



Agenda

Santa Fe River Commission Agenda
Thursday, May 11, 2017 (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
505-955-6840

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 9, 2017 & April 13, 2017
4. COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES /COMMITTEES
5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION:
 - River Commission Priorities & Goals Review (John Buchser)
6. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
7. MATTERS FROM STAFF
 - River Talk –May 13th 9 am
 - Tabling Opportunity, Community Day, May 13th
 - Bike to School—River Celebration, May 16th
 - Fish Derby, June 3, 2017, 7:00 – noon
 - Alameda Rain Gardens Update
8. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR
9. SUB-COMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSION
 - Outdoor Economy
 - Promoting a Living River
 - Watershed Revitalization
 - Species Resiliency
10. ADJOURN

Next Scheduled for the River Commission is June 8, 2017
Captions & Packet Material are due by May 30, 2017
Persons with disabilities in need of accommodations,
contact the City Clerk's office at
(505) 955-6521 five (5) working days prior to the meeting date.

Santa Fe River Commission
Meeting Index
May 11, 2017

Title	Description	Page
Cover Sheet		0
Call to Order	The meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission was called to order at 6:08 p.m. at 500 Market Station (Railyard Station), Santa Fe, NM	1
Roll Call	A quorum was established at 6:06 p.m.	1
Approval of the Agenda	Ms. Hansen moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second from Ms. Isaacson which passed by voice vote.	1
Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2017 and April 13, 2017	Chair Buchser would like to delay the approval of the Minutes of April until reviewed by the Commission. Mr. Jacobi moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2017 as presented with a second by Mr. Bove which passed by voice vote.	1
Communication from other Agencies/Committees	Discussion Only	2
Information/Discussion/Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> River Commission Priorities and Goals Review 	Discussion Only	2,3
Matters from Commissioners	Discussion Only	3,4
Matters from Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> River Talk May 13th 9 am Tabling Opportunity, Community Day May 13th Bike to School – River Celebration May 16th Fish Derby June 3rd 7:00 to noon Alameda Rain Gardens Update 	Discussion Only	4
Citizen's Communication from the Floor	Discussion Only	5
Sub-Committee Break Out Session- Working Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor Economy Promoting a Living River Watershed Revitalization Species Resiliency 	Discussion Only	5
Adjourn	Ms. Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. with a second from Ms. Isaacson.	5
Signature Page		5

Santa Fe River Commission
Meeting Minutes-May 11, 2017
500 Market Street Santa Fe, New Mexico
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission was called to order at 6:08 p.m. at 500 Market Station (Railyard Station), Santa Fe, NM. A quorum was established at 6:06 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Present

John R. Buchser, Chair
Phil Bové, Vice Chair
Jerry Jacobi
Anna Hansen
Luke Pierpont
Emile Sawyer
Zoe Isaacson

Not Present/Excused

Dale Doremus
F.M. Patomi

Others Present

Melissa McDonald, City of Santa Fe Staff
Andy Otto, Executive Director Santa Fe Watershed Association
Raquel Baca Tompson, Santa Fe Watershed Association
Bob Findling, The Nature's Conservancy
Alan Hook, City of Santa Fe Water Division
Linda Vigil, Stenographer

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Hansen moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second from Ms. Isaacson which passed by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 9, 2017 AND APRIL 13, 2017

Chair Buchser would like to delay the approval of the Minutes of April until reviewed by the Commission.

MOTION: Mr. Jacobi moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2017 as presented with a second by Mr. Bove which passed by voice vote.

4. COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES/COMMITTEES

Ms. McDonald explained why this item is on the agenda. Mr. Jacobi likes to see it where it is if any other agency has updates.

5. INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION/ACTION

- **River Commission Priorities & Goals**

The list was projected on the wall for discussion.

Ms. Isaacson compiled the list and subtasks to present to the Commission for input. Ms. Isaacson removed some items but stated they can be added again if the Commission would like. Ms. Hansen was happy to see dialogue between the City and County. There will be a Public meeting on June 15th if there is anything the Commission would like her to bring up she is willing to add it to the agenda. Ms. Hansen was on the Santa Fe Radio show and announced the joint meeting and events coming up on the River.

