRA to establish a County right to return flow from the City’s wastewater plant, or otherwise desires to insert itself in this matter in support of the City seeking return flow credit. If this task targets return flows from the County’s Quill plant, the working group seeks further clarification on the presumed nature of the return flow.

Task 6

Promote Aquifer Storage Recovery (ASR) at the Quill Plant.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

Staff is working on this ongoing project. No WPAC member is participating on this task at this time.

Task 7

Solicit community representation and engagement regarding the scope of work considerations during the project development phase.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

No WPAC member is participating on this task at this time.

OUTREACH WORKING GROUP

Task 1

Recommend the initiation for developing a Joint Powers Agreements (JPAs) with the City of Santa Fe for stormwater and wastewater management.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

The task leader has proposed a Plan of Action (Plan) for completing this task. (Attachment 2.) This has not yet been reviewed by staff. The Plan assumes that the Working Group will assemble background information on both the stormwater and wastewater programs of both the County and the City. Once WPAC understands the operation of each program, it can discuss with staff, strengths and weaknesses of each program and explore opportunities for both internal improvements and potential improvements that could be achieved through joint or coordinated operations with the City. If County staff and WPAC conclude that an intergovernmental agreement regarding stormwater and wastewater management between the County and City could be beneficial, a written conceptual proposal would be prepared and vetted by the full WPAC. The Plan suggests follow-up processes.

An alternative to the above proposed process involves an early policy decision to move more quickly. This would be achieved by proceeding with engaging consultants to perform the tasks outlined above. Consultants could be more thorough and efficient. Additional expense would be considerable, but if the County is committed to fully explore possible intergovernmental cooperation with the City on water matters, consultant contracts may be the most efficient way to proceed. However, if this course is followed, drinking water should be included in the analysis, along with stormwater and wastewater programs.

The Working Group needs to be kept up to date with work being done to explore options for a water authority, whether it would be a joint agreement between the County and City, or a completely independent organization. To avoid duplication of effort, the Working Group requests to be informed of any efforts currently being employed toward an analysis of these different options.

Task 2

Support efforts for more cooperation/coordination with the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) (1) to require NMED to update and share its septic tank database with the County and require septic permit applicants to submit to County before NMED and (2) to require OSE to update GIS mapping to show well-head meter diversion points so the County can better estimate water use per acre.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

Next steps are to reach out to OSE to determine who is working on the Water Data Act there. If necessary, the Working Group is considering submitting an Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA) request to the OSE to obtain the data.

Task 3

Develop educational materials and partnerships that promote watershed health and water conservation.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

A meeting occurred between Working Group task leader Kadlecek, with Santa Fe Watershed Association (SFWA) Executive Director Mori Hensley. She expressed a willingness to share materials and partner with the county to meet the objectives of this task. Afterwards, she spoke with their director of education, who confirmed that SFWA could most easily offer support to WPAC and the County in terms of curriculum training and design, expanding any of their existing programs to other areas of the County outside of the Santa Fe watershed, or serving as a strategic partner in identifying educational priorities and then designing programs accordingly.

WPAC Member, Peter Gowen has explicitly recused himself from this matter, as he is a board member of the SFWA, and thus has a conflict of interest.

Mori noted that the county has no specific water conservation office or people dedicated to working only on that. She also suggested working with the City's office of water conservation. The working group will continue to explore possibilities with the SFWA and the City for meeting these objectives.

Task 4

Support Primacy of surface waters in the state.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

The legislature passed SB-21 in its regular 2025 legislative session. This bill authorizes the creation of state discharge permit system administered by the NMED, equivalent to the NPDES program currently administered by USEPA. With statutory action complete, the next step is rulemaking by the NMED. This process will go forward without regard to WPAC or Santa Fe County participation. WPAC has not been actively engaged in this matter.

The following tasks will be considered as time and information become available:

Task 5

Develop maps and a database of all NMED-approved septic systems and wells, arroyos, and rain garden/catchment areas in Santa Fe County.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

Work has begun to evaluate the data sources available for this task, including GIS shapefiles and point source data. Additional work will be performed in the next quarter.

