
FY 2026 MS4 Annual Report

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1. Santa Fe County Stormwater Monitoring Program Recommendations
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4. Recommendations of Alterations to Santa Fe County Codes Related to Stormwater Management

EPA Annual Report Form

Annual Report Format



National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Program MS4 Annual Report Format



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1. MS4(s) Information

Santa Fe County		
Name of MS4		
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Name of Contact Person (First)	(Last)	(Title)
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Mailing Address		
Santa Fe	NM	87501
City	State	ZIP code
What size population does your MS4(s) serve?	11,000	NPDES number
What is the reporting period for this report? (mm/dd/yyyy)	From 07/01/2025	to 06/30/2026

2. Water Quality Priorities

A. Does your MS4(s) discharge to waters listed as impaired on a state 303(d) list? ☒ Yes ☐ No

B. If yes, identify each impaired water, the impairment, whether a TMDL has been approved by EPA for each, and whether the TMDL assigns a wasteload allocation to your MS4(s). Use a new line for each impairment, and attach additional pages as necessary.

Impaired Water	Impairment	Approved TMDL		TMDL assigns WLA to MS4	
Santa Fe River 9000.A_061	E. Coli	☒ Yes	☐ No	☒ Yes	☐ No
Santa Fe River 9000.A_061	Aluminum, Total Recoverable	☐ Yes	☒ No	☐ Yes	☐ No
Santa Fe River 2110_00	Nutrients	☐ Yes	☒ No	☐ Yes	☐ No
Santa Fe River 2110_00	E. Coli	☒ Yes	☐ No	☒ Yes	☐ No

2. B. Continued

Impaired Water	Impairment	Approved TMDL		TMDL assigns WLA to MS4	
Santa Fe River 9000.A_062	Aluminum, Total Recoverable	☐ Yes	☒ No	☐ Yes	☐ No
Santa Fe River 9000.A_062	PCBs	☐ Yes	☒ No	☐ Yes	☐ No
Santa Fe River 9000.A_062	E. Coli	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No
Santa Fe River 2110_02	Nutrients	☐ Yes	☒ No	☐ Yes	☐ No

C. What specific sources contributing to the impairment(s) are you targeting in your stormwater program?

Sediment; pet waste (E. coli); nutrients; and household waste (nutrient, litter/floatables/potential PCBs)

- D. Do you discharge to any high-quality waters (e.g., Tier 2, Tier 3, outstanding natural resource waters, or other state or federal designation)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- E. Are you implementing additional specific provisions to ensure their continued integrity? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Public Education and Public Participation

- A. Is your public education program targeting specific pollutants and sources of those pollutants? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- B. If yes, what are the specific sources and/or pollutants addressed by your public education program?

Pet waste, trash/debris/floatables, and household (including hazardous) waste.

- C. Note specific successful outcome(s) (e.g., quantified reduction in fertilizer use; NOT tasks, events, publications) fully or partially attributable to your public education program during this reporting period.

Please refer to the attached memo for a list of Santa Fe County's MS4 related initiatives.

- D. Do you have an advisory committee or other body comprised of the public and other stakeholders that provides regular input on your stormwater program? ☒ Yes ☐ No

4. Construction

- A. Do you have an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism stipulating:
- Erosion and sediment control requirements? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 - Other construction waste control requirements? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 - Requirement to submit construction plans for review? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 - MS4 enforcement authority? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- B. Do you have written procedures for:
- Reviewing construction plans? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 - Performing inspections? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 - Responding to violations? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- C. Identify the number of active construction sites ≥ 1 acre in operation in your jurisdiction at any time during the reporting period.
- D. How many of the sites identified in 4.C did you inspect during this reporting period?
- E. Describe, on average, the frequency with which your program conducts construction site inspections.

All projects within Santa Fe County jurisdiction are inspected per the Construction General Permit (CGP) requirements.

- F. Do you prioritize certain construction sites for more frequent inspections? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, based on what criteria?

