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Agenda

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SANTA FE RIVER COMMISSION
Thursday, March 12, 2015, 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Conference Room (Round House Room)
City Offices at the Market Station building at the Railyard
500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe, NM
505-955-6840

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 13, 2014 & FEBRUARY 12, 2015
4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
   a) Discussion on opening up the upper SF Watershed to the public (Phil Bove)
   b) Commission Outreach – Adding new members (Melissa McDonald)
   c) Target Flow Reporting (Melissa McDonald, Alan Hook)
5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS, MATTERS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES
6. MATTERS FROM STAFF
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7. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR
8. AJOURN

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Packet Material due by March 26, 2015

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6:00 p.m. –7:25 p.m.
500 Market Street, Santa Fe, NM

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Phil Bové, Acting Chair convened the meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission at 6:10 pm, Market Station, Santa Fe, NM. A quorum was not present at time of roll call. Quorum declared at 6:15 pm.

Present
Phil Bove, Acting Chair
Dale Doremus
John R. Buchser
Melinda Romero-Pike

Excused
Jerry Jacobi, Chair
Richard Ellenberg

Others Present
Melissa McDonald, Santa Fe River Watershed Coordinator
Mr. Allan Hook, Water Resources Coordinator
Mr. Alex Puglisi, Environmental Compliance Specialist
Anna Hansen, Citizen, POSAC Member and Santa Fe Watershed Association
Mr. Andy Otto, Santa Fe Watershed Association
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

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4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a) Discussion on opening up the upper SF Watershed to the public (Phil Bove)

Andy Otto, Santa Fe Watershed Association commented that the request was to keep this item on the agenda as they continue to have discussions on increased access to the watershed. He noted that they are not asking for any permission at this time and suggested it be tabled to a later date.

Ms. Doremus said her recollection was that there would be another meeting with the community.

Mr. Otto said the meeting was held on Monday, March 9th and sparsely attended. There were some comments around security and natural habitat that are there now. Notes were taken on their comments and concerns.

Mr. Puglisi who also attended said there was also discussion on conservation values for the city of Santa Fe. Mr. Puglisi said that the Santa Fe Watershed and Buckman Diversion do have field security. They are in the process of putting cameras up at the dam and outlet works.

The Acting Chair requested that this be tabled awaiting more information.

The Commission members recommended waiting until the Chair, Mr. Jacobi is present to have a more detailed conversation.

b) Commission Outreach – Adding new members (Melissa McDonald)

Ms. McDonald informed the commission members that all of their terms have expired as of 2013. Ms. McDonald shared a news release regarding openings on POSAC and offered the suggestion of issuing a new release to do the same for the River Commission. It was explained that all recommendations would go to the Mayor and Council for approval. Presently there is 1 full time vacancy and 2 alternates. Alternates and commission members have a 3-year term limit.

Mr. Bove said that when he responded it was to a call in the newspaper for the Santa Fe River Commission.

Ms. Anna Hansen, from the audience, expressed her interest to be a member of the Santa Fe River Commission. A formal letter and resume would be submitted to the Mayor and the Chair of the Santa Fe River Commission for consideration.

c) Target Flow Reporting (Melissa McDonald, Alan Hook)
2014 Planned Hydrograph: (Exhibit A)

