



Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee Regular Meeting

Draft AGENDA

Date and Time

Thursday
October 10, 2024
9:30 AM

Location

Remote: Zoom Hybrid
Torrance County Courthouse
Estancia, NM

Chairman: Krista Bonfantine
Vice Chair: Dierdre Tarr
Secretary: Corbin Carsrud
Treasurer: Don Goen

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of:
• 8/8/2024

Membership Issues / Appointments: Current Filled Positions: 11/13 Quorum: 6
Vacant Positions:
Santa Fe Governmental Rep
East Torrance SWCD Rep

Financial Matters:

Approval of Financial Report/ Invoices:

Correspondence:

Meetings Attended: 9/4 – Don and Krista attended the Western Estancia Watershed
Discovery Findings Meetings at Torrance County.
9/5 – Krista met with David Hanson at UNM about the NSF-funded
Energized Watershed Project

Guests/Public Comments:

Contractor/Subcommittee Reports: Contract in place to install telemetry equipment on existing monitoring
wells in December

Unfinished Business: Board members – Headshots and short bios
Should EBWPC purchase audio/visual equipment compatible for hybrid
meetings to occur at CTC SWCD?

Discussion Only Items : Discuss hypothetical dissolution of committee if Estancia Basin is
include within a larger region for upcoming round of RWP

Announcements:

Next Meeting

Date:

Thursday, December 12, 2024 9:30 AM

Location:

**Central Tri County SWCD, 2506 Route 66, Moriarty, NM
Plus Zoom hybrid**



Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

*P.O. Box 58
Estancia, NM 87016*

August 16, 2024

Andrew Erdmann
Water Planning Program Manager
Interstate Stream Commission
P.O. Box 25102
Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

Re: Water Planning Region Evaluation

Dear Mr. Erdmann,

I am writing on behalf of the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee (EBWPC). We would like to provide feedback on the proposed changes to the regional water planning regions. Although some members have provided individual input through the Open House process and appreciate the opportunity to do so, there was a unanimous decision that the committee provide input as well.

Established in 1995, the EBWPC has provided local leadership for the past three rounds of regional water planning and anticipates an active role in the development of the next regional water security plan. The Committee asserts that a reshuffling of the regions, either by subdivision or amalgamation, would be detrimental to the long-term regional water planning process that has already been established in the Estancia Basin.

Members of the EBWPC feel strongly that hydrologic boundaries, as applied previously, are the only sensible delineation to guide regional water planning in the Estancia Basin. Political boundaries are a particularly challenging alternative since the Estancia Basin crosses four counties and three Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The reliance on groundwater, lack of surface water, rapidly growing rural communities, and the dominance of the agricultural industry within this closed basin, are unique features with specific planning considerations that we feel would be diluted by combining the Estancia Basin with other areas.

The EBWPC has gained significant ground in co-managing the limited groundwater resources of the Estancia Basin over our 30-year history. We appreciate your consideration of our history and progress as you evaluate revised planning boundaries.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Bonfantine". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Krista Bonfantine, Ph.D.
Chair
Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee



ESTANCIA BASIN WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE ¶

Regular Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft) ¶
August 8, 2024 ¶

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Members and Staff → → ¶

Member ☐	Position ☐	Term Expiration ☐	Present ☐	Absent ☐
Chair -- Krista Bonfantine ☐	Municipal/ Developer ☐	December 2025 ☐	X ☐	☐
Vice Chair -- Dierdre Tarr ☐	Claunch-Pinto SWCD ☐	December 2025 ☐	X ☐	☐
Secretary -- Corbin Carsrud ☐	Bernalillo Co. -- Government ☐	March 2025 ☐	X ☐	☐
Treasurer Don Goen ☐	Torrance Co. -- Government ☐	July 2025 ☐	X ☐	☐
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Rhonda King ☐	Torrance Co. -- Municipal ☐	July 2025 ☐	X ☐	☐
Manny Encinias ☐	Torrance Co. -- Agriculture ☐	August 2027 ☐	X ☐	☐
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 ☐	December 2025 ☐	☐	X ☐
Bill King ☐	CTC SWCD ☐	December 2026 ☐	X ☐	☐
VACANT ☐	East Torrance SWCD ☐	Unfilled ☐	☐	☐
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Matt Roybal ☐	At Large ☐	August 2025 ☐	X ☐	☐

