



MINUTES

SANTA FE RIVER
COMMISSION
OCTOBER 14, 2021
6:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting started at 6:02 PM

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Member Phil Bove
Member Heidi Klingel
Member Rachel Kullman
Member Anna Hansen

Members Excused:

Member Vanessa Springer
Member Emile Sawyer
Member Andrew Black
Member Susan Coulter

Others Attending:

Zoe Isaacson, River and Watershed Project Administrator

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Member Hansen moved, seconded by Member Klingel, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Member Bove, Member Klingel, Member Kullman, Member Hansen

Against: None

Abstain: None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Approval of minutes from 7/8/2021 meeting



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MOTION: Member Klingel moved, seconded by Member Hansen, to approve the minutes as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Member Bove, Member Klingel, Member Kullman, Member Hansen

Against: None

Abstain: None

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES/COMMITTEES

- a. Report from Santa Fe Watershed Association (Amara Nash, Outreach Coordinator, amara@santafewatershed.org)
- b. Santa Fe County Update (Mike Romero, Greenway/River Trail Project Manager, Public Works Department, miromero@santafecountynm.gov)

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. ASR Progress Report: Conceptualizing Living River Ordinance adaptations for ASR (Bill Schneider, Water Resources Coordinator, whschneider@santafenm.gov, 505.955.4203)

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

8. MATTERS FROM STAFF

- a. Green Infrastructure and stormwater utilization in upcoming NMDOT projects (Zoe Isaacson, River and Watershed Project Administrator, 505.955.6853, zrisaacson@santafenm.gov)
- b. Brother's Lane Rain Garden Update (Zoe Isaacson, River and Watershed Project Administrator, 505.955.6853, zrisaacson@santafenm.gov)
- c. Recruiting new River Commission Members (Zoe Isaacson, River and Watershed Project Administrator, 505.955.6853, zrisaacson@santafenm.gov)



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- d. Tour of upper Santa Fe watershed scheduled for October 30th (Zoe Isaacson, River and Watershed Project Administrator, 505.955.6853, zrisaacson@santafenm.gov)

9. **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

10. **MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- a. Waters of the US (WOTUS) and how to get involved (Santa Fe County Commissioner Anna Hansen, 505-986-6329, ahansen@santafecountynm.gov)
- b. The Santa Fe River in Agua Fria Village (Santa Fe County Commissioner Anna Hansen, 505-986-6329, ahansen@santafecountynm.gov)
- c. Draft Source Water Protection Plan Public Meeting Report (www.santafenm.gov/river_and_watershed) (Heidi Klingel, River Commission Vice-Chair, heidiklingel@hotmail.com)
- d. Update from the Chair (Rachel Kullman, River Commission Chair, Rachel@Kullmanwater.com)

11. **NEXT MEETING: January 13 2022**

12. **ADJOURN**

Persons with disabilities in need of accommodations, contact the City Clerk's office at 955-6521, five (5) working days prior to meeting date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Zoe Isaacson

Liaison

Chair

MONTHLY REPORT: December 2021

To: The City of Santa Fe River & Watershed Coordinator

From: Santa Fe Watershed Association

Date: December 31, 2021

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RE: Adopt-the-River & Adopt-an-Arroyo Programs

Santa Fe
WATERSHED
ASSOCIATION

Despite continued complications from COVID-19, volunteer and collection numbers seem to be improving. Natural seasonal decreases in volunteering can be observed.

Task 1. PLAN FOR RESTORING AND MAINTAINING ADOPTED RIVER REACHES AND ARROYOS

- ✓ 12/3/21, Kai Forsley Family cleaned River Reach 10
- ✓ 12/3/21, Kevin Meyers (Amma Foundation) cleaned Arroyo de los Pinos by LaFarge
- ✓ 12/3/21, Lisa Farrand's steward team cleaned from Frenchy's to Tumbleroot
- ✓ 12/4/21, Pamela Hinds cleaned Louis Montano park to Defouri (River Reaches 15-18)
- ✓ 12/9/21, Tom Rebstock cleaned Arroyo Chamisos from Cm. Carlos Rey to Av. Las Campanas
- ✓ 12/10/21, NM State Land Office cleaned River Reach 11
- ✓ 12/10/21, NM State Supreme Court cleaned River Reach 12
- ✓ 12/26/21, Lisa Farrand's steward team cleaned from Frenchy's to Tumbleroot

TASK 2. COORDINATE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLANNING

- ✓ Coordinating waterings on an ongoing basis, scheduled in relation to rainfall events. Will resume in early spring.

