

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007- 14

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A RESOLUTION

REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2001-27 AND ADOPTING A RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING THE SANTA FE RIVER COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe recognizes the need for restoring the Santa Fe River and its watershed; and

WHEREAS, there has been on-going and continued interest in restoring the Santa Fe River, including the previously adopted Santa Fe River Corridor Report of 1985 and the Santa Fe River Corridor Master Plan of 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe River Corridor Master Plan states that restoration of the Santa Fe River corridor would preserve a unique and historical feature of our city, increase recreational opportunities for the citizens of Santa Fe, and address issues of alternative transportation, open space, environmental protection, erosion control and flood protection; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe River Corridor Master Plan states that an adequate amount of continuously flowing water to maintain a reasonable and steady level in the river is absolutely essential; the entire river corridor is to be planned and developed as a connected greenway system

1 of public parks and natural preserves; and the design of the Santa Fe River Corridor Master
2 (Restoration) Plan must combine riparian protection, trails, recreation, and flood protection with
3 the aesthetics of a natural stream; and

4 **WHEREAS**, a living river and a healthy watershed will be respected, restored, protected,
5 and maintained by all those who live within the watershed regardless of political or other
6 boundaries and will thrive through celebrations that reaffirm our community identity and our
7 community's relationship to and dependence on the River and its watershed; and

8 **WHEREAS**, restoration of the Santa Fe River will include rehabilitation of the structure
9 of the river channel, will include improvements to the health of the watershed, will include
10 sensible management of stormwater, will be a concerted community effort, and will provide
11 involvement and educational opportunities for our youth; and

12 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 1984-56, the Governing Body has adopted
13 procedures for the formation of committees and the Santa Fe River Commission has been and
14 should continue to be a standing committee of the City.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
16 **CITY OF SANTA FE THAT:**

17 **Section 1.** Resolution No. 2001-27 is hereby rescinded.

18 **Section 2.** In accordance with Resolution 1984-56, the Santa Fe River Commission is
19 hereby formed as a standing committee of the City.

20 A. **NAME.** The Committee shall be called the Santa Fe River Commission.

21 B. **PURPOSE.** The Santa Fe River Commission shall review and make
22 recommendations to the Governing Body on matters related to the Santa Fe River and its
23 watershed. To this end, the Santa Fe River Commission shall consult with City Staff, Santa Fe
24 County including Open Space and Trails staff, Cochiti Pueblo, acequia associations, other city
25 committees, interested community groups, individuals, businesses and youth, and other

1 governmental bodies that have responsibility for any aspect of the Santa Fe River or its
2 watershed.

3 C. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The Santa Fe River Commission shall
4 advise the Governing Body with the aim of restoring the Santa Fe River to a living river and
5 improving the health of the watershed as per the Santa Fe River Corridor Master Plan. In
6 particular, the Santa Fe River Commission shall:

7 (1) Consult with City Staff and other interested parties regarding the
8 implementation of Sections 5, 6, and 7 of Ordinance No. 2006-28 regarding the
9 "Voluntary River Conservation Fund" (which may be alternatively referred to as the
10 "Living River Fund") and advise the Governing Body regarding the fund's
11 implementation and operation.

12 (2) Consult with City Staff and other interested parties regarding the
13 implementation of a scientifically sound process of establishing a recommended
14 minimum environmental flow that will result in a healthy and sustainable riparian
15 ecosystem for the Santa Fe River and advise the Governing Body regarding the
16 establishment of environmental flow.

17 (3) Consult with City Staff, the Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee
18 ("BTAC"), and other interested parties regarding the establishment of a river trail within
19 the Santa Fe River corridor where feasible and advise the Governing Body regarding
20 such a trail.

21 (4) Consult with City Staff and other interested parties regarding the
22 expenditure of CIP funds, repayment of CIP funds by the Water Division, legislative
23 funds, or other funds that may be directed to river or watershed projects and advise the
24 Governing Body regarding the expenditure of such funds.

25 (5) Consult with City Staff and other interested parties regarding education

1 and outreach to the community for river and watershed issues (including the Living River
2 Fund, environmental flow, trails, stormwater management, use of treated effluent,
3 wildland-urban interface management, the pending Army Corps of Engineers watershed
4 study, and other issues that impact the River and its watershed) and advise the Governing
5 Body regarding such issues.

6 (6) Consider and utilize river and watershed restoration as a means to
7 involve Santa Fe's youth in shaping the future of the River while providing workforce
8 development and training opportunities for youth.

9 D. STAFF LIAISON. The primary staff liaison to the Santa Fe River Commission
10 shall be the River Coordinator of the Parks, Trails & Watershed Division. In addition to the
11 River Coordinator, the City Manager shall designate, although only on an as-needed basis, staff
12 liaisons from the following departments and divisions: Public Utilities Department (including the
13 Water Division and Wastewater Division), Public Works Department (including the Stormwater
14 Management Division), Planning Department and Fire Department.

15 E. MEMBERSHIP. The Santa Fe River Commission shall consist of seven
16 members and two alternate members, all appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City
17 Council. The alternates may fully participate in all River Commission meetings but may only
18 vote in the absence of a member (alternates will vote on a rotating-by-meeting basis in the
19 absence of a member; both alternates may vote in the absence of two or more members). A
20 quorum shall be a majority of the members although, in the absence of member(s), attending
21 alternates shall be counted towards establishing a quorum. The term of all members and
22 alternates shall be three years, and members and alternates may be reappointed upon the
23 expiration of any given term. Members shall be residents of the City of Santa Fe or Santa Fe
24 County and shall collectively represent a range of skills and our diverse community through their
25 service on the Santa Fe River Commission.

1 F. OFFICERS. The Santa Fe River Commission shall have a chairperson and a vice
2 chairperson. The Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, shall appoint the chairperson.
3 The chairperson shall designate the vice chairperson. The chairperson shall serve as chairperson
4 for a period of one year. Following one year of service, the chairperson shall be elected (or
5 reelected) by the members of the River Commission.

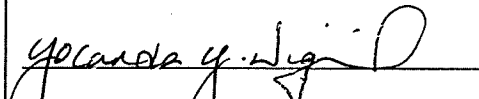
6 Section 3. The Santa Fe River Commission, with the full cooperation of City Staff, shall
7 strive to make significant progress towards restoring the Santa Fe River to a living river so that
8 restoration of the River may be celebrated in concert with the 400th anniversary of our City in
9 2010.

10 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 31st day of January, 2007.

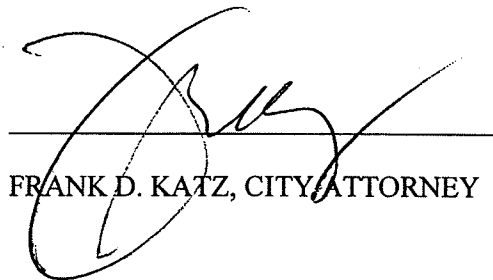
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13 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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15 ATTEST:

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18 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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23 FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 Jp/shared drive/2006 res/SF river commission