Road and utility projects typically receive daily inspection

- G. Identify which of the following types of enforcement actions you used during the reporting period for construction activities, indicate the number of actions, or note those for which you do not have authority:

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| ☐ Yes | Notice of violation | <input type="text" value="1"/> | No Authority | ☐ |
| ☐ Yes | Administrative fines | <input type="text"/> | No Authority | ☒ |
| ☐ Yes | Stop Work Orders | <input type="text" value="1"/> | No Authority | ☐ |
| ☐ Yes | Civil penalties | <input type="text" value="3"/> | No Authority | ☐ |
| ☐ Yes | Criminal actions | <input type="text" value="0"/> | No Authority | ☐ |
| ☐ Yes | Administrative orders | <input type="text" value="0"/> | No Authority | ☐ |
| ☐ Yes | Other | <input type="text"/> | | |

- H. Do you use an electronic tool (e.g., GIS, data base, spreadsheet) to track the locations, inspection results, and enforcement actions of active construction sites in your jurisdiction? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- I. What are the 3 most common types of violations documented during this reporting period?

Most common violations observed are silt fences down, mud being tracked unto roads, and dust control at the site.

- J. How often do municipal employees receive training on the construction program?

5. Illicit Discharge Elimination

- A. Have you completed a map of all outfalls and receiving waters of your storm sewer system? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- B. Have you completed a map of all storm drain pipes and other conveyances in the storm sewer system? ☐ Yes ☒ No

- C. Identify the number of outfalls in your storm sewer system.

- D. Do you have documented procedures, including frequency, for screening outfalls? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- E. Of the outfalls identified in 5.C, how many were screened for dry weather discharges during this reporting period?

- F. Of the outfalls identified in 5.C, how many have been screened for dry weather discharges at any time since you obtained MS4 permit coverage?

- G. What is your frequency for screening outfalls for illicit discharges? Describe any variation based on size/type.

- H. Do you have an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism that effectively prohibits illicit discharges? ☐ Yes ☒ No

- I. Do you have an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism that provides authority for you to take enforcement action and/or recover costs for addressing illicit discharges? ☐ Yes ☒ No

- J. During this reporting period, how many illicit discharges/illegal connections have you discovered?
- K. Of those illicit discharges/illegal connections that have been discovered or reported, how many have been eliminated?
- L. How often do municipal employees receive training on the illicit discharge program?

6. Stormwater Management for Municipal Operations

- A. Have stormwater pollution prevention plans (or an equivalent plan) been developed for:
- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| All public parks, ball fields, other recreational facilities and other open spaces | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| All municipal construction activities, including those disturbing less than 1 acre | ☒ Yes | ☐ No |
| All municipal turf grass/landscape management activities | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| All municipal vehicle fueling, operation and maintenance activities | ☒ Yes | ☐ No |
| All municipal maintenance yards | ☒ Yes | ☐ No |
| All municipal waste handling and disposal areas | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |

Other

- B. Are stormwater inspections conducted at these facilities? ☐ Yes ☒ No

- C. If Yes, at what frequency are inspections conducted?

- D. List activities for which operating procedures or management practices specific to stormwater management have been developed (e.g., road repairs, catch basin cleaning).

See attached memo.

- E. Do you prioritize certain municipal activities and/or facilities for more frequent inspection? ☐ Yes ☒ No

- F. If Yes, which activities and/or facilities receive most frequent inspections?

- G. Do all municipal employees and contractors overseeing planning and implementation of stormwater-related activities receive comprehensive training on stormwater management? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- H. If yes, do you also provide regular updates and refreshers? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- I. If so, how frequently and/or under what circumstances?

See attached memo.

7. Long-term (Post-Construction) Stormwater Measures

- A. Do you have an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to require:
- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| Site plan reviews for stormwater/water quality of all new and re-development projects? | ☒ Yes | ☐ No |
| Long-term operation and maintenance of stormwater management controls? | ☒ Yes | ☐ No |
| Retrofitting to incorporate long-term stormwater management controls? | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |

- B. If you have retrofit requirements, what are the circumstances/criteria?

- C. What are your criteria for determining which new/re-development stormwater plans you will review (e.g., all projects, projects disturbing greater than one acre, etc.)?

All projects disturbing greater than one acre.

