



# ESTANCIA BASIN WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

## Regular Committee Meeting Minutes April 8, 2021

### Members and Staff

*In Memoria:* Art Swenka (Feb 4, 2021) – Board Member, 2012-2021  
Richard Spencer (Jan 22, 2021) - First Chairman of the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

<b>Rik Thompson – Chairman, Santa Fe Co: Agriculture</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Term Expiration – March 2022</i>	<b>Sherry Abraham - Santa Fe Co.: Municipal/Developer/Utility</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Term Expiration: December 2023</i>
<b>Christina Allday-Bondy - Vice Chair Bernalillo Co., Municipal/Developer/Utility</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Term Expiration – December 2022</i>	<b>Vacant - Santa Fe Co: Government</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Term Expiration: VACANT</i>
<b>Daniel McGregor- Sec/Treasurer Bernalillo Co.: Government</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Term Expiration – March 2022</i>	<b>Johnny Perea - Vice Chairman, East Torrance SWCD</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Term Expiration: March 2022</i>
<b>Manny Encinias At Large Position (Committee Appointed: One Year Term)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Term Expiration –February 2022</i>	<b>Rhonda King – Torrance Co.: Municipal/Developer/ Utility</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Term Expiration: July 2022</i>
<b>Dierdre Tarr-Claunch-Pinto SWCD</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Term Expiration – July 2022</i>	<b>Steven Guetschow - Torrance Co.: Government</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Term Expiration: July 2022</i>
<b>Brenda Smythe- (Interim) Edgewood SWCD (Art Swenka RIP Feb 4, 2021)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Term Expiration :December 2023</i>	<b>James Pachta Torrance Co.: Agriculture</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Term Expiration: May 2023</i>
<b>Staff: Vacant – Recorder</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>William (Bill) Larson - Torrance Co: Agriculture</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Term Expiration: July 2022</i>

### Others/ Guests:

Noah Sedillo – Torrance County	

### Call to Order:

**Held at:** Remote Meeting per Meeting Notice: Remote by TEAMS Choose an item.

**Called to Order at:** 4/8/2021 9:37 AM **By:** Rik Thompson Chair

**As:** Quorum currently stands at 5 Met as Subcommittee - Lack of Quorum

**Notations:** Brenda Smythe – Excused. Members Tarr and Allday-Bondy initially absent but were noted as having joined as of 10:10. Initial actions recommended by subcommittee taken were subsequently addressed by roll call vote as noted in minutes below.

### Approval of Agenda:

**Review of Agenda for** Monday, February 08, 2021

**Motion:** Recommended for approval by full committee

**Motion Made:** Sherry Abraham **Motion Seconded:** Manny Encinias

**Notations/Amendments:** None

**Motion Vote:** Unanimous by voice vote.

**Subsequent action by full quorum.** Motion to approve subcommittee recommendation: Christina Allday-Bondy  
Motion Seconded: Stephen Guetschow. Motion Vote: Unanimous by roll call vote.

## **Membership Issues**

**No Actions Taken.** Santa Fe Government Position Remains Vacant. Quorum stands at 7.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

**Review of Minutes of:** Thursday, February 11, 2021

**Motion:** Recommended for approval by full committee as amended (deleting notation of Johnny Perea as Vice Chair in the roster list, changing funding reference under financial matters from City of Santa Fe to County of Santa Fe)

**Motion Made:** Sherry Abraham **Motion Seconded:** Dan McGregor

**Notations /Amendments:** None

**Motion Vote:** Unanimous, by voice vote.

**Subsequent action by full quorum.** Motion to approve subcommittee recommendation: Christina Allday-Bondy  
Motion Seconded: Dee Tarr. Motion Vote: Unanimous by roll call vote.

