



Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee Regular Meeting

Draft AGENDA

Date and Time

Thursday
April 11, 2024
9:30 AM

Location

Remote: Zoom Hybrid
Torrance County Courthouse
Estancia, NM

Chairman: Krista Bonfantine
Vice Chair: Sheri Abraham (through December 2023)
Secretary: Corbin Carsrud
Treasurer: Don Goen

Approval of Agenda

Membership Issues / Appointments:

Current Filled Positions: 10/13 Quorum: 6
Vacant Positions:
Santa Fe Governmental Rep
Torrance County Ag Rep
East Torrance SWCD Rep
Manny Encinas – Step down from At Large position.
Manny Encinas – Appointment to Torrance Co Ag Position
Matias Roybal – At Large member vote

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of:
• 2/8/2024

Financial Matters:

Santa Fe MOU Amendment 15 signed
Ongoing well monitoring equipment and funding.

Approval of Financial Report/ Invoices:

Corbin Carsrud sent transducer telemetry equipment invoice quote over to Don Goen.
Don Goen – 2023 Financial Report

Correspondence:

Krista – meeting with Edgewood Staff in March.

Guests/Public Comments:

Contractor/Subcommittee Reports:

Groundwater monitoring program update – JSAI status

Meetings Attended:

Corbin Carsrud – Land and Water Summit.

Unfinished Business:

Open Meetings Act Resolution
Corbin Carsrud - Updates to website

Discussion Only Items :

Objection/Protest to the Approval of Application No. (E-166 & E-508)-T to Temporarily Change the Place and Purpose of Use of Ground Water within the Estancia Underground Basin, in the State of New Mexico. (see attached)

Announcements:

Estancia Basin - Regional Water Planning Meeting. Held by ISC at ESWCD (2506 Rte 66, Moriarty, NM 87035. 3 – 7pm, April 22, 2024.

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 9:30 AM

Location: Torrance County Administrative Offices, 205 Ninth Street, Estancia NM
Plus Zoom hybrid

Adjourn

Minutes of February 8, 2024, for approval



ESTANCIA · BASIN · WATER · PLANNING · COMMITTEE ¶

Regular · Committee · Meeting · Minutes · (Draft) ¶ February · 8, · 2024 ¶

Members and Staff → → ¶

Member □	Position □	Term · Expiration □	Present □	Absent □
Chair – Krista Bonfantine □	Municipal / Developer □	December 2025 □	X (Remote) □	□ □
Vice Chair – Sherry Abraham □	Santa Fe Co. – Municipal □	December 2023 □	X (Remote) □	□ □
Secretary – Corbin Carsrud □	Bernalillo Co. – Government □	March 2025 □	X (Remote) □	□ □
Treasurer Don Goen □	Torrance Co. – Government □	July 2025 □	X (Remote) □	□ □
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Rhonda King □	Torrance Co. – Municipal □	July 2025 □	X (Remote) □	□ □
VACANT □	Torrance Co. – Agriculture □	May 2023 □	□	□ □
William (Bill) Larson □	Torrance Co. – Agriculture □	July 2025 □	□	X □
□	□	□	□	□ □
Cole Daeschel □	Santa Fe Co. – Agriculture □	March 2025 □	X (Remote) □	□ □
VACANT □	Santa Fe Co. – Government □	Unfilled □	□	□ □
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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 – term lapsed □	December 2022 □	X (Remote) □	□ □

Others / Guests: → ¶

Mark Moll; San Pedro Creek Homeowners Association ¶
Erwin Mellis; John Shomaker and Associates □

Call to Order: →

Held at: Hybrid ZOOM meeting per Notice ¶

→ Torrance County Administrative Offices, 205 Ninth Street, Estancia NM 87106 ¶

Called to Order at: 2/8/2024 9:39 AM **By:** Krista Bonfantine (Chair) ¶

At call to order, there were 9 of 13 positions filled. Quorum stands at 6, due to lapsed/unfilled terms. Initially convened as subcommittee without quorum. ¶