D. Do you require water quality or quantity design standards or performance standards, either directly or by reference to a state or other standard, be met for new development and re-development? ☒ Yes ☐ No

E. Do these performance or design standards require that pre-development hydrology be met for:

Flow volumes ☒ Yes ☐ No

Peak discharge rates ☒ Yes ☐ No

Discharge frequency ☐ Yes ☒ No

Flow duration ☐ Yes ☒ No

F. Please provide the URL/reference where all post-construction stormwater management standards can be found.

Sustainable Land Development Code: <https://ecode360.com/39282293>

G. How many development and redevelopment project plans were reviewed during the reporting period to assess impacts to water quality and receiving stream protection?

H. How many of the plans identified in 7.G were approved?

I. How many privately owned permanent stormwater management practices/facilities were inspected during the reporting period?

J. How many of the practices/facilities identified in I were found to have inadequate maintenance?

K. How long do you give operators to remedy any operation and maintenance deficiencies identified during inspections?

L. Do you have authority to take enforcement action for failure to properly operate and maintain stormwater practices/facilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

M. How many formal enforcement actions (i.e., more than a verbal or written warning) were taken for failure to adequately operate and/or maintain stormwater management practices?

N. Do you use an electronic tool (e.g., GIS, database, spreadsheet) to track post-construction BMPs, inspections and maintenance? ☐ Yes ☒ No

O. Do all municipal departments and/or staff (as relevant) have access to this tracking system? ☐ Yes ☒ No

P. How often do municipal employees receive training on the post-construction program?

8. Program Resources

A. What was the annual expenditure to implement MS4 permit requirements this reporting period?

B. What is next year's budget for implementing the requirements of your MS4 NPDES permit?

C. This year what is/are your source(s) of funding for the stormwater program, and annual revenue (amount or percentage) derived from each?

Source: Amount \$ OR %

Source: Amount \$ OR %

Source: Amount \$ OR %

D. How many FTEs does your municipality devote to the stormwater program (specifically for implementing the stormwater program; not municipal employees with other primary responsibilities)?

E. Do you share program implementation responsibilities with any other entities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Entity	Activity/Task/Responsibility	Your Oversight/Accountability Mechanism
	See attached memo.	

9. Evaluating/Measuring Progress

A. What indicators do you use to evaluate the overall effectiveness of your stormwater management program, how long have you been tracking them, and at what frequency? These are not measurable goals for individual management practices or tasks, but large-scale or long-term metrics for the overall program, such as macroinvertebrate community indices, measures of effective impervious cover in the watershed, indicators of in-stream hydrologic stability, etc.

Indicator	Began Tracking (year)	Frequency	Number of Locations
<i>Example: E. coli</i>	2003	Weekly April–September	20
NMED Physical, Chemical & Biological	2010-2020	Triennial	28

B. What environmental quality trends have you documented over the duration of your stormwater program? Reports or summaries can be attached electronically, or provide the URL to where they may be found on the Web.

The upper reach of the Santa Fe River continues to be listed as impaired for E. coli, PCBs, and total recoverable Aluminum.

10. Additional Information

Please attach any additional information on the performance of your MS4 program, including information required in Parts I.C, I.D, and III.B. If providing clarification to any of the questions above, please provide the question number (e.g., 2C) in your response.

Certification Statement and Signature

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Federal regulations require this application to be signed as follows: **For a municipal, State, Federal, or other public facility:** by either a principal executive or ranking elected official.

Signature Greg Shaffer, County Manager

Name of Certifying Official, Title Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Annual Report Annotations

1. MS4 Information

Page 1: What size does your MS4 serve?

Santa Fe County is 1,911 square miles and is New Mexico's third most populous county with more than 156,000 residents. Santa Fe County government provides a wide range of public services to residents who live in the City of Santa Fe and the 67,300 residents who live outside the city limits in the unincorporated areas of the County. This population includes residents who live both within and outside of the urban area. Approximately 11,000 people are in the unincorporated urban area, which defines the MS4 area. This estimate was found using the 2020 US Census, block-level, population data, and the 2010 US Census Urbanized Area boundary data.

