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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

Councilor Roman "Tiger" Abeyta

A RESOLUTION

RE-ESTABLISHING THE SANTA FE WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the future of Santa Fe relies on the ability of the community as a whole to protect and conserve the City of Santa Fe's ("City's") water resources; and

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, sec. 3-17-7 requires municipalities to "consider ordinances and codes to encourage water conservation and drought management planning"; and

WHEREAS, stress on the City's water resources will grow as our community grows and likely will be exacerbated by increased temperatures and altered precipitation patterns resulting from climate change; and

WHEREAS, public education plays a vital role in facilitating water conservation by fostering new water conservation practices and use of tools such as household water budgets and technology that closely monitors residential and commercial water use, and such education must be directed to all who live and work in the City, including Santa Fe's children and youth, whose idealism, environmental awareness, and sense of community are compelled by such efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City needs to make effective use of the wealth of varied expertise of its

1 residents in order to enhance its water conservation efforts; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the City's building code provisions, construction practices, and land use
3 policies should be carefully examined to remove current impediments to water conservation and to
4 add measures to enhance water conservation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, a refocusing of the Santa Fe Water Conservation Committee's ("SFWCC"
6 or "Committee") duties and responsibilities will enable it to more effectively address the current
7 challenges of water conservation; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the existing Resolutions create confusion regarding the purpose, duties and
9 responsibilities, membership, and terms of current Committee members; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Resolution 2016-31 established the current terms of two years and limits
11 me mbers to two consecutive terms; and

12 **WHEREAS**, re-establishing the SFWCC by adopting this superseding Resolution will
13 update and clarify the Committee's purpose, duties and responsibilities, membership, and terms .

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
15 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that this Resolution names and re-establishes the Santa Fe Water
16 Conservation Committee ("SFWCC" or "Committee").

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the purpose of the SFWCC is to promote water
18 conservation, develop water conservation proposals, and advise the Governing Body.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the duties and responsibilities of the SFWCC
20 include, but are not limited to

21 1. Advising the City on ways in which it can manage precious water resources by:

22 a. Conserving water in its own activities;

23 b. Promoting and providing incentives for water conservation by residents,
24 businesses, and visitors; and

25 c. Establishing building and construction codes, ordinances, and other forms

1 of regulation that will result in water conservation;

2 2. Identifying and recommending ways to educate and inform city residents of all
3 ages regarding the need for and importance of water conservation and the ways in which residents
4 can conserve water;

5 3. Providing recommendations to the Governing Body regarding the work program
6 and activities of the City's Water Conservation Office, and assisting the Governing Body in
7 establishing priorities and evaluating the effectiveness of its policies;

8 4. Evaluating various means of water conservation and offering guidance to the City
9 regarding their relative costs and benefits;

10 5. Considering the probability and extent of future misalignment between water
11 supply and water demand in Santa Fe, advising the City of any anticipated misalignment, and
12 recommending actions to align the supply and demand;

13 6. Establishing a cooperative and ongoing working relationship with elected officials,
14 the Water Policy Advisory Board, and the water conservation staff of Santa Fe County ("County"),
15 working with them to avoid the City and the County establishing and engaging in conflicting or
16 contradictory water conservation policies and programs, and encouraging and facilitating
17 establishment and operation of complimentary policies and programs;

18 7. Reviewing the effects on water use and conservation of existing building code
19 provisions, construction practices, and land use policies, both in Santa Fe and elsewhere, and
20 recommending revisions to the City's laws, policies, and practices in order to increase their
21 effectiveness in conserving water and facilitate their application by developers, builders, and
22 contractors; and

23 8. Considering and making recommendations to the City regarding existing or
24 proposed City policies, programs, and activities focused either on water conservation, specifically,
25 or on other or broader aspects of sustainability, conservation, and efficient use of resources that

1 may affect or be affected by water conservation.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Mayor shall appoint the members of the
3 Committee and the Committee shall consist of ten (10) members of the public and a chair, who
4 shall be a City Councilor. When possible, the Committee's membership should include persons
5 with the following expertise:

- 6 1. landscaping water conservation practices;
- 7 2. building construction practices;
- 8 3. creation and/or implementation of education programs;
- 9 4. land use policies;
- 10 5. hydrology, engineering, or other forms of water-related technical expertise;
- 11 6. water quality; and
- 12 7. the perspectives of other constituency groups that are an important part of a
13 comprehensive discussion of and strategy for water conservation, including homeowners, business
14 owners, youth, and state government.

