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This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Joe Griñé in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers.

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present	Members Absent
Commissioner Joe Griñé, Chairman	[none]
Commissioner Paul Duran	
Commissioner Richard Anaya	
Commissioner Javier Gonzales	
Commissioner Marcos Trujillo	

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Trujillo moved to approve the agenda as published and Commissioner Gonzales seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioners Duran and Anaya were not present for this vote.]

IV. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY CLERK

- A. Resolution No. 1999-131. A resolution designating the polling place of each precinct in Santa Fe County, New Mexico

BECKY BUSTAMANTE (County Clerk): Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, I'm here before you today to ask for some guidance on one issue and approval of two other issues.

In accordance with law, we have to designate the polling places by the first Monday

in November of each odd-numbered year. So we have to declare them by November 1. What I have before you is a resolution. We have three new polling places because we had to get new polling places because we were using the Tesuque Fire Station and it's just become too small so now we're going to be using the Tesuque Elementary School.

Up in the Cedar Crest area we were using the Cedar Crest Fire Station but we needed a larger space, so we're going to be using the South Mountain Elementary School in Edgewood. So those are those changes. The other changes we have and in accordance with your map -- you all have a map there -- is that in accordance with the law, if there were more than 800 people who physically voted in a particular election, in a precinct, we have to create a new precinct. And we had two, so that's why we have two new precincts. We have 82 and 83.

Other than that it's just the same as it has been in the past and I ask for your approval and stand for questions, and if you do approve it, we need for all of you to sign the map here because we need to get them to the Secretary of State for the Secretary of State to also sign off on them.

CHAIRMAN GRIÑÉ: Okay, thank you Becky.

MS. BUSTAMANTE: And that's in regard to the resolution.

CHAIRMAN GRIÑÉ: Okay, any questions of Becky?

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve Resolution No. 1999-131 and Commissioner Anaya seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Duran was not present for this vote.]

IV. B. Request authorization to purge voters

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, also in accordance with law, we must purge every so often. This year we're asking to purge approximately 4800 people and here's the list of the people. What will happen is, if you give me the permission to allow the purge, we will be sending it to Ink Impressions who has the contract with the Secretary of State. They will notify all of these individuals through a letter saying that they are going to be purged unless they have a problem or can prove to us that they are still at this address and maybe it was our mistake.

We have 60 days to do it and then if those that do not respond, then we have the authority to go ahead and remove them from the polling records. These people have not voted in two major general elections. They also were notified by mail and they have not responded. So this will help us to clean up our voting records.

CHAIRMAN GRIÑÉ: Thank you, Becky. Any questions of Becky?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Becky, the situation in Chimayo, have we addressed it? Where people were being sent to vote in La Puebla, some of the residents in

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Chimayo because of some aberration in the boundaries or whatever and they went to vote in the Bennie Chavez Community Center. They told them, you're not on the roster; you need to go over to La Puebla. Has that been addressed?

MS. BUSTAMANTE: We're trying to address it. The problem is that we had to come up with certain boundaries and sometimes we do the boundary and according to the census, we cannot just choose a certain place. It has to follow either a County road or a PNM line or a certain boundary. And that has happened in some areas where somebody is just right across the street but that precinct does make them in a different precinct and have them go to a different location.

We're looking at that and I think we have addressed most of the people in the Bennie Chavez, at least I hope we have.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN GRIÑÉ: Any other questions of Becky? If not, what's the pleasure?

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the request to purge voters. Chairman Griñé seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Duran was not present for this vote.]

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, if I can just go back to the purge, I would also like you to include in your motion that I be allowed to create the board and the board is a person from each of the major parties.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, so amended.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Second.

CHAIRMAN GRIÑÉ: It's been amended and accepted. All those in favor signify by saying "aye." [Unanimous. Commissioner Duran was not present for this vote.]

IV. C. Discussion and policy direction on elected County Surveyor for 2000 election ballot

MS. BUSTAMANTE: The other issue, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission is in regard to, and each of you have in your packet a copy of a chart that says County Surveyors. We in Santa Fe do not have a County Surveyor and we had one in 1996. We had one in 1988. There wasn't anyone in 1984. In '80 and '76 and '72 Santa Fe County had one. In the 1996 election, the Governor left off the County Surveyor position. But I would like you to note that there is no county that has a County Surveyor position.

The candidate guides are out right now and it does list a County Surveyor position and I need some guidance from you as to what you want to do. If you want to keep that position. In accordance with law, there are certain procedures that one has to do to remove

a position from the County. However, I've checked with, as you will see, Eddy County and Luna County, Otero County, Rio Arriba County and Socorro have had County Surveyors. I checked with them to see how they have removed and not had a County Surveyor and they said that nobody has ever really applied for that position.

So what we need to know, and I talked with the Secretary of State and she says if the Commission wants to write a letter to the Secretary of State asking that the County Surveyor not be included in the 2000 election that they will consider not putting it on. I stand for questions and your direction.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, a clarification, Becky. The Secretary of State is requesting that we submit a letter not to include the Surveyor?

MS. BUSTAMANTE: If we do not want one.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Otherwise the Surveyor would be automatic inclusive in the 2000 election?

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Somebody can apply and if somebody does sign up to be the County Surveyor, then it would be a position in the year 2000 election.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Because traditionally we have had a County Surveyor, Morris Apodaca, I think has held that position forever. Mr. Chairman, I would adamant in moving forward in letting it be on the ballot. I think it's traditionally been respected as such. I don't think there's even a pay structure for a County Surveyor, is there?

MS. BUSTAMANTE: You have behind you Article 44 and it says, 4-44-4.1, it says in a Class B county, which we are, under G it says a County Surveyor, a reasonable rate of compensation as determined by the Board of County Commissioners. And I don't know, we haven't been able to figure out what that rate of pay was for Mr. Apodaca when he was a County Surveyor and maybe some of you have the answers, but I don't. We couldn't find anything.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I don't recall him ever being paid. And if he was, I think he was on a contract basis, mostly.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, Becky, I guess, my question is that if the law calls for it, why is it every county in the state doesn't have one? I guess the Secretary of State has chosen not to enforce that, or --

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, when I posed that question to the Secretary of State, they said there was a possibility that they never had them in the beginning, but my research, I went back just to 1972 and I was able only to find those counties which have yes on this chart that had them.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: I guess, I remember talking about this a little bit when the County -- when the Surveyor position was left off and the County had some discussions about the actual need for a Surveyor and the fact that there wasn't a need for the Surveyor because we contracted out a lot of work that needed to be done. And it was just more of a title than a function of County government. I guess I differ with

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Commissioner Anaya on this in that I don't see a need for it, so I just don't understand the justification for putting it back on the ballot and having a County Surveyor in the County. Unless we can show where there's a need.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I guess the balance that I'm looking for here is how many times do we request for surveys on County roads, for example when there's a washout and you have to go back and rebuild it and how much money we spend in that direction. Perhaps if there's money going out on RFPs to do this type of work, if there's over \$19,000 being spent in that direction, maybe this would be a fitting job for whoever would want to take it on as a community service. There might be some good in that direction. So we'd have to know the figures though before we move forward on this.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I know that in my district we've had the opportunity to have to do some surveying in the area, acquisition of lands, some encroachment into County roads and that activity has always been contracted out. We've never used the County Surveyor. It's been contracted out. So I fail to understand, I guess at this point, the need for the Surveyor. Commissioner Anaya is saying that we might be able to develop a job description and utilize this person as an elected official for jobs that are nominal in expense and cost and give impetus to some viability for the person that at present I'd never had the opportunity to use this elected official.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Okay, so somebody give me a motion.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to yield to Senator Sam Montoya.

SAMUEL MONTOYA (County Manager): Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, I think the issue that concerns the County relative to the position of the County Surveyor is that more and more, counties are finding that when surveys are done on properties, be it for realignment of roads or be it parcels of real estate that area acquired, the issue is that there should be a standard for example on the Surveyor's position, that a Surveyor should be qualified, registered, have the appropriate training to do survey work.

I'm not sure that the statute calls for that qualification. In other words, is there a standard that if you run for the County Surveyor position that you are required to be licensed. And I think that is one of the issues clearly that should concern any county about qualification and not having that particular language in the statute is of concern to me simply because if we do have an elected County Surveyor and let's say that that individual would not be licensed, does not have the certification, and if we are to forward professional work and this particular individual is not licensed and possibly doesn't have the appropriate training, we could enter into an agreement to purchase real estate, to do realignments, etc. and then find at a later date that there are technical problems based on review by individuals that might not have the correct expertise.

That's just a particular technical concern, not particularly to any of the individuals holding these positions in the past, but certainly just a general consideration that I think is important to note.

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CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Sam.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Becky, how pressured are you to have this decision made?

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, the Governor is going to issue his proclamation in January. In accordance with the guidelines that are out right now, it does include a County Surveyor and that's why I brought it to your attention that if the Commission is not going to want one, then they need to get a letter to the Secretary of State.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay, Mr. Chairman, in that case, do you think we could maybe table this issue until we get some information as to how much we spent on surveying. Do a little research that way and come back and see, try to find a monetary balance between the \$19,000 salary base and the money that has been spent on washouts and trying to realign roads and surveying and so forth. Perhaps tabling and come back with some more information before we act on this? Might be the right thing to do. If that's the case, Mr. Chairman, I'll move to table this item.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: I got a motion made by Commissioner Anaya to table. Do I get a second?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Second for discussion.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: There is no discussion on tabling.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Can I ask a question? I withdraw my second to ask a question. If we purge this position from the roster, does that mean that it's out in perpetuity or can we resurrect it again for another election year?

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, in my discussion with the Secretary of State's Office, they said that first you need to write a letter requesting that it be taken off and that they then would make the decision. They didn't give me any direction whether it would be in perpetuity or not.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Are they asking every county to write a letter that it be taken off or just the counties that inquire?

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, we're the only county this, in the 2000 election that has a County Surveyor on the ballot, potentially. None of the other counties have it.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: How did the Surveyor come back on to the ballot when it was off the ballot in '96?

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, what happened is that it was left off accidentally by the Governor in his proclamation and so the County Surveyor did protest and so they felt that they needed to put it on since no action had been taken by the County to withdraw it.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: So I have a motion to table. Do I get a second? It's dead. Give me another motion. [The motion dies for lack of a second]

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Commissioner Trujillo moved to purge the position of County Surveyor from the election ballot. Commissioner Gonzales seconded.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, I think it's a little premature to purge it at this point because of what I said earlier. I'm going to vote no on this. I think there might be some benefit that could surface from this position that we need study from.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any further discussion?

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chairman, if I could ask that the motion say that to write a letter to the Secretary of State to consider --

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: But Mr. Chairman, if no other county in the state has a Surveyor, I think that doing any sort of analysis on the added value would be fruitless. Maybe all the other counties have decided that it's not added value.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Commissioner Trujillo, Becky has asked if, addressing the motion that this would be in the direction of a letter to the Secretary of State.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: So moved.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Does the second accept it?