Task 3. REPORT ON STEWARDS AND MONETARY SPONSORS

- ✓ All reaches of the river have sponsors except for reaches 14,15, 19, 20, 26, and in the County: San Isidro Crossing (29C), Camino Real (30D), and Paseo Real (40).
- ✓ There are 3 reaches that need Steward teams (Reach 16, San Isidro Crossing -*pending*, and the same two County reaches that need sponsors). An additional reach was added from Frenchy's field to Tumbleroot as the previous reaches were very long. This new reach has a steward team.
- ✓ Arroyo reaches with signs are all sponsored except for 8.
- ✓ Five arroyo reaches need Steward Teams and we've added a Steward team on Arroyo Chamisos near the new Walmart.
- ✓ SFWA is actively looking for sponsors and stewards for the Adopt-an-Arroyo and Adopt-the-River programs.
- ✓ Adopt-an-Arroyo Program Manager, Amara Nash, and Administrative Director Raquel Baca-Tompson have sent out sponsor invoices and renewal letters and will continue approaching potential Sponsors.

- ✓ Adopt-an-Arroyo Program Manager, Amara Nash and Steward Coordinator Keely Jackson Kennemore are tracking Steward renewals, approaching new potential Stewards and “Angel” Volunteers, and encouraging current steward teams to clean their reaches and, occasionally, other reaches in need of a cleanup.

TASK 4. ORGANIZE AND SUPPORT TRASH REMOVAL AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Reach Report for December 2021 totals for **FY 2021-22** are as follows:

	Reaches/visits	Volunteers	Trash Bags Collected	Volunteer Hours
Totals through November				
River	55	254	295	498.75
Arroyos	11	108	193	298.5
December				
River	8	14	27	24
Arroyos	2	4	15	6
Totals	76	380	530	827.25

The value of the volunteers' in-kind contributions in City river reaches and arroyos to date in **FY 21/22** is approximately **\$21,037** (827.25 hours @ \$25.43; see www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time).

The approximate total weight of trash collected to date in **FY 21/22** is **3.98 tons** (530 bags * 15 lbs/bag * 1/2000 tons/lb)

TASK 5. POST SIGNS FROM ARMIJO PARK TO FRENCHY’S FIELD

- ✓ Amara Nash and Andy Otto regularly check signs for wear and tear. Signs are from Cerro Gordo Road to Siler Bridge.
- ✓ City staff continues to help with post and sign installation for the arroyo reaches.
 - SFWA will be requesting meeting with City staff to determine proper sign installation for new sponsor reaches.

TASK 6. PROVIDE TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR VOLUNTEERS REGARDING RIVER & ARROYO RESTORATION

- ✓ During cleanups that Keely and Amara attend, they speak to the volunteers about water conservation and water challenges in the Southwest.
- ✓ We are working on developing more virtual education materials and outreach with the Santa Fe Public Schools Office of Sustainability.
- ✓ We have received funding to create a series of educational videos for existing and potential stewards. They will be available to the public by then end of January 2022.

TASK 7. ORGANIZE THREE ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENTS

- ✓ The next event is Love Your River on the weekend of February 12, 2022

TASK 8. COORDINATE WITH CITY STAFF TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY.

- ✓ Keely Jackson Kennemore and Amara Nash notify River and Watershed Coordinator Zoe Isaacson, Melissa MacDonald, and Parks Superintendent about each Steward clean-up outing to schedule trash collection. They also relay observations received from Stewards to Zoe Isaacson and Melissa McDonald.
- ✓ Homeless activity, including evidence of fire, along the reach downstream from Frenchy's Field.
- ✓ Lots of molded bedding and clothing in Arroyo de los Pinos.

TASK 9. SEND MONTHLY REPORTS OF WORK DONE THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

- ✓ We are hereby providing report of activity for December 2021 to the City of Santa Fe River and Watershed Coordinator.

TASK 10. CONDUCT PUBLIC OUTREACH TO PROMOTE PROGRAMS AS WELL AS TO THANK SPONSORS AND STEWARDS. INCLUDE PRESENTATIONS TO NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS, AND MAINTAIN A WEB SITE.

- ✓ We have been using social media sites as well as volunteermatch.com and nextdoor, to thank volunteers and to recruit new volunteers for River and Arroyo Stewardship.
- ✓ We are exploring virtual ways to promote and educate the community on the Adopt-an-Arroyo Program.

Submitted by: Amara Nash, SFWA Adopt-the-River and Adopt-an-Arroyo Program Manager