

1 ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY
2 WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY
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10 A P P E A R A N C E S

11 COUNCILLOR TRUDY E. JONES, Chairwoman
12 COMMISSIONER ART DE LA CRUZ, Vice Chairman
13 COUNCILLOR PAT DAVIS, Member
14 COMMISSIONER DEBBIE O'MALLEY, Member (Excused)
15 COUNCILLOR KEN SANCHEZ, Member (Arrived @ 5:21 p.m.)
16 COMMISSIONER ART DE LA CRUZ, Member
17 TRUSTEE PABLO RAEL, Ex-officio Member (Excused)
18 MAYOR RICHARD BERRY, Member (Excused)
19 MR. ROB PERRY, Admin. Officer, (Alternate Member)
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1 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Good evening. Welcome
2 the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority
3 meeting for Wednesday, September 21, 2016. We'll
4 start with a moment of silence and the Pledge of
5 Allegiance, led by Commissioner De La Cruz.

6 COMMISSIONER DE LA CRUZ: Please join me in
7 the pledge.

8 (Whereupon, there was a moment of
9 silence.)

10 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was
11 led by Commissioner Art De La Cruz.)

12 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you, everyone.

13 The first agenda item is very satisfying
14 to be able to do this. These are proclamations and
15 awards. And tonight's it's the technical customer
16 advisory committee appreciation award. These are
17 people who spend endless hours working to make this
18 water authority better.

19 Would Mr. David Brookshire please come
20 forward to be recognized. And I know he's here
21 because I walked down the corridor with him.

22 We're going to put you in the hot seat
23 and just let you stand right there for a while,
24 while we say things about you.

25 MR. BROOKSHIRE: All right. Go for it.

1 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you.

2 We would like to recognize David
3 Brookshire for serving two terms on the technical
4 customer advisory committee. David has lent his
5 expertise and many hours of his time to help
6 further the goals of the water authority and
7 provide a direct conduit between the utility and
8 those it serves.

9 During his time on the committee, he was
10 involved in a number of major initiatives, to
11 include the water resources management strategy,
12 water and sewer rate structure evaluations,
13 operating and capital budgets, goals and
14 objectives, and customer conversation meetings.

15 Thank you, Mr. Brookshire.

16 MR. BROOKSHIRE: Thank you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: If you would like to say
18 a few words, we would love to have you do that.
19 And then, if you'll come back up, we have a little
20 plaque for you.

21 MR. BROOKSHIRE: Okay.

22 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: And we'd like to thank
23 you.

24 MR. BROOKSHIRE: All right. Well, thank
25 you, Madam Chair. I would start by saying one

1 always evaluates whether going to serve on a
2 committee with trepidation. You never quite know
3 what you're getting into.

4 But I must say, this was a very wonderful
5 experience. I think I contributed. And from my
6 point of view, the most important thing is I also
7 learned a lot from working with the staff and
8 others. It was very valuable.

9 As I spoke to you last time, and I'll try
10 to keep this under two minutes. As I spoke to you
11 last time, I was very impressed, especially with
12 the water strategy. I think it's an excellent
13 document.

14 I think you will find if it's distributed
15 around the country, it will become a model in many
16 aspects. Not that everybody will agree; that's not
17 the issue. But it's the methodological approaches
18 and how they went about it, the issues they took on
19 and didn't take on and saved for later times are
20 important.

21 Funny, I've been told that I could say a
22 few words about my potential replacement, professor
23 Janie Chermack. I was department chair when we
24 hired Janie some 22 years ago. And I was my
25 privilege to work her over the years on many issues

1 of surface and groundwater modeling. And
2 especially, she lead an especially innovative study
3 on consumer demands, which we're still writing
4 papers on and the results are still coming out,
5 which I think will contribute -- as I mentioned
6 last times, I think the consumer demand area is one
7 thing that can be expanded when there's time. It's
8 not a criticism, but it could be expanded.

9 And I think Janie will bring a lot of
10 technical expertise to the committee in a very
11 positive way. Thank you.

12 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you. Thank you
13 for -- and please come on up. Thank you.

14 I would like to make a motion to approve
15 to August 17, 2016, minutes. Is there --

16 COMMISSIONER DE LA CRUZ: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: There is a second.
18 There's a motion and a second. All those in favor,
19 say yes.

20 ALL MEMBERS: Yes.

21 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Opposed, no?

22 Motion carries.

23 (5-0 vote. Agenda Item 3 approved.)

24 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: I think next is public
25 comment, Mrs. Jenkins. And how many do we have

1 signed up.

2 MS. JENKINS: I don't have an exact count.
3 There's about 22.

4 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Okay. Let's keep this at
5 two minutes each, please, this evening. So come on
6 down when I call your name. And please queue up,
7 when Ms. Jenkins calls your name.

8 We'll give a warning at one and a half
9 minutes. And then at two minutes, we ask that you
10 please give the next person an opportunity. And
11 remember, you do not have to use your entire two
12 minutes. But thank you for being here this
13 evening.

14 Ms. Jenkins.

15 MS. JENKINS: David Campbell, followed by
16 Carlo Lucero.

17 MR. CAMPBELL: Good evening, Madam Chair,
18 Members. I'm with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
19 Service, New Mexico Ecological Service field
20 office. I'm a branch chief in that office.

21 We've had a pleasure of working with the
22 water quality authority for quite a while. The
23 service has confidence that the long term planning
24 provided for 2120 can become the cornerstone for
25 improving the environmental resilience effects on

1 New Mexico. The American public can use and depend
2 and depend on 2120 to continue to seek improvements
3 on water conservation, reuse or renewable surface
4 water to better manage, follow up and protect water
5 and related resources in an environmental and
6 economically sound manner.

7 Thank you, Madam Chair.

8 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you, sir.

9 MS. JENKINS: Carlo Lucero, followed by John
10 Polk.

11 MR. LUCERO: Good evening, Madam Chair,
12 Members of the Board. My name is Carlo Lucero. I
13 am a vice chair of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber
14 of Commerce. And I'm here to speak in support of
15 the 100-year water plan. How nice to be able to
16 say 100-year plan.

17 I think you'll find that this plan fits
18 perfectly with the mission statement of the Greater
19 Albuquerque Chamber. And that is to work every to
20 make our community a place where businesses can
21 grow and prosper and where people want to raise
22 their families.

23 As the voice of business since 1917, we
24 envision New Mexicans living in safe neighborhoods,
25 working in rewarding careers, at thriving

1 businesses, while their children attend great
2 schools and enjoy their leisure time in one of the
3 most beautiful regions on earth.

4 A place becomes a world class community
5 for many reasons. Most notably, it is because of a
6 world class education system, vibrant small
7 business community, a modern and efficient
8 transportation network, a sustainable environment,
9 a reliable source of power and water.

10 You can see it's a perfect fit for your
11 mission statement. And it's very consistent with
12 our promotion of economic development and job
13 creation and quality of life.

14 And very much consistent with this is the
15 fact that this plan will send a message to all New
16 Mexicans that we are serious about preparing for
17 our future as a community and building an economy
18 that supports growing jobs and opportunities for
19 our citizens.

20 Thank you.

21 MS. JENKINS: John Polk, followed by Mike
22 Hammond.

23 MR. POLK: Thank you very much for allowing
24 me to address you.

25 I'm concerned about how the water is

1 being drained from Heron Lake. Let me show you. I
2 hope that this will show. This is what Heron
3 looked like and normally does look like at the
4 marina. This is what it looks like today.