Task 6

Develop a guideline/information packet for communities to form 501(c)(3) watershed associations.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

The task leader has prepared a narrative on forming watershed related non-profit corporations under New Mexico law called “Comments on Forming Nonprofit Watershed Associations”. (Attachment 3.) This was presented to the full WPAC on March 13, 2025 and approved as full satisfaction of this work plan task.

Task 7

Support strategies with USDA NRCS to increase agricultural producers' awareness of Soil Health Program.

1st Quarter 2025 Activity

WPAC is not participating on this task at this time.

Attachments:

1. 2025 WPAC Work Plan
2. Plan of Action (Draft) for Outreach Task # 1 (JPA's with City)
3. Comments on Forming Nonprofit Watershed Associations. (Outreach Task 6)

Attachment 1

Water Policy Advisory Committee 2025 Work Plan

Stormwater Management Working Group

Michael Carr, Compliance (Lead)

Jacqueline Beam, Sustainability

Andrew Harnden, Planning

1. Develop and present recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on revisions and additions to the Sustainable Land Development Code related to water conservation, harvesting and reuse, stormwater management, and code requirements for new developments. (In progress with staff with a six-month timeline, led by Michael Carr and Jacqueline Beam)
2. Develop a Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Facility Master Plan and GSI Maintenance Training Guide (In progress with staff with a six-month timeline, led by Jacqueline Beam)
3. Review information to develop proposals for a County Compost Facility and Biogas Capture Project and provide recommendations to the BCC for inclusion in Planning considerations for County wastewater infrastructure expansion. (In progress with staff with a six-month timeline, led by Andrew Harnden)

Drinking & Wastewater Management Working Group

Travis Soderquist, Utilities (Lead)

Michael Carr, Compliance

Andrew Harnden, Planning

1. Develop a framework for potential customers to efficiently navigate the process of connecting to the County utility system or requesting that the County take over an existing system. (Requires completion of an after-action report on Canada de Los Alamos application and requires review and potential request to amend Resolution No. 2015-121. Eight-month timeline). (Travis Soderquist)
 - A. Develop and present recommendations to the BCC for La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Drinking Water Contamination Mitigation. Including a bilingual, digital, and door-to-door survey. (Three-month timeline – present to BCC in late March/early April.) (Andrew Harnden)
2. Review PFAS report dealing with the extent of contamination, clean-up timeline, alternatives analysis, and advise the BCC on most efficient path forward. (Nine-month timeline by end of 2025.) (Travis Soderquist)
3. Review policy, procedures, and enforcement for a Countywide Domestic Well Monitoring Program. (Review Phase I findings in DBS&A report on Sustainability website and BoardDocs material for BCC meeting; Phase II to embed policies and procedures in the

County system that track and monitor water usage and metering for domestic wells will begin in Spring 2025.) (Michael Carr)

4. Santa Fe 2100 Water Plan - Work with the City of Santa Fe to prepare for the growth and expansion of infrastructure and increased water demand.

The following tasks will be considered as time and information become available:

5. Pursue petition return-flown credit application

6. Promote Aquifer Storage Recovery (ASR) at the Quill Plant. (Active project kicked off by staff in November 2024; funding extended through 2026)

7. Solicit community representation and engagement regarding the scope of work considerations during the project development phase.

