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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Amanda Chavez

Councilor Jamie Cassutt

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO OBTAIN AN UPDATED APPRAISAL AND NEGOTIATE A SALES PRICE FOR POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF 122.634 ACRES OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE PASEO REAL WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY.

WHEREAS, since 1961 the City of Santa Fe (“City”) has operated the Paseo Real Water Reclamation Facility (“PRWRF”) at its current location along the Santa Fe River north of the Municipal Airport, to treat wastewater to a quality sufficient for discharge to the Santa Fe River, to apply to City parks for irrigation, or for resale to other irrigation users; and

WHEREAS, the plant is located on approximately 61.88 acres of land, of which the majority of usable space is being utilized; and

WHEREAS, current operations produce more sludge than the Caja Del Rio Landfill will accept resulting in expensive transport to landfills outside of Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, if the City had space to dry the sludge, it could all be disposed of at the Caja Del Rio Landfill; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Wastewater Division is currently working to rehabilitate or replace much of the PRWRF; and

1 **WHEREAS**, additional space near the PRWRF would allow for expanded sludge drying,
2 staging for construction during PRWRF rehabilitation or replacement, and possibly more replacement
3 options for PRWRF; and

4 **WHEREAS**, there is an undeveloped lot of 122.634 acres adjacent to PRWRF to the northwest
5 (“adjacent lot”) which may be available for purchase; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the appraised value of the adjacent lot in November 2023 was \$1,180,000.

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
8 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City Manager shall direct staff to obtain an updated appraisal and, if in
9 the best interest of the City, may engage in negotiations with the landowner to acquire the adjacent lot
10 at a price at or below the updated appraised value.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any final approval of the purchase of the real property
12 will be made at the sole discretion of the Governing Body.

13 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this ___ day of _____ 2026.

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16 MICHAEL GARCIA, MAYOR

17 ATTEST:

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20 GERALYN CARDENAS, INTERIM CITY CLERK

21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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23 Marcos Martinez
[Marcos Martinez \(Jan 9, 2026 11:52:47 MST\)](#)
24 MARCOS MARTÍNEZ, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

25 *Legislation/2026/Resolutions/Negotiate Purchase Land Adjacent to Wastewater Treatment Plant*