



# *Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee Regular Meeting*

## **Date and Time**

Thursday  
October 10, 2024  
9:30 AM

## **Location**

Remote: Zoom Hybrid

**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,

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



# ESTANCIA BASIN WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

## Regular Committee Meeting Minutes August 8, 2024

### Members and Staff

<i>Member</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Term Expiration</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
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*

**Call to Order:**       **Held at:** Hybrid ZOOM meeting per Notice  
Central Tri-County (CTC) SWCD, 2506 Route 66, Moriarity NM

**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.

**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

**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

**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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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"*