



# Agenda

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## **Santa Fe River Commission**

**Thursday, January 14, 2016 (Round House Room)**

**6 pm to 8 pm**

**City Offices at the Market Station Building at the Rail yard**

**500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe, NM**

**505-955-6840**

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 12, 2015 & DECEMBER 10, 2015**
4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES / COMMITTEES**
5. **INFORMATON/DISCUSSION/ACTION:**
  - a) **Project Updates (Melissa McDonald)**
  - b) **Love Your River Day Proclamation (John Buchser)**
  - c) **Reports from sub-committees**
    - **Watershed Revitalization, Emile Sawyer**
    - **Promoting a Living River, John Buchser**
    - **Species Resiliency, Zoe Isaacson**
    - **Outdoor Economy, Luke Pierpont**
6. **MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS**
7. **MATTERS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES**
8. **MATTERS FROM STAFF –updates**
9. **SUB-COMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSION**
10. **CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR**
11. **ADJOURN**

**Next Scheduled for the River Commission is February 18, 2016**

**Packet Material due by February 9, 2016**

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Santa Fe River Commission  
500 Market Street, Santa Fe, NM  
Thursday, January 14, 2016  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Mr. John Buchser, Chair called the meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission to order at 6:09 p.m. at 500 Market Station, Santa Fe, NM. A quorum was established with roll call.

**Present**

John R. Buchser, Chair  
Phil Bové, Vice Chair  
Jerry Jacobi  
F.M. Patorni  
Luke Pierpont  
Dale Doremus  
Zoe Isaacson  
Emile Sawyer

**Not Present/Excused**

Anna Hansen

**Others Present**

Melissa McDonald, Santa Fe River Watershed Coordinator, City of Santa Fe Staff  
Andy Otto, Santa Fe Watershed Association  
Alan Hook, Santa Fe Water Division  
Dave Grenfelld, The Water Culture Institute  
Linda Vigil, Stenographer

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

***Mr. Jacobi moved to approve the Agenda as presented with a second by Mr. Patorni which passed by voice vote.***

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2015 AND DECEMBER 10, 2015**

***Ms. Doremus moved to approve the Minutes of November 12, 2015 with a second by Ms. Isaacson which passed by voice vote.***

***Mr. Patorni moved to approve the Minutes of December 10, 2015 as presented with a second by Mr. Pierpont which passed by voice vote.***

**4. COMMUNICATION FROM AGENCIES/COMMITTEES**

There was no communication from Agencies or Committees.

## 5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION:

### a. Project Updates (Melissa McDonald)

Ms. McDonald presented a spreadsheet she created with information and updates on Projects. (See Exhibit A)

Ms. McDonald presented maps and plans for those projects she had available for the members to review. A brief discussion was held about the gate and gage project near the Boys and Girls Club, and how the gage will be read. The Camino Alire project should be a quick project, the RFP should go out next week. Ms. McDonald reported on an arroyo project, where there are five sites. The goal was ten, however there is not enough funding in the budget. The Arroyo Chamiso Trail project is complete and just needs to be reseeded in the spring.

Ms. McDonald reported on the Raingarden on Sycamore funded through the River Fund. The Santa Fe Watershed also got part of a grant through Wells Fargo.

Ms. McDonald discussed the project near Patrick Smith Park which the bids went out yesterday and it should start soon. There was some concern in the neighborhood who want the sideway to be closer to the street because they would like to keep some dirt pathway. A brief discussion was held about the bump outs and the concern of bicyclists.

Mr. Patorni asked about the final designs and the process. Ms. McDonald explained the percentages and the standard procedures when other agencies (i.e. DOT, Parks, MPO) are involved.

A brief discussion was held about the area at Patrick Smith Park being metered and the concern of tickets becoming litter near the river. Mr. Patorni would like to know the reason for the meters. Ms. McDonald will speak to the Director of the Parking Division.

Ms. McDonald reported that the bid for the project at the Defouri Bridge went out to bid yesterday.

Chair Buchser stated if any members of the public have feedback or questions about the projects they may contact Ms. McDonald or he would be happy to brief them.