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Yes.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Let the record reflect that Commissioner Duran has entered the Commission here.

The amended motion passed by majority [2-1] voice vote with Commissioners Trujillo and Gonzales vote "aye," Commissioner Anaya voting "nay" and Commissioner Duran abstaining.

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Thank you very much. I would just like to point out, Commissioner Anaya, that the position does not pay \$19,000. It would only pay it if we were a Class A county and the statute says right now that a Class B county determines it to be a reasonable amount.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Oh, I see. Thank you, Becky.

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Thank you very much. And then now if I could just ask you all to please come and sign the map.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: We're going to recess for ten minutes because the other meeting was called for 6:00.

[The Commission recessed from 5:50 to 6:05]

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: We're back from recess to continue this evening's meeting.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Request authorization to proceed with negotiations for the Phase I projects recommended by the County Open Land and Trails Planning and Advisory Committee (COLTPAC) for the wildlife, mountains, trails and historic places program**

ALINA BOKDE (Planner): Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, staff will do a very brief presentation on the projects and the process up to this point and then take some questions. One of the suggestions from staff is that as we go through each project that there be a motion made for each project with detailed explanation opportunities that the committee has made recommendations. If you look in your table, under the table section, there are conditions or recommendations for each project that may be part of a motion if the Commission chooses to include or not.

What we're requesting this evening is authorization to proceed with negotiations for each project. The general obligation bond, we all know about it. It was \$12 million that was passed back in November 1998. It calls for an independent citizen oversight committee and it is money that is used to protect historic areas, natural areas, mountains and foothills, arroyos and river parkways, sacred sites, trails, desert habitat, neighborhood parks and playfields.

We'd like to introduce the committee members, the committee of seven that worked from COLTPAC that worked on the evaluations of each of the projects. I'd like each committee member to stand up briefly. Edward Archuleta from the City of Santa Fe, David Gold from the west side of Santa Fe, Dale Lewis from Stanley, Robert Romero from La Cienega, Rita Loy Simmons from Edgewood, Eduardo Vigil from La Puebla and Mary Louise Williams from Pojoaque.

As you know, the committee strived for diversity in representation and from all parts of the country. This committee was very diverse in their viewpoints and did represent all regions of Santa Fe County. There were also a number of Santa Fe County staff that were involved in this effort and partners, many different partners, non-profit organizations and land trusts and community organizations involved.

The committee process, back in January, the full COLTPAC committee met and it was a committee of 30 members and they worked for eight months to develop maps as well as a vision and criteria and the criteria is what was used to bring the project recommendations before you today. The map that we developed is a cultural, historic, natural areas, recreation and trails. Staff will come back to the Commission in about a month or so with those completed maps as well as the goals and objectives. It's large, what the full COLTPAC committee worked on.

Later on in the spring of 2000, we are going to also come back with the management recommendations and these will be management plans for the individual projects as well as rules for the parks, open lands and trails. For the Commission's information, the committee

approved all the projects before you unanimously, except for one. So there was a lot of agreement as to the recommendations that come before the Commission.

The sub-committee did a project evaluation. It took about two months. They attended site visits and field trips and spoke with all the applicants and community members interested regarding each project. Other public input included, we had a project workshop in May, two full COLTPAC public meetings in June and August, we had a meeting in Pojoaque and a meeting in Edgewood in September. COLTPAC members worked with local communities through their community planning process to also get information regarding open space. We had a large September 29 meeting to get feedback from the public regarding their project recommendations.

There's also been extensive public notification about this process. It's been an open process. We've had public meetings for nine months. We've had display ads and legal ads in county papers in both the north and the south part of the county. There's been radio announcements and interviews, direct mail and flyers, public notification by applicant. Project applicants were encouraged by the committee to notify the community members about their project's submittal. And there were also newspaper, many newspaper articles and editorials. So the committee and staff worked really hard to try to get the word out across the county across about the COLTPAC process.

The COLTPAC vision is that there is equity in distribution of projects throughout the county and that there is good value for county taxpayers and they really want to support projects that have strong community support and projects that protect significant resources, and actually multiple resources -- recreation, natural habitat and cultural and historic.

The criteria that were used to evaluate the projects: Step one was threshold criteria and they needed a majority vote to make sure that each project did in fact pass the threshold criteria. The general criteria were taken with average scores and the general criteria included the financial consideration of the project, community benefit, protection and conservation of resources, aesthetics and how it fits into a future open land system for the county.

The third step was to weigh each project for specific criteria and these were projects, the evaluation looked at the cultural historic areas, natural areas, and recreation and trails. And then finally, at the very end, each project went through the vision statement. Are the projects equitable and are they distributed fairly? The criteria were really used to promote outstanding, unique sites, "crown jewels" to preserve multiple types of resources. The criteria also established a fair process of evaluation. Members voluntarily recused themselves from voting on projects with any conflict of interest.

So the projects before you, COLTPAC reviewed 18 projects for Phase I of the bond. We received 28 applications by July this year -- five withdrew and five opted to wait till Phase 2 when they have more time to complete their application. So there are 18 before you. On September 28 the Board approved three approved projects and there are nine additional projects that will come before you this evening.

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There are a total of twelve projects for Phase 1 that were recommended. The estimated total allocation for funding was \$7.8 million. The number is actually taken from what the applicants submitted as their -- what their thoughts were on how much the land would be appraised but all projects would go through an appraisal process and all projects would be -- the recommendation is that all projects would be acquired at fair market value. So the price of \$7.8 million, we're thinking will probably be a little bit less than that.

There is at least one project in every commission and in every district. There are currently, staff is working on the three projects that the Commission did give authorization for staff to proceed forward with those three.

So the first project before you is the Galisteo River Park. This project is located partially in the Galisteo traditional community. It received a very high criteria score of 79%. It came in third out of all the projects submitted for the first phase. Part of the property is on 3/4-acre zoning. It is a total of 355 acres and the price that the landowner is asking is \$1.25 million. There is an appraisal needed and the cost may be lower because some of the land is in the flood plain. This site has community support from the community of Galisteo. The site also contains, beside the flood plain and riparian vegetation, a prehistoric site and it includes the entire historic Galisteo Grant in 1892, that was used for farming. The community has agreed to monitor the site. Present use is cattle ranching. There is no existing extensive public land in the Galisteo area. The majority of the land in that area is private land, so the community is highly supportive of acquiring this site.

The next project is the Two-Mile Reservoir Site. This project also scored very high in the criteria, 77%. This is the City of Santa Fe's number one priority. The benefit is that it protects the Santa Fe River watershed. It also protects a healthy riparian habitat and has over 130 species of wildlife that is contained in this site. So there's a lot of natural area habitat site on this property. And there is extensive support from the Audubon Center, the Wildlife Center, the National Audubon Society. The partners would develop trails and manage sites. The entire property is 188 acres, which includes five tracts. The total cost for that is \$4 million. The committee is recommending to the Board tonight that only one tract be acquired which is 35 acres, for \$1.5 million. The recommendation also is that we would work with other parties, including the City of Santa Fe and conservation organizations to acquire the remaining tracts. PNM may be willing to donate certain tracts of this site.

The third project is the Hughes property. The criteria score is 75%. This is the City of Santa Fe's number two priority and there is a City resolution that actually supports acquisition of this property. It includes scenic foothills protection and also protects the entire Santa Fe watershed and will benefit a lot of city residents. There's ideal recreation opportunities such as trails and there's joint management possibilities. It is 157 acres and is currently vacant. The landowner is asking for \$1.4 million. The committee's recommendation is for \$700,000 to be allocated and to work with the City to have the City share some of the costs for the acquisition of this property. There would be possible joint management with the Forest Service of the City of Santa Fe for this property if the County

were to acquire it.

At this point I'm going to turn the presentation over to Lesli.

LESLI ELLIS: Good evening, Commissioners. Alina probably needs a breather so I'll take over from here. The next project is the Wildlife West Nature Park. This project had a criteria score of 71%. There's quite a bit of community support from the Edgewood area for this project in the form of a petition and letters that we've received. The 30 acres that's recommended for acquisition complements the 122 acres that's adjacent which is actually the wildlife park. This wildlife park provides education, volunteer opportunities, wildlife protection and they take in and rescue wildlife at the park. It has support from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Partners have agreed to develop the trails and manage the site. The cost may be a slightly lower cost than what was originally anticipated because this property is not zoned commercially according to our Land Use Office. The fair market appraisal may currently reflect the residential value. However, this land may be incorporated in November. The staff recommendation is to acquire this at fair market value based on an appraisal for residential zoning.

The next project is the Santa Fe River project. The M & R Gravel site, Agua Fria River Park. This had a score of 71% on the criteria. Again, it has a lot of support from the Agua Fria area. The intent of the project would be to restore this 12-acre site from gravel mining and create a park in the area. It has a lot of support from other organizations including the watershed association, Audubon Society and again, partners would be involved with restoring this site and there's a considerable amount of federal funding that may be available through various sources. Again, it has value for wildlife habitat and would be a recreational model. The recommendation here is that we would need to do a Phase 1 environmental assessment to proceed with this project, and the estimated cost is \$143,000, and again, this project needs an appraisal before we move forward on it. This one would permit public access as would the 30 acres on the previous project.

The next project is the Fisher tracts on the upper Santa Fe River. The score on this project was 70%. This is also a City of Santa Fe priority. It contains the first 200 feet of the Santa Fe River and the partners would be Canyon Preservation Trust and US Fish and Wildlife Service for restoration and maintenance of the site. It has enormous educational benefits and contains native riparian habitats. This is a small site. It's a residential lot off of Cerro Gordo Road on Upper Canyon Road and the value is estimated at \$75,000, which is actually partially a donation. The County Assessor says the property is worth \$79,000. And the site has been extensively restored by Canyon Preservation Trust.

The next project is the Madrid Wilderness. It had a score of 70%. This is 45 acres near the village of Madrid. The estimated cost would be \$67,000. This landowner is donating a portion and the realtor is donating his fees. The conditions that the committee have come up with would be to clean up the site and develop a maintenance plan. Again, this project has enormous recreation potential, wildlife habitat and is a historic trail, and offers possible connections to Cerrillos Hills and the town of Madrid. It also contains some

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unique geologic formations. You can see one of the committee members looking out of a cave on the site.

The next project is Rio en Medio. This one's a little complicated. There are two tracts here and the committee actually evaluated one tract of land which is a 22-acre parcel. They're both in-holdings in the Forest Service land and they contain a historic trail and access to the forest lands. The committee requested some staff recommendations in this case that staff research the two tracts and move forward on that basis and that would be a total of 143 acres. Both of these tracts are Forest Service in-holdings. The concern with the first tract is that there's a house on the property which would need to be demolished, possibly, and that was one of the concerns, and also the price on the property is high. The recommendation was to purchase this property at fair market value. Initially in this project we had an uncertain level of community support and in the last few weeks we've heard from a number of community members who are supportive of this project. [Exhibit 1] So the staff recommendation on this project is to proceed, if we do proceed with the first tract to look at both tracts together and proceed on that basis.

