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## Santa Fe River Commission Agenda

Thursday, October 12, 2017 (Round House Room), 6 pm to 8 pm

City Offices at the Market Station Building at the Railyard

500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe, NM

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  - c. Discussion Item: Water Quality Issues, Scoop the Poop Campaign (Staff)
  - d. Discussion Item: Vegetation Management within the River Corridor (Buchser)
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6. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
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  - a. Projects Status Report –EPA Long-term Stormwater Plan, Alameda Rain Garden Project Update
8. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR
9. SUB-COMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSION
  - Outdoor Economy
  - Promoting a Living River
  - Watershed Revitalization
  - Species Resiliency

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**Santa Fe River Commission  
MINUTES  
Thursday, October 12, 2017  
6:00 pm to 7:50 pm**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Santa Fe River Commission meeting was called to order at 56:00 pm by Chair Buchser at the City Offices at the Market Station Building at the Railyard 500 Market Street, Roundhouse Meeting Room, Santa Fe, NM

**2. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

John Buchser, Chair  
Phil Bové  
F.M. Patorni  
Luke Pierpont  
Dale Doremus

**NOT PRESENT:**

Emile Sawyer  
Anna Hansen  
Zoe Isaacson  
Jerry Jacobi

**OTHERS PREENT:**

Melissa McDonald, Staff Liaison  
Alan Hook, City Staff  
Raquel Baca – Thompson, Santa Fe Watershed Association  
Aaron Kauffman, Santa Fe Watershed Association  
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

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**5. COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES /COMMITTEES**

**a. Santa Fe Watershed Association, Raquel Baca-Thompson**

Extended an invitation to the river cleanup at Alto Park from 10-12 with a bar-b-q to follow this following Saturday for volunteers and friends. The Chair expressed his thanks to the Santa Fe Watershed staff for all they do.

**6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

**a. Action Item: Approval of 2018 River Commission Meeting Schedule (Staff)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, retain same time of 6 pm – 8 pm.

Jan 11	Feb 08	March 8	April 12
May 10	June 14	July 12	August 09
September 13	October 11	November 8	December 13

***Mr. Pierpont moved to approve the 2018 calendar as amended reflecting the correction for July to be the 12<sup>th</sup> not the 13th, second by Ms. Doremus, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.***

**b. Discussion Item: River Commission Terms (Buchser, Staff)**

Ms. McDonald shared the Resolution and talked about the new terms and those historical terms for the River Commission members. The terms say members and alternates should serve for three years for members and alternates may be reappointed upon the expiration of any given term. Ms. McDonald said that right now everyone's term ends at the same time and she would like to recommend future discussion on staggered terms. Do the terms meet what the River Commission members want?

January of each year is when the Chair and Vice Chair are elected into the commission. Ms. McDonald will check the wording; it states right now that the Mayor appoints the chairperson. In future elections of the Chair the information goes to the Governing Body for confirmation. At this time everyone's term ends in February 2019. Mr. Patorni suggested waiting until a new Mayor assumes office in order to talk about the importance of the River Commission and discuss the staggered terms. Ms. McDonald provided the Resolution for review prior to any decisions made in the future.

***The Chair said that we could place this item on the April 2018 agenda and discuss at that time the length of the terms and if the terms should be staggered.***

**c. Discussion Item: Water Quality Issues, Scoop the Poop Campaign**

Ms. McDonald suggested that this project should come from a volunteer body vs. the city departments. The question was asked if the River Commission wanted to be a lead in this endeavor. Items to consider would be possible public meetings to solicit support and discussion of budget and she is soliciting areas of interest.

The Chair asked what are some of the top concerns that the River Commission members should be engaged in as a committee.

