



Agenda **Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe
River Commission**
June 12, 2025 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 April 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes
5. Communications from Other Agencies/Committees
 - a. City of Santa Fe Water Division Update (Taylor Jurgens, Engineer City of Santa Fe Water Division, trjurgens@santafenm.gov)
 - b. Santa Fe Watershed Association Adopt Programs Update (Mori Hensley, Executive Director Santa Fe Watershed Association, Mori@santafewatershed.org)
6. Informational Items
 - a. Two Mile Pond Draft Resolution (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liasion, zrisaacson@santafenm.gov)
 - b. Brief Report from the Love Your Watershed Day (Bill Carey, SF River Commissioner, billcarey.tellus@gmail.com)
7. Discussion and Action Items
8. Matters from Staff
 - a. Approved 2025-2026 Target Flow Hydrograph, Zoe Isaacson (Staff Liasion zrisaacson@santafenm.gov)

9. Matters from the Public
10. Matters from the Commission
 - a. Subcommittee Updates (Bill Carey, SF River Commissioner, billcarey.tellus@gmail.com)
11. Next Meeting:
 - a. August 14, 2025, 6:00 PM
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 Hedi Klingel at 6:02 PM, on Thursday, April 10, 2025, 2931 Rufina St, Santa Fe, NM 87507.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Staff Liaison, Zoe Isaacson. City of Santa Fe, Water Division Water Resource Coordinator, Alan Hook participated in this meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION A motion was made by Klingel, seconded by Reisterer, Approve the amended agenda to prioritize the Informational Items as the first order of business.

VOTE The motion Passed on a roll call vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of the December 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes

MOTION A motion was made by Klingel, seconded by Hutchinson, to Approve.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

b. Approval of the February 13, 2025, Meeting Minutes

MOTION A motion was made by Klingel, seconded by Reisterer, to Approve.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

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)

Mori Hensley from the Santa Fe Watershed Association provided an update on Love Your Watershed Day on May 10, with Commissioners volunteering to table and speak to the 25-26 target Flow hydrograph. A ribbon-cutting for a rain garden at Ramirez Thomas Elementary was announced for April 16th.

b. Update on LCLC PER Study for Water and Wastewater Masterplan (Andrew Harnden, Santa Fe County Water Planner, aharnden@santafecountynm.gov)

Andrew Harden from Santa Fe County provided an update on the LCLC (La Cienega La

Cieneguilla) Preliminary Engineering Report focused on restoring aquifers and springs, which includes community meetings and site visits.

- c. Update on WPAC Work Plans and Activities (Peter Gowen, Board of Directors President, Santa Fe Watershed Association, pjgowen@gmail.com)

Peter Gowen provided an update on WAPC (Water Policy Advisory Committee). The WPAC workplan for 2025, which includes initiatives on stormwater management, wastewater systems, community outreach, and PFAS mitigation. Commissioners were invited to attend WPAC meetings and contribute to its ongoing projects.

6. Informational Items

Commissioner Hansen has concluded 10 years of dedicated service on the commission, during which she played a key role in initiatives like the Clean Water Act and being a firm supporter of maintaining cultural uses of the Living River flow, such as the San Ysidro Blessing. Honored with a signed letter from the Mayor, Commissioner Hansen was also invited by the Governor to the SB 21 signing ceremony—an effort that showcased her persistence and commitment to seeing important legislation through. As Commissioner Hansen moves on, she will continue her public service through participation in various boards and commissions.

- a. Santa Fe River Commission Election Results (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison zrisaacson@santafenm.gov)

Zoe Isaacson announced the results of the recent Santa Fe River Commission elections. Bill Carey was appointed as the new chair, replacing Commissioner Klingel, who completed her term.

- b. Introduction of Commissioner Karen Jackson (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, zrisaacson@santafenm.gov)

Karen Jackson was introduced as a new commissioner, bringing experience in fluvial geomorphology, environmental consulting, and geology work at LANL. One seat remains open on the Commission and nominations must be approved by the mayor.

7. Discussion and Action Items

- a. 2025-2026 NRCS Snowpack Prediction and Target Flow Hydrograph Implications (Alan Hook, Water Resource Coordinator, City of Santa Fe, aghook@santafenm.gov)

Alan Hook presented the River Commission with the snowpack prediction and proposed hydrograph for the 2025–2026 season. With only 21% of median snowpack expected, the draft hydrograph targets 300 acre-feet of flow, starting at 0.5 cfs and stepping up to 2 cfs in May. The hydrograph faces limitations such as low inflow, acequia delivery obligations, evaporation, and equipment constraints.

- b. Approval of the 2025- 2026 Target Flow Hydrograph (Heidi Klingel, River Commissioner, heidiklingel@hotmail.com)

MOTION A motion was made by Montoya, seconded by Hutchinson, to Approve the 2025-2026 Target flow Hydrograph.

VOTE The motion Passed on a roll call vote.

MOTION A motion was made by Hutchinson, seconded by Montoya, to create a working group to Amend the Target Flow Hydrograph; the proposed amendment due to Bill Carey by Monday April 21st.

VOTE The motion Passed on a roll call vote.

8. Matters from Staff

Alan updated the Commission on wildfire resilience efforts. Legislation such as SB33 and HB147 will provide funding through the Wildfire Defense Fund and support source water protection through open space buffers. Coordination with organizations like The Nature Conservancy is ongoing to reduce wildfire risk near Canyon Road and other critical infrastructure.