The next project is the I-25/Old Pecos Trail site, otherwise known as Pops. This is a project that was a very difficult decision for the committee and they debated it extensively for hours. The reason is that the project actually had a low score in the criteria and the committee's recommendation is to give partial funding for this project for \$200,000 because the applicants have assured the committee that there's other funding available, federal funding and other private donations if the County can provide seed money for the project. This project is approximately five acres. It was appraised at \$730,000. The applicants are now asking for \$200,000 and the committee has held the recommendation from the previous BCC meeting so that the County Commissioners can make this tough decision at this meeting. There were a number of supportive opinions from the committee and also dissenting opinions on this project. The folks that supported this project felt like it was a unique proposal. There was a resolution done by the EZA asking COLTPAC to consider this project and that matching funds were pledged for this project and they liked the idea of giving support to a project such as this with enormous community support. The dissenting opinions were that they would like to see uses that make Pops rate higher in the criteria and in essence reevaluate the project. For example, highway demonstration, permaculture site, or a cultural outdoor display or a map. Something of that sort. And also that the project's criteria score was really too low and this was not the intent of the program. So that's a very difficult project that the Commissioners, that you will have some fun deciding on as well.

The next project -- there were two projects that the committee decided to table. Vista Grande is the first project and Beneficial Farms is the second project. There are some written recommendations in your packet. There were some concerns on the Vista Grande project. Originally the portion of the property offered for open space appeared to be undevelopable due to archaeological resources and the slopes. And the question was, should this be private open space or did it have a public benefit. It's also a remote property and

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there were some questions about a County road access, as well as questions about community support. The committee met with the applicant and the applicant agreed to bring forward more information and table this project temporarily until we can move forward on it.

Beneficial Farm, there were also some concerns about public benefit and the approach with a conservation easement and the committee felt like they wanted to do more research and find out if farm land preservation should be a part of this program and just do more extensive public education and outreach on this whole topic. Again, the landowner and the applicant agreed to table the project and hold it until the next phase.

The other recommendations that came forward from COLTPAC, one general one being acquire the properties at no more than fair market value as determined by an appraisal. We need to do appraisals on all of these properties. Also, set aside some funding for future phases for agricultural easements, trails acquisition, projects in the north and south parts of the county and other unanticipated projects, and to hold the remainder of the funds for Phase 2. Staff also has some recommendations to -- and I guess this is a COLTPAC recommendation also -- to strive for more equality of funds in the county regions and districts and this is a staff recommendation, to set aside some funding for Santa Fe River projects.

And then we would recommend that for tonight, probably the easiest way to go through these projects would be to go through each project, hear some public comments and then make a motion or decision about each project. There are some specific conditions on the table that Alina mentioned for each project that probably should be a part of a final recommendation.

And then finally, there were several projects that were not recommended for acquisition in this phase. That doesn't preclude any of these projects from coming back and being reconsidered at a later time. Part of the issue with some of these projects is that they were all located in a similar location on the east side of Santa Fe and the committee was concerned about allocating a majority of the funds to one location. The Hyde Park Road, there were some concerns about the steep slopes and access on the property. There is a river that runs through the property. The Canoncito property contains portions of the Old Santa Fe Trail, but not all of the trail is contained on the property and the concern was that there was a suggestion to actually subdivide some of the property and sell the remainder of the property for other uses.

The Atalaya project is a 15-acre property that contains a small piece of the Atalaya Trail. It's in the Wilderness Gate Subdivision so there wouldn't really be access to the property other than through the trail, and again, it's another property in a similar location as some of the others recommended. And finally, the Puesta del Sol property was one that we had very little information submitted from the applicants. There were some concerns about contamination on the site and the high price of the property.

In conclusion, as you know we're here to night asking, requesting approval to move forward with negotiations on these projects. We would further research each property and

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then come back with a resolution with the specific terms of the property. These are really some wonderful projects. It's taken a long time to get to this point, but we're very excited about all the projects that are being recommended tonight. There's a lot of community support as you can see from the audience here tonight. It's great to see so many people interested in this topic. And we also would recommend that if you're interested in seeing more about these sites that we could organize some site visits and go out there.

At this point, we'd like to just open it up for any questions that you may have and staff can answer your questions.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Lesli and Alina. I want to thank staff and committee members for the process that they have gone through. Are there any questions of staff?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Yes, I notice that for the Rio en Medio, the Tesuque area, the committee is recommending combining two pieces of property. You didn't mention an amount that was going to be earmarked for that acquisition.

MS. ELLIS: The approximate amount would be two and a quarter million for both, but we've also been told that that's probably a very estimate for the property so we would have to do an appraisal for both properties.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Well, that's good to see that we're going after both pieces of land. They work together well.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, in the interests of time, I'd like to throw a motion out and then if the Chairman calls for discussion have that afterwards just so we can begin the debate. I'd like to move for approval of the recommendations as set forth by the COLTPAC committee: The Galisteo River in the amount of \$1.25 million; the Two-Mile Reservoir in the amount of \$1.5 million; the Hughes property in the amount of \$700,000; the Wildlife West Nature Park in the amount of \$600,000; the Santa Fe River M & R Gravel in the amount of \$143,000; the Santa Fe River Fisher tract in the amount of \$75,000; the Madrid wilderness in the amount of \$67,000; to proceed forward with the purchase of the two tracts in Rio en Medio for an amount to be determined at a future date, and also for the I-25/Old Pecos Trail Pops, in the amount of \$200,000; and I put that out in the form of a motion.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I second, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: I've got a motion by Commissioner Gonzales to accept the recommendations by COLTPAC committee members, seconded by Commissioner Anaya. We'll open it up for discussion.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, I would like to move an amendment --

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, if I could I wanted to take this time to thank the COLTPAC committee. I think at the last meeting I was taken a little bit back by some of the recommendations that came forward and might have been a little tough on how I expressed myself and I guess I want all of you to know that I certainly

understand the time that it has taken for all of you to come together to find a balance to deal with limited funds that will have a maximum impact on all our communities and certainly all of you should be proud for what you've brought forward. You're right, Lesli, these are outstanding community projects and I know that there are more out there.

Certainly this COLTPAC committee work is not over with, in fact it seems that with limited funds, it's just going to become all the more stressful for all of you to set your priorities and we're certainly looking forward to that. I think that you've created a process that is the foundation, is a set of values where integrity exists and I think that is important to our community that they know in this process when there are public funds being spent on these types of lands that there is an integrity in the process. So I wanted to express my thanks. I want to express my thanks to Lesli and Alina who have just done a phenomenal job. The two of you have really been the individuals who have been the backbone for the committee, who have created the environment for the foundation to occur.

Certainly, everyone in this community throughout the entire county will be thankful to you for many years for your commitment to assuring that this process is started off on the right foot and that it moves in the direction that is important to all of us. So I just wanted to state that before we get into the debate because I think that it's important that as we go through this evening that the COLTPAC members understand our true commitment to them and the work that they're doing and certainly our appreciation for the countless hours that you have spent.

I'm not sure if people really understand how difficult a time all of you had in ranking these projects and certainly, many of the heated discussions that occurred as a result of these projects, but certainly I understand it and I want to thank you for that and to Lesli and Alina, thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to echo what Commissioner Gonzales says and I know the effort that's been expended by you. And I'll tell you what, you did it in such a short time and with some good conclusions. I remember the mountain ordinance, how difficult it was to come to a meeting of the minds on that particular issue but I do have to give you all credit, all the 30 people, I think that were participants in this in coming down to the main committee here. It's a lot of work, a lot of pulling back and forth in trying to come into some good decision making, Mr. Chairman, so I echo what Commissioner Gonzales says, and thank you.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to move an amendment to Commissioner Gonzales if I may. I'd like to see allocations on Pop's convenience store increased to a matter of \$300,000 and the logic that I'm putting forth here is that perhaps even the Hughes property, which hasn't been appraised and most of these haven't been appraised, I think that there is some hidden funding there that may be appropriated to this. If not, we can always take it from Phase 2. But I think, I really want to see this materialize. With that, I put in a request that we up the ante on Pop's convenience store to \$300,000 and put it in the form of a motion for amendment.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: I have a motion for amendment. Do you accept that, Commissioner Gonzales?

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: I'll accept the amendment, but second, for clarification, Commissioner Anaya, you want to increase it to \$300,000, not by \$300,000.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Excuse me, by \$100,000, to \$300,000. That's correct, Commissioner Gonzales. And of course that would be subject to the conditions that have been imposed by the committee members as far as the maintenance and all of the other factors that enter into the scenario. If I need to, I would like to put that in the form of a motion for amendment.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: I've got the second for discussion.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Mr. Chairman, I'm in agreement with the amendment for a couple of reasons.

I've been at numerous meetings with the applicant and with property owners in the area and concerned citizens. And the problem that I see funding only \$200,000 is that we would then be -- we would rely then on the community to go out and get the additional funding, the TEA-21 match, the state of New Mexico and donations. And this additional \$100,000 lessens that burden. And I know that this was a difficult project to bring forward by COLTPAC and I thank you for bringing it forward because I do believe that is an important entryway into our community.

I would just like to support Commissioner Anaya's amendment for the additional \$100,000. I think that it allows the project to go forward. There are other things that we've been talking about through transfer of development rights, and it just makes the project much more viable with that extra \$100,000.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, I guess I'm going to need some help from someone who understands Robert's Rules of Order better than I do, but can I offer an amendment to that amendment?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Open dialogue, Mr. Chairman.

BARBARA MULVANEY (Assistant County Attorney): Commissioner Gonzales, I think you can.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, I originally did not support the funding for Pop's because of the fact that it rated so low on the committee's criteria score and also because I didn't believe that it had met the educational, cultural and recreational values that the other projects that had been presented previously did.

I must say that I have been extremely moved by the community support in this area and their efforts to preserve this land and I think that must go recognized.

I think we must always cherish and embrace these movements and assure that they do not go unnoticed and without support from this County. But I also have to believe that there is a Pop's that exists in every one of our districts, but the communities haven't had to confront it the way this community has had to confront it. And I would like to offer an amendment that would hopefully provide a guideline so that districts throughout the rest of

the county will have the opportunity to purchase or participate in purchases of lands that are valuable to those communities and so with that, I'd like to offer an amendment, Mr. Chairman, and I'll pass this amendment out and let me just read it to Commissioner Anaya' amendment, which is raising the value of contributions, of seed money from \$200,000 to \$300,000 for the acquisition of the Pop's property.

And this amendment has basically five areas: 1, that the County will provide no more than 25% of the appraised property value, or \$200,000, whichever is less, for each County Commission District to provide seed money for open space projects which do not score well on the COLTPAC criteria but have tremendous community support and financial backing. 2, that the communities or applicants would be responsible for acquiring matching funds. 3, that projects will go through the COLTPAC review process. 4, that projects should have high visual quality or contribute to the quality of a gateway. 5, that projects should be submitted for consideration by COLTPAC to the Board by January 1, 2001.