→ ¶
Others / Guests: → *Mark Moll, San Pedro Creek Homeowners Association* ¶
Erwin Melis, John Shomaker and Associates ¶
Travis Soderquist, Santa Fe County ¶
Mayor Dial, Town of Estancia ¶
Edwin Bencomo, Town of Estancia ¶

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Call to Order: → **Held at:** Hybrid ZOOM meeting per Notice ¶
→ Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District, 2506 NM-333, Moriarty, NM 87035 ¶

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Called to Order at: 8/8/2024 9:31 AM → **By:** Krista Bonfantine (Chair) ¶
At call to order, there were 9 of 13 positions filled. Quorum stands at 5, due to lapsed/unfilled terms. ¶

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Approval of Agenda: ¶
Review of Agenda for: → Thursday, August 08, 2024 ¶
Motion: Approve the Agenda as presented. ¶
Motion Made: Don Goes → **Motion Seconded:** Bill King ¶
Notations / Amendments: ¶
Motion Vote: Roll Call Vote: Unanimous ¶

Approval of Minutes: ¶

Review of Minutes of Regular meeting of: June 13, 2024 ¶

Motion: To approve Minutes of June 13, 2024 Meeting ¶

Motion Made: Bill King Motion Seconded: Rhonda King ¶

Notations / Amendments: ¶

Motion Vote: Roll Call Vote: Unanimous ¶

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Member Issues and Appointments: ¶

→ Manny appointed to Torrance County Agriculture Position ¶

→ Motion: to appoint Matt Roybal as At Large Member ¶

→ Motion Made: Bill King Motion Seconded: Dierdre Tarr ¶

Motion Vote: Roll Call Vote: Unanimous ¶

→ → → → Vacancies: Santa Fe County Government, East Torrance County SWCD ¶

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Financial Matters: → 2024 Financial Report ¶

→ Motion: to approve 2024 financial report ¶

→ Motion Made: Corbin Carsrud Motion Seconded: Dierdre Tarr ¶

Motion Vote: Roll Call Vote: Unanimous ¶

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Correspondence: → Had previously reached out to SF County Manager for an appointment. Travis Soderquist joined us today and will look to County Commission for appointment. ¶

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Public Comments: → Travis Soderquist introduced. ¶

Meetings Attended: → Regional Water Planning Open House for MRG. ISC indicated new rules could come out as early as this upcoming winter. ¶

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New Business: → → Town of Estancia water situation – Update from Mayor Dial of Estancia ¶

→ Motion: to write letter to ISC showing committee support for keeping existing region boundaries. ¶

→ Motion Made: Rhonda King Motion Seconded: Dierdre Tarr ¶

Motion Vote: Roll Call Vote: Unanimous ¶

Unfinished Business: → Modification of support agreements ¶

→ No contributions from Edgewood since 2021 ¶

→ Streamline SF County process ¶

→ Avoid annual ask from municipalities and pivot to recurring funding. ¶

→ → Develop MOUs – annual allotments and annual reports ¶

→ With added members to the committee, Dee mentioned of lack of representation from the southern end of the basin and future potential committee members from the area should be considered. ¶

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Next Regular Scheduled Meeting → Date: → Thursday, October 10, 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: → 6/13/2024 12:00 PM ¶

Motion: For Approval / Adoption by ¶

Motion Made: Corbin Carsrud Motion Seconded: Dierdre Tarr ¶

Notations / Amendments: None ¶

Motion Vote: Unanimous ¶

Respectfully submitted, ¶

Corbin Carsrud – EBWPC Secretary ¶

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

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

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