5 We bought -- this is what it looked like
6 in July of 2010. This is what it looked like in
7 February of 2014. This is how it -- what it looked
8 like last winter and how it's going to look like
9 this winter.

10 The bureau of reclamation has withdrawn
11 200,000 acre feet of water. There is no drought
12 problem up. There is plenty of water coming down
13 from Colorado. Not only that, BOR is planning on
14 withdrawing a minimum of 13,500 acre feet of water
15 per year for the next ten years in an agreement
16 with the U.S. wildlife and fish service.

17 This presents a very serious problem,
18 because we bought and paid for this. And I'm
19 talking about us. This reservoir and the water in
20 it is entirely paid for by the citizens and users
21 of water in Albuquerque. And we have -- it's being
22 drained out of there.

23 I hope you remember that about 25 years
24 ago, it almost ran out of water. And I hope that
25 doesn't happen here in Albuquerque. Thank you.

1 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you.

2 MS. JENKINS: Mike Hammond, followed by Mike
3 Hightower.

4 MR. HAMMOND: Good evening, Madam Chair,
5 Members of the Board. My name is Mike Hammond.
6 I'm the chief executive officer for the Middle Rio
7 Grande Conservancy District. And I'm here to read
8 a letter into the record that we sent to you, Madam
9 Chair. It's regarding the presentation that the
10 water utility authority made to the board of
11 directors of the district.

12 And it says: Ms. Jones, speaking for the
13 board of directors of the Middle Rio Grande
14 Conservancy District, I wish to express our sincere
15 thanks in the authority for taking the time to make
16 a presentation to the board at our meeting on
17 August 22nd, 2016.

18 We are also gratified that the authority
19 has made a very conscious to take into
20 consideration other water users in the basin as you
21 plan the next hundred years of service to your
22 constituents, many of whom are also our
23 constituents and employees that live within the
24 authority's service area.

25 In particular the presentation included

1 two proposed policies to cease the practice of
2 pursuing pre1907 agricultural water waters in the
3 middle valley for transfers to the authority, as
4 well as a commitment to work with the MRGCD to
5 promote local agricultural, which both policies
6 were well received by the board.

7 Moreover, the general scope of the
8 preservation of the aquifer of the authority's
9 plans focused on a living within its means
10 strategy, as well as the preservation of the
11 aquifer for potentially tougher times and future
12 growth.

13 The MRGCD agrees this is a sound
14 alternate strategy as we have concerns regarding
15 both short and long term impacts the middle valley
16 will suffer as a result of pumping and water rights
17 are transfers.

18 As part of the district's concerns
19 regarding the future of the valley in light of
20 climate change predictions and other challenges we
21 phase, we applied for and received a grant from the
22 bureau owe reclamation to develop a drought
23 contingency plan for the Middle Rio Grande basin.

24 Given that we both contract for a
25 significant portion of the San Juan-Chama supplies

1 that appear to be impacted by predicted climate
2 change, I invite the authority to attend the
3 kickoff meeting planned for later this fall.

4 It is becoming increasingly apparent that
5 both of our agencies need to and are thinking
6 regionally, and by working together with other
7 agencies to solve current/future water-related
8 environmental challenges, we are taking a proactive
9 responsible approach.

10 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Excuse me, sir.

11 MR. HAMMOND: I'll just close it at that
12 time.

13 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you.

14 MR. HAMMOND: Thank you very much, Madam
15 Chair.

16 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you. And
17 Commissioner De La Cruz has a question.

18 COMMISSIONER DE LA CRUZ: Welcome, Mike.
19 Just a quick question.

20 Is the conservancy moving forward in some
21 manner to change the way we utilize water for
22 either crops or other agriculture so that it
23 becomes more effective in terms of water use?

24 MR. HAMMOND: Madam Chair, Member De La
25 Cruz, the strategy that the district is moving

1 forward on is comprehensive in nature. We have
2 multiple challenges with managing for ESA issues
3 currently being revised as a result of a pending
4 biological opinion that is creating a need to be
5 highly efficient with the water we divert and the
6 water that we use for agricultural purposes.

7 What we are engaging upon is working
8 closely with our farmers to look at both on-farm
9 use of water to hopefully improve their crop years
10 old, and also reducing diversions for that purpose.
11 And then also trying to improve the efficiency of
12 our system to better deliver water in a more timely
13 way.

14 Since 1996, we've actually reduced
15 diversions by one-third, and we plan to try to do
16 that and preserve storage up at El Vado, as well as
17 our San Juan-Chama water for late season use, which
18 is highly critical for preserving endangered
19 species in the late summer.

20 So those are our major strategies. And I
21 will be happy to share more detail with the utility
22 authority board in the future.

23 COMMISSIONER DE LA CRUZ: I would like that.
24 I'm only curious because some of the methods that
25 we use now are little bit archaic and aren't

1 particularly efficient. I suspect that there are
2 some things you can't change. I don't know. I'm
3 not a farmer. But flood irrigation is -- it's
4 something that doesn't seem particularly efficient.

5 MR. HAMMOND: Madam Chair, Member De La
6 Cruz, the efficiency on farm is really kind of tied
7 to the agricultural economy. The higher value
8 crops tend to manage the water more efficiently.
9 And obviously some of the smaller farms have more
10 difficulty doing that.

11 But I think, working with NRCS and the
12 local farmers, we are making strides to level
13 fields and put in more efficient delivery systems
14 even for flood irrigation. So I appreciate that
15 comment.

16 COMMISSIONER DE LA CRUZ: Thank you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you, sir.

18 MR. HAMMOND: Thank you, Madam Chair,
19 Members.

20 MS. JENKINS: Mike Hightower, followed by
21 Ceela McElveny.

22 MR. HIGHTOWER: Good afternoon. I'm Mike
23 Hightower. I work at Sandia National Laboratories.
24 I'm in the natural resources sustainability and
25 security department. I work both nationally and

1 internationally with water agencies, looking at
2 long term planning and water resources management
3 from a national security and regional security
4 perspective.

5 I was asked to be on the technical
6 advisory committee, and I've been on that committee
7 for about year. I have supported technically the
8 development of the water resources management
9 strategy. I'm here to support that.

10 And the work that I do across the country
11 about foreign major tenants that we see emerging
12 for water management, for sustainability. That
13 includes longer term planning.

14 This plan has a hundred year water plan.
15 It's kind of unique within the country.
16 Sustainable use of groundwater and surface water
17 conjunctively managed, this strategy goes a long
18 way in doing that sustainably. Looking at the
19 risks associated with climate change, the current
20 plan proposed goes a long way in looking at those
21 kinds of issues and planning for those
22 uncertainties and risk.

23 And the last one is looking at
24 nontraditional water supplies and water resources,
25 storm water, brackish water. And this plan does a

1 good job in laying out a strategy for the future on
2 how to use those kind of resources.

3 So from my standpoint, this is model
4 resource strategy. I'm happy that it's being done
5 in New Mexico, that it's being done in the Middle
6 Rio Grande, and I would for that wholly. Thank
7 you.

8 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you.

9 MS. JENKINS: Ceela McElveny, followed by
10 Geraldine Amato.

11 MS. MCELVENY: Good afternoon, Madam Chair
12 and Board members. My name is Ceela McElveny, and
13 I'm the vice president of operations for
14 Albuquerque Economic Development.