2. Water Quality Priorities

Page 1-2: Impaired waters. Text box in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Annual Report PDF form truncates text.

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau 2026-202 State of New Mexico CWA §303(d)/§305(b) Integrated List & Report was approved by EPA on June 8, 2026. This list was approved after the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Discharges from Small MS4s Permit (NMR040000) went in administrative continuance (June 30, 2012). Previous impairment lists are available on the NMED Surface Water Quality website (<https://www.env.nm.gov/surface-water-quality/303d-305b/>).

Impaired Water*	Impairment	Approved TMDL?	TMDL Assigns WLA for MS4?
Santa Fe River (Guadalupe St. to Nichols Reservoir) NM-9000.A_062	Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Aluminum, total recoverable E. coli	No	N/A
		No	N/A
		Yes	Yes
Impaired Water*	Impairment	Approved TMDL?	TMDL Assigns WLA for MS4?
Santa Fe River (Santa Fe WWTP to Guadalupe St.) NM-9000.A_061	E. coli Aluminum, total recoverable	Yes	Yes
		No	N/A

Santa Fe River (Cienega Creek to Santa Fe WWTP) NM-2110_00	Nutrients E. coli	No Yes Also, TMDL (but no impairments) for sedimentation/siltation, DO, pH, and chlorine	N/A Yes No WLAs for MS4s for sedimentation/siltation, DO, pH, and chlorine TMDL
Santa Fe River (Cochiti Pueblo boundary to Cienega Creek) NM-2110_02	Nutrients	No Also, TMDL (but no impairments) for sedimentation/siltation, DO, and pH	N/A No WLAs for MS4s for sedimentation/siltation, DO, and pH TMDL

3. Public Education and Public Participation

Page 2: Item 3C. Note specific successful outcome(s) fully or partially attributable to your public education program during this reporting period. The table below highlights Santa Fe County's MS4 related initiatives during this reporting period. Additional information on the initiatives is available on request or from the links provided.

The table below provides a summary of Santa Fe County's MS4 related initiatives for public education and involvement throughout the reporting period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026:

Santa Fe County Initiatives	Date	Outcomes and Additional Information
Web Content		
Santa Fe County Stormwater-related Web Content	July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	Santa Fe County webpages including Stormwater, Sustainability, and Water & Wastewater Planning had over 6,800 views, collectively. • www.santafecountynm.gov/public-works/utilities/stormwater • www.santafecountynm.gov/community-development/sustainability • www.santafecountynm.gov/growth-management/planning/water-and-wastewater-planning
Revised Stormwater Webpages	-	Considerable revisions were made to the County's stormwater webpage to better define stormwater, pollution prevention, GSI, and consolidate resources for the Public. www.santafecountynm.gov/public-works/utilities/stormwater
Growing Raingardens Locally: A GSI Story Map	-	The County developed an ArcGIS Story Map highlighting green stormwater infrastructure and the functionality of existing sites across Santa Fe County. sfcomaps.santafecountynm.gov/mapsvc/apps/storymaps/stories/8e7dc9d3ad9c4f0fb72ed18ad1ae75bd
Educational Materials		
Low Impact Green Stormwater Infrastructure Guidebook	-	In FY26, The County oversaw the completion of a Green Stormwater Infrastructure guidebook, via consultants from Southwest Urban Hydrology and The RainCatcher, Inc. This guidebook was developed to allow for a broad range of stakeholders to engage in implementing GSI into private and public developments. www.santafecountynm.gov/uploads/documents/260513_SFC_GSI_Guidebook_Spreads.pdf