Chair Buchser stated there was an item on the priority list to have more public meetings. Ms. Hansen stated there was a meeting this morning and there was discussion of the waste water facility and the release into the river. There will be a small remediation below the wastewater plant.

Ms. McDonald stated that Alex Puglisi would like to be on the next agenda to present information on the TMDL and the Ecoli.

Ms. Hansen discussed holding events, the 4H program is interested in holding events on the River as well. Ms. McDonald ideally would like the Commission to think a year ahead and the City can promote events. They can hold a River series.

Mr. Findling mentioned the joint Environmental education piece with some groups going on. Ms. McDonald stated the Rain Gardens are a good way to educate as well. Within the RFQ it can be written in that will allow groups to work with it.

Ms. Hansen stated there is a volunteer coordinator who is going to build a Rain Garden by Agua Fria downstream. Ms. McDonald spoke to her about a City and County collaborative Rain Garden.

Mr. Pierpont states that is a way to open the dialogue, if this is an item it should be under subtasks.

A discussion was held about the electronic library. Mr. Jacobi would like to see several historical documents saved. Mr. Bove would like to see a website to have handy for members of the public. There are some documents that the public brings in.

Ms. McDonald briefly described the method that BTAC uses for meetings when the public or presenters bring documents in. Mr. Pierpont clarified the confusion, it was more for historical documents pertaining to the River.

A discussion was held about the types of City Staff reports that are available. Mr. Hook explained how an external librarian was contracted to do that for their Division.

Ms. Hansen briefly mentioned the search for a Public Works Director. Ms. McDonald updated the Commission on the status. The person they offered the job to, did not accept it.

Ms. Isaacson discussed the list, it can be reduced or it can be up to each subgroup to get the tasks done.

Chair Buchser asked if there was anything missing on the list. Mr. Jacobi would like to keep the Target Flow to the Canyon Preserve on the list.

Ms. Hansen discussed the Ecoli is highest from the Cerro Gordo gate into town. That would be a good educational project to teach people to clean up after their animals. Ms. McDonald stated there is a group that is working on that with the County. They are monitoring and finding out where it is and what it is. Mr. Bove mentioned there were houses near Cerro Gordo where septic tanks leaked. He suggested giving out citations.

Ms. Hansen further down in Agua Fria area could be septic tanks as well. Senator Rodriguez got some money to do a utility study and perhaps get it cleaned up.

A brief discussion was held about the key areas it could be and the health hazards. A discussion was held about the homeless population and the cleanup of hypodermic needles. Mr. Otto discussed the Santa Fe Watershed Association's policy when cleaning up needles and that is to report it to the City hotline and they are to clean it up. Chair Buchser explained the needle exchange program the Public Health Department has.

Chair Buchser asked if there were any missing on wetland management. Mr. Sawyer stated it is more complex. After their imagery is complete they can see what needs to be done. It should be complete this summer sometime.

Ms. McDonald stated maybe they can overlap with a grant for mapping from the Municipal Tree Board. Chair Buchser stated the consensus is to condense the list. Mr. Pierpont would like to note the increase in communication between the Commission and the City Governing body is an important subtask they should be aware of what the Commission is doing.

Ms. Hansen states she updates the County Commission. The Commissioner in that district is usually unaware of events and issues. Perhaps the Santa Fe River Commission can make a presentation to them.

Ms. McDonald recommends them to think of strategies to complete the subtasks.

Chair Buchser would like to attempt to finalize the list next month. Ms. McDonald perhaps it can get sent out ahead of time.

6. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Jacobi asked about the precipitation and the CFS flows. Mr. Hook stated it should be at 3 CFS. There was flow downstream through the bypass channel. It should hold 3 CFS until Monday. The San Isidro Blessing is coming up so they will increase it to 7 CFS.

Ms. McDonald will send the latest hydrograph once it finalizes, she will put it in the report so the Commission can have all the planned releases and goals.

Mr. Hook state the contractor will make five measurements at different locations. They will check seepage flow. The next step is to get their contract to PUC and Finance to get their yearly contract for next year approved.

A discussion was held about the natural channel and the seepage flow into two-mile pond when they release for the fishing derby. Mr. Findling stated there is seepage at the gate.