15 AED is a private nonprofit organization
16 that represents nearly 400 businesses in the
17 Albuquerque area, and our mission is to recruit
18 new business to locate in the area and to help
19 existing businesses expand and create jobs.

20 And we're proud to have the Albuquerque
21 Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority as a
22 partner in this mission.

23 I'm here to express AED's support for the
24 adoption of the water resources management
25 strategy.

1 In July, Mr. John Stomp, the chief
2 operating officer of the water utility authority,
3 presented a thorough overview of the hundred-year
4 plan to our executive committee of the AED board of
5 directors. And our board members were impressed
6 with the proactive approach toward water use and
7 the careful planning for the region's future water
8 needs.

9 Our board members voted unanimously to
10 endorse the plan. And AED is pleased to support
11 the water utility authority in its efforts to
12 create a stable and secure strategy for future
13 water management. Thank you.

14 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you.

15 MS. JENKINS: Geraldine Amato, followed by
16 Sue Umshler.

17 MS. AMATO: Good evening. The best of plans
18 cannot survive under an establishment that is
19 proven to be malevolent. Under this private
20 commercial jurisdiction, the golden rule prevails,
21 those who hold to gold rule. And unless we change
22 who is at the top, nothing will change for the
23 better.

24 Water is a vital resource in a natural
25 economy. It is a mere commodity to be bought and

1 sold by the highest bidder in this contrived
2 economy. The people at the top of this pyramid are
3 not good people. Good people can make all the
4 plans and strategies at this level. They will not
5 be implemented by good people.

6 What's more deplorable is the fact that
7 people are commodities, human livestock. My
8 family's encounter, for example with the
9 trafficking of people, children, for nefarious
10 enterprises is exemplary in the Second Judicial
11 District Court.

12 And these courts are unlawful, but
13 they're also criminal operations. And what I don't
14 forget is the dynamics of that damned court. My
15 talking on public access TV about the siege of my
16 family in the second judicial court's network of
17 high ranking thieves, child assaulters and killers
18 kept my grandson from being seized by, but he was
19 still taken away from my family, and sent into
20 Texas with the predator that forced himself on my
21 daughter at college.

22 And despite all the rhetoric that comes
23 out of the district attorney's office and all these
24 other Bar Association operatives, the dynamics of
25 criminal activity has not changed.

1 The recent highly sensationalized
2 publication of the ritual murder of a ten-year-old
3 reeks of an inside job. Indicting, trying and
4 convicting the accused in the press and media is
5 exemplary of how these double agents work. And
6 what -- and what we can do here, we can resist
7 what's happening instead of playing along with the
8 project.

9 There needs to be a spirit of resistance.
10 There's too much compliance and too much
11 cowardliness. We will I know heart a totalitarian
12 disaster. And the fact that --

13 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you, Ms. Amato.

14 MS. AMATO: -- the only time we get in
15 public comment --

16 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you, Ms. Amato.
17 Your time is up.

18 MS. AMATO: -- proves the fact that there
19 is --

20 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you, Ms. Amato.
21 Your time is up.

22 MS. AMATO: -- no republic, Ms. Trudy Jones.

23 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Please call the next
24 person.

25 Thank you, Ms. Amato.

1 MS. AMATO: And corruption rises to the
2 top --

3 MS. JENKINS: Sue Umshler.

4 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you, Ms. Amato.

5 MS. AMATO: Not good women. Only corrupt
6 women, like yourself.

7 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you for being here
8 this evening, Ms. Amato.

9 MS. AMATO: Yeah, you know how to talk.

10 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you.

11 MS. AMATO: Evil person.

12 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: The next speaker.

13 MS. JENKINS: Sue Umshler, followed by Lynn
14 Anderson.

15 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Good evening.

16 MS. UMSHLER: Good evening, Madam Chair,
17 Members of the Board. My name is Sue Umshler, and
18 I'm a consultant for the business water task force.
19 That is a coalition of business associations and
20 water professionals who are committed to
21 scientific-based water policy that addresses the
22 cost and benefits for citizens and businesses in
23 the Middle Rio Grande region.

24 I've been asked by the business water
25 task to give its support for approval of R-16-12,

1 the 2016 water resource management strategy. The
2 business water task force believes the proposed
3 strategy allows the water authority to plan for and
4 secure a high quality water supply for the citizens
5 of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County for the long
6 term future.

7 The business water task force applauds
8 the forward thinking that plans for a water for the
9 next 100 years. And we want to thank the staff,
10 the board members, the technical customer advisory
11 committee and everyone who has worked and put in
12 the effort to prepare this critical strategy.

13 The business water task force also
14 remains committed to engaging and implementing the
15 alternatives as they are chosen in the board's
16 collaborative process that they've proven during
17 this process, and to continue to educate our
18 citizens, our children, and to participate fully as
19 we prepare for the future.

20 Thank you for the opportunity for
21 addressing you this evening.

22 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you, ma'am.

23 MS. JENKINS: Lynn Anderson, followed by
24 Dale Dekker.

25 MS. ANDERSON: Good evening, Chair Jones and

1 Board Members. My name is Lynn Anderson. I am the
2 president of NAIOP, the commercial real estate
3 development association. I was hear when this bill
4 was first introduced, when this legislation was
5 first introduced at the request of my board after a
6 unanimous vote in support of the hundred-year plan.

7 I have since had a number of my members
8 call me who participated in a lot of the public
9 outreach that the water authority initiated and
10 used in the preparation of this plan and asked me
11 to come back for the night of the vote.

12 Our industry is strongly in support of
13 this hundred-year plan and urges passage of it.
14 And when I was writing this speech or thinking
15 about this speech, I realized that New Mexicans are
16 really good at criticizing ourselves. You know,
17 the joke is that we're at the top of the bad list,
18 we're at the bottom of the good list. But in this
19 case, we are at the top of the list.

20 I mean, the water authority is a gem, and
21 they have created some amazingly good programs for
22 us here in the Middle Rio Grande. And as the
23 professor mentioned, these are the kind of programs
24 that are models for the U.S. as a whole. And I
25 think it's amazing that we are one of the few

1 aquifers that is actually rising in the middle of a
2 drought. The fact that this plan is based on solid
3 science and good public input, good outreach to the
4 community -- I was amazed at the number of our
5 members that participated in those round tables.
6 And trust me, it's not something they usually do.

7 So I urge your support, and I do thank
8 the board, the water authority, the city, the
9 county, the administration, for their involvement
10 in this and creating something very special. Thank
11 you.

12 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: It is, Ms. Anderson.

13 MS. JENKINS: Dale Dekker, followed by
14 Santiago Maestas.

15 MR. DEKKER: Great. My name is Dale Dekker.
16 I'm an architect and planner and
17 Dekker/Perich/Sabatini, and I was one of those
18 people that participated in the roundtable
19 meetings, and they're very professionally run.
20 Also, I'm on the executive committee for the
21 chamber of commerce, as well as the executive
22 committee for AED.

23 But I'd just like to say that this is a
24 forward-looking plan and something that everybody
25 should be proud of. I think in the years to come,

1 they're going to look back at this plan and think
2 that a really bunch of smart people put their heads
3 together in a way that looked at solving our
4 problems in a collaborative way and moving our
5 community forward into the future.