Ms. McDonald reported that there is no money in the budget for any new work for this year. Only these projects will be finished.

### b. Love Your River Day Proclamation (John Buchser)

Chair Buchser reported that Mayor Gonzales has signed off on the Proclamation for Love Your River Day.

He will present it to the Santa Fe Watershed Association on February 13, 2016 Frenchy's Field Barn at 10:15 am. Ms. McDonald thanked Mr. Bové and Chair Buchser for their help writing the Proclamation.

c. Reports from sub-committees

a. Watershed Revitalization (Emile Sawyer)

Mr. Sawyer reported that he made contact with Mr. Jan-Willem Jansens of Santa Fe County-Wetlands Action Plan to attend a meeting in the future to follow up on the action plan.

Mr. Sawyer has resumes of other interested parties that may also be of help. He will review them. Ms. Isaacson states she knows of a civil engineer who she has made contact with.

b. Promoting a Living River (John Buchsher)

Chair Buchser discussed the possibility of using Acequia water to water community gardens. Mr. Bové briefly discussed the need to have someone maintain the gardens and make sure they are watered.

Ms. Doremus knows of a woman here from New York City who has worked on community gardens before. Ms. McDonald stated there is a plan for one, she will try to locate the assessment and will pass it on.

Mr. Bové discussed the lease on water the Railyard currently has and the work he helped on some vandalized gates.

b. Species Resiliency (Zoe Isaacson)

Ms. Isaacson explained the subcommittee would like to start an assessment the river corridor where there are issues. A survey on the species of trees was done by the Army Corps of Engineers, it can be reviewed. Ms. McDonald stated an inventory is being done now on Alameda along the river. The Tree Board meets monthly Ms. McDonald suggested the subcommittee attend.

Ms. McDonald discussed the Greenhouse the City Parks Department has that has been saving vegetation to replant along the river. Youthworks has been working on it as well, it could be a good resource.

c. Outdoor Economy (Luke Pierpont)

Mr. Pierpont reports the subcommittee along with the others is still in the early stages. They have identified small projects to approach. Perhaps Art along the river or simple benches and bike racks. They reached out to the Art Institute who is focusing on water. Ms. McDonald recommended they connect with MPO there may be funding for the bike racks, they are launching the Bike Share Program soon.

## 6. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Patorni suggestion the subcommittees creative vibrancy an align tasks. Perhaps monitor progress with who, what, where and when approaches.

Mr. Jacobi asked if there were any other remaining subcommittees left working from before the Commission changed. Chair Buchser stated there should not be any active.

Mr. Jacobi briefly discussed the proposal from a few years ago regarding effluent water and the river. He will try to locate the brochure about it and pass it along.

Mr. Grenfeld briefly mentioned a thirty minute video he recently saw about the concept of wastewater treatment.

## **7. MATTERS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES**

Ms. McDonald stated she can remove this item from future agendas since the subcommittees reported earlier.

## **8. MATTERS FROM STAFF – UPDATES**

Ms. McDonald would like permission from the Commission to invite Mr. Tiseman from Santa Fe County to attend a meeting to discuss the report on the project from Frenchy's Park to Siler.

Ms. McDonald reported that the Sustainable Santa Fe Committee has asked that the Commission review the ordinance they are proposing regarding pesticides. The Commission collectively agreed to review it.

Ms. McDonald reported the Urban Watershed Policy drafted by the Mayor and Councilman Ives will come before the Committee to be reviewed as well. It will go before the Council for approval in March.

## **9. SUB COMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSION**

The Sub-Committees will break out for approximately 30 minutes.

## **10. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Otto reported that he attended a meeting in La Cienega regarding the management plan drafted to the City for the plan for the lower Santa Fe River. The Commission may want to give their input on the plan.

Ms. McDonald receives emails and will forward any information she gets on this.

Mr. Grenfeld presented an outline for a Water Ethics Charter from the Water Culture Institute. (See Exhibit B) His group has received a few small grants to help fund the Charter.

Mr. Patorni briefly discussed the principles adopted in Dublin that were adopted worldwide. The principles were that water should be managed at the lowest level. He would like to convince the Mayor to take on the project and possibly become pioneers in Santa Fe.