Outreach Working Group

Andrew Harnden, Planning (Lead)

Travis Soderquist, Utilities

Brickman House, Sustainability

1. Recommend the initiation for developing a Joint Powers Agreements (JPAs) with the City of Santa Fe for stormwater and wastewater management. (Six-month timeline.) (Andrew Harnden)

2. Support efforts for more cooperation/coordination with the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) (1) to require NMED to update and share its septic tank database with the County and require septic permit applicants to submit to County before NMED and (2) to require OSE to update GIS mapping to show well-head meter diversion points so the County can better estimate water use per acre. (10-month timeline.) (Andrew Harnden)

3. Develop educational materials and partnerships that promote watershed health and water conservation. (Six-month timeline) (Andrew Harnden)

4. Support Primacy of surface waters in the state.

The following tasks will be considered as time and information become available:

5. Develop maps and a database of all NMED-approved septic systems and wells, arroyos, and rain garden/catchment areas in Santa Fe County

6. Develop a guideline/information packet for communities to form 501(c)(3) watershed associations

7. Support strategies with USDA NRCS to increase agricultural producers' awareness of Soil Health Program

Subject to developments with other entities that may affect timely implementation.

Attachment 2

WPAC Outreach Working Group Task #1 - Joint Powers Agreements with City on Stormwater & Wastewater Proposed Plan of Action

Background

The WPAC Outreach Working Group is tasked with the following:

Recommend the initiation for developing a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe for stormwater and wastewater management.

The intention of this task is to recommend how to develop such a JPA.

The starting point for discussion should be an assessment of the functionality of current County stormwater and wastewater programs (S&W), and ascertaining their strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improvement. After that analysis is completed, conduct a similar analysis with the S&W programs of the City. (This step assumes a meeting with the City to gather this information.) Next, look at the similar programs side by side to see what improvements can be achieved through joint powers agreements.

Note: For purposes of this memo, “JPA” includes any agreement between the County and City to collaborate on the operation of either stormwater or wastewater operations. “JPA” used here is not intended to represent a formal joint powers agreement as recognized by state statute.

After an inventory and assessment of both County and City programs has been separately performed, the following questions should be addressed to determine where a JPA might be useful.

1. Are the current County and City programs in harmony with each other or are they in conflict?
2. Are there currently programs that duplicate efforts which could be eliminated by exercising powers jointly?
3. Which current programs are meeting programmatic goals?
4. Which current programs are falling short of meeting goals?
5. Which programs could benefit from a JPA and what would those benefits be?
6. What are the downsides of pursuing a JPA?

Proposed Plan of Action

Step 1.

In order to reach a destination, one must know from where one starts. WPAC needs to start with an understanding of current S&W programs. This includes identifying: current program objectives; ongoing efforts in achieving those objectives; and an assessment of the effectiveness of actions taken to achieve the objectives.

WPAC Outreach Working Group proposes an initial meeting with County staff responsible for the S&W programs with necessary follow-up meetings. The initial meeting needs to provide WPAC with a working understanding of each program, its strengths and weaknesses. Ideally, the County staff can also present the City's S&W programs. Just as understanding current County programs is important to the analysis, equal understanding of parallel City programs is also essential before any analysis of benefits of potential joint operations can be performed. The discussions can be split separately between stormwater and wastewater, or combined at staff's discretion. Follow-up meetings will be required.

Step 2.

Where County staff and WPAC conclude that a JPA regarding stormwater and wastewater management between the County and City could be beneficial, a written conceptual proposal should be prepared and vetted by the full WPAC. The proposal should then be presented to the BCC and upon approval, presented to the City.

Step 3.

Once a written JPA conceptual proposal is agreed upon by the County and presented to the City, County and City staffs would begin exploratory discussions on the JPA. If the two staffs can agree in principle, respective legal counsels can work out specific agreement language. During this negotiation phase, WPAC would be available for policy level check-ins at the agreement-in-principle stage and at the final document phase.

Step 4.

Upon approval of a formal JPA, implementation would begin. Required implementation steps would depend on the nature of the JPA. The possibilities range from joint agreement of policies and procedures with each entity retaining full responsibility for some or all of their operations, to creation of a new legal entity responsible for all water-related functions, and everything in between. Phased progression of assumption of programmatic responsibilities can also be part of a final agreement.

We make no assumptions here about the final results of this process, nor of the terms and operational details of a possible JPA.