Ms. McDonald said that staff has done storm water testing specifically for e-coli where they targeted where dog poop might be an issue from other areas such as beaver, human or other DNA that they are looking at. That data should be available soon and they will know the river where they are having particular problems with dog poop. One of the bigger issues is raising awareness. She feels that there should be a media campaign whether it be social media or video, letter writing, and the city has pamphlets on this topic and when the results are ready that there be a way to get this information disseminated to the public on e-coli. There should be stations around town that you can utilize and call a certain number if it needs bags or whatever it is. Having even the most basic information out would raise awareness as to the importance and it should be a priority. It may have to happen at a governmental level and yet Ms. McDonald feels that everything she has seen should be a voluntary neighbor-to-neighbor cooperative, which has a better impact. It was reiterated that the public needs to be educated on how dog poop affects the river. We are not around the river when people allow their dogs to poop in the river. It is about how we increase the value in the communication. Ms. McDonald said her vision would be to have this commission possibly hold a meeting and invite dog park people or community owners and have them look at some of the results we might have and open up a conversation about it, that would be a simple first step. She also suggested possibly a couple of letters to the editor or my view might be helpful if we get positive results from the testing.

The Chair asked if Ms. McDonald knew of other communities who have taken a more proactive role than Santa Fe has? Has there been any tracking of complaints on the problem from community members? Is it improving?

Ms. McDonald said that she would need to check on this through Parks and Recreation, also in the past municipal court would track this since people would be ticketed and fined, but she isn't too sure if they are still doing that. In terms of other communities doing this, Ms. McDonald has done some research on it; people have increased fines, there are communities that have done more formal enforcement and then there are communities that have done more of a fun-informal approach to change behavior that way.

Mr. Patorni said it would be good if they could get media support from the local media sources such as the New Mexican who does huge pages of advertisements on pets.

Ms. McDonald said that it a great example but it would have more effect if a community person asked them vs. a governmental entity.

Alan said that in California the state use to pay for e-coli testing and sampling but their funding was getting cut so there were volunteer groups that would go out and do the protocols. The County would get state funding to pay for the tests. He also stated that the Herman Waters Grant through NMED was willing, because they had a Lab to do the tests. Alan explained the components of the testing. The other, on the advertising, you could get a placard and ask a pet shop business to donate the bags and set up at Farmers Market with Volunteers once a month to get the word out, free bags and an informational flyer. Ms. McDonald said she could get other community people involved, she has reached out to a couple of dog park people and the cooperative effort begins.

Community participation: There is an active dog park group contact that will be provided to Ms. McDonald for future relationship to discuss this matter. One of the local pet food storeowner was present and she would be more than happy to provide contact information. What she is hearing is that there is a need for poop bag stations.

Ms. McDonald again reiterated that she feels strongly that there is community support and she thinks that the city might have budget to supply the bags. She is willing to earmark a budget request next year for these types of things.

The Chair said he would first like the areas to be identified; what stations need bags, where are we running out of bags constantly, simple things where the community and city could help.

Mr. Pierpont said that Commissioner Hansen had also shown interest and he would be interested in talking with people in the community that are doing this work. It would be useful to have people come and present their views to the River Commission. He will wait to receive any contact names that he can reach out to and work on this project.

Mr. Bové said that in the past, Patrick Smith Park use to have a lot of dogs there but the garbage cans went away. That would be one of the points to talk to Parks; they probably have more to do with this than anybody in the city because Santa Fe has so many parks. Houses close to the vicinity of Patrick Smith Park get a lot of bags of poop because their dumpsters are visible. It would be better if at the exit of all parks they would have trash barrels so it is convenient for people.

Ms. McDonald said there are about 400 stations throughout the city that they track and fill with poop bags. It would be good to have a coalition of people in the community to communicate the needs and it would be helpful to Parks and Rec Department.

**d. Discussion Item: Vegetation Management within the River Corridor (John Buchser)**

The Chair has spoken to Michael Smith and he has been working diligently to collect donations and volunteering his own time mostly working on a stream downtown clearing smaller areas. Mr. Buchser said his particular interest is the challenge of keeping the Siberian elms under control. If you cut them and leave them, they just grow right back and you have to deal with them every year or multiple times a year.