6 And water is life. I think we all know
7 that. And I think it's important to point out that
8 we have very good people in our community,
9 well-meaning, earnest, hard workers. And this plan
10 reflects it.

11 I'd also like to point out that one part
12 of this plan that I'm particularly fond of is the
13 watershed management portion of the strategy that
14 looks at how we better manage our watersheds that
15 really provide that water for years to come.

16 They've done it in light of climate
17 change and looked at what that's going to do, and
18 the Rio Grande Water Fund, put together by the
19 nature conservancy, a unique public/private
20 partnership that's working earnestly to achieve
21 those goals with the water authority.

22 But again, my kudos and my compliment to
23 the people that put their heart and soul into this
24 plan. And I think it's something that we should
25 all be very proud of. So I urge your support of

1 this. Thank you.

2 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you, Mr. Dekker.

3 MS. JENKINS: Santiago Maestas, followed by
4 Taddeus Niemyjski.

5 MR. MAESTAS: Madam Chairman, my name is
6 Santiago Maestas. I'm president of the South
7 Valley Regional Association of Acequias. I'm a
8 commissioner on the Pajarito Acequia, and a
9 mayordomo on the Acequia de Donde Vida Andrade.

10 Although the 100 -- or the 100-year
11 management plan will no longer want to purchase
12 pre-1907 water rights, we're still concerned with
13 the cumulative effects of developments oh the west
14 side.

15 According to the 2014 USGS investigation,
16 increased to the aquifer levels are not uniform.
17 Although there were increases on the east side of
18 the Rio Grande, the pumping on the west side
19 increased and the water level decreased. The west
20 bluff side had the most substantial water level
21 decline rate of minus 3.7 feet per year.

22 If this was to continue on for the next
23 100 years, it would of course exceed 30070 acre
24 feet, and that was way beyond even your plan with
25 this management strategy.

1 The investigation also noted that
2 groundwater pumping has a lesser effect on the
3 water table elevations near the Rio Grande.
4 Seepage from the Rio Grande riverside drains,
5 irrigation within the inner valley recharge the
6 upper parts of the Santa Fe group aquifer system,
7 there by mitigating some of the effects of pumping
8 on groundwater levels on the water table.

9 However, we're still in the fifth year of
10 drought. Things don't look any better. The river
11 will continue to have less and less water, as
12 predicted by the USGS, and we're concerned that the
13 continued pumping and expansion of the Estrella,
14 Westland Development and Santolina will exceed and
15 affect negatively our community.

16 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you, sir.

17 MR. MAESTAS: Thank you, Madam.

18 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Just a minute.

19 COMMISSIONER DE LA CRUZ: Thank you, Madam
20 Chair.

21 Mr. Maestas. You said there was an
22 investigation. When was that again?

23 MR. MAESTAS: 2014 United States Geological
24 Service, Education. It's titled: Simulated and
25 Measured Water Levels and Estimated Water Level

1 Changes in the Albuquerque Area, Central
2 New Mexico, 1950 to 2012, by Steven Rice, Gretchen
3 Oelsner, Charles Heywood. 2014 U.S. Department of
4 Interior, survey scientific investigations map,
5 3305.

6 COMMISSIONER DE LA CRUZ: Thank you.

7 Mr. Stomp, are you familiar with that
8 study?

9 MR. STOMP: Madam Chairman and Commissioner
10 De La Cruz, yes. We commissioned that study,
11 actually. That's part of our ongoing work with the
12 USGS. What Mr. Maestas is speaking about is an
13 area that is affected by Rio Rancho's pumping
14 because they have not -- they have slowed their
15 pumping, but they have not stopped their pumping
16 agent. So the west bluff area is a part of the
17 aquifer that has continued to see some leveling or
18 even reduction still as a result of their pumping.

19 But in general, the aquifer is rising in
20 the Middle Rio Grande, and it is not uniform
21 because the aquifer itself is not uniform. And the
22 levels at which the water table sits is not
23 uniform. So of course it's not going to uniformly.
24 But in general, it is rising.

25 COMMISSIONER DE LA CRUZ: And roughly, what

1 was the geographic call lines of demarcation in the
2 area that you described related to Rio Rancho?

3 MR. STOMP: Well, Madam Chair and
4 Commissioner De La Cruz, it's basically the
5 Sandoval County/Bernalillo County line a where a
6 lot of the Rio Rancho pumping exists. Their heavy
7 pumping is their Lincoln well field, which is
8 affected by this west bluff monitoring well. So
9 it's southern Sandoval County mainly is where their
10 heavy pumping occurs.

11 COMMISSIONER DE LA CRUZ: Okay. And lastly,
12 in relation to the future and the plan that we're
13 going to vote on this evening, have you taken into
14 account future growth? Because I don't think we're
15 going to be able to tell people to stop having
16 children and people can't move here anymore.

17 So how have you taken into account
18 growth?

19 MR. STOMP: Madam Chairman and Commissioner
20 De La Cruz, as you know, we looked at three
21 different ranges of demands. We didn't specific
22 call it growth. We were looking at increases in
23 demand.

24 So demand could be a population growth or
25 it could be a new industry that comes into town.

1 And we looked at a wide range of different demands
2 that include potential population increases in
3 Albuquerque service area. We're not calling out
4 where that development occurs. That development
5 occurs where other people make decisions about.
6 But we are planning for growth, and we are required
7 by the State of New Mexico to plan for growth.

8 So that's what the plan includes the
9 growth in the future. What that growth actually
10 looks like or where it actually occurs, a lot of
11 those decisions will be made by others. But you're
12 be part of that, of course, with respect to the
13 water supply.

14 COMMISSIONER DE LA CRUZ: Thank you,
15 Mr. Stomp.

16 Thank you, Madam Chair.

17 MS. JENKINS: Tad Niemyjski, followed by
18 Deborah Dixon.

19 MR. NIEMYJSKI: My name Tad Niemyjski. I'm
20 going to pick on something differently. Last
21 summer, last year summer, I stopped by and pulled
22 into a Circle K at Lomas and Broadway. Walk into,
23 passing one SUV, I noticed foreign different
24 countries, stickers, and then I approached from
25 behind, looking and license plates, here is a

1 Russian lettering. Well, interesting.

2 So a few minutes later, young couple walk
3 out and knowing me looking at their SUV, and so we
4 got -- started conversation, start conversation.
5 And I asked one thing to another.

6 I asked them, "So what do you think about
7 Putin?"

8 "Well, he's (unintelligible) from
9 Moscow."

10 So I asked them, "How would you think of
11 Putin?"

12 "Well, whoever is close to Putin, they're
13 doing very well."

14 What I'm coming here, we have right here
15 one of the councillor on this board, well, he's
16 doing business with the -- with the water authority
17 he's supposed to oversee. That cannot -- Sanchez
18 doing business contract with water utility
19 authority. Our property is (unintelligible). Is
20 that a conflict of interest? Yes, it is conflict
21 of interest. That is -- whoever is closer here to
22 government, they doing well. And that's not right.

23 MS. JENKINS: Deborah Dixon, followed by
24 Martin Haines.

25 MS. DIXON: Madam Chair, Members of the

1 Board, I am Deborah Dixon, the director of the
2 interstate stream commission, and the New Mexico
3 Interstate Stream Commission is the state agency
4 who is responsible for investigating, protecting,
5 conserving, and developing New Mexico's waters,
6 including both the interstate and intrastate
7 streams. We management our eight interstate stream
8 compacts and share compliance of both the
9 entitlements and our deliveries for the state.