Santa Fe County Initiatives	Date	Outcomes and Additional Information
Santa Fe County Stormwater Management Program Brochure	-	Initially developed in FY25, this educational brochure provides insight into the MS4 Permit Program and Stormwater management requirements for the County. Input into the brochure was provided by the Water Policy Advisory Committee, Outreach working Group in FY26. www.santafecountynm.gov/uploads/documents/Stormwater_Brochure_V3.pdf
Newsletters		
Santa Fe County Sustainability Virtual Newsletter	July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	The County distributed monthly virtual newsletter to over 3,545 recipients. The newsletter contained information on sustainability topics, including xeriscaping and rainwater harvesting landscapes, composting, recycling, and responsible outdoor recreation. A total of 9 Newsletters were published in FY 2026. https://www.santafecountynm.gov/community-development/sustainability/subscribe
Committees		
Water Policy Advisory Committee (WPAC); Stormwater Working Group	July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	The Water Policy Advisory Committee (WPAC) is a working committee with the responsibility of providing recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) concerning regional water topics, including stormwater management. The Stormwater Working Group completed or engaged in accomplishing task items identified in the 2025 and 2026 WPAC Work Plan available at: www.santafecountynm.gov/committees/wpac Details of measurable outcomes are listed in the Quarterly and Annual Reports for the Committee.
Partnerships		

Santa Fe County Initiatives	Date	Outcomes and Additional Information
Santa Fe Stormwater MS4 Advisory Group	-	This partnership includes the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)-District 5, formalized by a Memorandum of Agreement. Member agencies meet quarterly to discuss ongoing projects and initiatives across the Santa Fe Urban Area and potential collaborations.
AridLID Coalition	-	The Arid LID Coalition is a collaborative, multi-disciplinary network of practitioners working to increase the use of Green Stormwater Infrastructure, Low Impact Development (GSI/LID) and Rainwater harvesting in New Mexico. In FY 2026, Public Works Staff registered as a Partner with the coalition. Committing to actively participating in the network by communicating about the County's GSI/LID projects, sharing educational and professional resources to support the advancement of shared knowledge, and lend leadership to support coalition initiatives when appropriate. (https://aridlidcoalition.org/)
Professional Events		
Santa Fe County Water: Today & Tomorrow Forum Presentations	Oct 27, 2025 & Nov 19, 2025	County staff with responsibilities related to the water sector presented during a multi-day public forum for the Public, overseen by the County Commissioners. Presentations ranged from an overview of the County Utility, stormwater, domestic wells, development, and water resource stewardship. These presentations were well attended over two days (over 200 attendees) and the presentation recordings were made available online for constituents. www.santafecountynm.gov/santafecountywater

Santa Fe County Initiatives	Date	Outcomes and Additional Information
Land & Water Summit “Stream” Level Sponsor	March 4-6, 2026	Santa Fe sponsored the summit at the “stream” level. The summit provides education and a forum for collaboration to advance nature-based solutions for land and water management in arid climates.
Next Generation Water Summit Presentation: “Santa Fe County Water Update”	June 12, 2026	Santa Fe County staff presented alongside elected officials to deliver a comprehensive status update report on the current state of the region’s water. This presentation was made available to the public via free tickets for Santa Fe County residents. Approximately 50 people attended in person. Live virtual attendees were not counted. https://ngws.vfairs.com/
Outreach Events		
Railyard Conservancy Earth Day	April 25, 2026	Sustainability staff tabled at this event and provided educational opportunities for constituents, specifically highlighting a recently developed Low Impact Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Guidebook. Public participation was not recorded. https://railyardpark.org/earthday-2023/
Love Your Watershed Day	May 2, 2026	Sustainability staff tabled at this event and provided educational opportunities for constituents, specifically highlighting a recently developed Low Impact Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Guidebook. Public participation was not recorded. www.santafewatershed.org/lywd-2026/
Santa Fe Extension Master Gardeners Garden Fair	May 9, 2026	Sustainability staff tabled at this event and provided educational opportunities for constituents, specifically highlighting a recently

