



MINUTES

SANTA FE RIVER
COMMISSION
OCTOBER 13, 2022
6:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Klingel at 6:05 PM

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Member Heidi Klingel
Member Rachel Kullman
Voting Member Patrick Smyth
Voting Member Daniel Spivak
Voting Member Andrew Erdmann
Voting Member Michael Gonzales

Members Excused:

Member Phil Bove
Santa Fe County Commissioner Anna Hansen
Voting Member Jacob Lyon

Others Attending:

Zoe Isaacson, River and Watershed Project Administrator

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Member Klingel moved, seconded by Voting Member Erdmann, to

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

For: Member Klingel, Member Kullman, Voting Member Smyth, Voting Member Spivak, Voting Member Erdmann, Voting Member Gonzales

Against: None

Abstain: None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Approval of June 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes



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MOTION: Member Klingel moved, seconded by Member Kullman, to Approval of minutes is postponed until all current members from the June 9th meeting are present.

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

For: Member Klingel, Member Kullman

Against: None

Abstain: Voting Member Smyth, Voting Member Spivak, Voting Member Erdmann, Voting Member Gonzales

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES/COMMITTEES

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

Ms. May discussed the September Adopt the River and Arroyo programs. Ms. May mentioned the Hunt for a Red Rocktober event to be held this month and how volunteers can participate. Also discussed was the SFWAs new focus on recruitment protocols and solicitation of volunteers and how the program is being evaluated and retooled to have a more effective recruitment strategy. Ms. May mentioned that the SFWA is still not seeing the level of participation experienced pre-covid, but volunteer numbers are trending in the right direction.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

Mr. Pacheco presented the updated hydrograph showing what the Living River releases were to date and what we can expect moving forward towards the end of the water year. The hydrograph contained data



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showing the effect of storm flows on discharge volumes in the channel and how the Living River Releases helped provide critical base flows until the start of the monsoon season. Mr. Pacheco discussed the Water Divisions approach the managing and tracking water moving through the reservoirs and the City and Commission work together to determine the daily allocation of releases.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Commissioner Introductions

This meeting was the first for several newly appointed Commissioners, including: Andrew Erdmann, Mike Gonzales, Daniel Spivak and Pat Smyth. Reappointed members, new members and staff introduced themselves, their background and roles on, or in support of, the Commission.

b. The Santa Fe River Commission: History, Purpose and Moving Forward (Zoe Isaacson, River and Watershed Coordinator, zrisaacson@santafenm.gov, 505.955-6853)

Ms. Isaacson reviewed the purpose and need of the Commission and the guiding principles of the Commission. After the discussion of the Commission's role, housekeeping items were discussed, such as: elections, meeting dates and times, and how often the group would like to meet. Currently the Commission meets quarterly and the members were asked to return in January with their opinions on if this is meeting their needs or if they would like to increase the recurrence to every other month.

Vice Chair Kullman reminded the Commissioners that their primary responsibility is to protect the Living River and that all items, issues and potential projects brought to the Commission should be viewed through this lens.

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8. MATTERS FROM STAFF

- a. Santa Fe River Repairs to Resume (Zoe Isaacson, River and Watershed Coordinator, zrisaacson@santafenm.gov, 505.955-6853)

Santa Fe River Repairs are slated to resume on Areas 6a, 7 and 8 on October 31st. Planting and seeding will occur during the planting window opening in mid-February. The City hopes to be completed with the project by the start of irrigation and living releases in mid- April.

Chairwoman Klingel requested that the City ask the contractor to rip the area of the track pad deeper than required to remove the abundant new Siberian elm growth.

- b. River Talks Summary (Zoe Isaacson, River and Watershed Coordinator, zrisaacson@santafenm.gov, 505.955-6853)

The River Talks 2022 were successful and well attended. In total there were seven talks with an average of 15 attendees at each talk with several having well over 25 attendees. Many of the participants enjoyed the talks and said they are looking forward to next year's lineup.

Ms. Isaacson mentioned that she would like to start planning these well in advance of the Series to have more time to recruit speakers and advertise.

- c. Project Updates
(Zoe Isaacson, River and Watershed Coordinator, zrisaacson@santafenm.gov, 505.955-6853)

Ms. Isaacson reviewed project that the River and Watershed Section are currently working on. These include but are not limited to: the Arroyo de los Pinos, vegetation management, Santa Fe River Repairs and several trail repairs.

9. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

10. MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION



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- a. Adopt-the-River Stewardship Responsibilities (Heidi Klingel, River Commission Chair, heidiklingel@hotmail.com)

Chairwoman Klingel mentioned the Adopt the River section that the River Commission has adopted as stewards. She would like to have Commissioners partake in cleaning events every other month with the Commissioners rotating to take on the responsibility of coordinating the event.

11. **NEXT MEETING: January 12 2023**

Next meeting is scheduled for January 12th at 6:00 PM

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41PM

Liaison

Chair