

1 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit program; and

2 **WHEREAS**, green infrastructure is an approach to stormwater management that
3 protects, restores, or mimics the natural water cycle and reduces the need for conventional
4 infrastructure by reducing stormwater volume, and improve[ing] water quality by reducing
5 pollutant loads, stream bank erosion, and sedimentation; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the urban reaches of the Santa Fe River have been listed as an impaired
7 waterbody for specific contaminants under Section 303(d) of the federal Water Quality Act (aka.,
8 Clean Water Act) attributed primarily to stormwater flows; and

9 **WHEREAS**, this impairment will result in the adoption of Total Maximum Daily Loads
10 (TMDLs) by the New Mexico Environment Department and the New Mexico Water Quality
11 Control Commission for these contaminants; and

12 **WHEREAS**, these TMDLs will result in more restrictive permit requirements and
13 controls for any current or new point source and non-point sources to the Santa Fe River,
14 including the City's MS4 (Stormwater) Permit in the future; and

15 **WHEREAS**, through the Public Works Department's River, Watershed & Trails
16 Division, the Water Division, and the Santa Fe River Commission the City is currently
17 implementing the Alameda Rain Gardens, a green infrastructure program; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the City's Land Use Department has implemented green codes that
19 encourage infiltration and green infrastructure measures; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the City's Water Conservation Office has created rebates and incentives for
21 passive and active rainwater systems; and

22 **WHEREAS**, green infrastructure must be a part of the Sustainable Santa Fe
23 Commission's 2040 goals; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the City should continue to explore all available means to encourage and
25 incentivize private individuals, commercial enterprises and governmental entities to use rainwater

1 resources; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the City should work to ensure the availability of all legal supplies of water
3 for the benefit of the City of Santa Fe; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the City will ensure its long-term sustainability and build resiliency within
5 the City of Santa Fe by ensuring that it uses all water resources legally available; and

6 **WHEREAS**, rain events are increasing in intensity and quantity in Santa Fe, and the City
7 needs to develop and implement its long-term plan to deal with stormwater to ensure that it does
8 not degrade the water quality of the SF River and its tributaries, is not destructive to private or
9 public property and infrastructure, and ensure that it is used in beneficial ways; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the City should promote and emphasize utilizing green infrastructure to
11 slow down runoff, increase stormwater infiltration, prevent the transport of pollutants from urban
12 and commercial areas, and maximize the benefits derived from precipitation events; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the City should explore the expansion of its urban trails system along
14 existing arroyos to promote healthy lifestyles and public safety; and

15 **WHEREAS**, implementing this Resolution, increasing green infrastructure, and
16 managing stormwater as a resource will promote the well-being and health of the people of Santa
17 Fe and will help build community; and

18 **WHEREAS**, if the City needs to contract with a third party to explore the matters set
19 forth herein, the Stormwater Section funds can be used to accomplish the purposes of this
20 Resolution.

21 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
22 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that under guidance of the city manager, city staff is directed to research,
23 evaluate and report on current stormwater management policies that:

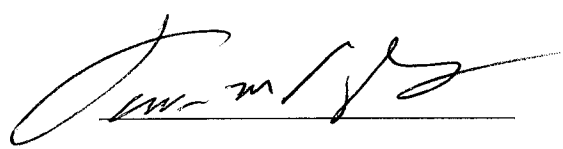
- 24 1. Employ and promote green infrastructure in all city infrastructure projects and
25 improvements;

- 1 2. Examine and implement ways to slow stormwater down, making it less destructive,
2 and allowing it to infiltrate better;
- 3 3. Foster the Santa Fe River Commission's participation in the Santa Fe River Corridor
4 Master Plan;
- 5 4. Promote and further the City's urban watershed policy, employing green
6 infrastructure improvements in all Public Works projects (roads, parks, trails, etc.) to
7 infiltrate stormwater, and use it more productively in parks and public places to
8 decrease irrigation costs and prevent the runoff of fertilizers, waste-products and
9 other contaminants;
- 10 5. Examine ways in which stormwater can be used productively in Santa Fe;
- 11 6. Facilitate collaboration among the Public Works Department, Parks and Recreation
12 Department, Public Utilities Department, City Land Use Department, and private
13 stakeholders to evaluate the creation of a Santa Fe Arroyo and Flood Control District,
14 in cooperation with the County of Santa Fe;
- 15 7. Evaluate the nature and extent [and]for the possible expansion of City jurisdiction
16 over arroyos and other waterways throughout the City of Santa Fe, allowing for
17 improved arroyo management by the city and the extension of trail systems;
- 18 8. Develop a thorough and mapped understanding of the current stormwater system,
19 including existing city drop inlets, storm drains, pipes, and outlet structures that flow
20 directly into the arroyo system and the Santa Fe River;
- 21 9. Consider how Public Works projects and private developments can create
22 opportunities for an integrated approach to stormwater management;
- 23 10. Provide recommendations from staff that would coordinate the efforts of the above
24 mentioned departments, commissions, committees and other entities to maximize
25 opportunities, while eliminating duplicative efforts.

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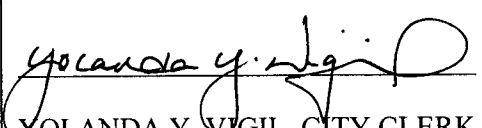
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager shall present a preliminary report with recommendations for the development of an updated stormwater policy within 120 days of the adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of March, 2016.




JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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