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MEMO


Date: September 16, 2020

To: Public Works and Public Utilities Committee – September 29, 2020

Quality of Life Committee – October 7, 2020

City Council – October 14, 2020

Via: Shannon Jones, Public Utilities Department Director 

From: Jesse Roach, Director, City of Santa Fe Water 

ITEM

Request to Join a Steering Committee for Santa Fe River Planning from Nichols Reservoir to Cerro Gordo Road

BACKGROUND

City of Santa Fe Water (CSFW) allows water to move through Nichols Reservoir into the Santa Fe River for "Living River" flows and downstream diversions by Cerro Gordo Acequia and Acequia Madre. CSFW is currently installing a new pipeline from Nichols Reservoir to the Canyon Road Water Treatment Plant. Once complete and connected to an updated outlet conduit from Nichols (scheduled completion spring 2022), this pipeline may create additional Acequia delivery management options for CSFW. This new pipeline will also allow an existing gravity pipeline along the Santa Fe River to be abandoned. This abandonment has implications for habitat restoration and recreational development in the area.

As a result of these impending changes, the time is right to develop a long range vision for management of water resources, ecological habitat, and recreational resources along this reach of the Santa Fe River. CSFW would like to join with other owners of riparian lands along the Santa Fe River between Nichols Dam and Cerro Gordo Road to form a steering committee to guide a planning process with stakeholders to land and water management along this reach of the Santa Fe River. The other land owners in this reach are the National Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, and the United States Forest Service.

The goals of this effort are (1) an understanding of stakeholder preferences and (2) a resulting vision for management of water resources, ecological habitat, and recreational opportunities along the Santa Fe River from Nichols Dam to Cerro Gordo Road.

REQUEST

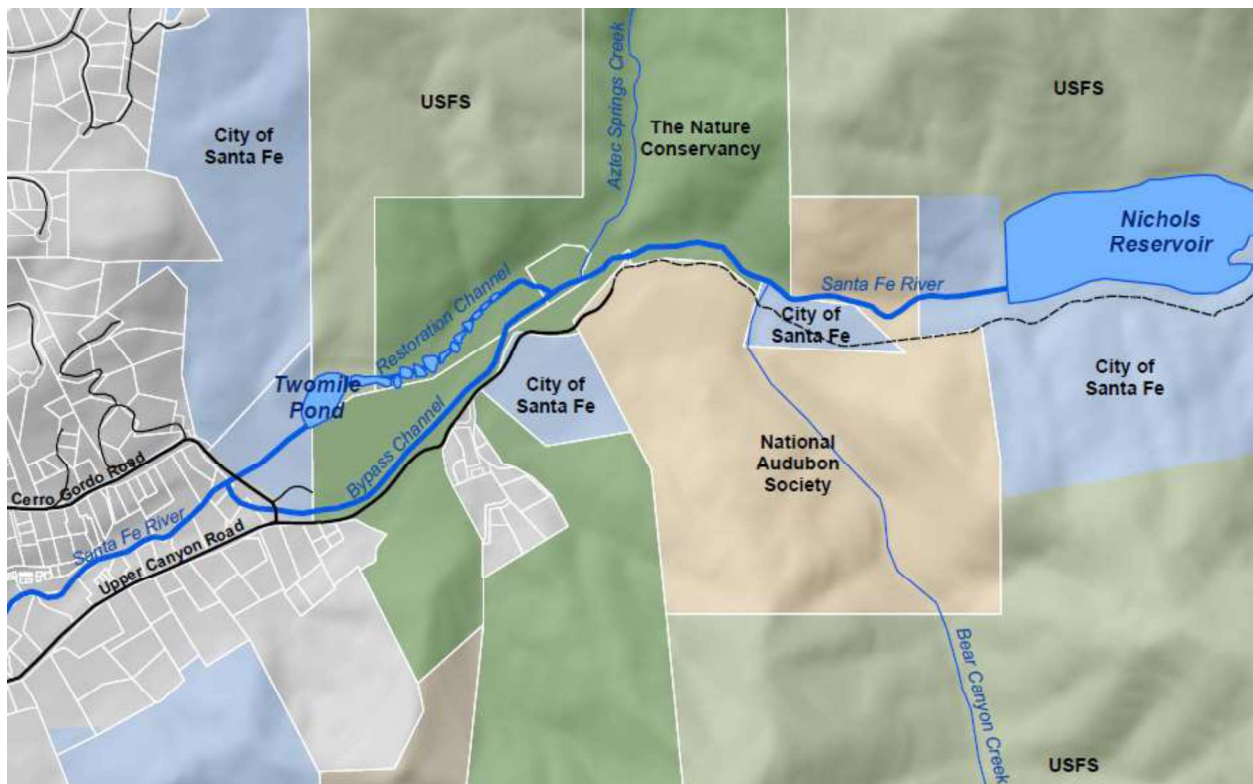
Approval for the City of Santa Fe to join a Steering Committee to guide planning along the Santa Fe River from Nichols to Cerro Gordo. The Charter defining this Steering Committee which would need to be signed by Mayor Webber is attached here for reference, and has been approved as to form by the City Attorney's Office.



September 17, 2020

Charter of a Steering Committee for Santa Fe River Planning Nichols to Cerro Gordo

As owners of riparian lands along the Santa Fe River between Nichols Dam and Cerro Gordo Road, we the City of Santa Fe, the National Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, and the United States Forest Service desire to work together as a steering committee to guide a planning process with stakeholders to land and water management in this section of the Santa Fe River. The goals of this effort are (1) an understanding of stakeholder preferences and (2) a resulting vision for management of water resources, ecological habitat, and recreational opportunities along the Santa Fe River from Nichols Dam to Cerro Gordo Road. Land ownership along this stretch of the Santa Fe River is shown below.



Any party may choose to cease its participation in this steering committee at any time by notifying the other parties in writing of such cessation. Each party acknowledges that it will be responsible for its own actions that result from recommendations coming from this joint planning effort, and will not be responsible for the acts of any other party. The steering committee serves a coordination role only and does not imply any funding obligations. Any endeavor involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between or among the parties must be memorialized in a separate, mutual, written agreement. This planning effort is not intended to create any legal or financial obligations between or among the parties. This planning effort is not intended to create a legal partnership or a joint venture between or among the parties.

Charter of a Steering Committee for Santa Fe River Planning Nichols to Cerro Gordo: Signatures
Alan Webber, Mayor, City of Santa Fe

Signature

Date

Attested by Yolanda Vigil, City Clerk, City of Santa Fe

Signature

Date

City Attorney's Office, Senior Assistant City Attorney, City of Santa Fe

Marcos Martinez

Marcos Martinez (Sep 17, 2020 09:42 MDT)

Signature

Sep 17, 2020

Date

Carl Beal, Center Manager

Randall Davey Audubon Center & Sanctuary, Audubon New Mexico

Signature

Date

Robert Findling, Director of Land Protection & Stewardship
The Nature Conservancy, New Mexico Field Office

Signature

Date

Sanford "Sandy" Hurlocker, District Ranger
Española Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest

Signature

Date

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