

**Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission**  
**October 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM**  
**City of Santa Fe Transit Center, Room #117**  
**2931 Rufina St., Santa Fe**  
**MINUTES**

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Approval of the June 12th, 2025, Meeting Minutes
  - b. Approval of the August 14th 2025, Meeting Minutes
5. Communications from Other Agencies/Committees
  - a. Santa Fe Watershed Association Adopt Programs Update (Mori Hensley, Executive Director Santa Fe Watershed Association, [Mori@santafewatershed.org](mailto:Mori@santafewatershed.org))

Mori Hensley from the Santa Fe Watershed Association reported on a successful fall event series and announced the start of a three-year watershed planning process. The plan will prioritize restoration sites and increase collaboration among partners, including universities and city agencies. Mori also invited Commissioners to engage with the Santa Fe Forward Plan, which is rewriting the City's 1999 Comprehensive Plan, and encouraged them to submit input before the November 2 deadline. SFWA will also host a water-focused discussion on October 27 and plans to improve volunteer engagement in its Adopt-a-Watershed programs.

6. Informational Items
  - a. Discussion Regarding the Removal of Elms, (Ryan Pitcher, City of Santa Fe IPM Manager [rspitcher@santafenm.gov](mailto:rspitcher@santafenm.gov))

Ryan Pitcher, the City's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Manager, presented on the challenges of managing invasive elm trees. He explained that IPM focuses on prevention, monitoring, and sustainable management, with chemical use as a last resort. Elms pose ecological and infrastructure problems due to their rapid growth and water use. Commissioners discussed possible management strategies, expressing limited support for targeted, limited chemical treatments under strict conditions and emphasizing the importance of native planting, education, and long-term monitoring.

7. Discussion and Action Items

- a. Santa Fe River Commission SubCommittee Updates (Subcommittee Chairs, Santa Fe River Commission)

8. Matters from Staff

Staff announced two upcoming River Talks events, on October 11 and October 18. These sessions aim to foster community engagement and dialogue on watershed topics.

9. Matters from the Public

Alan Hook the Water Resource Coordinator for the City of Santa Fe, shared updates on McClure and Nichols Dam improvements, including a new flume and the upcoming Golden Valve Ceremony. He noted that target flows had paused in August and would resume in February. He also highlighted recent IPM activities by the Forest Stewards Guild and progress on dam restoration and replanting efforts.

10. Matters from the Commission

- a. Subcommittee Breakout Session (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, [zrisaacson@santafenm.gov](mailto:zrisaacson@santafenm.gov))

11. Next Meeting:

December 11th, 2025, 6:00 PM

12. Adjourn

*Zoe Isaacson*

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Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liason

Attested To By:

*Bill Carey*

Bill Carey (Dec 18, 2025 10:33:45 MST)

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Bill Carey, Santa Fe River Commission Chair