



**Agenda Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe
River Commission
February 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM
City of Santa Fe Transit Center,
Room #117
2931 Rufina St., Santa Fe**

Procedures for Santa Fe River Commission Meeting

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of the December 11th, 2025 Meeting Minutes
5. Communications from Other Agencies/Committees
 - a. Santa Fe Watershed Association Programs Update (Mori Hensley, Executive Director Santa Fe Watershed Association, Mori@santafewatershed.org)
6. Informational Items
 - a. Cerro Gordo Culvert Design and Flood Study Scope of Work (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, zisaacson@santafenm.gov)
7. Discussion and Action Items
 - a. Two Mile Pond Year Two Monitoring Results and Conclusions (Steve Finch, PG, Principal Hydrogeologist- Geochemist, John Shomaker & Associates, Inc., sfinch@shomaker.com)
 - b. Junior Ranger Booklet Update (Daniel Alt, Project Specialist, Dalt@santafenm.gov)
8. Matters from Staff
9. Matters from the Public
10. Matters from the Commission

- a. Subcommittee Breakout Session (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, zisaacson@santafenm.gov)
- b. Open Discussion Regarding the Pursuit of Possible Grants For Interpretive Signs Along the River. (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, zisaacson@santafenm.gov)

11. Next Meeting:

12. Adjourn

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission was called to order by chair Bill Carey at 6:02 PM, on Thursday, December 11, 2025, 2931 Rufina St, Santa Fe, NM 87507.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Staff Liaison, Zoe Isaacson. All Commissioners were present. Commissioner Klingel attended through Zoom. In attendance were City of Santa Fe Water Division Staff Alan Hook, Public Works Staff, Daniel Alt and Claire Jordy, and members of the public.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Price, to move item 10a to Item 10b

VOTE The motion Passed on a Roll Call Vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of the October 9th 2025 Meeting Minutes

MOTION A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Reisterer, to Approve October 9th Meeting Minutes.

VOTE The motion Passed on a Roll Call Vote.

5. Communications from Other Agencies/Committees

a. Santa Fe Watershed Association Programs Update (Mori Hensley, Executive Director Santa Fe Watershed Association, Mori@santafewatershed.org)

Mori Hensley of the Santa Fe Watershed Association provided an update, expressing appreciation for collaboration with the River Commission and River & Watershed staff over the past year. Additional program updates will be shared at the February meeting, and staff will distribute the November report to the Commission.

6. Informational Items

a. Santa Fe River Work In-progress (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, zisaacson@santafenm.gov)

Updates were provided on ongoing river work by multiple partners. Full Circle Santa Fe described cleanup, invasive removal, seeding, and community engagement efforts, with a focus on building stewardship around the river. Zoe Isaacson shared progress from

Friends of the Santa Fe River, Seeds of Wisdom, and Southwest Urban Hydrology projects, including vegetation management, trail accessibility improvements, drainage and erosion control design, and upcoming infrastructure work. Additional updates included Santa Fe River and arroyo repair projects, funding efforts, and areas identified as needing additional resources, particularly between Closson and St. Francis.

7. Discussion and Action Items

- a. Approval of the 2026 Santa Fe River Commission Meeting Calendar (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, zisaacson@santafenm.gov)

MOTION A motion was made by Price, seconded by Reisterer, to Approve the 2026 River Commission Calendar.

VOTE The motion Passed on a Roll Call Vote.

- b. Cerro Gordo Culvert Design and Flood Study Scope of Work (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, zisaacson@santafenm.gov)

Zoe Isaacson presented the draft scope of work for the Cerro Gordo culvert study, emphasizing its role as a first step toward potential river realignment and hazard mitigation. Commissioners provided detailed feedback regarding study scope, modeling assumptions, ecological design considerations, stakeholder engagement, climate and fire risk, and evacuation planning. Staff acknowledged the comments and committed to strengthening and clarifying the scope consistent with grant requirements.