10 Our eight members represent the entire
11 regions across the State of New Mexico and our 9th
12 member is the state engineer. He serves as
13 secretary of the commission.

14 Last month, Mr. John Stomp, your chief
15 operating officer attended our meeting on August 18
16 and presented the State water plan and -- to the
17 commission. Subsequently, our commissioners
18 officially voted unanimously in support of the
19 water utility's planning effort associated with the
20 hundred-year plan.

21 On behalf of the interstate stream
22 commission, I'm here to reiterate our support to
23 recognize the utility authority's conservation
24 efforts that are associated with the water 2120
25 plan.

1 Specifically, I commend the utility
2 authority on their effort to reduce the gallons per
3 capita per day use to improve groundwater
4 management. I commend them for aquifer storage and
5 recovery plans, for increasing their water reuse,
6 and coordinating in the future with the interstate
7 stream commission and various water operation
8 aspects of the plan.

9 In the past three years, the office of
10 state engineer and the interstate stream have been
11 in the process of facilitating and updating our 16
12 regional water plans, and we particularly
13 appreciate the care and time given by the authority
14 to get input from all of the stakeholders in the
15 community. And we know that that is a challenging
16 task, to conduct all of these meetings.

17 So thank you for your contribution. We
18 continue to look forward to work together.

19 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you.

20 MS. JENKINS: Martin Haines, followed by
21 Laura McCarthy.

22 MR. HAINES: Madam Chair, Members of the
23 Board, my name is Martin Haines. I'm just here as
24 a regular old ratepayer. And I'm not going to
25 repeat some of the thing that some of the very --

1 the experts, such as Ms. Dixon, that just sat down,
2 or Mike Hightower just brought up in relation to
3 the value of this plan.

4 But it is an example of future planning
5 that will help this community and make us at the
6 top of the list, as Lynn Anderson, in one item
7 instead of always being at the bottom.

8 I ask for your support and -- to pass
9 this ordinance and appreciate your time.

10 MS. JENKINS: Laura McCarthy, followed by
11 Santiago Montoya.

12 MS. MCCARTHY: Madam Chair and Members of
13 the board, I'm Laura McCarthy with the nature
14 conservancy, a statewide environmental conservation
15 organization, and sponsors of a project called
16 Rio Grande Water Fund. I'm also a member of the
17 technical citizen advisory committee. And I'm here
18 to offer the support of the nature conservancy for
19 the water plan.

20 I want to echo the comments about this
21 being an exemplary plan in terms of the public
22 outreach process, as well as the comments about
23 this being a visionary plan. In particular, the
24 conclusion of watershed management and considering
25 where our water comes from, as well as the threats

1 to those very important water sources.

2 It's critical to ensure water for future
3 generations, and it appears that this plan does
4 that for us. Thank you.

5 MS. JENKINS: Santiago Montoya, followed by
6 Amy Ewing.

7 MR. MONTOYA: Madam Chair, Members of the
8 Board, the reason I'm here is because I needed to
9 bring it up to members' attention.

10 I have brought up a number of times
11 upstairs the complaint --

12 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Sir, if I may. If you're
13 stand back a little bit from microphone, we'll be
14 able to understand you better.

15 MR. MONTOYA: Okay.

16 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you.

17 MR. MONTOYA: Anyway, I brought up issues
18 that TLC consortium company is going a very lousy
19 job when it comes to clearing up cuts that
20 contractors who are doing business (unintelligible)
21 when they cut the waterlines -- I mean, they cut
22 the street to install waterlines. TLC is not doing
23 a compaction before they fill out that piece of
24 asphalt.

25 I've brought it up to the water

1 department a number of times about these complaints
2 and they have not done anything about it. It needs
3 to be addressed by the water authority, especially
4 the inspectors that are supposed to be monitoring
5 these cuts. Because when the cut is made, it's
6 supposed to be compacted and it's supposed to meet
7 compaction before asphalt is put on to cover up the
8 cut, and it's -- there's a lot of cuts all over the
9 city that are -- that have a hump on them. And
10 it's not supposed to have a pump. It's supposed to
11 be level. So I thought I'd brought it up to you
12 members of the water -- call it to your attention.
13 This thing needs to be addressed. Thank you.

14 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you.

15 COUNCILLOR SANCHEZ: Madam Chair.

16 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Councillor.

17 COUNCILLOR SANCHEZ: I have a question for
18 staff. I know TLC is doing some work along the
19 Central corridor preliminary to the art project.
20 Who is doing the inspections and the work once TLC
21 has completed their work?

22 MR. STOMP: Madam Chair and Councillor
23 Sanchez, well, there's two parts of the
24 information. One is, everything that's in the city
25 right-of-way is inspected by the city inspector.

1 So as the previous speaker spoke about
2 the compaction requirements are in the city
3 ordinance, so there's testing that needs to occur.
4 So the city inspects it, and then we have our own
5 inspectors that go out and check the work out
6 before they close the hole and as they close the
7 hole. So there's really actually two inspection
8 mechanisms.

9 COUNCILLOR SANCHEZ: So the compaction work
10 is being done by TLC; is that correct?

11 MR. STOMP: Madam Chair and Commissioner
12 Sanchez -- I'm sorry, Councillor Sanchez, I can't
13 speak to every single excavation that TLC does.
14 But they are required to do it, and as far as I
15 know, they are meeting that requirement. And the
16 city is very diligent in making sure that the water
17 authority does their work in the city right-of-way.

18 So I can't vouch for every single TLC
19 hole, but I would say, from the ones that I'm aware
20 of, yes, they are.

21 COUNCILLOR SANCHEZ: Thank you.

22 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you, Mr. Stomp.

23 MS. JENKINS: Amy Ewing, followed by Elaine
24 Hebbard.

25 MS. EWING: Madam Chair, Members of the

1 Board, my name is Amy Ewing and I work as a
2 hydrogeologist. I'm also a member of the TCAC
3 committee. I spoke in support of the water 2120 at
4 the last board meeting, so it won't take much of
5 your time. I just wanted to reiterate my support
6 of that plan. Thank you very much.

7 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you.

8 MS. JENKINS: Elaine Hebbard.

9 MS. HEBBARD: Hi. My name is Elaine
10 Hebbard, long-time attendee of these meetings,
11 since 2007, I think, or so. And I'm a retired
12 attorney and a regional water planner.

13 I try to provide some alternative
14 perspectives to the board which might otherwise not
15 be raised. And especially with regard to the
16 current water policies that are being proposed,
17 there are a number of concerns which are on this
18 page which you may not be able to read.

19 But they change the emphasis from
20 balancing demand with renewable supply, which is in
21 your -- also in your guiding principles. They
22 unable more pumping by changing some definitions,
23 lowering the threshold from 250 feet, which the OSE
24 uses, to 300; changing drought reserve to working
25 reserve. It's based on so long as the river water

1 is available, which we know will change. It's --
2 the old water is 90 percent more than 12,000 year
3 old which we will be pumping and continuing to put
4 into the water -- into the river.

5 So there is a number of concerns. To
6 adequately protect these resources, policies should
7 retain balanced demand with renewable supply;
8 volume groundwater as something for the future
9 rather than as infrastructure, based on 2.4
10 percent, and target peak demand in some of these
11 other metrics that are being changed.

