

Water Policy Advisory Committee
2025 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 2025:

January 9, 2025

February 13, 2025

March 13, 2025

April 10, 2025

May 8, 2025

June 12, 2025

July 10, 2025

August 14, 2025

September 11, 2025

October 9, 2025

November 13, 2025

December 11, 2025

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2025 Work Plan

Stormwater Management

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

Drinking & Wastewater Management

1. Develop and present recommendations to the BCC for La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Drinking Water Pipeline
2. Review PFAS report dealing with the extent of contamination, clean-up timeline, alternatives analysis, and advise the BCC on most efficient path forward
3. Draft policy, procedures, and enforcement for a Countywide Domestic Well Monitoring Program
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
5. Pursue petition return-flow credit application
6. Promote ASR at the Quill Plant
7. 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
8. Solicit community representation and engagement regarding the scope of work considerations during the project development phase

Outreach

1. Draft Joint Powers Agreements (JPAs) with the City of Santa Fe for stormwater and wastewater management
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
3. Develop educational materials and partnerships that promote watershed health and water conservation
4. Support Primacy of surface waters in the state

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