So I would move that, attach that amendment to Commissioner Anaya's request that we --

COMMISSIONER DURAN: As long as if I understand it correctly.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: We need a second for discussion.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I'll second for discussion, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Gonzales, as long as I understand it correctly, that this is after this Phase 1, coming into the second phase I think is your projection on your amendment to my amendment.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Well, Commissioner Anaya, you're correct that this will have to go through the COLTPAC review process and it's an ongoing process so basically, if the Commission supports this direction, it's going to allocate some money or set aside some money for COLTPAC. That way they can address issues in different Commission districts that are very similar to the Pop's situation.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I think that's an excellent amendment, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Gonzales, except that --

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Mr. Chairman, I just have a question of Commissioner Gonzales. So the \$300,000, the additional \$100,000 for Pop's stays as an amendment. You have amended it to include this language --

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: In any future decisions.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: And then -- let's say that one of the communities needs other funding, we could make that adjustment at that point. What if for instance, in the north if you needed \$300,000 or \$400,000, we still would have the ability to increase that amount. This would be the minimum amount set aside.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Duran, that's correct. I think this is just a foundation to provide seed money for communities that have situations similar to the Pop's.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Just one last thing. And I know that we talked

about this a little bit at the last meeting, but the Yamada's property which we disapproved in the Tesuque corridor, that could be a similar situation and I think would qualify just as Pop's did. The problem with that property is the applicant didn't come forward and make application to be considered.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Mr. Chairman, I agree with Commissioner Gonzales's amendment. My concern though is that it's going to take away a million dollars from the twelve million dollars that we have for the viable projects that exist out there in the county, specifically in northern Santa Fe County. We've got the santuario area across the river from the santuario. What's it going to do to the ability now to purchase those projects or those proposals that are viable proposals, that satisfy the criteria. Again, I agree with you that there's a lot of Pop's projects out there in the county that ostensibly want to protect open space and the community should have a voice in that. They should be able give impetus to identify those areas and try to purchase them. But what's it going to do to the real projects that satisfy the criteria? That's what I'm concerned with, that it's going to take away from the ability to purchase those projects.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Trujillo, what if item five was amended? Rather than have January 1, 2001, we put July 1, 2000 for properties that might qualify for that. That way we don't tie that money up for a long period of time, and yet the money is there for properties that --

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Commissioner Duran, I think the essence of what Commissioner Gonzales is trying to do is to give the opportunity to other communities that have a Pop's situation in their area. That's what, if I understand correctly that's what you're trying to do, right?

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: That's correct, and Commissioner Duran, I'd be opposed to that, only in that there are communities throughout this county within each of our districts that are working on community plans and through those community plans there are going to be situations that pop up. I don't think everyone's going to finish that plan by July, 2000. And so I think it's important -- and maybe I used the wrong word to set aside, Commissioner Trujillo, because I don't think we're taking away a million dollars. We're basically taking a million dollars and turning it in hopefully into two, three, four or five million dollars by creating seed money.

We're energizing communities such as the communities around Pop's to go out there and seek additional funding to find monies that will help complete the purchase of these properties. So that's actually alleviating the burden on the \$12 million. It's taking a million dollars and hopefully turning it into ten million dollars through community support or community effort to try and find matching funds and I think that this proposal hopefully energizes communities to be involved such as COLTPAC has been involved, to go out there and say, this means enough to us to either take money out of our pocket or to go out and use energy elsewhere to help find some matching funds. And you're right.

It may very well jeopardize other projects that meet recreational activity, maybe

cultural activity, educational activity and that's the difficult thing about having limited funds, but hopefully by having this seed money available, we will be able to provide opportunities for communities to become energized like the community that stands before us. It says this means enough to us where we are going to get involved, where we are going to raise money and we're going to protect the piece of property that we think is very important to us.

And the way the criteria was set up, and that was my harshest criticism to the committee is that it didn't allow for this to take place. It did not allow for enormous community support that didn't meet all the values or the criteria to [audio difficulties]

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, I think, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, with the action that we're moving on tonight, I think that we've already set the foundation for future bond issues to come forward. I think the distribution has been very fairly administered and I think I see just by the reaction from the public and the support, particularly the Pop's issue, I can see so much more potential coming forth and passing bond issues towards this type of endeavor and I just see a lot of good coming up with all the items that have been coming forth, that have been presented to us tonight that we're ready to take action on, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: I'd just like to comment that I think it just opens up the possibility of more avenue and just for a point of information, when the survey was done to go out for a referendum, actually the people that came back on that survey, they were willing to tax themselves, I think like two times more than what actually we sent out there for the voters approval. So I think the message is there already said by that poll and I think we should be ready and put it out for one more try next general election and I think we've got the basis and the strong foundations here and we're sure the same 30 COLTPAC members will be around. I hope they don't start resigning for various reasons, but I've got to thank every one of you, including staff too. Is there any further discussion?

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: There needs to be a vote on my amendment.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: We haven't voted on anything yet.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Right. I just wanted to make sure that we vote on mine.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: I think we had the original motion with two amendments on it. So if we vote, we're going to vote on the whole thing at one time. I guess this was announced as a public hearing. I don't know if people would like to make a comment because you know exactly where the vote's going.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, I'd move to suspend our rules and allow for the public hearing to take place prior to a vote during the discussion.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Second.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: That way the vote doesn't take place before the public hearing.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: So anybody like to address the Commission? Come

forward, state your name, address.

DEBORAH SWORTY: Hello, my name is Deborah Sworty and I'm a resident of Rio en Medio and I was wondering why the information given next to the proposal for the acquisition of that site mentioned possibly turning it over to the US Forest Service. I don't understand why that would be because these are supposed to be lands acquire by the County of Santa Fe.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Do you want to address that Alina?

MS. BOKDE: In conversation with the Forest Service, they have listed the Rio en Medio project as one of the projects that they would like to work with the community to acquire. The conversations have only really been from the County's perspective, that we would work with the community and the Forest Service to look at future management of the site.

MS. SWORTY: The site has existed for many years with really minimal management and while the community is very much behind preserving the trail, I think there is some resistance to the Forest Service being involved in that. So I think that would be something to be strongly considered. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Deborah. Anybody else like to address the Commission? Come up forward, sir. We're going to get to see the baseball game.

ROGER ALINK: Hi, I'm Roger with Wildlife West, nature park in Edgewood and I'd like to thank the Commission for allowing the due process to go forward on Wildlife West Nature Park, 30 acres. I think you probably haven't been to visit because of your busy schedule but there's a couple little things I'd like to offer, if indeed this is selected. We're a gateway to southern Santa Fe County. It would be a great place on I-40, the only access the county has to I-40, to put a County information center.

We have visitors from all over the world that come to visit us and we'd like to encourage commerce and tourism for the county. We also have offered to as a non-profit corporation to help manage a site such as this, if you'd accept our offer. We get over 4,000 students annually to the park. We have many visitors that are very interested in Santa Fe. So I just wanted to clarify our support. The price really hasn't been an issue as far as I know. I don't represent the partnership that owns the land, but I will present any proceedings that happen to them for their vote. There's 40 partners that will decide that. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you. Anybody else? Come forward.

FRANK LASKY: I'm Frank Lasky. I'm not speaking on behalf of anybody but myself. I have a little concern and maybe you Commissioners can clear it up for me. The concern I have is we're down south. There is a town of Edgewood now, but a percentage of us like myself are not in the town yet and won't be for a while. And I hope, on your behalf, Commissioner Griné that you still represent us down that way and there will be no bias on any project coming down, because I received some communication from the County today that really concerned me and I'll talk to you in private on that.

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But the town's there, folks. It's there, but we still have you representing us.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Well, I've always expressed that. Regardless if you're incorporated or don't incorporate, I'm still your representative.

MR. LASKY: I just wanted to make that clear in my mind because I was here at the last meeting and some of the things were said and it wheeled in my brain here and then I got concerned with some communication from the County I received today, so after this meeting I'd like to talk to you privately on that. I appreciate anything you can do for me.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Sure. And the only reason I made those comments last time is I had some Commissioners ask me concerning the price and the amount of land and I just raised it that this is a lot of money and we've got to take care of public funds in the best interest.

MR. LASKY: I didn't worry about the price or anything like that. I'm more concerned for myself and for the citizens of Edgewood, does the County of Santa Fe still represent the southern part, even though part of it is a town, and that's my concern right now.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Still the same, Frank.

MR. LASKY: Okay, thank you.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Anybody else want to address the Commission?

RITA LOY SIMMONS: My name is Rita Loy Simmons and I live in the Edgewood area, and I really appreciate your comments, Mr. Gonzales. Integrity is the thing that I've seen on this committee. I've found 30 people of very diverse points of view, very diverse backgrounds very diverse origins, come together and work very hard and try to be eminently fair. The remaining seven that are on this final committee, the selection committee, I'm so privileged to work with them.

I may be poles apart with some of them politically, but spiritually, I think we're of one voice. And I can tell you that the integrity I've found has made me so proud and I thank you so much for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Rita.

PAIGE MORGAN: My name's Paige Morgan. I'm with the Santa Fe Watershed Association and I've very grateful that our proposal or the Agua Fria River Park is among the projects that have been selected for Phase 1. I wasn't sure what was expected of me tonight in the way of a presentation so I prepared some pictures which I was hoping were going to persuade you to select it. You've already selected it I think. So I'd like to distribute them just so that you can share our enthusiasm for what we believe this really beat up little piece of river can become. Thank you so much for this entire process which I completely echo what was just said about the fairness and the reasonableness of the whole process. And this is a great first step for Santa Fe County in terms of an open lands program. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you.

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★ Attention: Alina

Everyone who signed is sure that every ^{would be in support of} ~~one~~ ^{preservation, if they only knew}

Although unable to attend the Oct. 19, 1999 meeting at the County Courthouse concerning the possibility of preserving the Rio En Medio Waterfall Trail (per conditions of the bond issue approved by voters on Nov. 3, 1998), I and many of my neighbors would indeed like in some way to register our concern and support for the preservation of this area. (In fact if people in the Chupadero and Rio en Medio valleys had more than one day advance notice, you would be aware of much broader concern and support for this preservation.)