12 To address the idea that linking land use
13 with water resources, please keep Policy L7,
14 address climate change by adapting -- including and
15 adapting management plan. And finally, put in the
16 goals and objectives that are required probably
17 under adaptive management before proceeding to
18 include the -- or approve these policies. Because
19 the goals and objectives will obviously influence
20 those policies. Thank you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you, Ms. Hebbard.

22 We have announcements and communications
23 next. And Ms. Hebbard, I think you're going to
24 give us a brief on that.

25 MS. HEBBARD: I would just like to announce

1 that the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Assembly
2 will be holding a conference on October 22 from
3 9:00 to 3:00. It will be at Dane Smith Hall at
4 UNM. It's called: Managing the River to Failure;
5 is There a Better Way.

6 In the morning, we have speakers who are
7 addressing a lot of the issues which you've heard
8 some of about. In the afternoon, we've asked the
9 public to help us really identify some out of the
10 box strategies to help us move forward.

11 So October 22. Hope to see you there.

12 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you, ma'am.

13 Are there any other announcements?

14 Therefore, the next scheduled meeting is
15 October 19, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the Vincent E.
16 Griego Chambers.

17 There are no first readings or
18 introductions of legislation, so we'll go directly
19 to the consent agenda.

20 COMMISSIONER DE LA CRUZ: Move approval.

21 MR. PERRY: Second.

22 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: There's a motion and a
23 second to approve the consent agenda. All those in
24 favor, say yes.

25 ALL MEMBERS: Yes.

1 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Opposed, no?

2 Motion carries unanimously.

3 (6-0 vote. Agenda Item 8 approved.)

4 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Next is approvals. The
5 first approval is R-16-10, authorizing an agreement
6 with Alta Vista enterprises limited for the Mikay
7 Lanna Vistas for water and sewer service.

8 Good evening.

9 MR. CADENA: Good evening, Madam Chair,
10 Members of the Board, I'm presenting a development
11 agreement for a subdivision entitled Mikay Lanna
12 Vistas. It's located on Gun Club and Lisa, just
13 west of Carroll Street.

14 The project consists of 16 individual
15 lots, and the development is to be served from the
16 0-W pressure zone in the Atrisco trunk.

17 The developer is going to connect to
18 existing waterline adjacent to the property, and
19 there will be some experiences of the sanitary
20 sewer line to serve the development as well.

21 The development will be responsible or in
22 charge -- charged to pay UECs and water supply
23 charges. And there's no fiscal impact to the water
24 authority.

25 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Any questions.

1 COMMISSIONER DE LA CRUZ: Move approval.

2 MR. PERRY: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: There's a motion and a
4 second for approval of R-16-10. All those in
5 favor, say yes.

6 ALL MEMBERS: Yes.

7 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Opposed?

8 Motion carries unanimously.

9 (6-0 vote. Agenda Item 9A approved.)

10 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Next I believe you're
11 aboard on this one, R-16-11, authorizing agreement
12 with -- I'm going to let you just read this. You
13 have to do it anyway. Thank you, sir, Mr. Cadena.

14 MR. CADENA: Hello, again.

15 So presenting a development agreement for
16 a project entitled Ceja Vista, Phase 1. This
17 project is located on the south side of Dennis
18 Chavez, just east of 118th Street. It's in the 2WR
19 pressure zone and 1W pressure zone of the Pajarito
20 trunk.

21 So this project consists of 403
22 single-family units, with some commercial
23 development that may also include multi-family.
24 And essentially, the project will extend public
25 waterlines and public sewer lines to serve this

1 site and will be also responsible for paying
2 utility expansion charges and water supply charges,
3 as well.

4 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you.

5 Are there any questions?

6 COMMISSIONER DE LA CRUZ: Move approval.

7 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: There's a motion and a
8 second for approval. All those in favor, say yes.

9 ALL MEMBERS: Yes.

10 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Opposed?

11 Motion carries unanimously. Thank you.

12 (6-0 vote. Agenda Item 9B approved.)

13 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Mr. Stomp, R-16-12.

14 MR. STOMP: Madam Chair, Members of the
15 Board, tonight we thank you all for our patience
16 for the last year's worth of work together with us
17 going through each one of these -- or I should say,
18 plodding through each one of these presentations
19 with us.

20 Tonight we're going to summarize the
21 plan. I'm going to try to make it as short as
22 possible and give you time to answer questions.

23 We believe the question elements of the
24 plan really are focusing on continuing the use of
25 existing resources that we have, use and follow the

1 same policies that we had in '97 and 2007,
2 implement additional conservation, additional
3 reuse.

4 We have a data-driven plan, which we're
5 going to continue to adapt and modify over time,
6 looking at climate change and other things that may
7 affect our water supply in the future.

8 There was an extensive P.O. Box process
9 that we went around and met with our stakeholder,
10 met with the public. And we believe that there's
11 no rate increases that would be necessary as a
12 result of this plan. There are rate increases
13 planned, as you know, for our infrastructure needs,
14 but we believe that this plan will not increase our
15 rates over time.

16 In terms of our stakeholder rapport,
17 you've been very patient listening to all the
18 people coming to the barred, and we really
19 appreciate their support, but we appreciate the
20 opportunity to present this plan to you and all
21 those people that have come to this board to
22 support the plan. We believe it's a sound plan, a
23 balanced plan that provides for the future.

24 It includes looking at our demand in the
25 future, says Commissioner De La Cruz brought up,

1 and also our supply and the impacts of climate
2 change associated with those supplies. And we're
3 also looking at watershed restoration to protect
4 the supplies that we have.

5 We looked at the gaps that would be
6 created as a result of those comparisons of our
7 three different alternatives for supply and the
8 three different alternatives for demand. And we're
9 able to fill that gap for that medium supply and
10 medium demand, including using our existing
11 supplies, additional conservation that is going
12 down from 130 gallons per capita per day -- I'm
13 sorry, for 135 gallons per capita per day to 110
14 gallons per capita per day, additional reuse, storm
15 water capture, the potential for indirect potable
16 reuse for the future, watershed management, and,
17 again, using the existing supplies we own.

18 This graph here shows that we did fill
19 the gap. The one on the left shows the dotted
20 lines. That was the gap that we had prior to the
21 implementation of Portfolio Number 1. We do still
22 have a gap for the future, considering our hot and
23 dry conditions. We could fill that gap, and we
24 have a number of alternatives that could do that.
25 But because it's so far out to the future, we feel

1 like we really should monitor that over the period
2 of the next ten years and so on to see where that
3 gap really is and the size of that gap before we
4 start to invest in infrastructure for the future
5 and call out the potential for infrastructure that
6 we might not need.

7 And finally, the portfolio supplies that
8 I talked you about before really are over the long
9 period of time. Starting in the decade of the
10 2020s, we talk -- do additional aquifer storage and
11 recovery. 2035, we do additional reuse and so on,
12 and the way to 2065, including our conservation
13 efforts. That's the portfolio that we're
14 presenting to you tonight in the form of the 13
15 different policies and the 62 different
16 sub-policies.

17 We've done a number of education and
18 outreach, and in one of our policies, we were asked
19 to develop a public model. We have developed a
20 public model. Greg Gates is going to give you just
21 a very quick picture of what that model looks like.
22 There's a number of alternatives that can be
23 simulated on this, but he's not going to do -- only
24 a couple of them.

25 So just to sort of brag about what our

1 goal in education and what we think is going to
2 happen, and we're going to use this model to come
3 to you as part of the monitoring effort that's in
4 policy number A, or Letter A.