About a decade ago, maybe not that long ago, the city had been providing staff to put a glycoposphate solution on the stubs of the elms cut out in the river. Basically you had a trained person applying glycoposphate chemical to only the stub to make sure you didn't get it on other things. The Chair said he gathers that Michael has not been doing that lately in part of concerns of much wider use of glycoposphate products ranging from agriculturally to vegetation management in parks and I can't really speak for Park maintenance. He isn't sure how much use the city makes of those products. He is curious on everyone else's thoughts and what the regulatory process is. In the past you had to put up a notice several days in advance notifying community residents that this was happening. It seemed at times staff was a bit sloppy in terms of the way younger members were not too concerned about the use of the product and that is a concern to the Chair. If you are going to be doing this it has to be done in a responsible way.

Ms. McDonald stated that she can only address what is happening in the river, currently they have to follow the IPM Ordinance which requires 72 hour notification of any kind of spraying that would mean putting a sign and posting it that they are doing some kind of application and it has to be a licensed person, not just a trained person it has to be a licensed person. This individual would need to have been through more detailed instruction on chemical operation. There have been no requests to apply chemicals nor have there been any postings since Ms. McDonald has been in her position in the river corridor. She cannot answer for the rest of the city. Ms. McDonald said that Richard would notify her if there was a request to have it done in a specific area in the river or parks along the river.

Mr. Bové said there is a lot of confusion within the city itself and in the area of the Railyard park we have been in the habit of applying aqua master on anything that we cut and it is all done with brush and no spraying. The previous ED of the Railyard Park told Mr. Bové that they couldn't do anything there that they had signed an agreement with the Park stewards and the city no herbicides could be used at all.

Ms. McDonald reiterated that according to the IPM ordinance, you have to post before you apply any chemicals within 72 hours. She spoke to Victor Lucero from the Parks Department who said his staff is not allowed to apply because they are not certified at this time. Mr. Bové said he did all the application behind the School for the Deaf for them.

Chair Buchser: How many are certified on city staff?

Ms. McDonald: Only 1, Victor Lucero.

Chair Buchser: Would we need to put in a budget request to get someone certified?

Ms. McDonald said it would not be "we", it would not be the River Commission or Public Works Department; it would come out of the Parks Department budget.

Chair: How do they manage elm trees that native and close to the cottonwoods? Who would have the resources to draw upon, would it be private volunteer organizations to take them out or would it be Parks Department?



Ms. McDonald: This goes back to when I started with the city, do we want to pursue vegetation management plan for the river corridor? As it is now, Parks operates under standards set by national organizations on how to deal with these types of trees. Ms. McDonald said that she knows personally, that Richard Thompsons feels strongly that the big trees should come out vs. the little trees because they put so many seeds down. She stated she could not speak for him but the areas between the Park - Youth Works does some vegetation management, Watershed Association does some vegetation management, occasionally Parks does vegetation management but there is no overarching philosophy on how to do this. Parks has their way of doing this and if there is no guiding document that is approved, it is up to the individuals. Ms. McDonald said if she sees anything she does have dialog with the Parks Department. The Municipal Tree board is also having dialog on storm water, rain gardens, tree management and it would be good to have conversation regarding these shared subject. There is no over arching policy that any one has implemented, we could go visit with Richard Thompson or we could invite him to address the River Commission.

Chair Buchser said it might be easier to address for example the Watershed Association has 27 segments broken out by volunteers and possibly not busy in all areas. The sierra Club historically has adopted 3 of those segments and some of those are in particular need right now. The higher need is probably the smaller stem stuff. There are probably about 5 elms that fall in there that won't be addressed by the volunteers. Michael Smith's organization takes that on and has the expertise to do that responsibly. Folks that are hikers aren't going to have that area of expertise. To think of it segment by segment and say this is what we would like to do and find out if it fits in through a regulatory process.

Ms. McDonald stated that with the alignment with the Watershed Association would be very important because they have volunteers working with them. She feels that this commission should also talk to the Municipal Tree Board to see if they are thinking along these lines. Ultimately if you want it to be something that everyone is following you would need to go to before the City Council to get this approved.

