



Immediate Release

Public Process for Sustainable Land Development Code to Start May 18

Santa Fe, NM – May 3, 2011 - Santa Fe County is in the process of creating a new land development code known as the Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC). The SLDC is the legal implementing device of the recently adopted Sustainable Growth Management Plan (SGMP) and contains detailed regulations for the development of land within the County. The County intends to create this new code through an extensive Public Input Process. The success of the SLDC depends on a strong public input process. The public process goal is to ensure citizens are heard. The first meeting series will begin on Wednesday, May 18 at the Edgewood Middle School at 6:30 p.m., below is the full first series meeting schedule.

Land development codes do not happen frequently. The original County code was passed in 1980 and updated in 1996. Development patterns and future growth locations impact everyone, whether you live in the city or county.

- Zoning, water, traffic, pollution, trails, open space, community planning, proximity of goods and services are all dependent on the Code
- Subdivisions, property improvements, home businesses, procedures and fees are all covered by the Code
- City residents are also County residents and even if you live in a city, nearby development in the County affects you, through increased traffic and other impacts

First Meeting Series Schedule:

South County - Edgewood Middle School, Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Galisteo - Galisteo Community Center, Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

El Centro - County Administration Building, Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 6 p.m.

El Norte - Sombrillo Elementary School Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

During the public input process there will be one meeting each series that will be webcast live at www.santafecounty.org and have interactive communication. During the interactive meeting, residents will have the ability to call in or email to the meeting to voice concerns, provide input and offer recommendations. The El Centro meeting on Wednesday, May 25 at the County Administration Building will be the meeting broadcast live with interactive communication.

The process is designed for public participation and Santa Fe County feels the public participates when they have the most impact.

- Important decision points will be identified and discussed before implementation through the Code
- SLDC Public Input Meetings will be held throughout the County
- Interactive access to identified meetings and other public input options will be available through the County website

For more information or to sign up to receive information on the SLDC contact Melissa Holmes at (505) 995-2717. Additional information will also be available at www.santafecounty.org by clicking on Sustainable Land Development Code under Hot Topics.

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