



Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority Summary Minutes

Albuquerque/Bernalillo
County
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Albuquerque, NM 87102

Councilor Klarissa Peña, Chair
Commissioner Barbara Baca, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Frank A. Baca
Trustee Gilbert Benavides
Mayor Timothy M. Keller
Councilor Dan Lewis
Commissioner Eric C. Olivas
Councilor Louie Sanchez

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

5:00 PM

Vincent E. Griego Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Peña called the meeting to Order at 5:05 P.M.

Present 5 - Klarissa Peña, Barbara Baca, Frank A. Baca, Dan Lewis, and Louie Sanchez

Excused 2 - Eric C. Olivas, and Gilbert Benavides

Alternate 1 - Samantha Sengel

2. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Peña led the Water Authority in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 5, 2025

A motion was made by Chair Peña, seconded by Member Sanchez, that this matter be to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Lewis, and Sanchez

Excused: 2 - Olivas, and Sengel

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

A. Quarterly Employee Recognition Awards

Chair Peña presented the quarterly employee recognition awards.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

A. Next Scheduled Meeting – May 21, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Chair Peña announced the next scheduled meeting will be May 21, 2025, in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers at 5:00 P.M.

7. INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) OF LEGISLATION

- *A.** [R-25-15](#) Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Accept Grant Award/Agreement R24AP00548 with the Bureau of Reclamation for the Arroyo del Oso Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project

A motion was made by Chair Peña, seconded by Member Sanchez, that this matter be Introduced (Immediate Action). The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Lewis, and Sanchez

Excused: 2 - Olivas, and Sengel

- *B.** [R-25-16](#) Amendment to the Approved Capital Implementation Program of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

A motion was made by Chair Peña, seconded by Vice Chair Baca, that this matter be Introduced (Immediate Action). The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Lewis, and Sanchez

Excused: 2 - Olivas, and Sengel

- C.** [R-25-19](#) Appropriating Funds for the Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget for the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, and Ending June 30, 2026, and the 2026-2035 Decade Plan

Introduced

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Chair Baca, seconded by Member Lewis, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Lewis, and Sanchez

Excused: 2 - Olivas, and Sengel

- A. [R-25-17](#) Authorizing the Removal of Certain Uncollectable Accounts from the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority Accounts Receivable Records FY2020 and Prior
Passed
- B. [R-25-18](#) Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Submit Congressionally Directed Spending Grant Requests to the 118th Congress of the United States
Passed
- C. [C-25-8](#) Approval of Contract with Insituform Technologies LLC, As a Result of B2025000012 FY25 Small Diameter SAS Rehab - Trenchless Project No. 3098.00
Approved

9. **APPROVALS**

- A. [R-25-12](#) Establishing One Year Objectives for the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority in Fiscal Year 2026 to Meet Goals
A motion was made by Member Lewis, seconded by Member Sanchez, that this matter be Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:
For: 5 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Lewis, and Sanchez
Excused: 2 - Olivas, and Sengel
A motion was made by Member Lewis, seconded by Member Sanchez, that this matter be Passed as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:
For: 5 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Lewis, and Sanchez
Excused: 2 - Olivas, and Sengel

- B.** [R-25-13](#) Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Borrower) to Enter Into a Loan Agreement With the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for the Purpose of Obtaining Project Loan Funds in the Principal Amount of Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) Plus Accrued Interest; and Principal Forgiveness Funds In the Amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for a Total Funded Amount of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) Designating the Use of the Funds for the Purpose Defined in the Most Current Project Description Form as Approved by NMED; Declaring the Necessity for the Loan; Providing That the Loan Will Be Payable and Collectible Soley From A Super Subordinate Lien (But Not An Exclusive Super Subordinate Lien) On the Borrower's Net Revenues Defined Below; Prescribing Other Details Concerning the Loan and the Security Therefore

A motion was made by Member Frank Baca, seconded by Vice Chair Barbara Baca, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Lewis, and Sanchez

Excused: 2 - Olivas, and Sengel

- C.** [R-25-14](#) Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into an Agreement with the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) for the Exchange of San Juan-Chama Project (SJCP) Water

A motion was made by Chair Peña, seconded by Vice Chair Baca, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Lewis, and Sanchez

Excused: 2 - Olivas, and Sengel

- *D.** [R-25-15](#) Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Accept Grant Award/Agreement R24AP00548 with the Bureau of Reclamation for the Arroyo del Oso Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project

A motion was made by Vice Chair Baca, seconded by Member Sanchez, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Lewis, and Sanchez

Excused: 2 - Olivas, and Sengel

- *E.** [R-25-16](#) Amendment to the Approved Capital Implementation Program of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

A motion was made by Chair Peña, seconded by Vice Chair Baca, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Lewis, and Sanchez

Excused: 2 - Olivas, and Sengel

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. [OB-25-6](#) Water Protection Advisory Board 2025 Update
Received
- B. [OB-25-7](#) Water Authority Annual Operating Plan for April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026
Received
- C. [OB-25-8](#) Water Report
Received
- D. [OB-25-9](#) Water Conservation Program Spring and Summer Conservation and Drought Messaging
Received

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

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