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Sincerely,

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Helen J Harms 784-1482

Brook Harms

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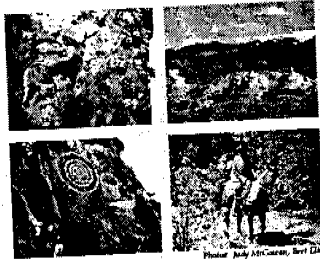
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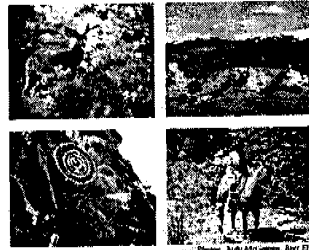
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- Marcos Trujillo, District 1
- Paul Duran, District 2
- Javier Gonzales, District 3
- Richard Anaya, District 4
- Joe Grinë, District 5

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GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

- \$12 million can be used to acquire necessary real estate for open space, trails and related facilities to preserve the following:
- *Historic areas*
- *Natural areas*
- *Mountains and foothills*
- *Arroyos and river parkways*
- *Sacred sites*
- *Trails*
- *Desert habitats*
- *Neighborhood parks and playfields*

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COLTPAC PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE



Committee Represents County Regions and Diverse Viewpoints:

- **Edward Archuleta** (City of Santa Fe)
- **David Gold** (Santa Fe West Side)
- **Dale Lewis** (Stanley)
- **Robert Romero** (La Cienega)
- **Rita-Loy Simmons** (Edgewood)
- **Eduardo Vigil** (La Puebla)
- **Mary Louise Williams** (Pojoaque)

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SANTA FE COUNTY STAFF



- **Samuel Montoya**, County Manager
- **Diana Lucero**, Acting Land Use Admin.
- **Jack Kolkmeier**, Planning Director
- **Alina Bokde**, Planner
- **Lesli K. Ellis**, Planner (Project Coordinator)
- **Denice Brown**, County Attorney
- **Barbara Mulvaney**, Attorney
- **Brian Baca**, Assessor's Office
- **Corky Ojinaga**, General Services Dir.
- **Benjie Montoya**, Sheriff Dept.

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PARTNERS



- **ECOPlanning, Inc**, Wendy Blackwell
- **Federal Agencies**: NPS, BLM, USFS
- **City of Santa Fe**, Planning
- **Non-Profit Groups**, TPL, SF Cons. Trust, Forest Trust, and others
- **State of New Mexico**
- **Landowners**
- **Community Planning Organizations**

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COMMITTEE PROCESS

- **COLTPAC Projects Subcommittee volunteered many hours:**
 - Attending full COLTPAC meetings (8 months)
 - Developed maps, criteria and vision (plan underway)
 - Attending subcommittee projects evaluation meetings (2 months)
 - Attending site visits and field trips
 - Researching projects and attending community meetings
 - Staff is compiling recommendations into a plan.

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OTHER PUBLIC INPUT - 1999



- Projects Workshop in *May*
- Two full COLTPAC meetings in *June & August*
- A meeting in Pojoaque and in Edgewood in *September*
- COLTPAC members worked with local communities
- *September 29, 1999* meeting

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EXTENSIVE PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

- **OPEN PROCESS:**
Public meetings for 9 months.
- **Display ads and legal ads in County papers**
(Rio Grande, Santa Fe New Mexican, Santa Fe Reporter,
Journal North, East Mountain Telegraph).
- **Radio announcements and interviews**
- **Direct mail/fliers**
- **Public Notification by Applicants.**
- **Newspaper articles and editorials.**

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COLTPAC'S VISION

- **Achieve Good Value for County Taxpayers**
- **Ensure Equity and Distribution of Projects**
- **Support Projects that Benefit Communities and
that Have Evidence of Community Support**
- **Protect Significant Resources**
- **Create a System of Open Land and Trails to
Achieve Long-Term Plan Goals**
- **Protect Scenic Quality of the County**
- **Provide Recreation Opportunities**

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CRITERIA TO EVALUATE PROJECTS

- **Step One:** **Threshold Criteria**
- **Step Two:** **General Criteria**
- **Step Three:** **Specific Criteria**
- **Step Four:** **List Projects in Numerical Order**
- **Step Five:** **Review Vision Statement**

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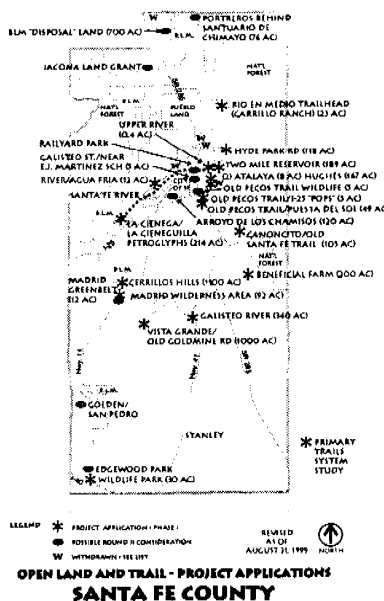
- Criteria promote outstanding, unique sites -- "crown jewels" -- to preserve multiple types of resources.
- Criteria established a fair process of evaluation (Members voluntarily recused themselves from voting on projects with any "conflict" of interest).

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PHASE I - PROJECTS

- COLTPAC reviewed 18 Projects for Phase I



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PHASE I - PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS (SEE TABLE)

- (Pre-approved: La Cienega/Cieneguilla, Cerrillos Hills, Trails Pre-Purchase Agreement)
- Galisteo River
- Two Mile Reservoir Site
- Hughes Property
- Wildlife West Nature Park
- Agua Fria River Park / Santa Fe River, M&R Gravel
- Santa Fe River, Fisher Tract C
- Madrid Wilderness
- Rio en Medio
- I-25 / Old Pecos Trail "Pops"

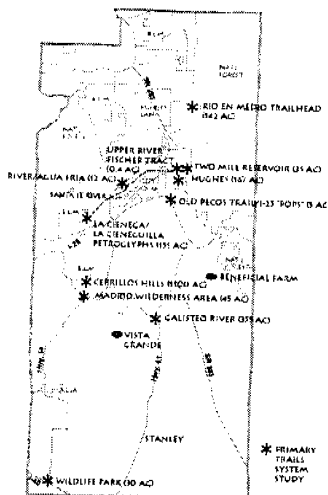
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Phase I Project Recommendations

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OPEN LAND AND TRAIL - PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS
SANTA FE COUNTY

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GALISTEO RIVER PARK



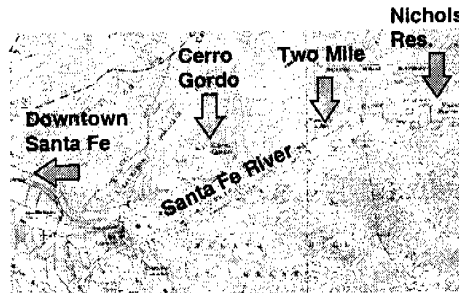
- High criteria score (79%).
- Community support - Galisteo.
- Site contains Galisteo River floodplain, riparian vegetation, prehistoric sites, provides a buffer for the traditional community, 260 acres of historic Galisteo Grant (1892).
- Base negotiations on fair market appraisal.
- Community will monitor.

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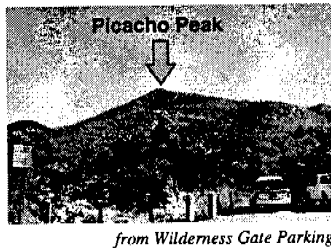
TWO MILE RESERVOIR SITE

- High criteria score (77%).
- City of Santa Fe #1 priority.
- Benefits: protects Santa Fe River watershed; provides containment; healthy riparian habitat, wildlife (over 130 sp.)
- Support from Audubon Center, the Wildlife Center, National Audubon Society
- Partners may develop trails, manage site (USFS, Audubon, City).
- Recommendation: Purchase Tract I.



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HUGHES PROPERTY



- Criteria score (75%)
- City of Santa Fe #2 Priority - City Resolution supports acquisition.
- Scenic foothills protection Picacho Peak; protects watershed; overlooks entire SF watershed -- benefits City residents.
- Ideal Recreation opportunities - trails
- Joint management possible.
- Recommendation: \$700,000 to be allocated and share 1/2 costs with City of Santa Fe.

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WILDLIFE WEST NATURE PARK



A home for wayward wildlife

From bobcat, mountain lion, and turkey vulture—in all, 17 species of displaced and rare and native craters—peek out from enclosures that preserve natural habitats along the way walking trails at Wildlife West Nature Park in Idaho.



quintuple. All kinds of birds are also drawn to the 12-acre park's native vegetation habitat and marshland. U.S. Forest Service. Idaho Dept. of Game and Fish. Photo by Bob Smith. 1999. 282-7141. — S.S.

Sunset Magazine, Oct. 1999

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- Criteria score (71%)
- Community support (petition)
- Complements adjacent 122 acres.
- Wildlife Park provides education, volunteer opportunities, wildlife protection
- Support from US Fish and Wildlife.
- Partners will develop trails, manage site.

SANTA FE RIVER, M&R GRAVEL ("AGUA FRIA RIVER PARK")



Before and After illustrations by Clemens & Assoc.

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- Criteria score (71%)
- Community support - Agua Fria
- Restore river from gravel mining and create a park
- Support from Santa Fe Watershed Assoc., Audubon
- Partners will restore site - Federal funding available (L&WCF, USDA Emerg. watershed protection, DOI N. Amer. Cons. Act).
- Wildlife habitat, educational model for floodplain management.
- Recommendation: Phase I enviro.

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UPPER SANTA FE RIVER ("FISHER TRACT C")



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- Criteria score (70%)
- City of Santa Fe Priority.
- Contains 1st 200 feet of SF River. Partners with Canyon Preservation Trust/US Fish and Wildlife - for restoration and maintenance.
- Education benefits
- Contains critical native riparian habitat.

MADRID WILDERNESS



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- Criteria score (70%)
- Community support
- Possible connections - trail to Madrid Greenbelt and Cerrillos Hills
- Wildlife habitat, historic trail,
- Recreation opportunities - hiking
- Madrid Historic Society will maintain.
- Unique geologic formations.
- Condition: Clean up site and develop maintenance plan before acquisition

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RIO EN MEDIO



- Criteria score (70%)
- Historic Rio en Medio trail, live river, orchard, private acequia
- Committee requested staff recommendations: Research the *two* tracts; this would make it an excellent project.
- USFS may manage or acquire.
- Proposed trailhead use with community involvement.
- Begin negotiations on 143 acres.

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I-25 / OLD PECOS TRAIL "POPS"



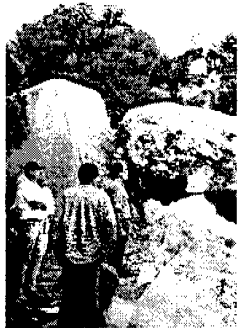
- **VERY DIFFICULT DECISION**
(Committee agreed to "disagree")
- Project scored low w/ criteria - (38%) not intent of program / precedent?
- Other funding available if County provides "seed" money (T21 match, State of NM, donations).
- Local community support.
- Recommendation: *Partial funding.*

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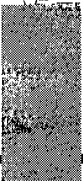


PROJECTS TABLED FOR PHASE II



- Vista Grande
- Beneficial Farms
- (see written recommendations)

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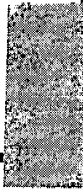
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Acquire properties at no more than fair market value as determined by an appraisal
- Set aside some funding for agriculture easements, trails acquisition, projects in the North and South parts of the County and other unanticipated projects.
- Hold remainder of funds for Phase II.

