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## SANTA FE RIVER COMMISSION

Thursday, February 13, 2014

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

City Offices at the Market Station Building at the Railyard,

Conference Room (Round House Room)

500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe, NM

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1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2013
4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
  - a) Discussion: Updates from staff regarding infrastructure improvements at the city's reservoirs on the Santa Fe River, including current status; projections for the status of the work through 2014; administration of the Target Flow program (Nick Schiavo, director, Water Division and Public Utilities Department).
  - b) Discussion/Discussion: Updates from staff regarding Santa Fe River Voluntary River Conservation Fund (River Fund): River Fund mailing to contributors; the proposal to implement the Alameda Rain Gardens Program (Brian Drypolcher).
  - c) Information/Discussion: Updates from staff regarding design activities for improvements to the Santa Fe River Trail (Brian Drypolcher).
5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS, MATTERS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES
6. MATTERS FROM STAFF
7. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

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**SANTA FE RIVER COMMISSON**  
**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, February 13, 2014**  
**6:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**City Offices at the Market Station at the Railyard**  
**Santa Fe, NM**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission was convened by the Chair at 6:00 pm, Market Station, Round House Room. A quorum was not present at time of roll call.

**Present**

Jerry Jacobi, Chair  
Melinda Romero-Pike  
Dale Doremus

**Not Present**

Phil Bove  
Richard Ellenberg  
John R. Buchser  
Samuel Gerberding

**Others Present**

Mayor David Coss  
Andy Otto, Santa Fe Watershed Association  
Brian Drypolcher, Staff Liaison  
Nick Schiavo, Director, Water Division and Public Utilities Department  
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Chair added the following items for discussion:  
Re-introduce the Mayor and Introductions of the Audience

*Agenda was not approved for lack of quorum.*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2013**

*Minutes were not approved for lack of quorum.*

**4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- a) Introduction of Mr. Andy Otto as the new Director of the Santa Fe Watershed Association.  
Mr. Otto was with the Truckee River System in Lake Tahoe eventually the Pyramid Lake. Chair Jacobi serves on the Board of Directors for the Watershed Association and reported that there were many candidates for this position and Mr. Otto was the shining star. Mr. Otto stated that the Truckee River system is similar to the Santa Fe River system. It starts with 18 different governmental agencies including it drains in to the Pyramid Lakes, which is the Pyramid Lake Tribes so there are similarities going on. Mr. Otto said he is looking forward to working with this committee in the future.

- b) The Chair re-introduced Mayor David Coss and expressed his thanks to Mayor Coss for all of his support of the mission of the Santa Fe River Commission and for appointing the members of this commission.

Mayor Coss expressed his sincerest of thanks to each of the members for their work on the Santa Fe River Commission and for their commitment to public service.

Ms. Romero-Pike expressed her thank you to Mayor Coss for making it a reality to have water in the river, "1,000 ac. ft.", thank you.

Mayor Coss reiterated his belief in having water in the Santa Fe River and expressed his thanks to the River Commission for being dedicated to the 1,000 ac. ft. to have water in the river. Mayor Coss expressed a special thank you to Claudia Borchert who made so much of the commitment a reality to have water in the Santa Fe River. The 1,000 ac. ft. was the success of the community involvement created by and the support for the Santa Fe River. Thank you to the Santa Fe River Commission for 8 years of hard work and dedication.

Chair Jacobi still remembers the date of February 20, 2012 when the first ordinance was approved by the City Council for the 1,000 ac. ft. designation for the Santa Fe River.

Mayor Coss thanked the Chair, Mr. Jacobi for creating a cohesive group; the Santa Fe River Commission, the Santa Fe Watershed Association and for keeping the community involved.

Ms. Romero-Pike expressed her thanks to Mayor Coss for appointing two remarkable men to this commission, Chair Gerald Jacobi, Biologist and Mr. Richard Ellenberg who has contributed his legal expertise.

"Thank you Mayor Coss for 8 years of support and best wishes in future endeavors".