A discussion was held about the vegetation and animals that are native and non-native in the river. Ms. Isaacson would like to acquaint herself with what is there and use indicators.

#### 11. ADJOURN

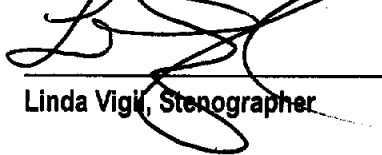
*There being no further business to come before the Santa Fe River Commission, Mr. Jacobi moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., with a second from Mr. Bové which carried by unanimous voice vote.*

#### Signatures



John Buchser, Chair

*DR. BOVE VICE CHAIR*



Linda Vigil, Stenographer

Project Manager	Project Number, Name, & Limits	Project Status-- January 6, 2016
Melissa McDonald River Watershed & Trails	CIP #412A Small Drainage Projects -SF River at St. Francis Guage	Souder Miller (Design) Lockwood (Construction); Pre-con 5/14, Construction 1/16
Melissa McDonald River Watershed & Trails	CIP 412A, Small Drainage Projects & Repairs, Bishops Diversion displaced boulder in cross vane structure	On-Call repair with Lockwood. Repair estimate have been requested 6/12/15. On-hold pending other work & funding
Melissa McDonald River Watershed & Trails	CIP 500-5, Drainage repair cross vanes @Nopal -- moved boulders (SF River Trail around Don Jose Loop)	RFQ sent out 7/9/15. Sites SW (Design)-- Schedule 30% Design Plans 1/16; 60% Design on 2/16, 90% Design on 3/16.
Melissa McDonald River Watershed & Trails	CIP 412A, Small Drainage Projects & Repairs	Final design Souder Miller Associates (SMA) for grade control and bank adjacent to Alto Park @ Camino Alire. Kick-off meeting 11/15; 100% Final Design 12/15. Bid 2/15. Construction Award 4/16
Melissa McDonald River Watershed & Trails	CIP #413D Arroyo & Watershed Improvements, Arroyo Chamiso	Design Phase--Santa Fe Engineering (SFE); Design is 90% complete. RFP in progress,ROW pending for private property south of Kachina Ridge; Construction Bid 3/16. Construct 4/16
Melissa McDonald River Watershed & Trails	Arroyo de los Pinos, identified erosion	Evaluation with Dave Canatch & Leroy Pacheco-- Internal scope & estimate complete 10/5. Souder Miller & Associates negotiations 11/13 - 12/15/15. Contract approval pending
Melissa McDonald River Watershed & Trails	SF River @ La Joya, just passed Ricardo Bridge. Steep erosion on south bank identified.	Evaluation in progress.
Melissa McDonald River Watershed & Trails	Arroyo Chamisos Trail @ Gail Ryba (Near St. Francis)	Arroyo Maintenance / protection of trail and bridge abutment.On-Call contracts, HO, Inc. Construction Work completion 12/27/15. Re-seeding needed to complete.
Melissa McDonald River Watershed & Trails	Youth Work Training RFP	RFP bid pending
Melissa McDonald River Watershed & Trails	Rain Gardens project @ W. Alameda & Sicomoro St.	Site visit 10/1, evaluation in progress. Matching grant Identified/SF River Fund. Proposal in process with non-profit partner
Melissa McDonald River Watershed & Trails	Adopt-the-River Program RFP	On-going--Adopt-a-River program with SF Watershed Association. New RFP pending Spring 2016
Melissa McDonald River Watershed & Trails	Arroyo Assessment of 10 major arroyos	Santa Fe Watershed Association, Kick-off 11/15. Work begun, completion 5/30/16
Leroy Pacheco River Watershed & Trails	CIP # 859A Acequia Trail Crossing @ St. Francis/Cerrillos	NMDOT 100% Certification June 2015, Fed CMAQ funds of \$3.8 Million Incl City match for construction est. ; Louis Berger Group (LBG).Estimate RFB construction In 1/16. Water Infiltration project.
James Martinez --River Watershed & Trails	CIP #460D SF River Trail/E. Alameda Ped Improvements, Small Sidewalks Improvements - From El Alamo to Patrick Smith Park Driveway	Design Phase --Completed by Santa Fe Engineering & Consulting (SFE); Cooperative Agreement between CoSF and NMDOT executed; Advertised RFB on 11/2/2015, Apparent Low Bidder was GM Emulsion; NMDOT and City of Santa Fe Reviewing Bid tabulations; Notice to Proceed anticipated to be on 2/1/2016.
James Martinez -- River Watershed & Trails	CIP # 460B-2 SF River Trail Improvements & Connections (Phase II), Camino del Campo & Candelario, St. Francis Drive to Camino del Campo, Near La Madera at the Santa Fe River Trail, Improved Trail Connection at Paseo de la Conquistadora to River Trail, Improved trail connection from Camino de Chelly to Frenchy's walkways.	Construction Phase - LBG; Phase II (Area B including downtown trail extension east of Del Campo to Don Gaspar) Planning to bid for Construction mid-January, Anticipate Construction Start after East Alameda Ped. Improvement Project.
Michelle Martinez-- River Watershed & Trails	CIP #428A Santa Fe River Trail Drainage Repair at Nopal; Santa Fe Engineering (Design) HO Construction, Inc. (Construction)	Construction complete, pending paperwork and As Builds from contractor
John Romero-- River, Watershed & Trails	River Trail Crossing @ St. Fran/W. Alameda	Council reallocated \$1.8 Million away from this project and altered the scope from an underpass project to an at-grade crossing.
		Leaving \$200k budget, \$77,515.94 was previously paid to Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) for original scope.
		CC approved new scope Feb.11, 2015 with Parsons Brinckerhoff
		Pending transfer of funds, construction to design
John Romero-- River, Watershed & Trails	CIP 823 Defouri/Guadalupe St. Bridges	Design Complete
		Bids to be opened 1/13/16
		Construction Notice to Proceed is scheduled for 3/7/16. Project time is 150 calendar days.

