

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

General Information:

(Check) Bill:  X  Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_

Short Title(s): Allowing Fishing in the Santa Fe Municipal Watershed for Specific and Limited Events

Sponsor(s): Councilor Paul Bustamante and Mayor Michael J. Garcia

Reviewing Department(s): Public Utilities Department

Staff Completing FIR: Allan Hook, Water Resources Coordinator Date: 6/3/2026

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Reviewed by City Attorney: *Juan E. Ruybalis* Date: 06/03/2026

Reviewed by Finance Director: *Andrea Phillips* ANDREA PHILLIPS (Jun 4, 2026 09:41:01 MDT) Date: 06/04/2026

Summary:

The proposed bill would amend SFCC 1987, Section 25-1.9 to create a limited exception to the current prohibition on fishing within the Santa Fe watershed. Fishing would remain generally prohibited except for specific and limited fishing events on city-owned property and approved at a Governing Body meeting. The proposed change would maintain existing watershed protections including prohibitions on trespassing, bathing, hiking, camping, hunting, picnicking, grazing of domestic livestock, and unauthorized shooting, while allowing specific and limited fishing events approved by the Governing Body.

Departments Affected:

Public Utilities

Consequences of Not Enacting Legislation:

If this legislation is not adopted, fishing activities within the Santa Fe watershed will remain prohibited without exception.

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

Resolution No. 2012-20 adopted the City's Administrative Procedures for Santa Fe River Target Flows, and Ordinance No. 2012-10 created Article 25-13 of SFCC 1887 regarding the Santa Fe River Target Flow for a Living River Initiative.

Performance and Administrative Implications:

For several years the upper Santa Fe River watershed conditions have not been met, or the Santa Fe River daily target flows have not been adequate to consider the Fishing Derby. In 2026, NM Dept. of Game & Fish plans on a Free Fishing Day in September. This would be an opportune

time to successfully hold the Children's Fishing Derby at Nichols Reservoir on city-owned property at a location to be determined. The Fishing Derby provides opportunities for children and families to join with neighbors to experience a fun and engaging day by the river, to learn about the Santa Fe River and riparian ecology, and to learn fishing skills. If the Governing Body approves the Children's Fishing Derby event at Nichols Reservoir, City staff would devote time and resources to planning for and holding the Children's Fishing Derby as described above.

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**Fiscal Implications:**

None at this time.

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**Fiscal Impact**

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**Expenditures**

<b>Expenditure Type</b>	<b>FYE 2026</b>	<b>FYE 2027</b>	<b>FYE 2028</b>	<b>Require BAR (Y/N)</b>	<b>Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>3-Year Total Cost</b>
<u>Personnel and Benefits*</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>Contractual/</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	
<u>Professional Services</u>							
<u>Operating</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	\$ _____
<u>Total:</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____				\$ _____

**Expenditure Narrative:**

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**Revenue**

<b>Revenue Type</b>	<b>FYE 2026</b>	<b>FYE 2027</b>	<b>FYE 2028</b>	<b>Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)</b>	<b>Fund</b>
General Fund	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Special Revenue	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
CIP	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Enterprise	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Internal Service	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Trust and Agency	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Federal	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Other	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		

**Revenue Narrative:**

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