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**Water Protection Advisory Board**  
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Minutes: Feb. 12, 2016

Location: Bernalillo County Public Works Division, 2400 Broadway

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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Board Members Present: Chair Steve Glass, Vice Chair Elizabeth Richards, Jennifer Thacher, Russ Pederson, Kerry Howe, Mike Bitner, John Derr, Erik Webb and Caroline Scruggs (via teleconference).

Board Members Absent: none.

PIC Members Present: Mark Kelly, Jane DeRose-Baman, Dan McGregor, Ken Ziegler, Jake Daugherty, Bart Faris, Rick Heckes, Kathleen Verhage, Lori Petit, Jake Daugherty and Rick Shean.

Guests:

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**I. Call to Order**

Chair Steve Glass called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Chair Glass requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion was made by member Dr. John Derr and seconded by member Dr. Jennifer Thacher. Motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Chair Glass requested the members to review the draft minutes for the November, 2015 meeting and a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion was made by member Dr. John Derr and seconded by Dr. Jennifer Thacher. Motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

#### **IV. Board Business**

##### Election of 2016 WPAB Officers

Chair Glass requested nominations for the board's 2016 officers and a motion to elect the nominees.

Current Vice Chair Dr. Beth Richards was nominated to be the WPAB's 2016 Chair and member Dr. Jennifer Thacher was nominated to be the 2016 Vice Chair. Dr. Richards accepted the nomination, but told the board that her term would end in August and requested assistance from the board to assist with upcoming presentations of the Annual Report to the City Council, County Commission, and Water Authority Governing Board, to which the board agreed.

Motion was made by member Dr. Erik Webb and seconded by Dr. Derr. Motion to approve elect the nominees to their respective officer positions was unanimous.

##### Approval of WPAB Open Meetings Resolution

Chair Elect Richards requested a motion to approve the Open Meetings Resolution for 2016.

Motion was made by member Steve Glass and seconded by Dr. Webb. Motion to approve the Open Meetings Resolution for 2016 was unanimous.

##### Discussion and Approval of Draft 2015 Annual Report

Mr. Rick Shean, WPAB staff, provided the board with a draft of the 2015 WPAB Annual Report. Members discussed the "Top Areas of Focus for Water Quality" Section and decided to keep this discussion in the final report. Members also asked Mr. Shean to update the board's priority section with specific information about topics to be reviewed during 2016, incorporating concerns brought up by members of the public during the discussion of the Annual Report.

Members agreed to review the final draft of the Annual Report via email before it was to be finalized.

##### Discussion of 2016 Work Plan and Draft Presenter Schedule

Members discussed the draft work plan and presenter schedule provided by Mr. Shean. Members asked that presentations about oil and gas operations in the Middle Rio Grande Basin, including the regulatory and risk aspects associated with hydraulic fracturing and waste disposal, Rio Grande Water fund

activities, and an update to the recent Bernalillo County's septic system ordinance implementation be discussed during 2016.

Discussion of Water-Related State Legislation

Mr. Shean provided the board with a table of water-related legislation that was introduced during the state's legislative session. Members requested that bills associated with environmental activities be provided at a future meeting.

**V. Other Board Business – none**

**VI. Public Comment Period**

Mr. Mike Neis provided comment on the proposed oil and gas exploration well that was going to be discussed at an upcoming Sandoval County hearing, encouraging the board to get involved because the well was only going to be five miles from the Bernalillo County line and could impact the Water Authority's groundwater resources. Member Steve Glass volunteered to attend the Sandoval County commission meeting on behalf of the WPAB. [Note: The application for the proposed oil and gas exploration well was pulled by the company, SandRidge Energy, following the Sandoval Commission Hearing].

Ms. Janet Greenwald provided comment on the Tijeras Arroyo Groundwater contamination site on the Kirtland Air Force Base. Ms. Greenwald asked that the board include the site in their 2016 work plan and continue to get updates on the monitoring of this site by the Sandia National Laboratories (SNL). Ms. Greenwald added that there is no plan to clean up this site by SNL, even though levels of contaminants are above the drinking water standards.

**VII. Adjournment – 10:30 am**