Mr. Hook said that this document describes what they had planned last year and provided the commission members with the data as indicated on the hydrograph. Mr. Hook said that on the left side is a vertical column that indicates cubic ft. per second starting at the bottom of 0 and top of the scales at 14 cfs. Right side is 0 on acre ft., which is the daily amount up to 30. The lightly colored box is the Target Hydrograph. There is a normal year of snow pack, the shaded light area that is behind the lines, which would be 1000 ac. ft. distributed over the year, April 2014 to April 2015. The blue darker shade of color with a border on it, that is what they chose for 300 ac. ft., that is because last year snow pack was less than 30%. The Living River Ordinance says the minimum that we will do is 300 ac. ft., no matter if it is 20% of snow pack, we can't go below 300 ac. ft. That is how we plan to distribute the target flows. You can see there is a peak at the beginning of June; it drops down to about 3 cfs and then drops down about mid-July. The darker blue line, that is how much flow on average for the period of record 1967-2007 so the dotted dark blue line, that is what would be coming in to McClure through the Santa Fe River, that is a little bit larger than what we usually do through target flows. What is important to us, is the green dotted line given we had releases last year out of McClure that is what flowed below Nichols throughout the year starting in April 15, 2014. It goes throughout September, more data to follow and reported at the next River Commission. They will also forecast out for next year at that time. So far they have done about 1500 ac. ft. of both minimum based flow for the target river flows – hydrograph of 300 ac. ft. tops the releases from the reservoir. The daily reports reflect about 1500 ac. ft. at this time. Bot, combination of released and target flow and we met our safety obligations and our treatment. Most likely looking forward, this month for March, what determines these target flows are what are called the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Services) report. That gives us an idea of what they expect the run off from the Santa Fe River to be based on snowpack and it is supposed to be 70% from this month on to the end of July. We will get another update in April, which will determine what the target hydrograph should look like through the summer and next year. Right now 70% is a lot better than last year of 26% of average snow pack, year before it was only 30%. The finalized report for the whole year and the version of projections for next year will be presented at the next commission meeting.

Ms. McDonald said the report will go to PUC and next to the City Council for approval.

Ms. Doremus asked what the status is of the work being done in the reservoirs.

Mr. Puglisi provided a handout that was given to the PUC and the Canyon Road Association. (Exhibit B)
Mr. Puglisi said that McClure is empty. Nichols Dam & Reservoir is in service and is currently filled to 39% of capacity as of March 10th. The Acequia del Llano irrigation line has been repaired.

Ms. Doremus asked when McClure would be functional.

Mr. Puglisi said by November 2015. He referred to Exhibit A – Hydrograph and said they have done really well. Mr. Puglisi referred to the Water Division Project Status and noted that the Engineering design work for the Canyon Road Water Treatment Plan Raw Water Supply Pipeline for the "A2" gravity pipeline is underway and geotechnical borings along the pipeline route in the main access road have been completed. Design plans for the piping and fencing improvements and demolition of the old filter plant building are being prepared. It is anticipated that a Request for Bid package will be completed April 6, 2015 and submitted to the purchasing office for processing.

Mr. Puglisi extended an invitation to the Commissioners to come out any time they would like to coordinate with Ms. McDonald.

Ms. McDonald said that the ordinance says the hydrograph has to be available after April 15th.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS, MATTERS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

Mr. Buchser and Ms. Doremus will plan a sub-committee meeting and invite Mr. Otto from the Santa Fe Watershed.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Project updates, Fishing Derby/River Festival, Mayor's Climate Adaptation Taskforce and Watershed CPR conference

Living River Ordinance – This comes up in June. We are waiting for more information based on when the water is available. The Chair said we should keep the river flow at about 4 cfs. We will continue to monitor to assure that we can have this event. Ms. McDonald is also in contact with Councilor Trujillo to assure coordination is up to date.

Mr. Hook said that the ordinance states it should be the 1st Saturday in June as they work together with the Game and Fish Department on the fishing licenses.

Ms. McDonald noted that Mr. Otto is part of the Mayor's Climate Adaptation Taskforce sub-committee and will tentatively present a report at the next Santa Fe River Commission. This sub-committee will pick and choose projects to recommend to the City Council and it is of the hope that it will be the Santa Fe Watershed.

Ms. McDonald attended the Watershed CPR Conference and was excited that they mentioned Santa Fe with the nature conservancy grant and they are having great discussion on rivers. There was statewide communications and Ms. McDonald will bring back additional information and nourish those relationships.

ENN meeting for the Alameda was a good meeting with positive feedback. They specifically talked about the Alameda Rain Garden project and it was well received. Ms. McDonald also passed out information on how to become a sponsor of the living river fund and would like to pursue this more at various events. The Acting Chair also attended this meeting and he said it was presented well and was well attended. Some unfortunate things are that the river trails will not be available from Palace to the Alameda. There were a few comments from the community about the parking and saving trees. There are some trees that will have to be removed as the elms are causing problems with the stone work.

Ms. McDonald said that nothing has been decided if it will be on the north or south side, they were presenting information for review.

The other project we are starting is Calle Rio Rundown and it is part of the arroyo project and will start on March 16th. At the end of Calle Rio it has big erosion going on and it will be a rain garden. Rain Catcher is doing the installation.

7. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Hansen introduced herself as part of an ad-hoc group that is concerned about the newly annexed area of the Santa Fe River. This is around the La Joya neighborhood south to Agua Fria Village. The concern is that the development along the river is starting to be piece meal and there is not a plan. She stated her presence at the meeting tonight was to bring it to the attention of the Santa Fe River Commission; that section of the Santa Fe River is newly annexed because it was not in the middle reach it was in the western end, outside the boundary of the city of Santa Fe. Different codes and regulations affect this.

Ms. Doremus said that the area west of La Joya is not completely annexed.

Ms. Hansen showed a map of the area that has been annexed and the area it is in West Alameda runs through Agua Fria and Camino Real. She pointed out where they have started in this neighborhood showing different developments and no plan. People are concerned about the river is going to be protected and how it will affect the Agua Fria village. What has been annexed is single family, rural.

Ms. Romero-Pike said she is concerned too because of all of these new developments need to meet the first requirement of water.

Ms. Hansen said this is why we need a plan; we only have one watershed and one river. Ms. Hansen again referred to the district plan she has acquired from Santa Fe County showing the redistricting.

Ms. Romero-Pike said the river belongs to all of us and we need to protect it and have a plan.

Mr. Alex Puglisi: Why would you be concerned about the city and not the county? I have seen problems with the county, for example with stormwater. I think we have stricter ordinances.

Ms. Hansen reiterated that she was not asking the River Commission for any action, she is only only asking that everyone be aware of it. Ms. Hansen brought this to the floor of the City Council meeting last evening. She believes we need to work on the infrastructure, borders have been moved for Agua Fria from Frenchy's Road back to Siler Road.

Mr. Hook noted that the area discussed is part of the master plan, there is infrastructure there, we would phase it in for those form the county to the city. We deliver water to Agua Fria.

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8. ADJOURN

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Fran Lucero, Stenographer

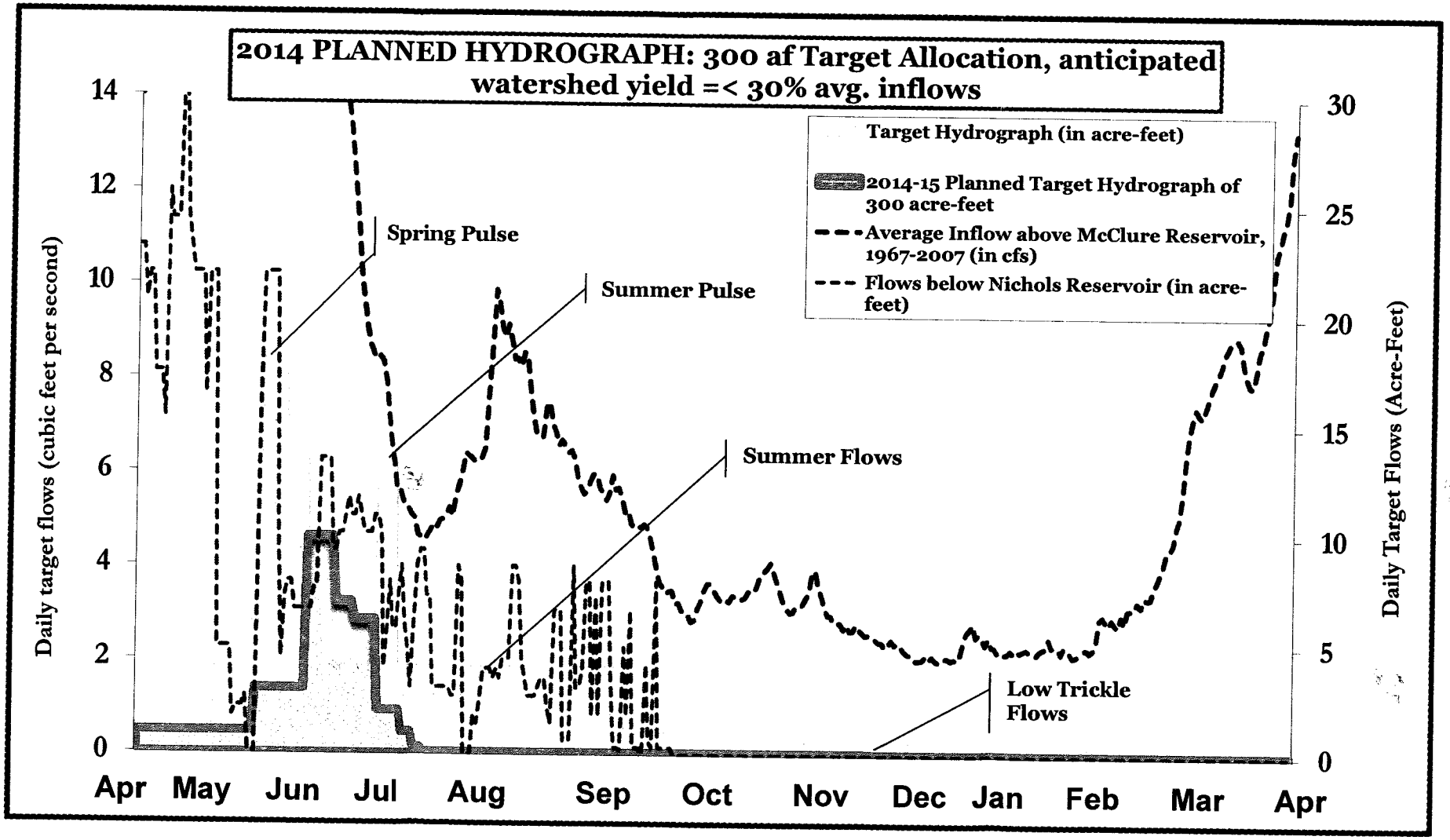
2014 PLANNED HYDROGRAPH: 300 af Target Allocation, anticipated watershed yield =< 30% avg. inflows
Target Hydrograph (in acre-feet)
2014-15 Planned Target Hydrograph of 300 acre-feet
Average Inflow above McClure Reservoir, 1967-2007 (in cfs)
Flows below Nichols Reservoir (in acre-feet)
Spring Pulse
Summer Pulse
Summer Flows
Low Trickle Flows
Daily target flows (cubic feet per second)
Daily Target Flows (Acre-Feet)
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Exhibit A