Santa Fe County Initiatives	Date	Outcomes and Additional Information
		developed Low Impact Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Guidebook. Public participation was not recorded. www.sfemg.org/garden-fair
Waste Diversion & Illegal Dumping Abatement Efforts		
Solid Waste (Refuse), Recycling, and Green Waste Management	July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	The County assisted in picking-up roadside trash along County maintained roads and with community cleanup days. The County also owns, operates, and maintains seven solid waste convenience centers throughout Santa Fe County. The County collected 5,130.15 tons of refuse, 1,611.40 tons of recycling, and 948.62 tons of green waste at the seven County solid waste convenience centers in FY 2026.
Toss No Mass & Keep Santa Fe Beautiful (Great American Cleanup) Participation	Sep 20, 2025 & April 18, 2026	In support of the Great American Cleanup and Toss No Mas community cleanup events, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution No. 2025-031 and Resolution No. 2026-044, designating free disposal days to encourage community preparation in reducing litter, and contributing to the overall beautification of our community in 2025 and 2026. This effort resulted in a total of 49.52 tons of refuse being collected over both events at County transfer stations. https://sustainabilitysantafe.org/ksfb/
Free Green Waste Disposal Days	Jul 11-12, 2025 Aug 1-2, 2025 Sep 5-6, 2025 May 8-9, 2026 Jun 12-13, 2026	In support of illegal dumping abatement in County water ways and to help reduce wildfire risk, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution No. 2025-031 and Resolution No. 2026-044, designating free green waste disposal days at specified waste transfer stations in FY26.

Santa Fe County Initiatives	Date	Outcomes and Additional Information
		This effort resulted in 70.56 tons of green waste being collected over all FY26 free disposal days.
Free Tire Recycling Month	May 2026	In 2026, Santa Fe County expanded free tire recycling to the full month of May with funding support provided by the New Mexico Environment Department RAID Grant. The effort resulted in the collection of over 1,300 tires from 191 County constituents, representing 35.73 tons of tires. www.santafecountynm.gov/community-development/sustainability/recycleright/free-tire-recycling-month
Backyard Composting Program	July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	The County's backyard composting program provides free backyard composting systems to County residents. The goal of this program is to divert organic matter from the landfill and to improve soil health. 100 constituents participated in the FY 2026 program. www.santafecountynm.gov/community-development/sustainability/go-green-learn/compost
Santa Fe County Open Space, Trails and Parks Pet Waste Stations	July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	Santa Fe County continued to maintain 15 dog waste stations and related signage at Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces operated by the County.
Environmental Stewardship Programs		
Adopt-a-Road Program	July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	A total of seven community cleanups were held in FY 2026. Five community groups organized the cleanups A total of 46 volunteers were reported across all clean-up events. 66 bags of trash and recyclables were removed from roadways. A variety of other

Santa Fe County Initiatives	Date	Outcomes and Additional Information
		debris were also collected that were unable to be bagged with other materials. www.santafecountynm.gov/community-development/sustainability/go-green-learn/get-involved
Northern New Mexico Master Naturalist Program	July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	Santa Fe County Open Space is a partner organization in the Northern New Mexico Master Naturalist Program to train individuals to become stewards of New Mexico's environment, resources, and heritage. Program participants receive classroom instruction and field training where they learn about the ecology and environmental issues (including hydrology and water management) facing Northern New Mexico. 17 people participated in the Fall 2025 course. Seven Master Naturalists volunteered for County projects in FY26. https://nnmmnp.wordpress.com/about/

Page 2: Item 3D. Do you have an advisory committee or other body comprised of the public and other stakeholders that provide regular input on your stormwater program?

The Santa Fe County Water Policy Advisory Committee (WPAC) is a working committee that augments Santa Fe County staff resources by bringing independent expertise, research, and effort to its assigned work. The committee is comprised of ten volunteer members from the public, representing each of the five commissioner districts (two volunteer members per commissioner district).

The WPAC's primary responsibility is to provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) concerning sustainable utility services, domestic water supply and conservation, wastewater management and reclamation, irrigation, drought management, flood prevention and control, and water reuse in the County and region.

Five members of this committee represent a subcommittee working group focused on stormwater related issues and support the development of the County's stormwater program. These include implementing Nature-based Solutions (NbS), GSI, and Aquifer Recharge efforts.

5. Illicit Discharge Elimination

Page 3: Items 5A, 5B, and 5C.

Outfall and storm sewer mapping. Efforts to map all stormwater infrastructure (drainpipes and other conveyance systems) are on-going. In FY26, the Public Works Department created and hired a survey technician position that is tasked with mapping County infrastructure, including storm drainpipes and other conveyances. GPS equipment was procured in FY26 but was not received until the end of FY26. While some mapping efforts were made in FY26, directed efforts for mapping will be initiated in FY27.