8. Matters from Staff

- a. River Talks Updates and Future Plans (Claire Jordy, River and Watershed Project Manager csjordy@santafenm.gov)

Claire Jordy shared updates on this past year's River Talks series and the future programming, including ideas for lightning rounds, future speakers, expanded use of iNaturalist, and partnerships with local organizations. Discussion included advertising strategies, sponsorships, and modest venue costs.

9. Matters from the Public

Lisa Farrand provided an update on volunteer-led river stewardship efforts, noting significant progress in invasive removal between Frenchy's Field and Siler Road. She highlighted the strong community response, the impact of volunteers, and the need to better support and grow river stewardship programs.

10. Matters from the Commission

Eric Montoya shared an update on his role as mayordomo for the Acequia Madre Association, describing its historic significance, maintenance efforts, volunteer involvement, and coordination with the City on stormwater and erosion control. Discussion included public education needs, unauthorized river alterations, stormwater impacts, and opportunities for coordinated outreach and stewardship.

- a. Subcommittee Breakout Session (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, zisaacson@santafenm.gov)

The trash can signage subcommittee shared progress on native plant signage designs for the river trail. The project includes 12 unique designs and will be installed by June 30 as part of the Que Linda grant, with final feedback to be submitted to staff.

11. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission is scheduled for February 12, 2026.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison

Attested To By:

Bill Carey, Santa Fe River Commission Chair

Flood Capacity at Cerro Gordo Rd: Culvert Design and Flood Study Scope of Work

This scope of work details the professional services required for a flood study and engineering design for improving flood capacity under Cerro Gordo Road. The project's primary goal is to ensure adequate flood conveyance capacity, supported by a comprehensive hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) analysis of the entire river corridor between McClure Reservoir and the Cerro Gordo Road crossing. The objective of this study is to support public safety, correct and update FEMA floodplain boundaries and design a storm flow conveyance at Cerro Gordo Road able to handle all the 100-year event based on the future Santa Fe River realignment through the predevelopment channel also referred to as the present-day Two-Mile Pond Complex.

Phase 1: H&H Analysis

- **Task 1: Data Acquisition and Site Reconnaissance**
 - Where needed for flood hydraulic analysis conduct a topographic survey of the project area, including the Cerro Gordo Road crossings for both the Santa Fe River channel, the bypass channel and the surrounding floodplains. The survey should capture all relevant topographic features, extending from McClure Reservoir to the confluence of the Santa Fe River and the bypass channel below Cerro Gordo.
 - Document location and attributes of engineered structures within the study area including but not limited to the existing Cerro Gordo culvert, the bypass channel bridge, the bypass concrete flood weir, the historic irrigation dam (concrete “check dam”, the silted-in Old Stone dam, the 2012 restoration channel, the TM pond embankment, spillway and outlet tunnel, existing buried or surface pipes, and any other remnant structures that may influence water flow and limit the final design. Provide advice on removal of obsolete or unneeded structures.
 - Inventory and document all residential properties, infrastructure, and rights-of-way potentially affected by modifications to the conveyance system crossing Cerro Gordo Road. Evaluate these findings to determine if any identified impacts represent critical path risks or project hurdles.
 - Review all available historical flood data including geotechnical reports, dam breach documents , restoration channel design studies, environmental documentation and compile relevant data.

The contractor will evaluate alternatives for using the predevelopment, natural channel instead of the bypass channel for flood conveyance, acequia deliveries and Living River flows. The evaluation will review estimates of seepage losses in the bypass channel using data previously acquired for the City by John Shomaker Associates, Inc.
 - Stakeholder Identification: Identify, categorize, and initiate direct and early communication with all targeted stakeholders (property owners, neighborhood associations, advocacy groups).
- **Task 2: Hydrologic Modeling**