Chair Buchser asked if it was the consensus that in the long term it would be good idea to pull all of these things together, consolidate the various concepts and present it to the City Council for their approval.

Ms. McDonald said she is not presenting the idea on this. She did say that she thinks this concept could work as expressed above; it probably could be done more like a plan or an area that the Commission discusses by segment. She did not provide direction either way. There are so many types of different river areas that it would be hard to imagine that you would have one uniform way of doing something. In the upper watershed we have the walls where the streams are constrained and more condense and in the lower watershed we have it open and sometimes people want trees and elms growing. It is a tough one to tackle.

Mr. Bové said he ran in to a similar thing at LANL under telecommunications and he put together a standard that was adopted by the laboratory. Now with his continued involvement with the Acequia Madre they have to bring in their plans in and I am always interested in their drainage plan and their plans if they are going to do any type of landscaping. Mr. Bové said that it seems to him it would not be difficult to

bring not quite a boilerplate the specifications but similar to boilerplate for any landscaping or treatment of waterways. The simplest thing that the designers put in to drawings sometimes is, "plant with native grasses." There are a lot of native grasses that you don't put on the banks of the river.

Ms. McDonald said another option would be to bring Mr. Thompson and Mr. Victor Lucero, the Municipal Tree Board, Youth Works, those who are doing work on the river and ask them the why and how. It is a big issue and people don't agree upon. Every week calls come in and it is pretty across the board where some want the treatment chemically and others don't, some want the Santa Fe River heavily manicured and others don't.

Chair Buchser said, If you are actually trying to improve the vegetation that is growing you need to put something there that can sustain flooding all the time because that is the nature of a southwestern river, it is going to flood.

McDonald said that people don't apply it accurately but they do have very specific riparian lists that are appropriate lists that we should be using. In the underpass you had to submit a list of the seeds they were using and the Project Manager has the right to say, no. The other big problem is that they go to seeding and DOT grants don't pay for plants, and sometimes seeding doesn't work that well. It is difficult to get plants; even drill seeding works better along the river it doesn't work along the arroyos. There are standards and we could emphasize the standards that exist. DOT does a great job and that have a lot of standards, Bill Hutchins who is the landscape architect has done a really great job of developing them. It shouldn't be hard to come up with a list of suggestions.

Chair Buchser did say this will be a long-term topic for the River Commission.

**e. Discussion Item: Report on Water Reuse Plan feedback (Buchser)**

Chair asked if anyone received any feedback on the letter to City Council or the Mayor, he has not heard back from anyone.

Ms. McDonald said that she has not had a chance to talk to Rick Carpenter and Bill about when they want to come back and do a presentation; she will follow up to see when they want to come back and present.

**f. Informational Item: 10/4 Public Utilities Meeting /Tour (Buchser, Staff)**

Alan Hook got a thank you and some pictures.

Chair provided a recap for those who did not attend the tour. They walked across the Audubon all the way down to where Cerro Gordo crosses. Staff presented what the different features were. There were four Councilors on the tour who had an opportunity to see what is going on in the ground. You could see the gauges and where the water was going, you could see things much better visually, the ponds looked much bigger and now the lower pond is probably about 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the size because there is plant growing along the edges. It was visually very stunning. It is a very different perspective and it might be worthwhile to go there in the spring. What use to be the ditch around the 2-mile is vegetation you couldn't really see anything particularly. The only confusion that got presented and it got corrected quickly is what the ditch around what 2-mile is, was it channel or where exactly is the channel.

We have never come to the consensus on what is the river channel. Most of us think that it is through the Preserve; there is no right answer on this. Mr. Bové also gave a presentation there that was very knowledgeable.

Ms. McDonald said that she felt all of the presentations were great, Bob provided a great amount of history.

Alan Hook based his comment on the 1979 survey, which is the reference point from the State Engineer. Somewhere in that flood plain, 100 years ago, 200 years ago, could run somewhere in that canyon.

