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## AUGUST 8, 2025

**Location:** Water Authority Customer Service Room 204; virtual via Microsoft Teams

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Elaine Howe (Chair), Chris Welch, Paul van Gulick, Jonathan Gonzales, Dr. José Cerrato, Darrell Kundargi, Rin Tara

**Board Members Absent:** Bart Faris (Vice-Chair; excused)

**PIC Members Present:** Kelsey Bicknell (*Water Authority*), Rowan Hannan (*Water Authority*), Mark Kelly (*Water Authority*), Kali Bronson (*Bernalillo County*), Dr. Sheldon Jordan (*City of Albuquerque*), Jeff Pompeo (*Water Authority*)

**Guests Present:** Elvira Lopez (*Bernalillo County*), Kate Clark (*City of Albuquerque*), Maggie Gould (*Bernalillo County*), Mikaela Renz-Whitmore (*City of Albuquerque*), Richard Meadows (*Bernalillo County*), Michael Vos (*City of Albuquerque*), Steve Glass (*Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District*), Joshua O'Halloran (*Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District*), Skyler Nichol (*Strong Towns ABQ*), Robert Mullins (*Bernalillo County*)

### Call to Order

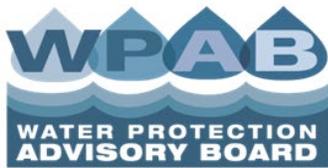
Chair Howe called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM when quorum was established.

### I. Approval of Agenda

#### A. August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Agenda

Mr. Gonzales moved to approve the [August agenda as amended](#), and Dr. Cerrato seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Board Member	Vote on Motion
Chair Howe	Yes
Vice-Chair Faris	Absent (excused)
Darrell Kundargi	Yes
Chris Welch	Yes
Jonathan Gonzales	Yes
José Cerrato	Yes
Paul van Gulick	Yes
Rin Tara	Yes



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## II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

### A. July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Mx. Tara moved to approve the [July Meeting Minutes](#); Mr. van Gulick seconded the motion; the motion passed as follows:

Board Member	Vote on Motion
Chair Howe	Abstain
Vice-Chair Faris	Absent (excused)
Darrell Kundargi	Yes
Chris Welch	Yes
Jonathan Gonzales	Yes
José Cerrato	Yes
Paul van Gulick	Yes
Rin Tara	Yes

## III. Policy Implementation Committee (PIC) Updates

Written updates from Policy Implementation Committee (PIC) agencies were provided to Board members prior to the meeting and can be viewed [\[HERE\]](#).

## IV. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Subcommittee Report

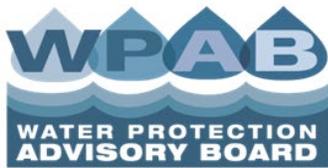
Mr. Kundargi reported that the DEI Subcommittee met on July 30 to review action items and discuss expanding its work. He shared that the subcommittee has been exploring opportunities for DEI-focused education and training and has compiled a list of potential speakers with expertise in DEI. The subcommittee recommends that the Board consider integrating 1–2 annual presentations from DEI experts offering both general knowledge and practical strategies.

As this was his final meeting, Mr. Kundargi also noted he is working to recruit his replacement to the Board and has reached out to individuals with expertise in water quality as well as community outreach.

## V. Presentation: Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District (Ciudad SWCD) Update

*Joshua O'Halloran, District Manager, Ciudad SWCD; [joshua@ciudadswcd.org](mailto:joshua@ciudadswcd.org)  
 Steve Glass, Chair, Board of Supervisors, Ciudad SWCD; [jstvglass@gmail.com](mailto:jstvglass@gmail.com)*

Mr. Glass provided an overview of the structure, mission, and activities of the Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District, emphasizing its people-focused, equity-based approach to conserving natural resources on both rural and urban lands within its boundaries. He explained that Ciudad SWCD identifies and develops projects based on community and landowner priorities, with current efforts focused on wildland-urban interface buffers and urban runoff control.



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The Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District's presentation can be found [\[HERE\]](#).

## VI. Presentation: Parking Minimums

*Richard Meadows, AICP; Public Works, Bernalillo County; [rmeadows@bernco.gov](mailto:rmeadows@bernco.gov)*

*Elvira Lopez, AICP; Planning, City of Albuquerque; [elopez@cabq.gov](mailto:elopez@cabq.gov)*

*Kate Clark, AICP; Planning, City of Albuquerque; [kclark@cabq.gov](mailto:kclark@cabq.gov)*

*Skyler Nichol; Strong Towns ABQ [skyler.azure@gmail.com](mailto:skyler.azure@gmail.com)*

Mr. Meadows provided an overview of the County's technical standards for parking and paving, including requirements for grading, drainage, Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI), and minimum parking. He also discussed the County's Stormwater Quality Ordinance and related Best Management Practices. Ms. Lopez outlined building and zoning requirements in the County's Comprehensive Plan, zoning code for unincorporated communities, and Special Use Permits. She also reviewed regulations on buffer landscaping, as well as policies for shared parking and parking reductions along transit corridors.

Mr. Meadows and Ms. Lopez's presentation can be found [\[HERE\]](#).

Ms. Clark provided an overview of how the City's Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) regulates off-street parking, including current standards and requirements. She also highlighted proposed updates that would affect parking in "Centers and Corridors," such as introducing parking maximums for non-residential development and eliminating minimum requirements in certain cases. Additional provisions for reduced parking were also discussed, including proximity to parks or trails and situations where a parking study demonstrates lower demand.

Ms. Clark's presentation can be found [\[HERE\]](#).

Mr. Nichol, representing StrongTowns ABQ, a community group focused on sustainable urban development, explained the environmental and water quality effects of paved surfaces and parking minimums. He described how extensive impermeable cover can contribute to stormwater runoff, local flood risks, reduced groundwater recharge, pollutant loading, and the urban heat island effect, and noted that minimum parking requirements can exacerbate these impacts by increasing asphalt and concrete surfaces.

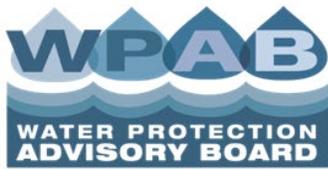
Mr. Nichol's presentation can be found [\[HERE\]](#).

## VII. Other Board Business

### A. Darrell Kundargi Service Recognition

Chair Howe announced that this meeting formally marks Mr. Kundargi's last month on the Board and expressed gratitude for his contribution to the WPAB, particularly the DEI subcommittee. Mr. Kundargi has served for two terms, totaling four years, on the Board.

### B. Next WPAB Meeting – September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Virtual



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i. **NMED Funding Requests for 2026 Legislative Session**

VIII. Public Comment Period

There were no comments from the public.

IX. Adjourned at 10:54 AM