15 Members shall be selected to reflect the diversity of the Santa Fe community. One member
16 of the Committee shall be a resident of Santa Fe County who resides outside the municipal
17 boundaries of the City of Santa Fe.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Committee's members shall serve two-year
19 terms. Members may serve no more than three consecutive terms, but may be reappointed
20 following a minimum one-year hiatus. Partial terms shall count towards the three-year term limit.
21 After three unexcused absences per term year, a member shall be automatically removed from the
22 Committee and the Chair shall notify them of the removal. Vacancies shall be filled in the same
23 manner as initial appointments and shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term, if applicable.


24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Committee shall meet monthly, or as needed to
25 complete its assigned duties.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a staff liaison shall be designated by the City
2 Manager.

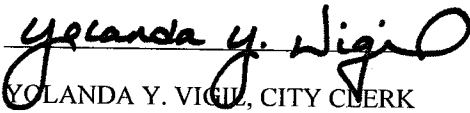
3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Committee shall serve until otherwise directed
4 by the Governing Body.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution supersedes and replaces any other
6 resolution that created or amended the Santa Fe Water Conservation Committee, including, but
7 limited to, Resolution Nos. 2002-25, 2008-40, 2016-31, and 2016-91.

8 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 24th day of June, 2020.

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ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

13 ATTEST:

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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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ERIN K. MCSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *Legislation/2020/Resolutions/2020-23 Water Conservation Committee Changes*

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) TO RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23
Water Conservation Committee Changes

Mayor and Members of the City Council:

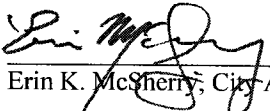
I propose the following amendment(s) to Resolution No. 2020-23:

1. On page 2, line 5 *strike* "Committee's" and *insert* in lieu thereof "Santa Fe Water Conservation Committee's ("SFWCC" or "Committee")"
2. On page 2, line 7 *strike* "on" and insert in lieu thereof "regarding"
3. On page 2, line 12 *strike* "provide an updated and clarified" and *insert* in lieu thereof "update and clarify the Committee's"
4. On page 2, line 12 after "terms" *insert* a period and *strike* the remainder of the sentence
5. On page 3, line 6 *strike* "Office's"
6. On page 3, line 7 after "activities" *insert* "of the City's Water Conservation Office"
7. On page 3, line 16 *strike* "and work with them, seeking" and *insert* in lieu thereof "working with them"
8. On page 4, line 17 after "of" *insert* "the Committee"

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Romero-Wirth, Councilor

Approved as to Form:



Erin K. McSherry, City Attorney

ADOPTED: _____ X _____
NOT ADOPTED: _____
DATE: _____ 6/24/20 _____



Yolanda Y. Vigil, City Clerk

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT**General Information:**

(Check) Bill: _____ Resolution: _____

Short Title(s): Water Conservation Committee ChangesSponsor(s): Councilor Romero-WirthReviewing Department(s): Public UtilitiesStaff Completing FIR: Christine Chavez Date: 6/1/2020 Phone: 955-4219Reviewed by City Attorney: *Eric McJury* Date: Jun 4, 2020Reviewed by Finance Director: *Mary McElroy* Date: Jun 5, 2020**Summary:**

The proposed Resolution supersedes and replaces prior Resolutions that established and amended the Santa Fe Water Conservation Committee and re-establishes the Committee. The duties and responsibilities of the re-established Committee more closely reflect the current needs of the community as they relate to water conservation. The Resolution also increases the term limit for Committee members from two, two-year terms to three, two-year terms, allowing for greater retention of knowledge by the Committee members.

Departments Affected:Public Utilities – Water Conservation.**Consequences of Not Enacting Legislation:**

The Water Conservation Committee will not be tasked with updated duties and responsibilities that are relevant to current water conservation goals. The existing Resolutions will remain, requiring constant comparison and analysis to confirm the purpose, duties and responsibilities, membership, and terms of the committee members.

Conflict, Duplication, Companionship, or Relationship to Other Legislation:

This Resolution supersedes and replaces all prior Resolutions that created and amended the Santa Fe Water Conservation Committee including, but not limited to, Resolutions 2002-25, 2008-40, 2016-31, and 2016-91.

Performance and Administrative Implications:

The proposed changes more closely align the duties and responsibilities of the Water Conservation Committee with the current needs of the City and the community.

Fiscal Implications:None identified.**Fiscal Impact** X Check here if no fiscal impact

Expenditures

Expenditure Type	FYE __	FYE __	FYE __	Require BAR (Y/N)	Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)	Fund	3-Year Total Cost
Personnel and Benefits*	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
Capital Outlay	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
Contractual/Professional Services	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	
Operating	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____				\$ _____

* This includes all staff time associated with executing the job functions of the proposed legislation.

Expenditure Narrative:

Revenue

Revenue Type	FYE	FYE	FYE	Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)	Fund
General Fund	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Special Revenue	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
CIP	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Enterprise	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Internal Service	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Trust and Agency	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Federal	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Other	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		

Revenue Narrative:
