CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-14

INTRODUCED BY:

[Signatures]

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

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

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

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

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

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 Resolution No. 2001-27 is hereby rescinded.

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

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

B. PURPOSE. The Santa Fe River Commission shall review and make
recommendations to the Governing Body on matters related to the Santa Fe River and its
watershed. To this end, the Santa Fe River Commission shall consult with City Staff, Santa Fe
County including Open Space and Trails staff, Cochiti Pueblo, acequia associations, other city
committees, interested community groups, individuals, businesses and youth, and other
governmental bodies that have responsibility for any aspect of the Santa Fe River or its watershed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

E. MEMBERSHIP. The Santa Fe River Commission shall consist of seven
members and two alternate members, all appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City
Council. The alternates may fully participate in all River Commission meetings but may only
vote in the absence of a member (alternates will vote on a rotating-by-meeting basis in the
absence of a member; both alternates may vote in the absence of two or more members). A
quorum shall be a majority of the members although, in the absence of member(s), attending
alternates shall be counted towards establishing a quorum. The term of all members and
alternates shall be three years, and members and alternates may be reappointed upon the
expiration of any given term. Members shall be residents of the City of Santa Fe or Santa Fe
County and shall collectively represent a range of skills and our diverse community through their
service on the Santa Fe River Commission.
F. OFFICERS. The Santa Fe River Commission shall have a chairperson and a vice chairperson. The Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, shall appoint the chairperson. The chairperson shall designate the vice chairperson. The chairperson shall serve as chairperson for a period of one year. Following one year of service, the chairperson shall be elected (or reelected) by the members of the River Commission.

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

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

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA V. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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