Roll Call was held to ensure members present and could be heard remote. ¶

Met as Committee with Quorum ¶

Member Issues and Appointments: ¶

Don → Manny Encinias At Large term expired, will transition to Torrance County Agriculture Rep, needs to submit letter of interest to SWCD committee and voted on. ¶

→ At Large members must submit letter of interest to this committee and voted on. ¶

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Approval of Agenda: ¶

Review of Agenda for → Thursday, February 08, 2024 ¶

Motion: Approve the Agenda as presented. ¶

Motion Made: Dee Tarr → **Motion Seconded:** Don Goen ¶

Notations/Amendments: → None ¶

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Motion Vote: Roll Call Vote: Unanimous ¶

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*Seated officers now include Vice Chair – Sherry Abraham, Treasurer - Don Goen, Secretary – Corbin Carsrud ¶

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Approval of Minutes: ¶

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Review of Minutes of Regular meeting of: August 10, 2023 ¶

Motion: To approve Minutes of August 10, 2023 Meeting ¶

Motion Made: Dee Tarr **Motion Seconded:** Don Goen ¶

Notations/Amendments: None ¶

Motion Vote: Roll Call Vote: Unanimous ¶

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Review of Minutes of Regular meeting of: October 12, 2023 ¶

Motion: To approve Minutes of October 12, 2023 Meeting ¶

Motion Made: Bill King **Motion Seconded:** Don Goen ¶

Notations/Amendments: None ¶

Motion Vote: Roll Call Vote: Unanimous ¶

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Review of Minutes of Regular meeting of: August 10, 2023 ¶

Motion: To approve Minutes of December 14, 2023 Meeting ¶

Motion Made: Dee Tarr **Motion Seconded:** Bill King ¶

Notations/Amendments: None ¶

Motion Vote: Roll Call Vote: Unanimous ¶

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Financial Matters: → Krista – Edgewood communication ¶

→ Krista was invited to meet with at Edgewood City Manager's office on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 to meet with new elected/appointed staff. Edgewood hasn't contributed support funding since 2021. Looking to regain some allocated budget. ¶

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Financial Report: → Don – defer financial report until next meeting as there are a few unknowns. Estancia committed \$500, Moriarty paid, but possibly to the wrong account. Possible incorrect invoice from In Situ. ¶

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Correspondence: → Krista – Discussion with Cody Strobke of CPSWCD. Grant funding for monitoring is available. Dee – Current grant needs to be allocated prior to November 2026. 2024 grants could extend timeline to 2027-2028. ¶

→ Prices of equipment are approximate and new equipment would work with current equipment. ¶
Approximate per well cost – upfront \$1,400, yearly \$250. Prices subject to change over time. ¶

Check with well owners prior to uploading data set. Erwin requested Bernalillo County Transducer agreement as rubric.

Public Comments: → Mark Moll (guest) urged the committee to stay intact and engaged regarding Town of Edgewood subdivision actions, as that may allow/affect requirements on Campbell Ranch.

Contractor/Subcommittee Reports: → Groundwater monitoring. Still working with NMT on sending data over. They had a couple additional requests to fine tune the data.

Motion: Motion to approve integration – will report and continue sending data to State

Motion Made: Dee Tarr **Motion Seconded:** Corbin Carsrud

Notations/Amendments: None

Motion Vote: N/A

Meetings Attended: NM Water Dialogue – discussed potential of upcoming region changes and potential rule changes. Though nothing firm yet

Unfinished Business:

New Business: → Open Meetings Resolution for 2023

Motion: For Approval/Adoption

Motion Made: Diedre Tarr **Motion Seconded:** Brenda Smythe

Notations/Amendments: None

Motion Vote: Roll Call Vote: Unanimous

Discussion Only Items → At Large position changes, Open Meetings Act added to the agenda. Website updates. Don Goen – cannabis farms are taking up a lot of time in permitting “legislative landslide”, commercial greenhouse operations, etc. People obtain irrigation WR from someone else. Market is correcting, as there are a lot of non-operational cannabis farms/hoop houses. Irrigation WRs converted to Commercial WR. 44 ac-ft of ag use to 22. Comm WR needs to be metered.