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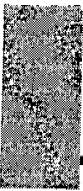
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OTHER STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Strive toward more equality of funds in County regions and districts.**
- **Set aside some funding for Santa Fe River projects.**
- **Make motions for each project with the conditions that the Board would like to attach (COLTPAC's recommendations are in the table).**

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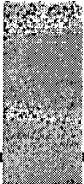
NO ACQUISITION

- **Hyde Park Road**
- **Atalaya**
- **Canoncito**
- **I-25/Puesta del Sol**

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CONCLUSION

- **Action: Requesting approval to proceed with negotiations for Phase I projects with specific conditions.**
- **Staff will further research each approved property and develop a Resolution with the terms of agreement.**
- **We are beginning a long-term program; these are outstanding projects with community support.**
- **Recommend site visits to some or all.**

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THANK YOU!



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PHASE I - RECOMMENDATIONS



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RECOMMENDED PROJECTS FOR PHASE I

Rec. Status	Project Name	Criteria Score	Location	Dist.	Reg.	Acres	Recommended Acres for Purchase	Requested Funding	Estimated Allocation of Funding	Acquisition Time (mos.)	Notes / Comments
Commissioners Approved The Following Three Projects on September 28, 1999 -- To Begin Negotiations											
Appr.	La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Petroglyphs	89.1%	La Cienega/La Cieneguilla	3	C	214	151	\$2,140,000	\$1,510,000	2-3m	Tract 1 & 2: BLM is pursuing tract 3 (note: funding approved was \$1,151,000. An appraisal is being done to determine fair market value).
Appr.	Cerrillos Hills	82.6%	Near Village of Los Cerrillos	3	C	1,100	1,100	\$1,045,000	\$935,000	2-3m	TPL has donated time; other organizations will maintain.
Appr.	Trails Pre-Purchase Agreement	Unanimous approval	From north to south	all	all	TBD	TBD	\$100,000	\$100,000	6-12m	Formerly known as "Primary Trails Segment Pre-acquisition Study"
YES	Galisteo River	79.2%	Galisteo River	5	S	355	355	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	6-12m	Appraisal needed. Property in the floodplain may appraise at \$750/acre (Assessor's office).
YES	Two Mile Reservoir	77.2%	Upper Santa Fe River, City East Side	4	C& City	200	35	\$4,000,000	\$1,500,000	6-12m	Provide funds for Tract I initially; work with City of Santa Fe and other conservation organizations for other tracts.
YES	Hughes Property	74.5%	Foothills, City East Side	4	C& City	167	167	\$1,400,000	\$700,000	6-9m	Share 1/2 costs with the City of Santa Fe. Appraisal may come in lower than \$1.4 million.
YES	Wildlife West Nature Park	71.0%	Edgewood	5	S	30	30	\$1,110,000	\$600,000	3-6m	Assumption is that property will appraise at less than the requested allocation. It will be based on fair market value as determined by an appraisal. Property is no longer zoned commercially. (Assessor's office noted \$20,000/ac.)
YES	Santa Fe River, M & R Gravel	70.5%	Santa Fe River, Agua Fria Village	2	C& City	12	12	\$143,000	\$143,000	6-12m	Other funds available for restoration project.
YES	Santa Fe River, Fischer Tract	70.0%	Upper Santa Fe River, City East Side	4	City	0.4	0.4	\$75,000	\$75,000	3-6m	Canyon Preservation Trust will use this funding to do other restoration projects on the Santa Fe River.

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YES	Madrid Wilderness	69.7%	Village of Madrid	3	C	45	45	\$67,000	\$67,000	3-6m	Conditions: The Community of Madrid should clean up the garbage on the site before the County purchases land. The Community should develop a maintenance plan to continually remove garbage.
YES*	Rio en Medio (Carrillo Ranch)	69.5%	Village of Rio en Medio	1	N	22	22	\$750,000	\$750,000	3-6m	* See staff recommendations - to pursue other 122 acre tract upstream and work with community. Enter into negotiations only at fair market value based on an appraisal (concern - high price). USFS may acquire from County and assist with maintenance.
YES	I-25/Old Pecos Trail "Pops"	38.2%	I-25, South City of Santa Fe	4	C & City	5	5	\$600,000	\$200,000	2-3m	Project does not meet the intent of the program/criteria, but has tremendous local community support and pledges for matching funds. Recommend partial funding only. Score may increase because community has agreed to maintain and is requesting \$200,000.

Estimated Total for Phase I projects

\$7,830,000 Note: The actual allocation of funding will be based on fair market appraisals.

TABLED UNTIL PHASE II FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tabled	Vista Grande	37.9%	Galisteo Basin between Madrid and Galisteo, Ortiz Mnt.	3	C	1000	?	\$2,000,000	?	n/a	Committee approves trail proposal. Have concerns about community support, access, preserving archaeological sites and maintenance. Landowner agreed to negotiate on price based on appraisal and has agreed to hold off on further review until Phase II.
Tabled	Beneficial Farms	n/a	South of Glorieta	5	C	200	?	\$300,000	?	n/a	Committee is supportive of Agriculture Easement Proposal but wants to educate public more. More research needed. Applicant agreed to hold off on further action until Phase II (see attached recommendation).

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OTHER PHASE II POSSIBILITIES

Primary Trail Acquisition
Funds
Other North County Projects
Other Central County Projects
Other South County
Agriculture Easements

all
1
2,3,4
5
all

* Reserve some funds for such projects. Committee hasn't discussed amounts.

TBD*

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NO PURCHASE RECOMMENDED FOR PHASE I

Based on criteria, not as high a priority as other Foothills and City east side projects. Vision Statement - need for distribution of projects means all funds should not be spent in one locale.

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Old Santa Fe Trail only partially contained on property; other parts of property has little open space value; no evidence of community support
No information to evaluate project; questions about environmental contamination; no evidence of community support

\$0 3-6m

\$0 3-6m

\$0 n/a

\$0 n/a

Hyde Park Road
67.0%
Foothills, City
East Side
4 City
118 0 \$1,200,000

Atalaya
51.1%
Foothills, City
East Side
4 City
15 0 \$299,000

Canoncito
46.6%
Apache Ridge
Road
4 C
105 0 \$682,000

I-25, Puerta del Sol
32.9%
I-25, South City
of Santa Fe
4 C
49 0 \$2,300,000

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Other COLTPAC Recommendations (Motions)

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General Recommendations

Acquire properties at **no more than fair market value** as determined by an appraisal that is agreed on by the land owner and the County.

Hold the remainder of the bond funds not recommended in Phase I for other projects such as trails, agricultural projects, projects that have yet to be formalized and related expenses.

Provide partially funding ("seed money") for projects that have tremendous community support (and pledges for additional funding), despite lower scores on the criteria. Funding amounts would be based on the evaluation of the committee.

Set aside some funding for **agricultural preservation easements** for Phase II.

Specific Project Recommendations

Table the proposal of **Beneficial Farms** until Phase II so that we can determine a basis for considering proposals having to do with preservation of farm lands. In determining such a basis, we should keep before us that such farmland must have, in order to be considered: (1) an obvious public benefit, (e.g., serves the public through farmer's markets using pesticide-free or organic techniques); (2) an on-going public information/education program on farming for the general public; and (3) consider selling and leasing back or environmental easements on the land being farmed so that it remains farmland in perpetuity.

Defer action on **Vista Grande** project until Round II/Phase II. Additional information which the Committee has requested should be brought forward regarding the connections to the property (i.e., talk to the property owners near the old County Road).

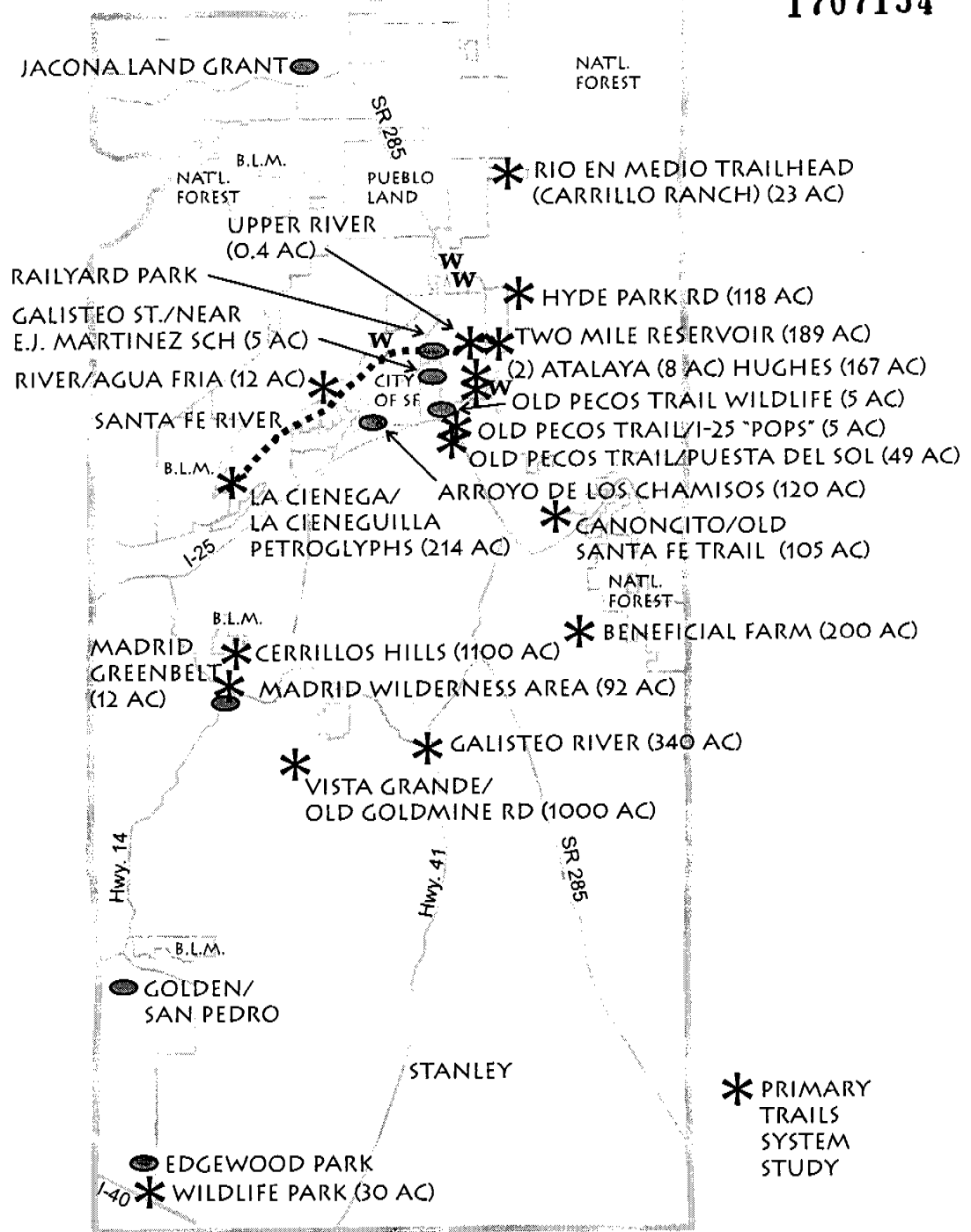
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PHASE I - ALL PROJECTS REVIEWED