Ms. Hansen represented the Santa Fe River Commission on the City TV show it should air soon. She listed the events coming up for more public participation.

Mr. Pierpont working with Mr. Tim Rogers and Ms. Kate Noble on a ride near Frenchy's Park and will highlight the River projects. Councilor Villareal will be riding as well, if anyone wants join.

7. MATTERS FROM STAFF

(See Exhibit A)

- **River Talk May 13th 9 am**
- **Tabling Opportunity, Community Day May 13th**
- **Bike to School River Celebration May 16th**
- **Fish Derby June 3, 2017 7:00 am to noon**
- **Alameda Rain Gardens Update**

Ms. McDonald discussed the events, Mr. Ross will send out a Press Release on each item. Ms. Hansen stated there will be a bicycle ride on 5/19 from the County Commission office to the Railyard.

Ms. McDonald stated there is a acequia river ride at the same time of the River Talk however they may meet up at some point. She encouraged the Commissioners to get their networks to come to these Events.

Ms. McDonald stated is a RFQ to get one in each district. The one near the Cathedral is almost complete and there may be an event with the Arts Commission perhaps in July.

Mr. Otto announced on 6/24 is the River Cleanup Day. Ms. McDonald stated she will update on other events, there are some Stormwater events. There are some of the Mayors talks and Sustainable Santa Fe meetings. Saturday.

Ms. McDonald announced the Next Generation Water Summit in June. The Expo is free however there are some classes and workshops at a cost.

Mr. Jacobi discussed the fly fishing class a half hour before the Fishing Derby begins.

8. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

There were not any communications from the floor.


9. SUB COMMITTEE BREAK OUT SESSION (*There was not any breakout session*)

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

10. ADJOURN

MOTION: Ms. Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. with a second from Ms. Isaacson.

SIGNATURES


John Buchser, Chair
Linda Vigil, Stenographer

River Talk, Saturday, May 13th, 9:00 am, at River Road
(off W. Alameda at the Calle Don Jose & River Road intersection)

Rainwater Resource Partnership and the Santa Fe River Commission will host a talk about recently installed structures in the SF River. The river should be flowing with spring runoff and the experts will discuss the river ecology and the new structures. Also, there will be hands-on activities installing rainwater harvesting structures that anyone could do in their own landscape.

Afterwards, we head to the plaza to celebrate **CommUnity Day!**

SAN ISIDRO RIVER BLESSING, Monday, May 15th, 6:00 pm Blessing

El Dia de San Isidro/Santa Fe River Blessing at the Old San Isidro Church at 5:30 pm with a processional with the banner of San Isidro and musicians to the San Isidro Crossing (just off Agua Fria Street) starting at 6:00 pm. The blessing of flowers (that we will throw into the river after a blessing by Father John Cannon asking for a plentiful water year and productive plantings) and seeds from Plants of the Southwest.

Potluck reception follow the ceremony 6:45 pm at the Agua Fria-Romero Park under the shade structures.

BIKE TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION, Tuesday, May 16th, 7:30 am
at Alto Park (between the baseball fields)

The Aspen Magnet School Gray Wolves and Gonzales Community School Lobos will celebrate biking and walking to school on May 16 at 7:30 am with a "Parade of Wolves." Everyone is encouraged to join a convoy ride to the celebration in Alto Park, and to dress to impress for the parade - bring toy wolves, use pictures, get creative! Convoys of Gray Wolves, Lobos, and their friends and families, will set off from Frenchy's Field at 7:10 am and from the W. Alameda crossing at Solana Drive at 7:15 am.

This celebration is brought to you by many partners in Santa Fe supporting a healthier, greener way to school and work including Santa Fe Public Schools, the Santa Fe River Commission, and the Santa Fe Conservation Trust.

CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY, Saturday, June 3rd, 7:00 am until noon

For children 11 years old and younger at the Santa Fe River Park from Don Gaspar Avenue upstream to Old Santa Fe Trail. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish will stock 500 rainbow trout. Department staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide fishing information. The derby is from 7 a.m. until noon. Anglers ages 11 and younger may fish without a license. Older family and friends can fish after the derby is over at noon. The daily bag limit is five trout per day and no more than 10 in possession.