Page 4: Item 5L. How often do municipal employees receive training on the illicit discharge program? Text box in the EPA Annual Report PDF form does not allow enough space to enter complete response. The complete response to summarize the related staff training courses that support understanding of potential illicit discharges:
For FY 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026), the County provided relevant staff trainings as follows:

- New staff are trained in proper recycling and general sustainability during the new employee orientation (127 orientations during FY 2026).
- A total of 918 staff completed Global Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and Hazardous Communication Standards training.

Additional projects to highlight related to Santa Fe County projects to reduce and eliminate on-site sewage disposal systems (septic system and cesspools) within the MS4/Urbanized Area: In the Agua Fria area of Santa Fe County, which is within the MS4/Urbanized Area, the County Public Works Department has been leading a multi-million dollar water/wastewater infrastructure expansion project to remove septic systems and cesspools within this area and to connect this area to a wastewater system. This project will improve stormwater and surface water quality by reducing the potential leaks and overflows from aging and non-functional septic systems and cesspools.

The project is currently 25% completed as of June 30, 2026. The new system constructed by the County will be turned over for management to the City of Santa Fe on completion.

6. Stormwater Management for Municipal Operations

Page 4. Item 6B and 6C. Are stormwater inspections conducted at facilities?

Regular stormwater inspections of County facilities within the MS4 jurisdiction are not currently undertaken. However, initial site inspections and the development of updated SWPPPs are planned for FY27 via consultant support from Bohannon Huston, Inc. Site inspection findings will determine the need and frequency of regular facility inspections. These determinations will be represented by inspection procedures included in the updated facility-specific SWPPPs.

Page 4: Item 6D. List activities for which operating procedures or management practices specific to stormwater management have been developed (e.g., road repairs, catch basin cleaning).

The County is developing a Culvert Maintenance Program in FY27 to support implementing routine operating procedures for cleaning stormwater culverts across the County. Additionally, the County will

be pursuing the finalization of a Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping Program (PPGHP) in FY27 with the support from consultant services provided by Bohannon Huston, Inc in FY27. Additional procedures for incorporating and maintaining GSI at County parks is planned for FY27 per the 2024 SWMP.

Page 4: Item 6G. Do all municipal employees and contractors overseeing planning and implementation of stormwater-related activities receive comprehensive training on stormwater management? If so, how frequently and/or under what circumstances? Text box in the EPA Annual Report PDF form does not allow enough space to enter complete response. Complete response:

For FY 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026), the County provided relevant staff training as follows:

- New staff were trained in proper recycling and general sustainability during the New Employee Orientation (127 orientations during FY 2026).
- The County's Growth Management Department staff regularly trains 6 staff using the Certified Stormwater Inspectors (CSI) National Stormwater Center training. The County Floodplain Manager is a certified floodplain administrator and maintains certification by attending the annual New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association annual conference and completing 12 credits of supplemental training.
- The Environmental Compliance Officer received their 40hr Hazardous Waste Operator (HAZWOPER) training via the Santa Fe Community College.
- The Environmental Compliance Officer received training and certification as an Envision Sustainability Professional.
- The Environmental Compliance Officer maintained their certification as a Qualified Preparer of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans via Stormwater One.

A comprehensive County training course is still being developed for relevant staff participating in municipal construction and roads maintenance activities. This training will include information from the 2022-2027 EPA Construction General Permit (CGP) and applicable NMED regulations. This in-house training is planned for completion in FY27.

8. Program Resources

Page 5: Item 8A. What was the annual expenditure to implement MS4 Permit requirements this reporting period? Multiple County departments share responsibilities and expenses related to MS4 Permit compliance and reporting. Below is a summary of the department's estimated expenditures and contributions to implement MS4 Permit requirements for FY 2026. The following costs do **not** include employee salaries.