BLM "DISPOSAL" LAND (700 AC) → W B.L.M. PORTREROS BEHIND SANTUARIO DE CHIMAYO (76 AC)

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LEGEND

- * PROJECT APPLICATION - PHASE I
- POSSIBLE PHASE II CONSIDERATION
- W WITHDRAWN - SEE LIST

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PHASE I - REVIEW

No. Project Name	Location	Size (ac.)	Applicant's Estimated Cost	Cost/Acre	Comparable Cost/Acre (Assessor's Sales Data)	Reduced Cost? Other Funds? Partners?	Proposed Open Space Use(s)	Status
2 Atalaya (Mission Holding) (3 Tracts)	City of Santa Fe, East side	15.2	\$299,000	\$19,671	\$42,000	yes	High elevation land adjacent to Atalaya Mountain	reviewed 8/16/99
4 Beneficial Farm	East side of county, south of Glorieta T14N R11E S8	200.0	\$300,000	\$1,500	conservation easement = ???	yes	A Conservation Easement proposal. A diversified small farm/ranch in pinyon juniper ecosystem on Glorieta Mesa, Arroyo Salada. Open to public for education.	field trip 9/11/99
6 Canoncito	Canoncito T59N R10E S2	105.4	\$682,250	\$6,473			Preservation of historic Old Santa Fe Trail and Passive Recreational Uses. Adjacent to USFS. Could be a trailhead. Adjacent to 2000 acres of BLM, joint management for recreation, education of historic mining and archaeology, desert habitat	field trip 9/11/99
7 Cerrillos Hills	Village of Los Cerrillos	1100.0	\$1,045,000	\$950	\$750	yes - management	Land along one side of Galisteo Creek floodplain for recreation, wildlife habitat, historical and educational site, buffer for traditional village	field trip 8/30/99
9 Galisteo River	Village of Galisteo	340.0	\$1,250,000	\$3,676	\$735/ac. if floodplain		Public open space, hiking, passive recreation use, open space adjacent to USFS, includes Picacho Peak. Overlooks entire Santa Fe watershed.	field trip 9/11/99
10 Hughes Property	Picacho Peak City of Santa Fe N17N R10E S28	167.0	\$1,400,000	\$8,383		maybe City - management	Hiking, picnicking, gateway to national forest, preservation of riparian area along Little Tesuque Creek, Trailhead access for Windsor and San Juan trail	reviewed 8/16/99
11 Hyde Park Road	City of Santa Fe, East side	118.0	\$1,200,000	\$10,169	same			

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12	La Cienega Petroglyphs (3 tracts; BLM dealing with the 4th)	La Cienega, Cieneguilla	214.0	\$2,140,000	\$10,000	same	yes	Adjacent to BLM, joint management, camel tracks, archaeological sites, recreation and wildlife habitat	field trip 9/11/99
14	Madrid Wilderness Area Old Pecos Trail / I-25, Agua Fria Road - Puerta del Southeast	Village of Madrid City of Santa Fe, T16N R10E S7	92.0	\$114,000	\$1,239	\$500		Recreation, wildlife habitat, trails, possible link to Los Cerrillos Hills, community buffer	field trip 8/30/99
16	Old Pecos Trail / I-25	City of Santa Fe, South east	48.6	\$2,300,000	\$47,364			Recreation, nature trails, etc.	reviewed 8/16/99
17	Rio en Medio (Henry Carrillo Ranch)	City of Santa Fe, South east	4.9	\$730,000	\$150,515	same	yes	Views, site of historic trail, scenic and historic gateway	reviewed 8/16/99
21	Rio en Medio (Henry Carrillo Ranch)	Rio en Medio	22.8	\$750,000	\$32,895			Recreation, hiking trails and trailhead parking access to USFS land, along the river, small casita with orchard	field trip 9/11/99
22	Santa Fe River - Agua Fria, M&R Gravel	Agua Fria Village City of Santa Fe, Cerro Gordo Rd. T17N R10E S20	12.0	\$143,000	\$11,917		yes	A river park, including creation of an "induced meander", support of bosque. Restore a highly degraded section of the river. Proper management could bring the river back to life.	field trip 9/11/99
23	Santa Fe River - Upper River Fisher Tract C	North to South County	0.4	\$75,000	\$175,644		yes	Riparian wildlife habitat, includes floodway and land on both sides of the river. Contains the confluence of the diversion channel	reviewed 8/16/99
24	Trails - County-wide Primary System	City of Santa Fe, East side on mouth of Santa Fe River	500.0	\$100,000	n/a		maybe T21	Proposal is to do pre-acquisition research into the first phase of a primary trail system (north/south trail)	will review 9/11/99
27	Two Mile Reservoir (5 tracts)	City of Santa Fe, East side on mouth of Santa Fe River	188.5	\$4,000,000	\$21,220	same	City?	Historic stone dam, 10 acre pond, watershed runoff containment, wildlife habitat, low impact trails, wildlife viewing, riparian restoration techniques, education,	field trip 9/2/99

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28	Vista Grande	Ortiz Mountains, Captain Davis Mountain, Galisteo Basin	1000.0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000	20,000 acre/depends on access	possible conservation easement or bargain by landowner	A portion of a 7,000 acre ranch that provides scenic protection from major highways leading into Santa Fe, includes significant archaeological sites.	field trip 8/30/99
29	Wildlife West Nature Park	Edgewood	30.0	\$1,110,780	\$37,026		yes	open space for wildlife next to wildlife refuge, migrating birds and mammals, like deer.	field trip 8/30/99
TOTAL			4158.7	\$19,639,030	\$4,722		management		
				Estimated Cost of Projects (Cost to County may be lower)	Average cost/acre				

REQUEST TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PHASE II

1	Arroyo de Los Chamisos	City of Santa Fe, South	120.0	\$1,200,000	\$10,000	n/a		Neighborhood recreation, flood plain, adjacent to City's paved trail and link to new rec. center, silver fox habitat	Phase II
8	E.J. Martinez School vicinity	City of Santa Fe, East / central	5.0	\$351,000	\$69,920	\$174,240		Prairie dog colony, neighborhood park trails, recreation, arroyo stormwater and watershed area in center of village.	Phase II
13	Madrid Greenbelt	Village of Madrid	12.0	\$82,000	\$6,833	\$5,000	yes	Ecological values, wildlife sanctuary, native plants and animals, hiking, birdwatching, photography, bird watching, study	Phase II
18	Old Pecos Trail Wildlife Sanctuary	City of Santa Fe, southeast T17N R9E S36	5.0	\$300,000	\$60,000			Pastures behind the Historic Santuario in the Chimayo valley, peaceful setting for the Santuario, agricultural uses, borders on BLM	Phase II
19	Porteros behind Santuario de Chimayo	Chimayo	76.3	unknown		\$10,000 for floodplain		plaza and developed open space surrounding a judicial complex and other civic uses.	Phase II
20	Railyard Park	Downtown Santa Fe							Phase II

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WITHDRAWN

3	Atalaya (Wilderness Gate)	City of Santa Fe, East side	7.7	\$300,000	\$39,164	same	highest approved lot on Atalaya, views of the City, scenic protection, recreation land sold	8/24/99 -
5	Calle Lucia Subdivision	City of Espanola	1.5	\$180,000	\$120,000		neighborhood recreation in city subdivision adjacent to a green-belt area	no reply 8/30/99
15	Oak St. / Casa Solana	City of Santa Fe, northwest	6.5	\$600,000	\$92,308	same	neighborhood recreation, hiking trails, access to Ortiz Park, wildlife habitat	no reply 8/30/99
25	Tesuque Business Park (Proposed)	Tesuque, Hwy. 285	10.7	unknown			Gateway to Tesuque, visible stretch of Hwy. 285, scenic vistas and open space. Includes a structure-house suitable for renting or for caretaker, parking for trail heads into USFS, passive park and orchard.	8/4/99 - letter
26	Tesuque Community Park	Tesuque T18N R10E S31	4.4	\$900,000 (incl. structure)				8/26/99 - neighbors oppose

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CRITERIA

AESTHETICS - The project has exceptional, scenic, aesthetic or cultural values. (WEIGHT = .66)

- _____ 10. It has unique color, texture, patterns of vegetation or physical features that provide visual interest or scenic value (e.g., It contains back-drop views or unique geologic features, or has high visual exposure from roads or trails).
- _____ 11. It possesses qualities that inspire, or gives a sense of solitude and/or psychological space.
- _____ 12. It creates a buffer between communities.

Comments:

SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT - The project will enhance the existing or planned system of open land, parks and trails. (WEIGHT = .58)

- _____ 13. The project is identified on COLTPAC's County Open Land and Trails Plan as a high priority open land or trails area.
- _____ 14. It is consistent with adopted or proposed Cities' and County General Plans, and private conservation program priorities.
- _____ 15. It links or complements other open space or trails, (e.g., it is adjacent to, or part of, a trail system or public open land).
- _____ 16. It is consistent with its intended use, and it is safely and conveniently accessible.

Comments:

Specific Criteria

(Score the indicators for each separate Criterion separately on a scale of 0-5)

A. CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL AREAS (Maximum Points Equal to other Specific Criteria)

- _____ A.1 **The Project Represents the Historical Open Space Patterns in the County.** The project contains land surrounding a traditional community (or buffer land) which has historically been undeveloped or lightly developed and used as "common land". (WEIGHT = 10)
- _____ A.2 **It Possesses Multiple Cultural-Historical Resources** - The project possesses multiple cultural-historical resources (identified in the plan) and/or several cultural landscape layers important to the heritage or cultural character of a community or the county. (WEIGHT = 5)
- _____ A.3 **It Contributes to Community Identity, History or Culture** - The project contributes to a traditional/historical community's identity, history and cultural connections as defined by the community (e.g., a church, petroglyphs, Spanish colonial sites), and maintains the geographical and rural integrity of a community. (WEIGHT = 4)
- _____ A.4 **It Preserves a Lifeway** - The project preserves an open or regional cultural landscape representative of a traditional lifeway (e.g., farming, ranching, herding, mining/industry, and commerce/transportation), especially waterways and acequias. (WEIGHT = 3)
- _____ A.5 **It Contributes to the Historical Development, Heritage or Cultural Character of the County and Has Educational or Interpretive Value.** The project is an example of an aspect of a community that has been transmitted through generations (e.g., Glorieta Pass, Pueblo heritage sites, Chimayo chapel hill). The cultural character includes resources that contribute to our mixed cultural heritage including Native American, Hispano and Anglo (e.g., homesteads in southern part of county and acequias in northern part). (WEIGHT = 2)
- _____ A.6 **It Represents a Specific Archaeological or Historical Site or Cultural Landscape** (e.g., pre-Columbian Pueblo farms, Spanish Colonial Mission area, historic mining district). (WEIGHT = 1)

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Criteria for Evaluating Proposals

Threshold Criteria

A Project must meet all of the threshold criteria to be further considered. (Answer YES or NO).

