

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

General Information:

(Check) **Bill:** _____ **Resolution:** x

Short Title(s): Solutions to Issues Surrounding Two Mile Pond

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Summary:

This resolution directs the City of Santa Fe’s (“City”) City Manager to work with the Santa Fe River Commission and other relevant City staff to analyze and, if feasible, re-establish flows through the Santa Fe River’s approximate pre-development channel from below Nichols Reservoir to Cerro Gordo Road, to contract for a comprehensive engineering analysis of the Two Mile Pond complex and riparian corridor, and the design and establishment new infrastructure to support a free-flowing Santa Fe River. These actions would be accompanied by the commitment to collaborate and engage with identified stakeholders throughout the process. Additionally, the resolution directs that all planning, analysis, and implementation of the named actions would be guided by the principles of feasibility and long-term sustainability that would consider ecological value, water resource management, financial viability, and public safety.

Departments Affected:

This resolution will impact the Public Works Department due to anticipated changes in river infrastructure and access. These changes may involve upsizing the culvert under Cerro Gordo Road, which will necessitate construction and improvements to the right of way. Additionally, the resolution may require the Public Works Department to install in-channel structures to stabilize the reconfigured Santa Fe River channel and its banks, as well as to perform ongoing maintenance of these structures and associated open space amenities like trash cans and benches. The Public Utilities Department will also be affected, because existing utility crossings in the channel may require rerouting or improvements as a direct result of the work performed by the Public Works Department.

Consequences of Not Enacting Legislation:

If this resolution is not adopted, the existing issues surrounding Two Mile Pond are likely to persist, particularly those concerning the Santa Fe River’s flow, infrastructure, and ecological health. Inaction could lead to ongoing maintenance problems with current infrastructure, and a missed chance for comprehensive,

sustainable solutions to the area's resource management challenges. Furthermore, without the actions called for in resolution, the City would not be able to fully leverage the grant funding it was awarded to study and design a more robust culvert crossing at Cerro Gordo Road below Two Mile Pond, as the resolution provides essential support and direction for utilizing these funds effectively.

Conflict, Duplication, Companionship, or Relationship to Other Legislation:

Related Legislation includes the following: Santa Fe River Target Flow Ordinance 2012-10; Resolution 2012-28 Administrative Procedures for the Santa Fe River Target Flow Ordinance; Resolution 2007-14 Reestablishing the Santa Fe River Commission. There is no conflicting, duplicative, or companion legislation as related to this resolution.

Performance and Administrative Implications:

Enacting this resolution will require significant administrative oversight and coordination among the Public Works Department (Parks and Open Space Division), Public Utilities Department, the Santa Fe River Commission, and the City Manager's office. It will necessitate the allocation of staff time for planning, engineering analysis, stakeholder engagement, and project management. Performance will be measured by the successful re-establishment of the river flow, completion of the engineering analysis, design and establishment of new infrastructure, and effective collaboration with stakeholders, all guided by principles of feasibility and long-term sustainability.

Fiscal Implications:

This resolution will have fiscal implications, as it directs actions that require financial investment. Costs will primarily arise from a comprehensive engineering analysis of the Two Mile Pond complex and riparian corridor, as well as the design and establishment of new infrastructure. This new infrastructure is intended to support a free-flowing Santa Fe River and may include upsizing the culvert under Cerro Gordo Road and constructing in-channel structures. Additionally, this work would likely necessitate expenditures for construction and improvements to the right-of-way, along with potential rerouting or improvements of utility crossings. It is important to note that the City was awarded a Hazard Mitigation Advanced Assistance Award from FEMA in the amount of \$797,144, which will significantly reduce the design costs associated with the study of this system and the culvert replacement at Cerro Gordo Road. Beyond these initial investments, fiscal impacts will also include the ongoing maintenance of the resulting open space and amenities, such as trash cans and benches. The resolution emphasizes financial viability as a guiding principle, ensuring that cost considerations will be integral throughout the planning and implementation phases. The precise total fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time, as it depends on the completion of the engineering analysis and design phases. However, the overall cost is anticipated to be substantial, requiring dedicated funding. Potential funding sources include capital improvement projects, bond funds, grant, or other allocated City resources.

Fiscal Impact

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Expenditures

Expenditure Type	FYE 27	FYE 28	FYE 29	Require BAR (Y/N)	Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)	Fund	3-Year Total Cost
<u>Personnel and Benefits*</u>	<u>\$ 10,600</u>	<u>\$ 10,600</u>	<u>\$ 10,600</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>\$31,800</u>
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>\$ 63,323</u>	<u>\$ 63,323</u>	<u>\$ 63,323</u>	<u>N</u>		<u>231</u>	<u>\$189,969</u>
<u>Contractual/ Professional Services</u>	<u>\$ 202,390</u>	<u>\$202,390</u>	<u>\$ 202,390</u>		<u>NR</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>\$607,170</u>
<u>Operating</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>		<u>R</u>		<u>\$</u>
Total:	<u>\$276,313</u>	<u>\$276,313</u>	<u>\$276,313</u>				<u>\$ 828,939</u>

This includes all staff time associated with executing the job functions of the proposed legislation.

Expenditure Narrative:

Seventy five percent of the Contractual /Professional Services will be funded by the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant award rounded to the nearest dollar. The Stormwater Fund will fund 25 % of the Personnel/Benefits costs for the federal grant match requirement because programmatic and design costs are covered by the utility service charge.

Revenue

Revenue Type	FYE __	FYE __	FYE __	Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)		Fund
General Fund	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>			<u></u>
Special Revenue	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>			<u></u>
CIP	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>			<u></u>
Enterprise	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>			<u></u>
Internal Service	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>			<u></u>
Trust and Agency	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>			<u></u>
Federal	<u>\$ 202,390</u>	<u>\$ 202,390</u>	<u>\$ 202,390</u>	<u>N</u>	231	
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Other	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Total	<u>\$202,390</u>	<u>\$202,390</u>	<u>\$202,390</u>		

Revenue Narrative:

Revenue is captured through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant (less the 25% match funds) rounded to the nearest dollar.

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