

CITY OF SANTA FE

SANTA FE RIVER COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES- AUGUST 11, 2016

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Santa Fe River Commission
Meeting Minutes-August 11, 2016
500 Market Street Santa Fe, New Mexico
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Buchser called the meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission to order at 6:11 p.m. at 500 Market Station (Railyard Station), Santa Fe, NM. A quorum was not established.

1. ROLL CALL

Present

John R. Buchser, Chair
Phil Bové, Vice Chair
Jerry Jacobi

Not Present/Excused

Emile Sawyer
Luke Pierpont
F.M. Patorni
Anna Hansen
Zoe Isaacson
Dale Doremus

Others Present

Alan Hook, Santa Fe Water Division-*on behalf of Melissa McDonald*
Andy Otto, Executive Director Santa Fe Watershed Association
David Pike, City of Santa Fe Storm Water Department
Dave Lopez, Grad Student NMSU
Linda Vigil, Stenographer

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

This item could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM July 14, 2016

This item could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

4. COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES/COMMITTEES

Mr. Pike discussed the new program that began with the EPA that is part of the requirement. This cooperative work will save costs by merging entities to share responsibilities. There has been some meetings and the agreement has been drafted but is not final as of yet. Agencies involved in the cooperative effort are the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County and NMDOT.

Mr. Pike explained the water quality monitoring that will occur. There will be sampling from ten areas from the watershed and at different weather conditions. Mr. Pike presented maps showing the general area for sampling (See Exhibit A-1 and A-2).

Chair Buchser inquired about the water pumped from the PERA building basement on Paseo de Peralta where there was flooding. Mr. Pike stated he was unaware of it but they may have pumped it into the sanitary area

Mr. Pike discussed the area near a museum where there is some flow to the arroyo and then some to the river. Mr. Bove discussed the area on Alameda Street (*the old phone company*) that used to pump in the river close by.

Mr. Pike discussed the importance of identifying the pollutants and what can be done to reduce overflows. A brief discussion was held about some areas that may have remaining septic tanks.

Mr. Pike states as the program continues he will keep the Commission updated.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION:

A.) Discussion of Living River stream flow and monitoring needs

Mr. Hook reported that Ms. McDonald emailed a report earlier. A discussion was held about the TMDL study and the need to get funding to clean up the pollutants.

Mr. Hook discussed the updated Hydrograph and included the more recent information and the Canyon Rd. readings. (Exhibits B-1 and B-2)

Mr. Hook explained the readings and the target flows and how they were affected by events scheduled. Mr. Hook reviewed the maps he posted and explained where the Canyon Road staff gathers the readings.

A brief discussion was held about the agreement with TNC (The Nature's Conservancy) and the readings taken at the gate. Mr. Hook stated there is only enough flow to meet the deliveries to the acequias.

Chair Buchser inquired about the new infrastructure at the plants and how they are adjusting. Mr. Hook states it has gone well. There is discussion about hiring a dam engineering firm to help figure out an old pipe issue. They would like to get the bids in by winter.

Mr. Jacobi discussed his concern with the bypass channel. A brief discussion was held about the sandbags in that area.

Chair Buchser briefly discussed climate change and how it will get harder to meet the obligations for the acequias and then the river. There are parameters and he would like to know what is coming in and going out.

A discussion was held about return flow. Mr. Bove recalls there has never been enough flow to return anything. Mr. Bove discussed the issues with the Acequia Madre downstream near Baca Street when there is flooding.

Mr. Hook suggested the Commission write a letter to the State to ask for better gaging and monitoring.

B.) SUBCOMMITTEE BREAK OUT SESSION-working meeting to update status

This item could not be discussed due to lack of quorum.

C.) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Subcommittee reports could not be discussed due to lack of quorum.

6. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

There were no matters from Commissioners.

7. MATTERS FROM STAFF

There were no matters from the Staff.

8. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

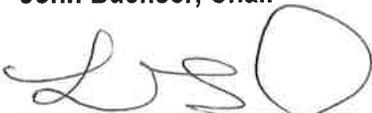
There were no matters from the Floor.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Santa Fe River Commission the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

SIGNATURES

John Buchser, Chair



Linda Vigil, Stenographer