

Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission
April 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM
City of Santa Fe Transit Center, Room #117
2931 Rufina St., Santa Fe
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission was called to order by chair Hedi Klingel at 6:02 PM, on Thursday, April 10, 2025, 2931 Rufina St, Santa Fe, NM 87507.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Staff Liaison, Zoe Isaacson. City of Santa Fe, Water Division Water Resource Coordinator, Alan Hook participated in this meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION A motion was made by Klingel, seconded by Reisterer, Approve the amended agenda to prioritize the Informational Items as the first order of business.

VOTE The motion Passed on a roll call vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of the December 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes

MOTION A motion was made by Klingel, seconded by Hutchinson, to Approve.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

b. Approval of the February 13, 2025, Meeting Minutes

MOTION A motion was made by Klingel, seconded by Reisterer, to Approve.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

5. Communications from Other Agencies/Committees

a. Santa Fe Watershed Association Adopt Programs Update (Mori Hensley, Executive Director Santa Fe Watershed Association, Mori@santafewatershed.org)

Mori Hensley from the Santa Fe Watershed Association provided an update on Love Your Watershed Day on May 10, with Commissioners volunteering to table and speak to the 25-26 target Flow hydrograph. A ribbon-cutting for a rain garden at Ramirez Thomas Elementary was announced for April 16th.

b. Update on LCLC PER Study for Water and Wastewater Masterplan (Andrew Harnden, Santa Fe County Water Planner, aharnden@santafecountynm.gov)

Andrew Harden from Santa Fe County provided an update on the LCLC (La Cienega La

Cieneguilla) Preliminary Engineering Report focused on restoring aquifers and springs, which includes community meetings and site visits.

- c. Update on WPAC Work Plans and Activities (Peter Gowen, Board of Directors President, Santa Fe Watershed Association, pjgowen@gmail.com)

Peter Gowen provided an update on WAPC (Water Policy Advisory Committee). The WPAC workplan for 2025, which includes initiatives on stormwater management, wastewater systems, community outreach, and PFAS mitigation. Commissioners were invited to attend WPAC meetings and contribute to its ongoing projects.

6. Informational Items

Commissioner Hansen has concluded 10 years of dedicated service on the commission, during which she played a key role in initiatives like the Clean Water Act and being a firm supporter of maintaining cultural uses of the Living River flow, such as the San Ysidro Blessing. Honored with a signed letter from the Mayor, Commissioner Hansen was also invited by the Governor to the SB 21 signing ceremony—an effort that showcased her persistence and commitment to seeing important legislation through. As Commissioner Hansen moves on, she will continue her public service through participation in various boards and commissions.

- a. Santa Fe River Commission Election Results (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison zisaacson@santafenm.gov)

Zoe Isaacson announced the results of the recent Santa Fe River Commission elections. Bill Carey was appointed as the new chair, replacing Commissioner Klingel, who completed her term.

- b. Introduction of Commissioner Karen Jackson (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, zisaacson@santafenm.gov)

Karen Jackson was introduced as a new commissioner, bringing experience in fluvial geomorphology, environmental consulting, and geology work at LANL. One seat remains open on the Commission and nominations must be approved by the mayor.

7. Discussion and Action Items

- a. 2025-2026 NRCS Snowpack Prediction and Target Flow Hydrograph Implications (Alan Hook, Water Resource Coordinator, City of Santa Fe, aghook@santafenm.gov)

Alan Hook presented the River Commission with the snowpack prediction and proposed hydrograph for the 2025–2026 season. With only 21% of median snowpack expected, the draft hydrograph targets 300 acre-feet of flow, starting at 0.5 cfs and stepping up to 2 cfs in May. The hydrograph faces limitations such as low inflow, acequia delivery obligations, evaporation, and equipment constraints.

- b. Approval of the 2025- 2026 Target Flow Hydrograph (Heidi Klingel, River Commissioner, heidiklingel@hotmail.com)

MOTION A motion was made by Montoya, seconded by Hutchinson, to Approve the 2025-2026 Target flow Hydrograph.

VOTE The motion Passed on a roll call vote.

MOTION A motion was made by Hutchinson, seconded by Montoya, to create a working group to Amend the Target Flow Hydrograph; the proposed amendment due to Bill Carey by Monday April 21st.

VOTE The motion Passed on a roll call vote.

8. Matters from Staff

Alan updated the Commission on wildfire resilience efforts. Legislation such as SB33 and HB147 will provide funding through the Wildfire Defense Fund and support source water protection through open space buffers. Coordination with organizations like The Nature Conservancy is ongoing to reduce wildfire risk near Canyon Road and other critical infrastructure.

9. Matters from the Public

10. Matters from the Commission

- a. Matters From the Chair (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, zisaacson@santafenm.gov)

Zoe Isaacson relayed notes from the Chair, including plans for the Arbor Day celebration on April 24 and anticipation of the annual Two Mile Pond report.

- b. Subcommittee Updates (Subcommittee Chairs, Santa Fe River Commissioners)


The Education/Outreach group is developing interpretive signage and grant applications, while the Erosion Control group is coordinating regular workdays along the river corridor. Zoe Isaacson proposed involving Aaron Kauffman for technical support on erosion control projects. Eric Montoya reported on his new role as a commissioner for the Agua Fria Committee and shared updates on cleanup activities and vegetation efforts in that area.

11. Next Meeting:

- a. June 12, 2025, 6:00 PM

12. Adjourn

Adjourn at 8:15 pm



Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison

Attested To By:

Bill Carey, Santa Fe River Commission Chair