## **Financial Report:**

**Review of Report of:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021

**Motion:** Recommended for approval by full committee as amended

**Motion Made:** Not Noted **Motion Seconded:** Not Noted

**Notations /Amendments:** Contribution from Edgewood was not noted and increases balance by \$2,000, bringing current balance to \$14, 733.15

**Motion Vote:** Unanimous, by voice vote.

**Subsequent action by full quorum.** None taken. *Review/approval of next meetings financial report will include existing financial data.*

## **Financial Matters:**

D. McGregor reports that the existing balance stands at \$\$14,733. Sufficient money remains to fund the monitoring program for the remainder of the monitoring contract term, and was confirmed by Noah Sedillo with Torrance County. However, there has been no response on requests for FY21 support by Moriarty or County of Santa Fe. Noah Sedillo indicated that he had called Moriarty and Edgewood on the EBWPC's behalf, and if desired, that Jeremy Oliver was available to reach out to Santa Fe County. Rik Thompson indicated that he would be reaching out once again to Santa Fe County Commissioner Garcia as well as to Torrance County Manager. Steven Guetschow broached the potential to elevate the issue to the Torrance County Commission.

Committee confirmed by consensus that Hydroresolutions was still authorized to proceed with quarterly sampling rounds.

## **Public Comments:**

None

## **Correspondence:**

None

## **Unfinished Business:**

Solicitation for Professional Services / Appointment of Working Committee.

*Chair previously appointed Art Swenka, Rik Thompson, Dan McGregor and Noah Sedillo (as ad hoc financial agent representative) at October meeting. Dee Tarr previously volunteered to fill the vacancy left by Art Swenka on the working subcommittee*

Noah Sedillo with Torrance. RFP for monitoring is pending and should be available for solicitation by April 16.

#### Deep Exploratory Well / Scoping Effort and Constraints

*Chair appointed Dan McGregor and Dee Tarr*

Task is to develop executive summary, scope and budget and start initial engagement with Sandia and NM Bureau of Geology.

Dan McGregor reported that Stacey Timmons with NM Tech Aquifer Mapping had responded by e-mail with statement of interest to help address the scope pending further direction and inquiry.

#### **New Business:**

Legislative Update - Dan McGregor indicated that he had not further tracked previous water related legislation and was unsure, but doubtful, of passage of those items. However, he also noted that the Office of the State Engineer had recently closed the Sandia Basin to new water rights appropriation

Steven Guetschow briefly discussed the upsurge in hemp related inquiries and the need to potentially request records from Department of Agriculture regarding same. Rik Thompson confirmed upswing in real estate interest throughout the basin and New Mexico for cannabis production facilities.

Upcoming Commission Meetings: Dan McGregor indicated that he would be contacting Estancia, Edgewood, and Moriarty to get the EBWPC on upcoming budget agenda, likely early or mid-May.

#### **Reports / Meetings Attended:**

**Monitoring Report:** No report

**EBWHR&M and Other:** Dee Tarr reported that additional weather stations were being deployed within the basin and that funding from the Water Trust Board had been approved. FEMA grant funding was pending but could be as much as \$500,000 forthcoming.

**Announcements: / Discussion only items:** The topic of remote meetings was raised with the consensus that hybrid meetings would be welcome due to some members travel constraints whether or not in person meetings could resume. Steven Guetschow indicated that the commission chambers could be used to host the hybrid meetings. Revision of the Open Meetings Act resolution may be needed to allow the hybrid meetings or if Edgewood SWCD is not available to switch to hybrid meetings.

#### **Summary of Action Items: (Summarized post meeting)**

Dan McGregor/Subcommittee – continue with contact Stacey Timmons regarding deep well scoping, investigate possible purchase of transducers with loan to the EBWPC.

Dan McGregor/Noah Sedillo – to develop RFP for professional services and scope for approval by committee and release for solicitation.

Rik Thompson – to contact Torrance County Manager about possible funding assistance.

**Next Regular Scheduled Meeting** **Date:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 12:00 AM  
**Location:** Edgewood SWCD, 2506 Route 66, Moriarty, NM  
Or remote as needed for CoVID response.

**Adjourn:** With no further business,  
**Meeting Adjourned:** 2/11/2021 11:15 AM

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Dan McGregor EBWPC Secretary Treasurer*

***Reviewed and approved by:*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Torrance County**

**Santa Fe County**

**Bernalillo County**

*“Coordinated water resource planning for the Estancia Underground Water Basin”*