

Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission
December 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM
City of Santa Fe Transit Center, Room #117
2931 Rufina St., Santa Fe
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission was called to order by chair Bill Carey at 6:02 PM, on Thursday, December 11, 2025, 2931 Rufina St, Santa Fe, NM 87507.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Staff Liaison, Zoe Isaacson. All Commissioners were present. Commissioner Klingel attended through Zoom. In attendance were City of Santa Fe Water Division Staff Alan Hook, Public Works Staff, Daniel Alt and Claire Jordy, and members of the public.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Price, to move item 10a to Item 10b

VOTE The motion Passed on a Roll Call Vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of the October 9th 2025 Meeting Minutes

MOTION A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Reisterer, to Approve October 9th Meeting Minutes.

VOTE The motion Passed on a Roll Call Vote.

5. Communications from Other Agencies/Committees

a. Santa Fe Watershed Association Programs Update (Mori Hensley, Executive Director Santa Fe Watershed Association, Mori@santafewatershed.org)

Mori Hensley of the Santa Fe Watershed Association provided an update, expressing appreciation for collaboration with the River Commission and River & Watershed staff over the past year. Additional program updates will be shared at the February meeting, and staff will distribute the November report to the Commission.

6. Informational Items

a. Santa Fe River Work In-progress (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, zisaacson@santafenm.gov)

Updates were provided on ongoing river work by multiple partners. Full Circle Santa Fe described cleanup, invasive removal, seeding, and community engagement efforts, with a focus on building stewardship around the river. Zoe Isaacson shared progress from

Friends of the Santa Fe River, Seeds of Wisdom, and Southwest Urban Hydrology projects, including vegetation management, trail accessibility improvements, drainage and erosion control design, and upcoming infrastructure work. Additional updates included Santa Fe River and arroyo repair projects, funding efforts, and areas identified as needing additional resources, particularly between Closson and St. Francis.

7. Discussion and Action Items

- a. Approval of the 2026 Santa Fe River Commission Meeting Calendar (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, zisaacson@santafenm.gov)

MOTION A motion was made by Price, seconded by Reisterer, to Approve the 2026 River Commission Calendar.

VOTE The motion Passed on a Roll Call Vote.

- b. Cerro Gordo Culvert Design and Flood Study Scope of Work (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, zisaacson@santafenm.gov)

Zoe Isaacson presented the draft scope of work for the Cerro Gordo culvert study, emphasizing its role as a first step toward potential river realignment and hazard mitigation. Commissioners provided detailed feedback regarding study scope, modeling assumptions, ecological design considerations, stakeholder engagement, climate and fire risk, and evacuation planning. Staff acknowledged the comments and committed to strengthening and clarifying the scope consistent with grant requirements.

8. Matters from Staff

- a. River Talks Updates and Future Plans (Claire Jordy, River and Watershed Project Manager csjordy@santafenm.gov)

Claire Jordy shared updates on this past year's River Talks series and the future programming, including ideas for lightning rounds, future speakers, expanded use of iNaturalist, and partnerships with local organizations. Discussion included advertising strategies, sponsorships, and modest venue costs.

9. Matters from the Public

Lisa Farrand provided an update on volunteer-led river stewardship efforts, noting significant progress in invasive removal between Frenchy's Field and Siler Road. She highlighted the strong community response, the impact of volunteers, and the need to better support and grow river stewardship programs.

10. Matters from the Commission

Eric Montoya shared an update on his role as mayordomo for the Acequia Madre Association, describing its historic significance, maintenance efforts, volunteer involvement, and coordination with the City on stormwater and erosion control. Discussion included public education needs, unauthorized river alterations, stormwater impacts, and opportunities for coordinated outreach and stewardship.

- a. Subcommittee Breakout Session (Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison, zisaacson@santafenm.gov)

The trash can signage subcommittee shared progress on native plant signage designs for the river trail. The project includes 12 unique designs and will be installed by June 30 as part of the Que Linda grant, with final feedback to be submitted to staff.

11. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission is scheduled for February 12, 2026.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Zoe Isaacson

Zoe Isaacson, Staff Liaison

Attested To By:

Bill Carey

Bill Carey (Feb 17, 2026 13:18:26 MST)

Bill Carey, Santa Fe River Commission Chair