



MINUTES

SANTA FE RIVER
COMMISSION
JUNE 09, 2022
6:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING

1 CALL TO ORDER

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Member Phil Bove
Member Heidi Klingel
Member Anna Hansen
Member Susan Coulter

Members Excused:

Member Vanessa Springer
Member Emile Sawyer
Member Rachel Kullman
Member Andrew Black

Others Attending:

Zoe Isaacson, River and Watershed Project Administrator

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Member Hansen moved, seconded by Member Coulter, to approve the agenda as amended.

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

For: Member Bove, Member Klingel, Member Hansen, Member Coulter

Against: None

Commissioner Hansen made a motion to amend the agenda to strike item 5 a. from the agenda as Bill Schneider was unable to make the meeting.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a.. Approval of January 13th, 2022 Meeting Minutes



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MOTION: Member Coulter moved, seconded by Member Hansen, to approve the January 13th meeting minutes as presented.

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

For: Member Bove, Member Klingel, Member Hansen, Member Coulter

Against: None

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES/COMMITTEES

- a.. SFWA Adopt-the-River/Adopt-an-Arroyo Status Report (Amara Nash, SFWA Outreach Coordinator, amarasfwater@gmail.com)

Amara Nash of the Santa Fe Watershed Association announced the upcoming dates of the community-wide volunteer cleanup event of the Santa Fe River and contributing arroyos- the event will be held from June 20th to June 26th. This includes City and County land.

Andy Otto's last day as Director of the Santa Fe Watershed Association will be on July 15th, 2022. Mori Hensley will be taking his place as Director.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a.. ASR Status Update (Bill Schneider, Water Resources Manager, 505.955-4203, whschneider@santafenm.gov)
- b.. The Santa Fe Water Resources Indicator: A Tool to Guide Seasonal Conservation Policy for City and County Water Utility Customers (Bill Schneider, Water Resources Manager, 505.955-4203, whschneider@santafenm.gov)

Mr. Roach, Director of the City of Santa Fe Water Division presented the Santa Fe Water Resource Indicator, a tool developed by the Water

Division that will inform policy decisions around water conservation and resource allocation. The tool scores the robustness of our water resource portfolio (ground and surface) and the severity of drought to produce a final score. The score is then used as an indicator by policy makers when setting conservation goals for the year. Ideally the Indicator would be used in mid-winter, prior to the start of the water year.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a.. 2022-2023 Living River Target Flow Hydrograph (Patricio Pacheco, Water Resource Analyst, 505.955-4221, pmpacheco@sanafenm.gov)

The 2022-2023 Target Flow Hydrograph was approved via email prior to this meeting. By the time this meeting took place, the hydrograph had been in practice for a month. Mr. Pacheco presented the approved hydrograph, the releases to date, and the near term outlook considering the rapid reduction of inflow above McClure Reservoir. At the time of the meeting, inflow above McClure was at 2.3 cfs. The target flow was at 2cfs. The acequias are currently shortage sharing- on the days of irrigation deliveries, Mondays and Wednesdays, the river will go close to dry. On non-irrigation days, the river will have 2cfs of flow until the bypass constraint limits us even further.

Ms. Isaacson mentioned that she has had really positive feedback for the hydrograph this year and the community has been thoroughly enjoying the river corridor. Zoe stated that she thought the approach of reducing peak flows and extending the duration of higher base flows has really helped wet the channel and provide much needed water to the vegetation along the river. New plantings below Frenchy's are getting water.

Commissioner Hansen said that she was regretful that Agua Fria Village did not get flows at the San Isidro Blessing and stated that the village was upset by this. Zoe and Alan Hook both commented on the fact that the hydrograph was developed with the blessing in mind and the River Commission and City made every attempt to deliver water that far down channel.

Chairwoman Klingel also spoke to the success of thy hydrograph and also enjoyed seeing water in the channel for a sustained period.



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8. MATTERS FROM STAFF

- a.. River and Watershed Project Updates (Zoe Isaacson, Acting River and Watershed Manager, 505.955-6853, zrisaacson@santafe.gov)

Ms. Isaacson discussed the Santa Fe River Repair work and the plans to finish work in the fall. In collaboration with the Santa Fe Watershed Association, the Brother's Lane Rain Garden and Camino Escondido Stilling Basins were fully constructed and that the City hopes to have a ribbon cutting event in early July to celebrate. Ms. Isaacson attended a GSI maintenance training in Albuquerque and also helped review a maintenance manual with Bernalillo County to help with GSI implementation and success in the City. The City continues to collaborate with the County and NMDOT on MS4 compliance and hopes to co-host a River talk with the County this fall. Ms. Isaacson reminded folks to start thinking of River Talks they would like to see on the tour this year.

- b.. Status of River Commission Appointments (Zoe Isaacson, Acting River and Watershed Manager, 505.955-6853, zrisaacson@santafenm.gov)

Ms. Isaacson stated that we are still looking for candidates and will have to readvertise for candidates.

Susan Coulter has resigned from the commission. Ms. Isaacson and Chair Klingel both stated their appreciation for Susan's dedication and commitment to the cause. Commissioner Hansen also thanked her for her efforts.

- c.. River and Watershed Section Moves to Parks Division (Zoe Isaacson, Acting River and Watershed Manager, 505.955-6853, zrisaacson@santafenm.gov)



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Ms. Isaacson said this was not likely to happen as quickly as first anticipated as staffing shortages have affected the timeline of transition.

9. **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

10. **MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- a.. Acequia Madre Stormwater Tresspass Mapping (Phil Bove, pjbove@aol.com)

Mr. Bove would like to get gps coordinates for all stormwater tresspass locations along the Acequia Madre. Mr. Bove stated that he has spoken with the City's GIS staff to help with the effort and is asking for vokunteers from the Commission to help. Chair Klingel said this might be a good project to take on once the other Commissioners are appointed. Ms. Isaacson said she would help with the mapping and share the handwritten hardcopy with the team.

- b.. WOTUS: Trump-era Water Rule Reinstated (Commissioner Hansen, 505.986-6329, ahansen@santafecountynm.gov)

Commissioner Hansen stated her disappointment with the reinstatement of the Trump- Era Water Rule and continues to lobby for primacy with NMED and other concerned parties.

- c.. Stormwater Storymap Goes Live! Link:
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/54ab488defbc4c68986fd3240b66cc81> (Heidi Klingel, Chair, heidiklingel@hotmail.com)

- d.. SF River Steward Clean Up Event- June or July (Heidi Klingel, Chair, heidiklingel@hotmail.com)

11. **NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 14, 2022**

12. **ADJOURN**

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM

Liaison

Chair