



# ESTANCIA BASIN WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Regular Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)  
October 12, 2023

## Members and Staff

<i>Member</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Term Expiration</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Chair – Krista Bonfantine	Bernalillo Co. - resident	December 2025	X (Remote)	
Vice Chair - Sherry Abraham	Santa Fe Co. – Municipal	December 2023		X
Secretary - Daniel McGregor	Bernalillo Co. – Government	March 2025		X
Treasurer Don Goen	Torrance Co. – Government	July 2025	X (Remote)	
Rhonda King	Torrance Co. – Municipal	July 2025		X
VACANT	Torrance Co. – Agriculture	May 2023		
William (Bill) Larson	Torrance Co. – Agriculture	July 2025		X
Cole Daeschel	Santa Fe Co. – Agriculture	March 2025		X
VACANT	Santa Fe Co. – Government	Unfilled		
Dierdre Tarr	Claunch-Pinto SWCD	July 2024	X (Remote)	
Bill King	Edgewood SWCD	December 2023	X (Remote)	
VACANT	East Torrance SWCD	March 2022		
Manny Encinias	At Large	December 2022	X (Remote)	

## Others/ Guests:

<p><i>Mark Moll, San Pedro Creek Homeowners Association</i>  <i>Erwin Melis, Senior Hydrogeologist, John Shomaker and Associates, Inc.</i>  <i>Corbin Carsrud, Bernalillo County Hydrogeologist</i></p>
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## Call to Order:

**Held at:** Hybrid ZOOM meeting per Notice  
Torrance County Administrative Offices, 205 Ninth Street, Estancia NM 87106

## Called to Order at: By:

No call to order, due to No Quorum, there were 10 of 13 positions filled. Quorum stands at 6, with only 5 members present, due to lapsed/unfilled terms. Roll Call was held to ensure members present and could be heard remote.

**Notations:** None

## Approval of Agenda:

**Review of Agenda for** Thursday, October 12, 2023

**Motion:**

**Motion Made:** **Motion Seconded:**

**Notations/Amendments:**

**Motion Vote:** Roll Call Vote: No Quorum

**Membership Issues:**

Santa Fe County Governmental Rep remains vacant  
Torrance County Agricultural Rep position remains vacant  
East Torrance SWCD Rep position remains vacant.

No actions taken

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Review of Minutes of**

**Motion:**

**Motion Made:** **Motion Seconded:**

**Notations /Amendments:** None

**Motion Vote:** No Quorum

**Financial Matters:**

Don Goen reported verbally that the committee has received \$3,000 from Moriarty for FY 2023, though these funds were directed to the general ledger instead of the EBWPC. Moriarty have budgeted continued support through FY 2024. Requested Letter of Support from the City Manager, but at the moment, no record it has been paid. Needing additional financial documents. Town of Estancia has paid \$500, which went into wrong fund at Torrance County. December meeting should have firm accounting of all funds. Don Goen is attempting to get all things finalized prior to new government positions taking effect on Jan 1, 2024. Upcoming expenditures include funding for website and for Hydrogeologic Consulting (JSAI). No record of payment from Edgewood in 2023.

Commented [BK(1)]: I believe that the FY 2023 funds were received into the Torrance County general fund. I think the commitment is for FY 2024 funds.

**Financial Report:**

**Review of Report of:**

**Motion:**

**Motion Made:** N/A **Motion Seconded:** N/A

**Notations/Amendment:** None

**Motion Vote:** None

**Correspondence:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None

**Contractor/Subcommittee Reports:**

2 transducers have been removed from wells. One was recovered onsite, in a nearby cattle trough. Other transducer was taken to Ruidoso and subsequently recovered the following week. Another well has been encroached by tree roots and is no longer able to be monitored. Two of the 14 wells were dry. Edges of basin water levels remain constant and center of basin is seasonably variable by 20 feet, in some places up to 50 feet. USGS is reviving old

OSE monitoring in Estancia (ended ~2005), up to 45 wells monitored once yearly. Brief discussion on hosting WL data on EBWPC.

**Meetings Attended:**

**Unfinished Business:** Moriarty Bulk Fuels Facility – Don Goen/Bill King – The 6.5 million gallons of water to be used for setting up the facility will then be evaporated due to a mineral that will be released into the water which NMED does not want disposed at surface. Mineral unknown. Website – Request all review website and critique. Dee mentioned that Sherry has done some updating already. A new iteration is needed. Add to agenda for next meeting.

**Commented [BK (2)]:** The King family is selling them the water through their commercial permits.

**New Business:**

**Discussion Only Items**

**Announcements:** None

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

Don Goen to pursue finance items  
All members – review and critique EBWPC meeting  
Don Goen – Contact City Manager of Torrance to find open vacant representatives  
Krista Bonfantine will get information on timeline for regional water planning process.

**Next Regular Scheduled Meeting** **Date:** Thursday, December 14, 2023 9:30 AM  
**Location:** Torrance County Administrative Offices, 205 Ninth Street, Estancia NM  
In Person Plus Zoom (hybrid)

**Adjourn:** With no further business,  
**Meeting Adjourned:** 8/10/2023 10:50 AM

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Corbin Carsrud, Bernalillo County Hydrogeologist

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

**Torrance County**                      **Santa Fe County**                      **Bernalillo County**  
*“Coordinated water resource planning for the Estancia Underground Water Basin.”*

