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Date: January 23, 2025

To: Public Works & Utilities Committee
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Via: Jesse Roach, Interim Public Utilities Department Director 

From: Bill Schneider, Water Resources and Conservation Manager 

Subject: MOU Between Santa Fe County and City of Santa Fe

ACTION:

Request for the Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Santa Fe County and City of Santa Fe regarding the County's contribution of funds to the City for Water and Wastewater Planning.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

The City of Santa Fe Water Division (Water) is in the process of completing 40 and 80-year water plans under the Santa Fe 2100 water plan, as directed under Resolution 2019-56. As part of this comprehensive planning effort, the City has entered into 2021 Santa Fe Integrated Management System Model and the 2023 Rio Grande Basin Study MOAs with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR). These MOAs are cost-share agreements that utilize state-of-the-science climate hydrology projections to evaluate future supply and demand conditions and develop adaptation strategies to ensure the City will continue to provide a safe and reliable water supply into the next century.

The City is partnered with Santa Fe County on several water resources agreements, including Amended and Restated Water Resources Agreement, the BDD Shared Pool agreement, the San Juan Chama Return Flow Project, and the Buckman Direct Diversion (BDD) joint powers agreement. The attached MOA builds on these agreements and will provide for a more comprehensive Santa Fe 2100 water plan that will utilize modeling analyses tools (STEWaRDS) to jointly evaluate City and County water supply vulnerabilities and adaptation strategies under climate change scenarios. The joint Santa Fe 2100 water plan outlined in this MOA will develop synergies in water resources and asset management and provide for a more integrated evaluation of City-County requirements centered on the Paseo Real Water Reclamation Facility Master Plan.

REQUEST:

Review and approval of the MOA between the City and County regarding the County's contributions of funds to support integration of County water supply and demand planning efforts with the City for water and Planning.

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