Proposed Agenda Topics for Inaugural WPAC-Staff Meeting

The following topics/questions are suggested for the inaugural meeting between staff and WPAC Outreach Working Group in satisfaction of meeting WPAC goals specified in "Step 1" above:

1. Describe current wastewater and stormwater programs of the County.
2. Describe the stormwater and wastewater programs of the City.
3. What are the strengths and weaknesses of each program, for both County and City?

4. Are the current programs in harmony with each other or are they in conflict?
5. Is there currently duplication of efforts that can be eliminated by exercising powers jointly?
6. Are the current programs meeting programmatic goals?
If not, what are the shortcomings?
7. What benefits are hoped to be achieved through a JPA?

Attachment 3

Santa Fe County Water Policy Advisory Committee Comments on Forming Nonprofit Watershed Associations

Introduction

The Santa Fe County Water Policy Advisory Committee (WPAC) has been requested to provide guidance on forming formal watershed groups. While it is not within the authorized scope of responsibilities of WPAC under Santa Fe County *Resolution 2024-038 - Updating the Purpose and Activities of the Water Policy Advisory Committee and Replacing Resolution No. 2019-95*, for WPAC to help create such entities, WPAC is offering these comments to aid those contemplating creating formal watershed groups by providing some background information which will help with asking questions of professionals who can help create formal watershed groups.

While there may be numerous options for creating watershed related entities, these comments will focus on the New Mexico Nonprofit Corporations Act, Chapter 53, Article 8 of the New Mexico Revised Statutes (NMRS) (NM Stat. § 53-8-1 *et seq.*). What type of organization best fills the needs and desires of those desiring to form a watershed related group, should be discussed with appropriate professionals familiar with these options.

Existing Watershed Groups

The Surface Water Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department has posted a list of watershed groups on its website at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2023/08/2022-Watershed-Groups-List-Final.pdf>. Exploration of these organizations' websites could be helpful for anyone interested in forming a similar group. The NMED list is attached as Appendix 1.

New Mexico Nonprofit Corporation Act (Act)

The New Mexico Nonprofit Corporation Act, Sections 53-8-1 through 99 lays out governing rules for the creation and governance of New Mexico nonprofit corporations. (The statute can be found by doing an internet search on "New Mexico Nonprofit Corporation Act". Section names of the Act are provided as Appendix 2.)

A watershed association is one possible type of nonprofit corporation.

Incorporators

Those desiring to create a nonprofit corporation under the Act are called "Incorporators" under Section 53-8-30 NMRS. (NM Stat. § 53-8-30.) It states:

"One or more persons, including profit and nonprofit corporations, may incorporate a corporation by signing and delivering articles of incorporation in duplicate to the corporation commission [secretary of state]."

{Bracketed material was inserted by the compiler of statutes and is not part of the law.}

Incorporators should familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Act. Ideally, incorporators should have experience in nonprofit corporate management.

Articles of Incorporation

Section 53-8-31, Subsection A NMRS (NM Stat. § 53-8-31 A) specifies the contents of articles of incorporation of a nonprofit corporation as follows:

- “(1) the name of the corporation;
- (2) the period of duration, which may be perpetual;
- (3) the purpose for which the corporation is organized;
- (4) any provisions not inconsistent with law that the incorporators elect to set forth in the articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation, including any provision for distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation;
- (5) the address of its initial registered office and the name of its initial registered agent at such address;
- (6) the names and addresses of the persons who have consented to serve as the initial directors; and
- (7) the name and address of each incorporator.”

Section 53-8-31, Subsection B, NMRS (NM Stat. § 53-8-31 B (2023)) states:

“It is not necessary to set forth in the articles of incorporation any of the corporate powers enumerated in the Nonprofit Corporation Act.”

Section 53-8-31, Subsection C, NMRS (NM Stat. § 53-8-31 C (2023)) states:

“Unless the articles of incorporation provide that a change in the number of directors shall be made only by amendment to the articles of incorporation, a change in the number of directors made by amendment to the bylaws shall be controlling. In all other cases, whenever a provision of the articles of incorporation is inconsistent with a bylaw, the provision of the articles of incorporation shall be controlling.”