EXHIBIT

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# **Outline for a Water Ethics Charter**

## **Part 1. Introduction**

### **A. General Statement**

- This Charter establishes fundamental principles for managing water in ways that are... [environmentally sustainable, economically responsible, socially just and culturally respectful.]

### **B. Purpose of this Charter**

- The aim of this Charter is.... [a water-secure world for both people and nature]

### **C. General Issues about the Charter**

- Environmental sustainability? Participation of stakeholders? Precautionary principle? Minimize water use? Other general principles?]

## **Part 2. Environmental Issues**

### **A. General Concepts**

- The healthy condition of water ecosystems is fundamental to the welfare of people, who ultimately depend on the water services of nature?
- Freshwater ecosystems (rivers, lakes, springs, wetlands, aquifers, and estuaries) have an intrinsic value and [right to exist] in a healthy condition?

### **B. Specific Operational Guidelines**

- Classify water basins by ecological status, and set guidelines for enhancing ecological health?
- Commit to a policy of "no net loss from current conditions"?

## **Part 3. Economic Issues**

### **A. General Concepts:**

- Protect existing water stocks (e.g., aquifers, lakes and rivers)?
- Principles of "reasonable use", "frugality", and "efficiency" in water use?

### **B. Specific Operational Guidelines**

- Identify, measure, and protect economically valuable ecosystem services;
- Minimize water use and maximize reuse

## **Part 4. Social Principles**

### **A. General Concepts:**

- Water should be treated as a common good with considerations of equity and fairness;
- Water governance should promote stakeholder participation and engagement.

### **B. Specific Operational Guidelines**

- Promote universal access to safe drinking water and sanitation;
- Establish stakeholder bodies for water ecosystems and irrigation networks.

## **Part 5. Cultural and Spiritual Principles**

### **A. General Concepts**

- Comply with UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 2007
- Promote water development which supports local cultural values;

### **B. Specific Operational Guidelines**

- Observe principle of "free, prior and informed consent" from World Commission on Dams, 2000.

## **Part 6. Other Issues**

- Water security, peace and conflict issues?
- Professional and financial integrity / anti-corruption?
- Other issues?

**EXHIBIT**

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