



Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee Regular Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday
August 8, 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:
• 6/13/2024

Membership Issues / Appointments:

Current Filled Positions: 9/13 Quorum: 5
Manny Encinas – Appointment to Torrance Co Ag Position
Bill King – term renewal (as of Dec 2023)
Matias Roybal – At Large member vote

Vacant Positions:
Santa Fe Governmental Rep
East Torrance SWCD

Financial Matters:

Approval of Financial Report/ Invoices: Don Goen – 2024 Financial Report

Correspondence: Reached out to George Shaffer – Santa Fe County Manager to request appointment.

Meetings Attended:

Guests/Public Comments: Erwin Melis
Mark Moll

New Business Town of Estancia water situation

Unfinished Business:

Modify Support Agreements

- No contributions from Edgewood since 2021
- Streamline Santa Fe County process
- Avoid annual ask from municipalities, pivot to recurring

Discussion Only Items:

Announcements:

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024 9:30 AM

Location: Tri County SWCD, 2506 Route 66, Moriarty, NM
Plus Zoom hybrid

Adjourn



ESTANCIA BASIN WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Regular Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)
June 13, 2024

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
VACANT	Torrance Co. -- Agriculture	Unfilled		
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		
Manny Encinias	At Large -- term lapsed	December 2022	X	

Others / Guests: → Mark Moll, San Pedro Creek Homeowners Association
Erwin Melis, John Shomaker and Associates
Ken Brennan, Mayor of Edgewood

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

Called to Order at: 6/13/2024 10:30 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. Convened as a committee with quorum.

No one joined the meeting remotely throughout the duration of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Review of Minutes of Regular meeting of: April 11, 2024

Motion: To approve Minutes of April 11, 2024 Meeting

Motion Made: Don Goen Motion Seconded: Corbin Carsrud

Notations / Amendments:

Motion Vote: Roll Call Vote: Unanimous

Approval of Agenda:

Review of Agenda for → Thursday, June 13, 2024

Motion: Approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion Made: Bill King → **Motion Seconded:** Bill Larson

Notations / Amendments: None

Motion Vote: Roll Call Vote: Unanimous

*Seated officers now include Chair – Krista Bonfantine, Vice Chair – Dee Tarr, Treasurer – Don Goen, Secretary – Corbin Carsrud

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Member Issues and Appointments:

Financial Matters: → Brief update from Don

Financial Report: → Operational budget for FY25 will be confirmed in the upcoming regular August Meeting. All of the outstanding invoices taken care of by June 20th, 2024.

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Correspondence: → Coordination with Claunche Pinto SWCD, SWCA, JSAI, & EBWPC discussed for funding of telemetry equipment.

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Public Comments: → ¶

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Contractor/Subcommittee Reports: → Erwin Melis, PhD, JSAI presented an update on Groundwater Monitoring in the Basin

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Meetings Attended: → Regional Water Planning Open House at Edgewood SWCD was discussed. <https://mainstreammm.org/online-open-house>

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Unfinished Business: → ¶

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New Business: → ¶

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Announcements: → ¶

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Discussion Only Items: → ¶

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Next Regular Scheduled Meeting Date: → Thursday, August 08, 2024 9:30 AM

Location: → Torrance County Administrative Offices, 205 Ninth Street, Estancia NM
In-Person Plus Zoom (hybrid)

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Adjourn: → → With no further business, ¶

Meeting Adjourned: → 6/13/2024 12:00 PM

Motion: For Approval/Adoption

Motion Made: Corbin Carsrud **Motion Seconded:** Krista Bonfantine

Notations / Amendments: None

Motion Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Corbin Carsrud – EBWPC Secretary

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Reviewed and approved by: _____ → _____

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

"Coordinated water resource planning for the Estancia Underground Water Basin"

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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

June 3, 2024

Respective members of the Torrance County Commission:

I am writing to express my interest in the vacant position on the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee, specifically held for an agricultural producer in Torrance County.

I have served on the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee as a community member at large for several years. I am actively involved as an agricultural producer in Torrance County and an objective advocate for all water users throughout the Estancia Basin. I believe my experience as a quantitative ranch consultant across the United States will lend an objective lens on educating water users and helping the committee be a resource to municipalities and government agencies interpreting quantitative data and building a long-term water plan for the basin.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to fill the agricultural position for Torrance County on the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee.

Respectfully,



Adan Manuel (Manny) Encinias PhD

6. BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

A. COMMISSION: Discussion and possible appointment of Manny Encinias to the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee as the Torrance County Agricultural Representative.

Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: I'm assuming he is the only applicant who applied.

Donald Goen-County P & Z Director: I served as the Treasurer for the Committee; Manny Encinias was on the roster as an at-large member. Torrance County had a vacant Torrance County Ag Representative position. He wants to move over into that position. The at-large position is appointed by the committee itself. That lets us fill a spot that's been vacant for some time. I think he is qualified; I don't have a problem.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: I believe it's time to quit appointing the same people over and over. That it's time for new blood. I'm talking with constituents who are very angry about water issues. It's time to start giving opportunities to other people.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: Motion to appoint Manny Encinias to the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee as the Torrance County Agricultural Representative

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - No: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

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As Town Wells Dry Up, Estancia Mayor Urges Water Conservation

Mayor says the town has 45 days' worth of water



by Connor Currier, The Independent

July 17, 2024 Updated July 23, 2024



Downtown Estancia. Source: Town of Estancia

Editor's Note: This story has been updated to correct that Estancia Mayor Nathan Dial previously

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said the town had 4-5 days' worth of water.

The Town of Estancia told residents this week that the town well is running low, and urged residents to take steps to conserve water.

In a Facebook post, town officials said water for watering parks is running low because they are trying to save water for resident usage.

Estancia Mayor Nathan Dial emphasized the urgency of conserving water and said the town has limited water resources.

“Water levels have been going down,” he said. “As far as storage tanks within the town, we probably have 4-5 days' worth of water.”

The mayor said the tanks are still not full, but once the tanks are full, the town will tell residents they no longer need to conserve water. Dial also said that hopefully, the town will get approvals to build another well in the near future.

“So as of right now the town is okay, but hopefully next year we will be approved to drill another well,” he said. “Once you start having well problems, you're always gonna have well problems.”



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'As Long as This Well Holds Up, We'll Have Enough Water'

Estancia mayor says town water well is back and running. For now.



by Connor Currier, The Independent
July 22, 2024



Downtown Estancia. Source: Town of Estancia

Of the two primary water wells for the Town of Estancia, one is not producing as much water as the town needs.

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According to Mayor Nathan Dial, it's not the critical situation it was last week, but it is tenuous.

The mayor said the tanks are still not full, but town residents no longer need to conserve water. Dial also said that the hope is the town will get approval from the state water board to build another well soon.

"So as of right now the town is okay, but hopefully next year we will be approved to drill another well," he said. "Once you start having well problems, you're always gonna have well problems."

Last week, the Town of Estancia told residents that the town well was running low, and urged residents to take steps to conserve water.

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"Water levels have been going down," he said. "As far as storage tanks within the town, we probably had four to five days' worth of water."

According to Dial, in 2017, the town was supposed to get a new well. At that time, the Torrance County Detention Center was in critical need of water and a new well, and the resources were diverted to the prison.

"The prison here uses the same amount of water as the town does on a daily basis," Dial said. "Decisions had to be made."

Dial said if the town does run out of water they will contact the state and coordinate a plan to get an emergency supply of water to residents.

"We call the emergency manager and he coordinates with the state," he said. "They bring pallets of water and a water truck to the fire department. And then people can come to the fire department to pick up bottled water and fill up containers."