5 MR. GATES: Good evening, Madam Chair,
6 Members. I will try to keep this relatively brief.

7 What you're looking at on the screen is
8 essentially a life demo of this educational tool
9 that's been developed that basically portends to
10 strategy, to some extent.

11 It includes a little bit of information
12 about the water authority. I know that's a little
13 bit difficult to read at this level. I'll blow it
14 up a little bit. But it's basically information
15 that's from your website, available for who might
16 be using this, whether that's schools or
17 individuals or what have you.

18 Likewise, it includes a user's guide, so
19 it's set up so that it gives instructions on the
20 various components of the model. And it's set up
21 so that it's simple for folks to print out and hold
22 next to the computer, if they want to utilize it.

23 Then the model, itself, as John pointed
24 out, this examines those nine future scenarios,
25 essentially, of supply and demand. So the low

1 supply, high demand, those various combination. It
2 allows you to change what demands you're looking
3 at. So in this case, this is a demand input
4 screen.

5 The one that you're looking at here shows
6 a medium population growth under your current
7 gallons per capita day goal. If you go over this
8 drop-down box, you can change that to some other
9 growth, demand. So in this case, then you're
10 looking at low population growth. And I'll change
11 that back to medium for demonstration purposes
12 here.

13 When you make changes to these, it
14 updates the graph, graphics within the model. So
15 you get a picture of actually what's going on in
16 terms of which population growth scenario you're
17 looking at, as well as which demand scenario you're
18 looking at.

19 There's a similar input screen for
20 supply. This includes information about climate
21 change. So this has low, medium and high supply
22 scenarios, three of your supply scenarios. The
23 graphics that are here include the actual data that
24 go into those. So when you change from, say, a
25 medium supply scenario to low, so the hot, dry,

1 you'll see that the graphics all update so that
2 you're actually looking at the real information for
3 that particular scenario.

4 And there's also the ability to change
5 which portfolio we're looking at. In this case,
6 it's set up to run the baseline, which is sexually
7 no alternatives in place. It has information that
8 was part -- is part of the public meeting. This
9 graphic that shows various alternatives gives
10 information about them so you can actually zoom in
11 and get more information on the text within the
12 model so that the public can actually get a better
13 feel for what these alternatives do, whether that's
14 how much water they might provide or what their
15 effect on the environment might be. So you get a
16 general feel for that, as well as some text around
17 them.

18 With that, I'll do back to the main page
19 and actually do a real quick simulation here. So
20 as you're doing this, it's running through time,
21 looking at the various bits of data. It's showing
22 the aquifer status, as well as the supply sources
23 being used to meet demand.

24 As you can see from this plot, particular
25 plot on the right, there is a gap in this

1 particular one. This is a baseline of medium
2 demand and medium supply. So we -- without any new
3 alternatives under the portfolio that John
4 mentioned, Portfolio 1 in particular, you'd still
5 have a gap. Your aquifer levels would decline
6 somewhat from where the proposed management level
7 is at this point.

8 And so then having that information in
9 hand, you might say, "Well, let's see what type of
10 actions we might take." You could update the model
11 then to select a portfolio. In this case, this is
12 Portfolio 1, the one that John's already been
13 through in terms of the various elements, 110 GPCD
14 conservation. What you have, go back to the main
15 screen. You could run that simulation. Then again
16 you'll see -- you see an updated graphic on the
17 lower left there that shows the change in supplies.
18 You see the management level being met, and then
19 you see on the right that now there's no longer a
20 gap.

21 Each of these graphs you can actually
22 then zoom in and look at in more detail to see how
23 they're utilizing supplies over time, so you can
24 see the variability in water supply, as well as in
25 this case you can look at the aquifer levels in

1 more detail, so you can see how the management
2 level under this portfolio is performing.

3 That was quick, and I was talking fast,
4 so if you have questions or you need more,
5 certainly let me know. But I certainly value your
6 time and wanted to make it quick, so...

7 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you. Thank you
8 there any --

9 COMMISSIONER DE LA CRUZ: Move approval,
10 Madam Chair.

11 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Do you have a question?

12 COUNCILLOR SANCHEZ: Second.

13 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: There's a motion and a
14 second to approve the plan R-16-12. Is there any
15 discussion?

16 MR. PERRY: Madam Chair.

17 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Yes.

18 COUNCILLOR DAVIS: Did you say that's
19 available online for the public, or is that
20 something they can do as they contact our office?

21 MR. GATES: Well, Madam Chair and Councillor
22 Davis, it will be online. We wanted to present it
23 to the board tonight first. So you're the first to
24 see it. And it will be online very soon.

25 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Mr. Perry.

1 MR. PERRY: Madam Chair, I just want to
2 express my appreciation to the staff and all the
3 committees and the volunteers and everybody that
4 put this plan together. I know that we can't do it
5 justice tonight, quite honestly, in an hour and a
6 half or two hour meeting, because so much work went
7 into it over a long period of time. And I think
8 that the folks that made contributions to it should
9 be very proud of the work they've done.

10 The impact of this type of plan is about
11 the sustainability of the Mid Rio Grande Valley.
12 You can historically look at water management
13 dating back to 900 to 1130 at Chaco Canyon, Pueblo
14 Bonito and the movements of the indigenous people
15 and even developments of the pueblos here along the
16 Mid Rio Grande in the 1540s and those periods of
17 time. And, you know, I guess we didn't have the
18 tools and the knowledge that we had back then -- I
19 should say, we that now that we didn't have back
20 then. But this is big.

21 I'm going to a water -- the mayor's --
22 U.S. Conference of Mayors Summit on Water in Napa
23 in November, and I've looked at some of the
24 presentations, and their water management plans are
25 like 25, 30 years. And I just think the authority

1 has done a great job, a great job. And I fully
2 support the plan. Thank you.

3 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you, Mr. Perry.
4 Councillor Sanchez.

5 COUNCILLOR SANCHEZ: Thank you, Madam
6 Chairman.

7 I would also like to compliment the staff
8 for their work. Also the technical customer
9 advisory committee put a lot of work into this, the
10 outreach to our community.

11 When I first heard of the hundred-year
12 plan, I was very skeptical because of technology
13 changing to rapidly. And when I started to read
14 through the plan, the work that was put this plan
15 was remarkable. I know that John stop used the
16 word "plodding." There was no plodding done at
17 all. It was just a tremendous amount of hard work
18 by a lot of good people and professionals that took
19 the time to do it right.

20 And as one of the speakers stated
21 publicly, we are ranked 47th and 48th in the
22 country on many initiatives. But I think we are
23 going to lead the country. And when other cities
24 and municipalities look at this plan, they will be
25 adopted a 100-year plan. Because I think this plan

1 was done very well and very strategically. This, I
2 think, will be a plan that's going to be used for
3 many municipalities across America, because I think
4 this is what cities are looking at, long, long term
5 planning.

6 We will not be around in 100 years, but
7 the decisions I think that we are making here
8 tonight will be decisions that will impact our
9 communities across our country in a favorable way.

10 And, again, thank you to all our staff
11 for your work.

12 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Commissioner Hart
13 Stebbins.