- ☐ The project is in the County of Santa Fe.
- ☐ It appears to have one or more of the following values: aesthetic, recreational, historical, cultural, agricultural, geological, ecological, traditional.
- ☐ It has a public benefit.
- ☐ It is feasible, appropriate to its intended use and appears to be free of substantial adverse impacts.
- ☐ The appropriate title and ownership appear to be free of obvious problems.
- ☐ The landowner or representative is prepared and willing to enter into an agreement.

General Criteria

(Score the indicators for each separate Criterion separately on a scale of 0 to 5. Total scores for each set of criteria will be equalized and then weighted. Weighting is based on COLTPAC's indicated priorities.)

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS - The terms of the acquisition will allow the County to maximize its assets and leverage the open land and trails fund. (WEIGHT = .86)

- ☐ 1. The project is available for a reduced cost, (e.g., it may include a partial donation, conservation easement, or offer of a bargain sale by the landowner).
- ☐ 2. A partner or another party is willing to share or finance the cost of the acquisition.
- ☐ 3. A partner or another party is willing to assume financial or in-kind responsibility for on-going management and maintenance of the project.

Comments:

COMMUNITY BENEFIT - The project will be beneficial to local communities and/or the county at large. (WEIGHT = .84)

- ☐ 4. The project provides cultural, historical, recreational, natural open space or trail opportunities in a community that has expressed a need for them.
- ☐ 5. The local community has evidenced strong support for the project, (e.g., organized efforts such as letters, meetings, or background research).
- ☐ 6. It will benefit more than one neighborhood or the county at large.

Comments:

Note: The County will treat all communities equitably, and will favor those projects that have active community support.

PROTECTION / CONSERVATION - The project contains significant resources in need of protection or conservation (see attached list of definitions). (WEIGHT = .77)

- ☐ 7. It contains significant **natural** resources in need of protection or conservation.
- ☐ 8. It contains significant **cultural / historical** resources in need of protection or conservation.
- ☐ 9. It contains significant **recreational** resources / opportunities.

Comments:

B. NATURAL AREAS *(Maximum Points Equal to other Specific Criteria)*

- _____ B.1 **The Project Protects Watersheds, Water Quality and Supply, and Access to Water for Wildlife**, (e.g., by preserving or safeguarding a site with highly erodible soils on steep slopes near streams, damage to fish habitats can be prevented).
- _____ B.2 **It Provides Connectivity**. The project provides connectivity by linking critical resources/habitats for wildlife, such as upland and lowland areas (e.g., protecting riparian areas can allow wildlife access to water from upland areas).
- _____ B.3 **It Contains Relatively Undisturbed Sites or Sites that Can be Restored if Degraded**. (e.g., an overgrazed pasture may be easier to restore than a site that has been mined and buried in toxic mine tailings).
- _____ B.4 **It Includes Unique Geological or Ecological Features**. (e.g., unique geological features may include important recharge zones for aquifers such as unconsolidated alluvium; unique ecological features may include riparian areas or the presence of rare plant or animal species).
- _____ B.5 **It Provides Habitat for a Large Number of Plant and Animal Species**. (e.g., lands that support several species of wildlife or native plants rank higher than sites with low bio-diversity).
- _____ B.6 **It Increases the Number of Natural Community Types Such as Riparian, Grassland, and Forest Types that are Protected in Santa Fe County**. (e.g., this will be evaluated by COLTPAC mapping public lands as to the degree of protection afforded by the government agency as compared to the community types that are currently protected).

C. RECREATION AND TRAILS *(Maximum Points Equal to other Specific Criteria)*

- _____ C.1 **The Project is Located on a Primary Trail**. The project is on an existing or proposed primary trail system. *(WEIGHT = 5)*
- _____ C.2 **It Links to Primary Trail**. The project links to or is adjacent to an existing or proposed primary trail. *(WEIGHT = 3)*
- _____ C.3 **It is Part of or Contains a Loop Trail System**. The project is part of or contains an existing or proposed looped trail system that will serve the public. A loop trail is one that begins and ends at the same location, preferably a trailhead.
- _____ C.4 **It Provides Reasonable Trailhead Access**. The project has parking access or provides improved trailhead access to an existing (i.e., public lands) or proposed trail.
- _____ C.5 **It Serves as Alternative Transportation**. The project links important destinations within the community and allows non-motorized travel between two or more public places (i.e., schools, parks, communities, special use areas) or places of public interest.
- _____ C.6 **It is Part of a Historic Trail**. The project is part of a historic trail which has been in use for fifty years or more and generally reflects pre-motorized transportation system.
- _____ C.7 **It Contains Significant Recreation Resources or Open Space Opportunities Other Than Trails**. *(WEIGHT = 5)*
- _____ C.8 **It Minimizes impacts to Neighbors, sensitive natural areas and sensitive cultural areas**. The project is integrated into the natural setting.
- _____ C.9 **It Meets Appropriate Guidelines for Intended Use**. If a specific use is proposed for the project site, the site is of sufficient size and shape to accommodate such use.

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_____ C.10 It has Topography that is Appropriate for Intended Use.

_____ C.11 The Community or Another Partner has Developed a Funding or Maintenance Program to Support Initial Active Use Request *(applicable if the applicant is proposing development of facilities, trails or playing fields.)*

Vision Statement

The last step in project evaluation process is to review all proposed projects in light of the Vision Statement and

Ensure that "a diverse mix of projects, distributed equitably throughout the county," are recommended.

List of Significant Resources and Definitions

(Note: other definitions are provided in the Open Land and Trails Plan and the County General Plan)

Natural Resources: Significant sites may include, but are not limited to the following:

- **Community Types**
 - groups of plants that grow together in recognizable units and are characteristic of different habitats such as riparian areas, (e.g., cottonwood-willow community), montane areas (e.g., spruce-fir community) and deserts, (e.g., blue gramma-cholla community).
- **Ecological Features**
 - unique, underrepresented, or interesting interdependent living systems that exist because of specific limiting factors such as the soils and nutrients, availability of water, climate, etc.
 - rare plants or animal species
- **Ecosystems Currently Underrepresented in the System.** Sites may include:
 - grasslands
 - cholla grasslands
- **Geologic Features**
 - recharge zones for aquifers
 - unique rock formations
- **Rare or Endangered Species**
 - Animals and or plants whose existence is threatened, as defined by State or Federal agencies.
- **Riparian Areas**

Ecological communities, existing along river banks, streams, springs, lakes or wetlands, that

 - Contain unique vegetation and wildlife habitat due to its association with bodies of water,
 - serve as perennial, ephemeral, or intermittent sources of surface or subsurface water,
 - provide habitat for animal species,
 - serve important cleansing and recharge functions for waterways, and
 - are referred to in the Southwest as Bosques.
- **Watersheds**
 - Entire regions in which the precipitation collects and flows into various tributaries or waterways with each tributary eventually draining into the mainstem of a river.
- **Waterways**
 - open water, such as lakes and ponds,
 - riparian areas, or relating to the banks of a natural watercourse, and
 - rivers and intermittent streams
- **An Ecosystem Currently Under-represented in the System,** for example:
 - grasslands and cholla grasslands

Cultural / Historical Resources: Significant sites may include, but are not limited to the following:

- **Sacred Places:** Represent places of spiritual meaning, for example:
 - churches, moradas, shrines, cemeteries and graves, and petroglyphs

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- **Cultural - Historical Lifeways:** Represent land use practices that have historical *continuity* and meaning, for example:
 - agriculture, ranching, herding, homesteading, mining and industry, and commerce and transportation.
- **Historic resources:**
- **Archaeological and Historical Sites:** At least 75 years old and represent the historical antecedents of sacred places, lifeways, cultural places and traditional communities (defined above), for example:
 - old Pueblo agricultural fields identified by rock-lined cobble grid gardens, and archaeological villages like Arroyo Hondo and the Agua Fria School House.

Recreational and Trails Resources: Sites may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Existing historical trails
- Rare piece of remaining land in a community that may be used for recreation or community definition
- Parcels of land that directly contribute to the county trail backbone or primary trail system.

Glossary of Other Definitions

Buffer: an area designed to separate two communities (as defined on COLTPAC plan).

Community: (General Plan)

Lifeway: A way or manner of living (i.e., ranching, farming, mining).

Significant: Having meaning; having or likely to have influence or effect; important.

Traditional: Beliefs, customs and practices of a living community of people that have been passed through generations.

**Santa Fe County
COLTPAC Phase I Recommendations
for Wildlife, Mountains, Trails and Historic Places Program**

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Staff recommendations:

October 19, 1999

Phase I Projects

Staff recommends commencing negotiations on all the COLTPAC-recommended projects with the conditions listed in the table, and the following additional recommendations:

Wildlife West Nature Park

Acquire at fair market value based on an appraisal for residential zoning.

Rio en Medio

Commence negotiations on both parcels of land -- the full 143 acres, not just the 23 acre parcel. Acquire at no more than fair market value based on an appraisal.

I-25/Old Pecos Trail - Pops

Provide \$200,000 as seed money for the community to obtain additional matching funds. This \$200,000 should be available for a finite time period (i.e., two years?), upon which time it should expire and revert back into the open space fund. The community, not the County, should be responsible for obtaining those additional funds.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, one final comment. I want to thank the voting public out there for the support to make this come into fruition. Thank you. You're the ones that deserve all the thanks.

CHAIRMAN GRIÑÉ: Anybody else? If not, all those in favor signify by saying "aye." [Unanimous.] Ayes have it.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to give some direction to staff and the COLTPAC committee. The issue concerning Vista Grande. I'd like to ask the staff on Vista Grande and direct the COLTPAC committee to review this project and hopefully bring back rather than waiting for the second phase, to bring back a recommendation from the committee within 60 days to the Commission on whether this is going to be something that will make it to the second phase or not. Okay? Thank you.

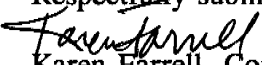
ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Griñé declared this meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

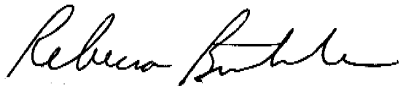
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Board of County Commissioners
Joe Griñé, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:

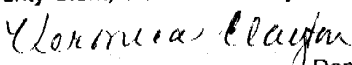

Karen Farrell, Commission Reporter

ATTEST TO:


REBECCA BUSTAMANTE
SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)SS
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I hereby certify that this instrument was filed
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Santa Fe County.

Witness my Hand and Seal of Office
Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk, Santa Fe County, N.M.


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