The Chair said that the need for him to quantify is the question; how much does that preserve still cover. How much comes in, how much goes out and where are you measuring and he believes that Alan Hook and staff are trying to help the Commission figure that out. From a legal perspective, does the Natures Conservancy have to have water rights in order to let water go through that property or not. The Chair said he could go to legal staff and ask that question and be given an answer that we don't want and be told that it is confidential information and he can't share with the Commission. The Chair isn't sure what city counsel's commission is on that right now. The whole issue around water rights and ownership of the property and it is mostly county property not city property.

Mr. Hook said that property at the 2-mile pound is mostly Forest Service land on the northern side of it. The land from the preserve goes even further east around the beaver ponds from a donation from PNM. The county doesn't have land on the other side of Cerro Gordo.

Mr. Bové said the city needs to figure out how to manage the living river water and how to deal with the court order to the Acequia. This year they released a tremendous amount of water to deliver to the Acequia Madre head gate. Just to understand that the city's responsibility through a court order is to deliver a certain amount of water to the head gate of the Acequia. When I call for approximately 3 CFS we are releasing 7 CFS and we nearly got the 3CFS. That water needs to be going someplace. We need to get this figured out. It makes the users feel bad but it seems like a tremendous waste of water. Mr. Bové provided additional historical information. There has to be some dialog and information coming from the OSE.

Mr. Hook said that to clarify, the city could be from Parks to Melissa to Alex or the Water Division; the only part we can control is our obligation to get water to Cerro Gordo gate and Acequia Madre. Living River, as we have been advised multiple times, from the City Attorney, once it goes past the reservoirs, we have no control. We have requested during fishing derby or other events, for Acequia Mariah, can you not divert and they can say go to the State Engineer, you bypass that water, it is not our water. For expression of the city, we have no control over that water. As we attempt to achieve the goals of the Living River Ordinance, we can't go to the OSE and enforce it, and can't tell people not to use that water. And back to the letter from the State Engineer, and it wasn't Mary Young, the State Engineer basically said TNC you don't have a water right to divert, you don't have a ground water right. But if the water is flowing through the Santa Fe River Channel then it is flowing through the Santa Fe River. That was their standpoint, here is our opinion; the river itself is not fully adjudicated. Trying to have the city do something that we don't have control

over, that is where we are stuck in the middle. The only thing we do have control over is that we have a legal obligation to make delivery to the Acequias and the Living River Ordinance, which is a good idea; others may think it is not a good idea. The bypass flows are not under the city's control and we try to meet the goals of it.

The Chair said the river is still living and it is better than it was 10 years ago. You have met our goal, which was to get 23 CFS there all summer long and you have done that.

Mr. Hook said he isn't too sure if they can achieve that in the future.

- g. Action Item: Resolution for a Santa Fe River Study and Management of River Flows (Staff) - (Detailed above.)**

## **7. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

None

## **8. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

- **Projects Status Report, EPA Long-term Storm water Plan**

Ms. McDonald reported that the EPA event went wonderful. Basically they had a 20-day period where they had TetraTech, who is the city consultant and they did internal interviews for 2 full days and then EPA came in and did a public outreach brainstorming session and then met with staff the second day. Ms. McDonald believes that it was very successful and they seemed very pleased. She is waiting to see what comes back after their review. Overall it was successful and the public hearing went very well. Thank you to the Chair for putting a letter to the Editor that posted that day. The Santa Fe Watershed Association also did a lot of outreach, thank you. People talked a lot about the previous Storm Water Master Plan, things that were left out, they talked about the State Engineers office and what their interpretations are and what needs to be clarified. They talked about the need for an infiltration model, some of the pollution issues with the acequias, economic development. Ms. McDonald said she was surprised of all the people who are concerned about the State Engineers office. We will follow up and include those people in future meetings. There was a lot of discussion about water as a resource and how can we use it better. It was said not to talk about it as a resource but to talk about water as life. As a resource that is used up we should be talking about how do we bring water to the situation and celebrate it and use it. There were great discussion topics and a quick overview. Maintenance was also an issue. With city staff through TetraTech the EPA, a lot of concerns, where we need to improve, talked about coordinating amongst various departments and synergy amongst budgets. We will post goals and meeting notes on the meeting on the website. Ms. McDonald said that she believes EPA was very impressed with how educated our city is about storm water.