Bylaws

Section 53-8-12 NMRS (NM Stat. § 53-8-12 (2023)) provides for corporate Bylaws. It states among other things:

“The bylaws may contain any provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of a corporation not inconsistent with law or the articles of incorporation.”

The Act does not specify content of bylaws. Consequently, it is helpful for the incorporators to have prior nonprofit corporate experience to identify essential elements of bylaws. Many nonprofit corporations have their bylaws posted on their websites. Reviewing other non-profits' bylaws can provide useful insights as to what should be included in initial bylaws for an organization.

Conclusion

There are numerous options for creating a formal watershed related group. It is not the business of WPAC to help create them. However, to the extent that WPAC can offer comments that can facilitate creation of such groups by providing background information, WPAC is pleased to do so.

These comments focus on creation of a New Mexico nonprofit corporation. Other organization types may fit the needs of initiators. Learning what questions to ask appropriate professionals to help in that process is a good first step.

Appendix 1 (Comments on Forming Nonprofit Watershed Associations)



SURFACE WATER QUALITY BUREAU
NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
 Updated as of March 2022
<https://www.env.nm.gov/watershedgroups/>



Watershed Group Name	Point of Contact	Phone Number	Email Address	Web Site	Notes
Animas Watershed Partnership	Warren Rider	(970) 274-3646	healthyanimas.awp@gmail.com	http://animaswatershedpartnership.org/	Focuses on the entire Animas Watershed including Colorado
Chama Peak Land Alliance	Caleb Stotts	(888) 445-7708	chamapeak@chamapeak.org	https://chamapeak.org/contact	Focuses on Rio Chama, Rio San Antonio, and Rio De Los Pinos watersheds in NM and CO
Cimarron Watershed Alliance	Richard Smith	(662) 312-1678	rcsmith3@gmail.com	https://www.cimarronwater.org/	The CWA is a re a non-profit group that is dedicated to the health of our local watershed along the Cimarron River.
Ciudad SWCD	Steve Glass	(505) 510-DIRT	ciudadswcd1944@gmail.com	https://www.ciudadswcd.org/home	Coordinates projects in the Middle Rio Grand and Albuquerque watersheds
East Rio Arriba Soil and Water Conservation District	Marcos Valdez, District Manager	(505) 753-0477	marcos.valdez@nm.nacdnet.net	https://www.eraswcd.net/home-1	East Rio Arriba SWCD resulted from the consolidation of the Abiquiu-Vallecitos, Espanola Valley, and Coyote-Cañones Districts
Ecotone Landscape Planning, LLC	Jan-Willem Jansens, Owner	(505) 470-2531	jjansens@ecotonelandscapeplanning.com	https://www.ecotonelandscapeplanning.com/	Coordinates watershed projects in Lower Embudo watershed.
Estancia Basin Watershed Health Restoration & Monitoring Project	Joseph Zebrowski, Meeting Facilitator Diedra Tarr, Project Officer	(505) 847-2243	jzzebrowski@nmhu.edu dierdre.tarr@nm.nacdnet.net	allaboutwatersheds.org	The mission of the EBWHRM Project is to improve watershed health and conservation in the Estancia basin.