- Delineate the watershed boundaries for the study area, including the Two-Mile Pond Complex and the Aztec Springs Canyon watershed.
- Calculate peak flood discharges and floodplain boundaries for the 10-, 25-, 50-, and 100-year storms including short duration and typical 24-hr events. The analysis must account for the influence of upstream reservoirs on flow regimes as well as anticipated changes in volume due to the future Santa Fe River realignment through the current Two-Mile Pond footprint.
- Task 3: Hydraulic Analysis, Sizing and FEMA Submittals
 - Develop a hydraulic model of the Santa Fe River from McClure Reservoir to the confluence below Cerro Gordo. The model should incorporate the existing terrain, the Two-Mile Pond area, and all identified remnant structures as well as anticipated changes in volume due to the future Santa Fe River realignment through the current Two-Mile Pond footprint.
 - Develop optimal conveyance design to pass the design flood event taking into consideration geomorphic and ecological function such as assessing the potential for scour and potential impacts to downstream houses and infrastructure including the existing river channel.
 - If needed, prepare and submit a Letter of Map Revision for review by city staff and FEMA
 - If needed, prepare and submit MT-2 Application forms for review by city staff and FEMA

Phase 2: Engineering Design and Public Engagement

- Task 4: Design
 - Develop the final engineering design for the new conveyance system, ensuring it meets the required hydraulic capacity and all applicable structural standards.
 - Submit engineered plans at 30%, 60% and 90% and schedule respective review meetings with relevant parties.
 - Incorporate natural channel design elements that provide geomorphic continuity, promote aquatic connectivity and maintain ecological function. Evaluate the feasibility of a pedestrian trail underpass below Cerro Gordo Rd.
 - Identify construction-related access and traffic constraints that could impact emergency evacuations from the upper watershed. Develop an Emergency Access and Traffic Management Plan to ensure unobstructed egress and maintain safe traffic flow for all areas upstream of the project site.
- Task 5: Public Engagement

- Execute a comprehensive, multi-phased public engagement and outreach program. This includes conducting public meetings, soliciting community feedback, and maintaining transparent communication with all stakeholders.
 - Conduct visioning exercises (workshops, surveys, open houses) to assess community interests, desired site functions, and gather input on aesthetic preferences for the area.
 - Host regular meetings, alternating between targeted (Working Group/Stakeholders) and public formats to ensure continuous, transparent dialogue. Ensure comprehensive meeting minutes and engagement exercises are fully documented for record keeping purposes.
 - In coordination with the City’s Communications Office, implement targeted media outreach such as public notices, social media updates, and press release to broaden awareness of the project and increase community participation.
 - Design Integration: Utilize the collected community dialogue, visioning results, and functional feedback to directly inform and refine the final conceptual design
- Task 6: Environmental and Regulatory Compliance
 - Prepare and submit all necessary documentation for environmental impact assessment as required by regulatory agencies.
 - Coordinate with federal, state, and local agencies to secure all permits.
 - Coordinate with FEMA representatives, DHSEM and City Staff to perform a Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) for future use by the City of Santa Fe to apply for construction funding.
 - Task 7: Final Design and Project Documentation
 - Prepare a complete set of construction-ready plans and specifications, including detailed drawings, material schedules, and construction timeline (including a phased approach as required by potential funding limitations).
 - Provide a comprehensive budget estimate for the construction phase(s).

Deliverables: All work must be completed no later than May 14th, 2028.

- Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study Report: A technical report detailing the model methodology, findings, and the recommended design.
- FEMA submittals including LOMR and MT-2 Application for floodplain map revision (if needed).
- Geotechnical Report: An analysis of subsurface conditions and foundation recommendations.
- Architectural Survey Report: Documentation of existing conditions and structures within the study area.

- Permitting Memo: Provide overview of permit analysis, discussion and resulting permit requirements for future improvements to river channel alignment for future flood mitigation.
- Public Engagement and Outreach Memo: Comprehensive record of engagement methods, findings, and all public-facing materials.
- Final Engineering Designs: Complete plans for the new conveyance system.
- Construction-Ready Documents: The final set of plans, specifications, and the project budget estimate.