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Santa Fe River Commission Agenda
Thursday, December 8, 2016 (Round House Room), 6 pm to 8 pm
City Offices at the Market Station Building at the Railyard
500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe, NM
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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 10, 20116
4. COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES /COMMITTEES
5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION:
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 - Promoting a Living River
 - Watershed Revitalization
 - Species Resiliency
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Santa Fe River Commission
Meeting Minutes-December 8, 2016
500 Market Street Santa Fe, New Mexico
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Buchser called the meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission to order at 6:09 p.m. at 500 Market Station (Railyard Station), Santa Fe, NM. A quorum was established will roll call.

1. ROLL CALL

Present

John R. Buchser, Chair
Jerry Jacobi
Dale Doremus
Zoe Isaacson
Emile Sawyer

Not Present/Excused

Phil Bové, Vice Chair
F.M. Patorni
Anna Hansen
Luke Pierpont

Others Present

Melissa McDonald, City of Santa Fe Staff
Andy Otto, Executive Director Santa Fe Watershed Association
Charlene Owen, Past Santa Fe River Member
Alan Hook, City Water Division
Linda Vigil, Stenographer

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Jacobi moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Ms. Doremus which passed by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM November 10, 2016

Corrections: ~~Nature's~~ Conservancy change to Nature Conservancy in entirety of minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Jacobi moved to approve the minutes as amended with a second from Ms. Doremus which passed by voice vote.

4. COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES/COMMITTEES

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- **Living River Flows Review**

Chair Buchser discussed the reasons for conducting the review and the items he would like to bring to the attention of City Council.

A discussion was held about the delivery to Acequia Madre. How much can be sent in order to fulfill the orders? Mr. Bove has been very helpful and understanding. Chair Buchser discussed the amount will need to be a steady pulse in order to reach the end of the river.

Chair Buchser discussed a long term goal that is worthy to take to City Council. Chair Buchser would like to see a library of documents in order to research.

Ms. McDonald stated Mr. Findling expressed there is water going into the preserve. The summer is when demands go up. Mr. Hook stated the City staff shows water capacity and zero flow coming in the preserve from the partial flume. Ms. Doremus asked about data for that area to compare.

Mr. Hook explained the Canyon Road Plant staff measures those areas daily. It has shown flow although there isn't flow from the restoration channel.

Mr. Jacobi has walked that area and has always seen water trickling from two-mile pond. He would like to know what started the concern to the preserve area.

Ms. McDonald explained the reasons to keep the beavers so they can prepare for the winter. The concern is more in the summer with the events and planting.

Mr. Hook explained there is an RFP for a hydrogeological service for some work to see how much loss there is from that area. The work would be for several other areas. The report will be released soon.

A discussion was about Acequia Muralla and how many homes it serves. Mr. Hook stated it is not adjudicated but there it is recognized. It is not a requirement of the City to feed that acequia. They could divert the water if there was a flow passed their head gate. However, the State Engineer would have to monitor that. Mr. Hook stated there was an IPRA request and a discussion or agreement was made with them and Acequia Madre.

Mr. Jacobi asked where the head gate for that Acequia. Mr. Hook explained it runs on the back side of East Alameda and turns into Gonzales Street. Mr. Hook explained if there is no flow above McClure there should not be flow to the preserve.

Mr. Jacobi likes the long term idea of giving flows to the acequias and the river on certain days.

Chair Buchser stated Mr. Bove is very flexible. Chair Buscher states he is willing to help gather the data to create a table to show the amount that can be divided however the small acequias are a wildcard.

Ms. McDonald suggested allowing Mr. Bove to speak to the other acequias and create a schedule. The City cannot control the flows.

A discussion was held on all four acequias. (Acequia Madre, Cerro Gordo, Acequia del Llano and Muralla)

Chair Buchser asked for suggestions on the recommendations to be made to City Council. Mr. Jacobi asked if all comments have been combined into one document. Chair Buchser can combine them all, he agrees they need to meet with the acequias.

A discussion was held about monitoring the middle term goal. Due to the ecosystem at the preserve it would be good to know what is there. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) can help monitor and then an agreement can possibly be made on cost and time.

Chair Buchser discussed the living river flows there was no mention of the river preserve. The city may have costs and limits the purchase of water rights for crisis management that could be asked to council. Mr. Hook stated that it could give water but it would be raw water. It would need a legal agreement and then it would depend on the amount in storage.

A discussion was held about water crisis management. Ms. McDonald stated the city has been very accommodating thus far. There is an obligation for the planting they did down river.

Ms. Doremus stated there are so many unknowns about the recommendations before it goes to Council.

Mr. Jacobi asked about the Nichols leak and was there a concern before that. Mr. Hook explained there has always been water in that area. It may be less but not dried out.

Ms. Owens asked if there were any natural springs in that area. Mr. Hook stated there are some and there is seepage. This would be part of the RFP also.

Ms. McDonald explained there is a Council meeting on December 14, 2016 to discuss this issue. The Commission is encouraged to attend.

Chair Buchser stated the next item on the list is what is the legal amount in storage? Ms. Doremus suggested they ask since staff has researched it. Mr. Hook stated there was a letter from TNC to the City a while back and that matter was asked.

Ms. Owen stated in 1994 when the pond was decommissioned there was a meeting that the ecosystem was going to die out. That was the reason the pond was kept. It seems there isn't enough data or measurement point and data needs to be centralized. She explained that there could be natural factors such as the cat tails, they absorb a lot of water.

Mr. Jacobi discussed the stone dam and the possibility there is seepage there as well. Perhaps that can be part of the RFP. Mr. Hook will look into it.

Mr. Sawyer discussed what he feels are key points. The TNC and stone dam are not part of the living river ordinance and that needs to be amended. There needs to be some resolution at the Cerro Gordo crossing

and under the road needs work. There needs to be a river master to deal with the acequia diversions and such.

Chair Buchser suggested a way to tweak the water that comes out into the preserve. There needs to be a valve to deliver water out. Ms. McDonald discussed the poor maintenance of the pond could have caused these issues.

Mr. Hook discussed the likelihood that it was a river channel it could still be a riparian system. A discussion was held about Aztec Springs.

Mr. Otto mentioned the Hyde Park Estates Coop is trying to get the county to manage their system.

Chair Buchser stated he will gather the input and comments and will have more information next month it can be put through the channels to get to City Council. Ms. McDonald and Mr. Hook explained the best way to get the information through.

6. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

7. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Mc. McDonald stated the stake holders meeting was held and it was decided to do some landscaping at the old filter plant.

8. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Owen asked what would need to be done to get Acequia Muralla adjudicated. Can it be done by deeds? Also, she brought pictured of the Santa Fe River when the work started.

Mr. Hook explained the case of the adjudication is still pending from the 1980's.

9. SUB-COMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSION

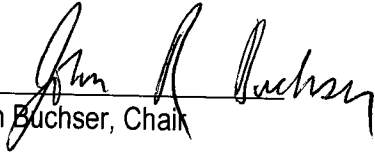
The Subcommittees did not break out or report.

- **Outdoor Economy**
- **Promoting a Living River**
- **Watershed Revitalization**
- **Species Resiliency**


10. ADJOURN

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Santa Fe River Commission Ms. Isaacson moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. with a second from Ms. Doremus.

SIGNATURES



John Buchser, Chair



Linda Vigil, Stenographer