Gila Conservation Coalition	Allyson Siwik	(575) 538-8078	info@gilaconservation.org	https://www.gilaconservation.org/	The GCA protect the free flow of the Gila and San Francisco Rivers and the wilderness characteristics of the Gila and Aldo Leopold Wilderness areas
Grant SWCD	Rebecca Benavidez, Project Coordinator	(575) 388-1569 Ext. 3248	grantswcd@zianet.com		
Hermit's Peak Watershed Alliance	Lea Knutson, Executive Director	(505) 425-5514	lknutson@hermitspeakwatersheds.org	www.hermitspeakwatersheds.org	HPA serve the Gallinas, Sapello, and Tecolote Watersheds.
La Huertas Watershed Group	Reid Bandeen, Joan Fenicle	(505) 867-5477, (505) 771-4007	Rbandeen@aol.com	https://lasplacitas.org/	Under the La Placitas Organization
Lava SWCD	Cynthia Spidle	(505) 287-4045 Ext. 101	cynthia.spidle@nm.nacdnet.net		Meeting time is the first Wednesday of every month starting at 6:00pm.
Paso del Norte Watershed Council	Conrad Keyes, Gil Sorg, chairs		ckeyes@nmsu.edu, gsorg@las-cruces.org	http://smiley.nmsu.edu/pdnwc/index.html	
San Francisco River Association	Howard Hutchinson, Chairman	(575) 539-2593	sfswcd@gmail.com	https://sfswcd.org/	San Francisco SWCD board of supervisors are held on the Monday before the second Tuesday of each month.
San Juan – Chama Watershed Partnership	Claudia Reynoso		sicwatershedpartnership@gmail.com	www.saniuanchama.org	Affiliated with Chama Peak Land Alliance
San Juan Soil & Water Conservation District / San Juan Watershed Group	Alyssa Richmond	(505) 234-6040	alyssa.richmond@sanjuanswcd.com	https://www.sanjuanswcd.com/	The SJWG works to protect and restore water quality in the San Juan River Watershed in Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico.
Santa Fe Watershed Association	Andy Otto - Executive Director	(505) 820-1696	andy@santafewatershed.org	http://santafewatershed.org	The mission of the Santa Fe Watershed Association is to protect and restore the health and vibrancy of the Santa Fe River and its watershed.

Save Our Bosque Task Force	Danielle Hensley - Program Director	(612) 267-8959	sobtf07@gmail.com	https://www.sobtf.org	The SOBTF works collaboratively to support a healthy Rio Grande bosque and riparian ecosystem in central New Mexico.
Taos Soil and Water Conservation District	Peter Vigil, District Manager	(575) 751-0584	info@tswcd.org	https://tswcd.org/	Focuses on watersheds and streams in Taos County.
Tijeras Creek Watershed Collaborative	Steve Glass	(505) 761-5446	stvglass@gmail.com	https://sites.google.com/site/tijerascreekwc/	TCWC is an interagency initiative focused on preserving and improving the Tijeras Creek Watershed ecological and cultural landscapes through public education and on-the-ground restoration.
Upper Gila Watershed Alliance	Donna Stevens	(575) 590-5698	info@ugwa.org	http://ugwa.org	Advocacy, restoration, and education in the Gila watershed
Upper Pecos Watershed Association	Frank Adelo	(505) 757-3600	upwa@pecoswatershed.org	https://pecoswatershed.org/wp-home/	The UPWA was formed in July of 2006 to address non-point source pollution and related issues in the Pecos River watershed.

APPENDIX 2

(Comments on Forming Nonprofit Watershed Associations)

2023 New Mexico Statutes Chapter 53 - Corporations Article 8 - Nonprofit Corporations

- Section 53-8-1 - Short title.
- Section 53-8-2 - Definitions.
- Section 53-8-3 - Applicability.
- Section 53-8-4 - Purposes.
- Section 53-8-5 - General powers.
- Section 53-8-6 - Defense of ultra vires.
- Section 53-8-7 - Corporate name.
- Section 53-8-7.1 - Reserved name.
- Section 53-8-8 - Registered office and registered agent.
- Section 53-8-9 - Change of registered office or registered agent.
- Section 53-8-10 - Service of process on corporation.
- Section 53-8-11 - Members.
- Section 53-8-12 - Bylaws.
- Section 53-8-13 - Meetings of members.
- Section 53-8-14 - Notice of members' meetings; waiver.
- Section 53-8-15 - Voting.
- Section 53-8-16 - Quorum.
- Section 53-8-17 - Board of directors.
- Section 53-8-18 - Number and election of directors.
- Section 53-8-18.1 - Repealed.
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