WATER DIVISION PROJECT STATUS
SANTA FE RIVER COMMISSION
MARCH 12, 2015 MEETING

Nichols Inclined Intake Structure

- Nichols Dam & Reservoir is in service and is currently filled to 39% of capacity as of March 10th. The Acequia Del Llano irrigation line has been repaired.

McClure Inclined Intake Structure

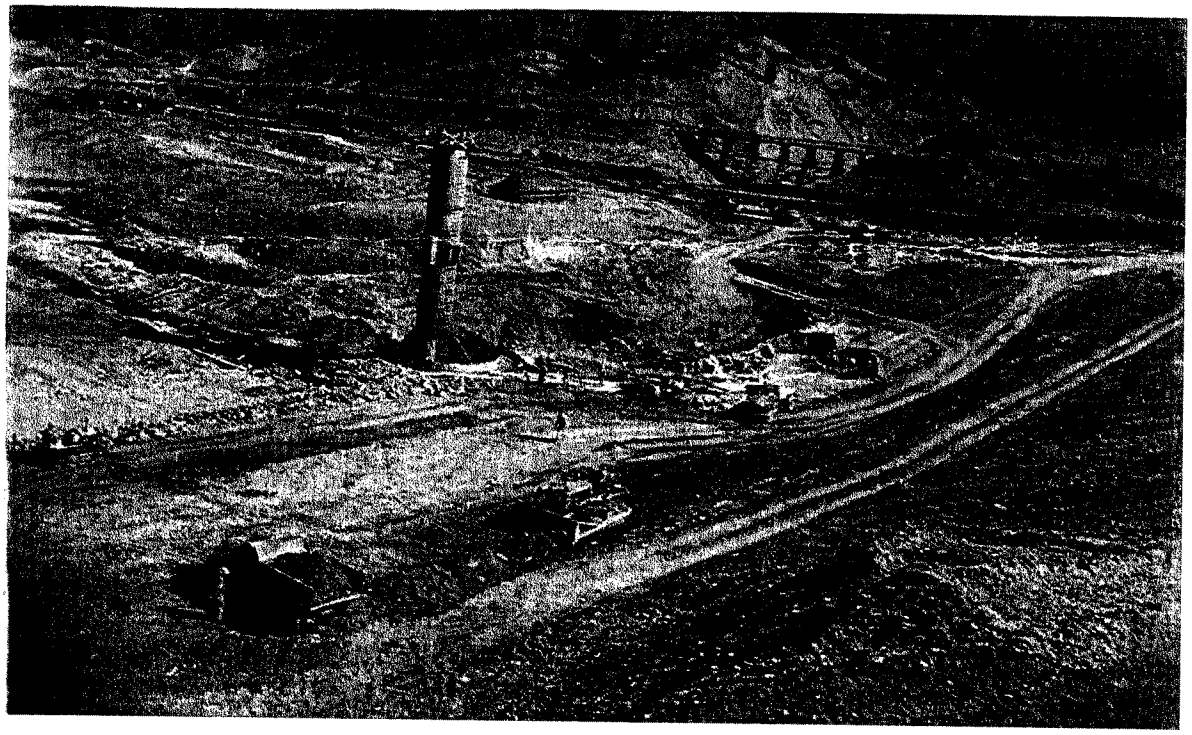
- McClure Reservoir was drained on October 31, 2014 and the Santa Fe River is flowing directly into the outlet pipe and the reservoir is at 0% of capacity.
- A notice to proceed with work at McClure Dam was issued to RMCI on November 7, 2014 and work is to be completed by November 27, 2015. RMCI will mobilize for construction on March 10, 2015.