9. Matters from the Public

10. Matters from the Commission

- a. Matters From the Chair (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, zisaacson@santafenm.gov)

Zoe Isaacson relayed notes from the Chair, including plans for the Arbor Day celebration on April 24 and anticipation of the annual Two Mile Pond report.

- b. Subcommittee Updates (Subcommittee Chairs, Santa Fe River Commissioners)

The Education/Outreach group is developing interpretive signage and grant applications, while the Erosion Control group is coordinating regular workdays along the river corridor. Zoe Isaacson proposed involving Aaron Kauffman for technical support on erosion control projects. Eric Montoya reported on his new role as a commissioner for the Agua Fria Committee and shared updates on cleanup activities and vegetation efforts in that area.

11. Next Meeting:

- a. June 12, 2025, 6:00 PM

12. Adjourn

Adjourn at 8:15 pm



Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison

Attested To By:

Bill Carey, Santa Fe River Commission Chair

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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

INTRODUCED BY:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe recognizes the ecological, cultural, and aesthetic benefits of a healthy and vibrant riparian corridor along the historic Santa Fe River channel; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the City of Santa Fe is to re-establish a continuous and functional riparian corridor through the historic Santa Fe River channel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe desires to establish the Santa Fe River as a free-flowing watercourse through its historic channel to enhance ecological function, augment conveyance efficiencies, improve water quality, and provide community benefits; and

WHEREAS, informed decision-making regarding infrastructure modifications is crucial to achieving a free-flowing river while ensuring public safety and responsible resource management;

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2 **WHEREAS**, the City is committed to restoring the Santa Fe River as a living river and
3 has formalized this commitment through **Article 25-13 SFCC 1987**, known as the **Santa**
4 **Fe River Target Flow Ordinance**, and its corresponding **Administrative Procedures**
5 **adopted by Resolution 2012-28**, which guide the implementation of target flows and
6 adaptive river management:

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8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
9 **CITY OF SANTA FE shall direct the River Commission and the City Manager to work**
10 **with staff to:**

- 11 1. **OUTLINE THE PROCESS AND REQUIRED DATA GATHERING TO**
12 **ESTABLISH THE SANTA FE RIVER THROUGH THE HISTORIC**
13 **CHANNEL:** The City of Santa Fe hereby declares its commitment to establishing
14 the Santa Fe River as the primary watercourse through its historic channel, to the
15 extent feasible and consistent with sound engineering practices and legal
16 requirements. This effort shall remain consistent with the Santa Fe River Target
17 Flow Ordinance and its administrative framework, including the use of up to
18 1,000 acre-feet per year for bypass flows below Nichols Reservoir to support
19 ecological and community objectives
- 20 2. **ENGAGE A COMPREHENSIVE ENGINEERING ANALYSIS OF THE**
21 **TWO MILE POND COMPLEX AND RIPARIAN CORRIDOR:** The City of
22 Santa Fe shall, through its Public Works Department or a qualified consultant,
23 conduct a comprehensive engineering analysis of the Two Mile Pond complex
24 and the entire riparian corridor located between Nichols Reservoir and the
25 confluence of the existing bypass channel and the Santa Fe River. This analysis
26 shall include, but not be limited to:
- 27 ○ Hydrology and hydraulic modeling to understand flow dynamics and
28 potential impacts of channel modifications.
 - 29 ○ Geotechnical investigations to assess soil stability and foundation
30 conditions.

- 1 ○ Sediment transport analysis to understand current and potential sediment
- 2 movement.
- 3 ○ Ecological assessments to evaluate existing riparian habitat and potential
- 4 benefits of a re-established channel.

5 These analyses will be integrated with the hydrologic benchmarks and adaptive strategies
6 outlined in the Administrative Procedures for Santa Fe River Target Flows.

7 **3. EVALUATION OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE:** The engineering
8 analysis shall include a thorough evaluation of all existing infrastructure within
9 the Two Mile Pond complex and the defined riparian corridor. This evaluation
10 will determine the purpose and current need for each structure, assess its
11 condition, and identify any impediments it poses to achieving a free-flowing river
12 through the historic channel.

13 **4. DESIGN AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INFRASTRUCTURE:** Where
14 feasible and deemed necessary based on the engineering analysis, the City of
15 Santa Fe shall design and establish new infrastructure to facilitate a free-flowing
16 Santa Fe River through the historic river channel. This may include, but not be
17 limited to:

- 18 ○ Modifications or removal of existing structures that impede flow.
- 19 ○ Construction of culverts, bridges, or other crossings to accommodate
- 20 natural flow regimes and Living River adaptive management goals.
- 21 ○ Implementation of bank stabilization measures to protect infrastructure
- 22 and enhance riparian habitat.

23 **5. FEASIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY:** All engineering analysis,
24 infrastructure evaluation, and new infrastructure design shall prioritize the
25 feasibility and long-term sustainability of a free-flowing Santa Fe River through
26 the historic channel, taking into account ecological benefits, water resource
27 management, public safety, and financial considerations.

28 **6. COLLABORATION AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT:** The City of
29 Santa Fe shall actively engage with relevant stakeholders, including but not
30 limited to The Nature Conservancy, Audubon, the County of Santa Fe, and the
31 community, throughout the process of engineering analysis, infrastructure
32 evaluation, and design. Engagement efforts shall also include public education
33 about the Santa Fe River Target Flow Ordinance and its role in supporting a living
34 river.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANDRÉA SALAZAR, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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Legislation/2025/Resolutions/

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2025-2026 Santa Fe River Target Hydrograph

300 acre-feet based on April 1, 2025 watershed yield of 21% median inflows