Announcements: → None

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting Date: → Thursday, April 11, 2024 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: 2/8/2023 11:05 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Corbin Carsrud – EBWPC Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: _____

→ → Torrance County → → Santa Fe County → → Bernalillo County

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

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee – Letter of Interest
EBWPC
P.O. Box 1047
Edgewood, NM 87015
3/8/2024

Members of the EBWPC,

I am Matias Roybal a native-born New Mexican raised in the small northern New Mexico community of Mora. I attended college at NMSU where I studied Mechanical Engineering. Upon graduating I worked in various industries from automotive to defense. I currently own and run a small business where we provide machining and engineering services to the local Medical, Aerospace, and Defense markets. While I am passionate about engineering and machining, I have always held a passion for agriculture and that way of life. We purchased a small farm north of Moriarty in the fall of 2021. As an avid outdoorsman and farmer, I am very interested in conservation and the effective use of resources. I am interested in working with the EBWPC to help impact water usage in a positive way to promote community growth and sustainability both for domestic and agriculture use. I look forward to hearing from you and thank the board for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matias Roybal

Location
Santa Fe County, New Mexico
Notice Text
LEGAL #92326

RE: Objection/Protest to the Approval of Application No. (E-166 & E-508)-T to Temporarily Change the Place and Purpose of Use of Ground Water within the Estancia Underground Basin, in the State of New Mexico.

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 23, 2024, amended on February 7 and February 8, 2024, Bill Bruce King, PO Box 2670, Moriarty, NM, 87035, and Blattner Energy, LLC, 392 County Rd. 50, Avon, MN, 56310 (both applicants c/o Torres Law Firm, 1453 Rio Rancho Blvd SE, Suite 1, Rio Rancho, New Mexico, 87124), filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No. (E-166 & E-508)-T for Permit to Temporarily Change the Place and Purpose of Use of Ground Water within the Estancia Underground Basin, in the State of New Mexico. This application was filed under the Water-Use Leasing Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 72-6-1 thru -7). Preliminary approval was requested, but not granted.

I _____ a resident with a Domestic/Irrigation well in the

Estancia Valley Underground Basin, am opposed and am protesting to the STATE ENGINEER APPLICATION No. (E-166 & E-508)-T for Permit to Temporarily Change the Place and Purpose of Use of Ground Water within the Estancia Underground Basin, in the State of New Mexico.

This water exportation will in no way benefit the residents of the Estancia Valley Underground Basin. I feel that removal of this water from the Estancia Valley Underground Basin will be detrimental to the many residents that have no other source of water, other than their Domestic or Irrigation wells, I am one of those residents. Residents have already seen the water table drop, and there has been a great increase in residents having to drill new wells or pay to have water hauled. This is costly, a recent Well Driller has quoted prices will further increase as much as 6-8 times of what they are currently charging. Residents on fixed incomes cannot afford this cost. 99% of the people in proximity of these 2 wells will be affected by the transfer/removal of this water from this area. The current cost to drill a new well has been quoted to be \$40,000.00 and may not produce an adequate supply. If residents cannot afford to drill a new well, the cost to have water hauled to their property is approximately \$.44 a gallon.

I strongly object and protest to this application to transfer or transport any water out of the Estancia Valley Underground Basin especially for the use that is stated: "to further propose to temporarily change the place and purpose of use of the above-described irrigation right to 312.499 acre-feet/year Consumptive Use (CU) for Commercial use specifically described as dust control/construction of the **SunZia** wind farm located on state and private land in Torrance and San Miguel Counties."

Name

Mailing Address

Phone # Home /Cell

Email address

Signature

Date