CRWTP Pipeline

- Engineering design work for the Canyon Road Water Treatment Plant Raw Water Supply Pipeline for the "A2" gravity pipeline is underway and geotechnical borings along the pipeline route in the main access road have been completed.

Old Filter Plant Facilities

- Design plans for the piping and fencing improvements and demolition of the old filter plant building are being prepared.
- It is anticipated that a Request for Bid package will be completed April 6, 2015 and submitted to the Purchasing Office for processing.



McClure Dam Construction Circa 1946

Exhibit B

From: ROSS, MATT
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 4:05 PM
To: ROSS, MATT
Subject: RELEASE: Parks & Rec Seeks Multiple Members for Advisory Committee

City of Santa Fe

NEWS RELEASE

www.santafenm.gov

Parks & Rec Seeks Multiple Members for Advisory Committee

One position open now, several more coming open in June - preferred candidates will have background in community recreation programs

February 25, 2015

For Immediate Release

Contact: Robert Carter, Parks & Recreation Director, (505) 955-5921

Santa Fe, NM – Santa Feans interested in getting more involved in local government and serving their community have a new opportunity. The citizen-led advisory committee for the Parks and Recreation Department at the City of Santa Fe is seeking members to fill several open seats on the committee – one open right now and a few more opening up this June.

In particular, the committee is looking for interested Santa Feans who have a background in community recreation, whether that is organized sports or other recreation activities in the community.

The Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Commission (POSAC) was created in 2007 to provide ongoing advice regarding all park and open space related issues including acquisition, dedication, planning, development, operations, construction and maintenance. As part of the transition and in reflection of the direction of the brand new City Parks and Recreation Department, POSAC will be changing its name this year to the Parks and Recreation Committee, or PARC.

Since its inception, PARC has built partnerships with City staff and Councilors and diverse community organizations and constituencies to develop the Parks Master Plan and to advocate for and guide implementation of the thirty-million dollar 2008 Parks and Trails Bond. PARC built on and expanded these partnerships to develop and advocate for the subsequent 2012 Parks and Trails Bond.

PARC Commissioners are selected to represent all four City Districts around a diversity of interests including skate parks, wheel-friendly trail connections, BMX, motocross, organized sports leagues, community gardens, Art in the Parks, water conservation in parks, Tree City and many others.

The only requirements for interested candidates are that they:

1. Be able to give from four to six hours per month for commission related activities such as gathering information and suggestions from park constituents and providing inputs into parks and recreation issues.

2. Be able to attend the monthly meetings the second Tuesday of every month from 3:00 – 5:00.

3. Preferably be connected to or have a background in organized sports or adult/youth recreation.

Interested candidates should contact Department Director Robert Carter, at (505) 955-5921 or rpcarter@ci.santa-fe.nm.us, or Committee Chair Bette Booth, at ebooth13@comcast.net.

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