County Department	Summary of Activities / Tasks / Responsibilities	FY 2026 Expenditure
Community Development Department: Sustainability Division	Development of a GSI Facility Master Plan, MS4 Education, Backyard Compost Program, Next Generation Water Summit, Land & Water Summit, Earth Day event, and Adopt-a-road Program.	\$225,000

County Department	Summary of Activities / Tasks / Responsibilities	FY 2026 Expenditure
Growth Management Department: Planning and Building and Development Services Division	SWPPP compliance training costs and percent FTEs to support MS4 requirements, including development plan reviews, SWPPP reviews, code enforcement inspections, and cistern inspections.	\$90,000
Public Works Department:	MS4 permit consultant fees, road infrastructure surveys, vacuum extractor trailer, GPS equipment	\$418,000
Total Estimated MS4 Related Expenditures for FY 2026		\$733,000

Expenditure from previous years incorrectly included large infrastructure projects that were not directly related to the compliance of the MS4 permit but rather supported broader stormwater management goals within the County MS4. These have been excluded in this year's reports to better represent MS4 compliance costs.

Page 5: Item 8B. What is next year's budget for implementing the requirements of your MS4 permit? Next year's budget for implementing the Santa Fe County NPDES MS4 program is anticipated to be similar this year's expenditure.

Page 6: Item 8E. Do you share program implementation responsibilities with any other entities? Text box in the EPA Annual Report PDF form does not allow enough space to enter complete response. Complete response:

Entities	Activity / Task / Responsibility	Your Oversight / Accountability Mechanism
City of Santa Fe Santa Fe County New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)-District 5	Santa Fe Stormwater MS4 Advisory Group	Memorandum of Agreement

9. Evaluating/Measuring Progress

Page 6: Item 9. Santa Fe County currently relies on monitoring and reporting completed by NMED. In 2025, NMED's Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) began a Santa Fe River Microbial Source Tracking (MST) Special Project-<https://service.web.env.nm.gov/urls/qlaoVYjv>. The SWQB will investigate the sources of nutrient and fecal contamination in the Santa Fe River. The SWQB will collect MST and E. coli samples for analysis at three to five established SWQB monitoring sites along the Santa Fe River within the City of Santa Fe. The County will review the results from this project, once available, to determine if the results are applicable to and useful for the County's MS4 program.

To improve the County's MS4 Permit compliance, Santa Fe County continued to contract BHI to develop stormwater monitoring program recommendations, which includes a field sampling plan and quality assurance project plan.

10. Additional Information

Page 6: Item 10. As of June 30, 2026, most task items in the SWMP have been completed. Efforts are on-going to complete outstanding tasks, which have been delayed due to limited staff capacity. Several tasks have been completed but are continuing to be developed to ensure the County is incorporating the best possible practices for meeting the goals of the MS4 program. The summary table below illustrates the remaining task items.

Task Item No.	SWMP Strategy	Progress
Task items to be completed following approval of the SWMP		
3.4.1	Review and update County codes and enforcement process to ensure prevention of illicit discharges. Update Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC) 7.19 and Ordinance No. 2016-9, as amended.	In-progress Under Consultant review
4.3.2	Review and update County codes as needed to ensure prevention of stormwater pollution from construction. In particular, review and update SLDC 7.19.	In-progress Under Consultant review
5.2.1	Review and update County codes as needed to manage runoff in new development and redevelopment by promoting the use of GSI. In particular, update SLDC 7.19.	In-progress Under Consultant review
5.2.2	Assess feasibility of creating an incentive program for incorporating GSI and rainwater capture into existing development.	Determination made: Not currently feasible

The County discussed potential updates to the SWMP in their FY2025 Annual Report based on the progress made on task items. This action will be deferred until the County reaches the five-year lifespan of the plan or the State of New Mexico establishes new guidelines following their primacy over the Clean Water Act, and subsequently the MS4 program.

In addition, EPA proposed the New Mexico Statewide Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit on March 4, 2026. The County met with the Middle Rio Grande Technical Advisory Committee and with its local partners via the Santa Fe Stormwater Advisory Group throughout March and April. The County submitted their comments to EPA Region 6 on May 4,

2026. No additional information regarding the development of the proposed permit was provided in FY26.

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