14 COMMISSIONER HART STEBBINS: Thank you,
15 Madam Chair.

16 And I just want to echo all the
17 compliments of the staff that have already been
18 made by fellow board members.

19 One thing I want to just highlight and
20 thank you for your attention to the watershed
21 management component of this plan. The recognition
22 of that as a long term strategy gentlemen is
23 something that clearly not in the past and may not
24 have been considered in the past. But I think it's
25 a very progressive and far-reaching strategy and

1 recognition of it's importance to our water
2 supplies. So I just wanted to highlight that and
3 thank you for that.

4 Thank you, Madam Chair.

5 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you.

6 Councillor Davis.

7 COUNCILLOR DAVIS: I think we're all taking
8 a turn here and saying that -- as the newest member
9 of this board, I have to say, walking in on the
10 tail end of this, I shared some of Councillor
11 Sanchez's skepticism. But an incredible amount of
12 work.

13 I'm actually impressed at the number of
14 e-mails and comments that I got from the public who
15 had really did you go into some of the details on
16 this and offered up questions.

17 But I have to say, as somebody -- it is
18 incredibly impressive. I went to Pittsburgh
19 earlier this summer for a conference of progressive
20 legislators, local legislators from around the
21 country, and they all were talking about sort of
22 environmental and climate change work. And I said,
23 "Well, we're passing a 100-year plan to save water
24 in the desert, and we don't need any water rights."

25 And they said, "No, that's not possible."

1 We don't do that."

2 And so it really is a model. It's
3 something that we should be really proud of. And
4 it just goes to show you that when we set a high
5 bar, folks in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County and
6 the folks that serve us can make that happen.

7 And so I really do appreciate all the
8 work everybody did and the extra time they took to
9 walk us all through all those pieces. I can't wait
10 to see this online, portal online, so that people
11 can play with those numbers themselves and see sort
12 of the catches that are in there, if this level
13 gets too low, how we adjust that long term down the
14 plan.

15 I won't be here 100 years from now
16 either. I might be here a minute longer than you
17 will, so I look forward to seeing -- being able to
18 have fresh water for my house for quite some time.
19 So thank you.

20 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you. And obviously
21 I need to take my turn.

22 I found this fascinating. And one of the
23 most interesting things is the number of people
24 that have been involved. And we've not mentioned
25 all of them. Our consultants, sitting in the front

1 row, and the people who put together the meetings
2 with the citizens.

3 The citizen involvement was amazing. I
4 attended a few of those meetings, and to see them
5 gather at separate tables and have their hands-on
6 participation in how this was done and what the
7 results would be and how it would work was -- I've
8 never seen anything like this, in anything the city
9 or the water authority has ever done before.

10 The interest that was shown by all of the
11 citizens, and you can tell it's real, true interest
12 because they actually came out and participated.
13 They just didn't sit back and wonder what we were
14 doing or complain about what we were doing. So it
15 was an amazing, amazing process.

16 And I also have to say, I have a few
17 friends who live in different parts of the country,
18 I know that's amazing for you to know. But I've
19 sent this plan, 100-year plan to especially a
20 friend -- an old friend who does a lot of work with
21 the water issues in the Central part of the United
22 States, most especially the Ogallala Aquifer, and
23 he and his group, the Nebraska Water Commission,
24 basically, were absolutely amazed and dumbfounded
25 that we could put something like this together for

1 100 years. And I think they're probably going to
2 plagiarize. And I know they're going to come out
3 and met with some of our staff in a few months and
4 talk about this.

5 So thank you, all. We've pontificated
6 enough. Let's take a vote. There's a motion and a
7 second. Are there any comments?

8 Thank you, all. There's a motion and a
9 second for R-16-12, a do-pass. All those in favor,
10 say yes.

11 ALL MEMBERS: Yes.

12 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Opposed?

13 Motion carries unanimously.

14 (6-0 vote. Agenda Item 9C approved.)

15 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Next on the agenda is
16 C-16-24. The appointment to the technical customer
17 advisory committee.

18 Mr. Roth.

19 MR. ROTH: Madam Chair, Members of the
20 Commission, David Brookshire did a wonderful job
21 talking about the appointment for confirmation. I
22 have nothing really to add to what he said, other
23 than she's just exceptional in her work nor terms
24 of water resources or resource economics and she is
25 highly qualified and certified in her field of work

1 and would make a great addition to the committee.

2 COMMISSIONER DE LA CRUZ: Move approval.

3 COUNCILLOR SANCHEZ: Second.

4 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: We have a motion and a
5 second for approval. Any comments, discussion?
6 All those in favor, say yes.

7 ALL MEMBERS: Yes.

8 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Opposed?

9 Motion carries unanimously.

10 (6-0 vote. Agenda Item 9D approved.)

11 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Mr. Roth, you're next and
12 last on the agenda.

13 MR. ROTH: Thank you, Madam Chair.

14 Members of the Commission, Board, this
15 quarterly performance indicator score card provides
16 a snapshot of how the utility is operating in these
17 key areas. Let me just zoom in here.

18 These are meant to be intuitive to our
19 stakeholders. This report in front of you is a
20 fiscal year in-to-date performance as measured
21 against our targets. And of the and for Fiscal
22 Year 2016, we met the targets of 20 of the 22
23 indicators, which is three more than the previous
24 two years.

25 So I'll just run quickly through some of

1 the indicators. In the customer service category,
2 we met four of the five targets. In this category,
3 with the call responsive time, the only one that we
4 didn't meet the target, which was 69, our target
5 was 90 percent.

6 Moving to the operation and maintenance
7 category, we met all our targets in this category.
8 Most of these deal with plan maintenance targets,
9 where we want to increase our plan maintenance
10 activities. In fact, our staff not only met our
11 targets but they exceeded their targets in terms of
12 plan maintenance hours, which is really important
13 in reducing the amount of work and time, effort,
14 going towards corrective maintenance.

15 In the environment category, we met all
16 three targets in this category.

17 In the compliance, we met two of the
18 three targets. The number of permanent excursions,
19 we had six, and the target was five. But we're on
20 target to achieve what we -- in terms of achieving
21 the civil award, which is recognized through the
22 National Association of Clean Water Agencies.

23 In the finance category, we met all of
24 targets for our operating and capital budgets. And
25 lastly, in the safety category, we met the target

1 of injury time. This chart shows reduction of
2 injury time over the last ten years. It's a
3 90 percent drop decrease in injury hours. And this
4 is what we've been benchmarking with our utilities,
5 and we've just done a tremendous job at reducing
6 our injury hours and making sure our employees are
7 at work, safe and doing their job and getting the
8 work done.

9 I'll answer any questions.

10 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Are there any questions?

11 MR. PERRY: Mr. Chair, receipt be noted.

12 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Second. There's a motion
13 and a second for receipt be noted.

14 COUNCILLOR SANCHEZ: Madam Chair, real
15 quickly.

16 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Yes.

17 COUNCILLOR SANCHEZ: Right now, we are 20 of
18 22, which is a little bit over 90 percent. When
19 will we obtain 100 percent?

20 MR. ROTH: I think we're on target of
21 reaching 100 percent for this fiscal year.

22 COUNCILLOR SANCHEZ: Okay.

23 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Thank you for that
24 question, Councillor Sanchez.

25 There's a motion and a second for receipt

1 be noted. All those in favor, say yes.

2 ALL MEMBERS: Yes.

3 CHAIRWOMAN JONES: Opposed?

4 Motion carries.

5 (6-0 vote. Receipt noted of Item 9E.)

6 (Proceedings adjourned.)

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