- **Alameda Rain Garden Project**

There is a proposal moving through the process to put one in by Larragoite Park. Hoping to get two more areas this year, that is the goal.

Additional projects: There is some erosion above Ricardo Bridge at the end of La Jolla. She is hoping to get an RFP out for this project in the next couple of weeks. The design there has worked very well except for that one area.

We are waiting to hear about some of the master planning efforts that were done at Arroyos de los Pinos. Ms. McDonald hopes to have updates by the next meeting. Those plans are coming together.

Ms. McDonald is working with Parks to finish Resolana Park, which is at the north fork of the Arroyo Pinos. It is a storm water and watershed opportunity and she is happy to be a part of that process. The Filter Plant will have some tree planting and annual seeding to hold down the soil, sometime this fall.

Acequia Underpass should be done by December, they are about 1 month behind and that is from their adjusted schedule. They had hoped to be done in October.

Ms. Doremus inquired about the County River Trail. Ms. McDonald said they can have Scott Caseman come back once they firm up what they are doing. Ms. McDonald asked that Aaron mention this at their event tomorrow. What happened is that their first choice didn't work out and in negotiating with their second choice it delayed their start date. There are a few outstanding issues, which are very small but they need to work it out. There is a meeting next Tuesday at Nancy Rodriguez; information sent to the commission members, point is to negotiate with their second choice. These are the river trails from Frenchy's to Siler.

Arroyo Chamiso, do you have any pictures that you could share with the Commission. Ms. McDonald said she does have date stamped pictures from the company. We don't have anything with the seeding and she believes it didn't take very well. There are a lot of flowers but the grass didn't take. Ms. McDonald will follow up with the contractor.

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

Aaron Kauffman attended the meeting on behalf of the Water Conservation Committee and Chairperson Peter Ives. They will be attending various meetings and reporting back to the Water Conservation Committee. With regards to tomorrow, they have partnered with the Santa Fe Watershed Association, they received some funding from the Sierra Club and funds from Santa Fe County to complete a rain garden at the trailhead at Camino Real Park which is on the Santa Fe River off of Constellation Drive. The basin was completed back in June but will be planted tomorrow with high school students from the master program, 11:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Alan Hook commented that normally in the fall the Forest Service does a prescribed burn at the watershed, it does not seem like they are going to do that this fall since it has been so wet.

Chair: Has the Forest Service made any progress on what was occurring above the wilderness boundary?

Alan Hook: That part was to do broadcast burning, there is a polygon above McClure from that last prescribed broadcast burn in the fall of 2016. They want to hit that polygon between wilderness and that 2016 burn as a sort of buffer it they start to do and wilderness prescribed burning. They want to hit that first which they probably wouldn't do until maybe spring or next fall. They haven't found the right conditions to introduce fire in the wilderness but they keep proposing it. From the Greater Santa Fe Fire Shed

Coalition moving forward I think for the Santa Fe National Forest they are really focused on Hyde Park Canyon on the backside of Black Canyon and another one after that will be Pacheco Canyon, they will do treatments there. Those are both dependent on their doing Mexican Owl surveys so they have to do two-year cycles on that.

**10. SUB-COMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSION – deferred to next meeting.**

- Outdoor Economy
- Promoting a Living River
- Watershed Revitalization
- Species Resiliency

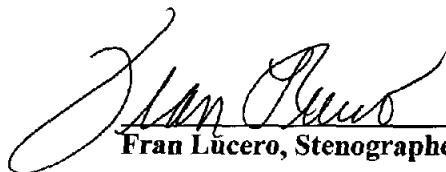
Next Scheduled Meeting: November 9, 2017

**11. ADJOURN**

*Ms. Doremus moved to adjourn the Santa Fe River Commission meeting at 7:50 pm, second by Mr. Pierpont, motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

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John Buchser, Chair

  
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Fran Lucero, Stenographer