- c) Discussion: Updates from staff regarding infrastructure improvements at the city's reservoirs on the Santa Fe River, including current status; projections for the status of the work through 2014; administration of the Target Flow program (Nick Schiavo, Director, Water Division and Public Utilities Department)

Mr. Schiavo reported that we are going to see between 1.5 – 4 cfs in the river between the 1<sup>st</sup> weeks in March through July due to the reservoir project. This estimate is based on 45% of the snow pack average. We won't know what we have until April, 2014. This is a good year for the river; the concerns will be more evident when entering 2015. It was noted that McClure holds more water than Nichols. If anyone is interested in seeing the project a time can be coordinated through Mr. Drypolcher. The hopes are to have the OSE certify that in May there is enough water. There are still concerns on McClure; it leaks about 1 million gallons a day. The plan is to empty out McClure by August, 2014 and they are presently working closely with the contractors. In order to do the project Nichols had to be completely drained. McClure has 5 times the storage capacity compared to Nichols.

Chair Jacobi asked if the project flows would affect the Fishing Derby in June. Mr. Schiavo said that he believes it will not be affected.

Mr. Schiavo did say that a conversation should be held with Mr. Drypolcher to discuss the release for the vegetation. Mr. Schiavo also offered to return in 2 months and provide an update.

- d) Discussion: Updates from staff regarding Santa Fe River Voluntary River Conservation Fund (River Fund). River Fund mailing to contributors; the proposal to implement the Alameda Rain Gardens Program (Brian Drypolcher)

Mr. Drypolcher reported that there is the old money which is restricted for acquisition for water rights for either the Santa Fe or the Rio Grande and there is the new money. There will be more opportunities for the use of the new money. There was a ruling from the city attorney that if you could get those who provided old money to convert their interest and approval to convert it in to new money it could be reallocated. There were 700 letters that went out and about 225 have been received. The options in the letter were *no response* or *affirmative*, therefore the 225 responses are affirmative. A reconciliation of how much money this is and what sort of new life it will have will be provided to the Santa Fe River Commission at the next meeting when a reconciliation report is complete.

Memo – The city council will consider on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

- e) Information/Discussion: Updates from staff regarding design activities for improvements to the Santa Fe River Trail (Brian Drypolcher)

***(Power point presentation and pictures of the Santa Fe River Trail)***. Mr. Drypolcher said after his presentation that he would like to provide this information in the future to those remaining members that were unable to attend tonight's meeting. These are all projects included the Bicycle Master Plan funding.

- Frenchy's Field to Camino del Campos  
Camino Alire small build out to the Santa Fe River
  - Area connector to get from the street level to the river level.
  - Bikeway Master Plan wants to make connection from street to Frenchy's
  - City Context Map shows the area that will receive federal funding.
  - 1995 Master Plan and how it relates to the Bicycle Master Plan. People who are supportive are happy to see the 1995 Master Plan become a reality. Since the 1995 plan there was the 1999 plan and then the MPO plan. The bonds then had to be passed. Every time there was a public process it moved forward. When you have a design team it makes the process more real.
  - Metropolitan Organization Master Plan design for bridge to get across the river with explained detail. There are mixed emotions from the community; not all are in favor. At the recent public open meeting it was not well attended.
  - Once the sidewalk on the east side will bring forward a concern related to flood way issues and historical significance.
  - Camino del Campo to Don Gaspar hydrology view.

The plans as viewed this evening will be placed on the website for public view.

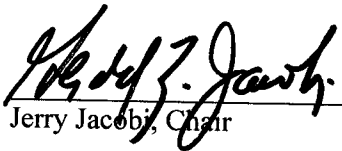
5. **MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS, MATTERS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES**  
None

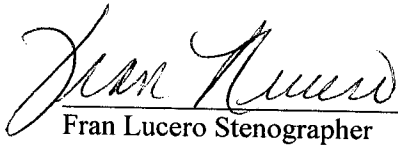
6. **MATTERS FROM STAFF**  
None

7. **CITIZENS COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR**  
None

8. **ADJOURN**  
There being no further business to come before the Santa Fe River Commission, the Chair called for adjournment at 7:00 pm.

Signature Sheet:

  
Jerry Jacoby, Chair

  
Fran Lucero Stenographer