

**Regular Meeting of the Solid  
Waste Management Agency  
Joint Powers Board  
May 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM  
Johnson Street Conference Room, 2nd Floor  
240 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501**

**I. Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Management Agency Joint Powers Board was called to order by Councilor Lee Garcia, Chair, at 5:01 pm, on May 15, 2025, in the Johnson Street Conference Room, 240 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, NM.

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present**

Councilor Lee Garcia, Chair  
Councilor Michael Garcia  
Commissioner Camilla Bustamante, virtually  
Commissioner Greene (alternate for Commissioner Johnson)  
Commissioner Lisa Cacari Stone, virtually

**Members Absent**

Councilor Amanda Chavez, excused  
Commissioner Adam Fulton Johnson, excused

**Others Present**

Randall Kippenbrock, Executive Director, SWMA  
Ernestina Baca, SWMA  
Les Francisco, Solid Waste Superintendent, Santa Fe County Public Works  
Deborah Trujillo, Division Director, City of SF, Environmental Services Division  
Jonas Nahoum, Long, Komer and Associates  
Ryan Ward, Santa Fe County Public Works  
Manual Griego, SWMA  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer, virtually

**III. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Councilor Michael Garcia, to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Michael Garcia, yes; Commissioner Bustamante, yes; Commissioner Greene, yes; Commissioner Cacari Stone, yes; Chair Lee Garcia, yes.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Regular Meeting - April 17, 2025**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Bustamante, seconded by Councilor Michael Garcia, to approve the minutes as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Michael Garcia, yes; Commissioner Bustamante, yes; Commissioner Greene, yes; Commissioner Cacari Stone, yes; Chair Lee Garcia, yes.

**V. Matters from the Public**

None.

**VI. Approval of Consent Calendar**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Bustamante, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Michael Garcia, yes; Commissioner Bustamante, yes; Commissioner Greene, yes; Commissioner Cacari Stone, yes; Chair Lee Garcia, yes.

**VII. Consent Calendar**

**A. Request for Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Long, Komer & Associates, P.A. of Santa Fe, NM, for legal services (RFP No. 23/55/P); and**

**1. Extend the Term of the Agreement through May 18, 2026.**

Approved on consent.

**B. Request for Approval of Closure/Post-Closure Care and Phase I/II Assessment Cost Estimates for the Caja del Rio Landfill.**

Approved on consent.

**C. Request for Approval of Closure/Post-Closure Care cost Estimates for the Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer Station.**

Approved on consent.

**VIII. Matters from the Executive Director**

**A. Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on the FY26 Proposed Budget.**

Mr. Kippenbrock said the proposed budget is included in the meeting packet and is for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Mr. Kippenbrock reviewed the budget including a summary, revenue and expenses; accomplishments; goals; salaries and benefits; materials and supplies; and the Reserve Funds.

Councilor Michael Garcia asked about the BuRRT lease.

There was discussion about the method the City of Santa Fe is using to calculate the lease.

Mr. Kippenbrock said we are in negotiations with Terry Lease and Johanna Nelson.

Councilor Michael Garcia said he would contact Mr. Lease.

Councilor Michael Garcia left the meeting at 5:31pm.

Chair Lee Garcia said he will commit to work with Councilor Michael Garcia on the BuRRT lease issue and to look into the service fees.

There was discussion about the budget including electric vehicles; surplus vehicle sales; City increases; and credit card fees.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Bustamante, to accept the budget.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Greene, yes; Commissioner Bustamante, yes; Commissioner Cacari-Stone, yes; Chair Lee Garcia, yes.

**B. Request for Approval to Transfer \$2,900,000 to Reserve Funds from**

**Cash Balance within the Operating Fund as set Forth in the Agency's Reserve Fund Policy.**

Mr. Kippenbrock stated that this transfer is required to meet appropriate levels in the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund.

Commissioner Greene asked if it was possible to get right on all five of the Reserve Funds.

Mr. Kippenbrock said yes and reviewed the five Reserve Funds.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Bustamante, to approve the transfer

**VOTE** The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Greene, yes; Commissioner Bustamante, yes; Commissioner Cacari-Stone, yes; Chair Lee Garcia, yes.

**C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Accepting Rio Arriba County Waste and Its Impact on the Useful Life of the Caja del Rio Landfill.**

Mr. Kippenbrock said at our last meeting, he was asked to bring information for discussion regarding this issue. This topic has been brought to the Board on multiple occasions. Each time, the Board did not approve.

Mr. Kippenbrock reviewed the staff memo saying if we accept the Rio Arriba County Waste, it would reduce the life of our landfill by five years and would increase out costs.

Commissioner Greene said this is something he brought up last year. They are trucking waste through Santa Fe at this time. Does this discussion go before the Governing Body and the County Commission.

Mr. Kippenbrock said yes.

Commissioner Greene said we need to see if the Governing Body and the County Commission have an appetite for this.

Chair Lee Garcia said this needs more discussion. He would like this item to be added to a future agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Cacari-Stone left the meeting at 6:06pm.

There was no longer a quorum of the Board present.

Mr. Nahoum said as your attorney, I recommend that the meeting adjourn due to the lack of a quorum. That will allow the other Board members to hear the remaining information and issues.

Chair Lee Garcia adjourned the meeting.

**D. Updates**

1. **Cost of Service and Rate Design Study, NewGen Strategies & Solutions.**
2. **Conceptual Design of Future Disposal Area and Grading Plan for Dur Hur Area: CDM Smith.**
3. **BuRRT Lease.**
4. **Customer Unloading Area Improvements (Safety Railing and Curb Stops) at the BuRRT Transfer Station: Laulea Engineering.**
5. **Upcoming BuRRT Transfer Station Floor Repairs.**
6. **Residential Free Days.**

This item was postponed due to the lack of a quorum.

**IX. Matters from Staff - City and County**

- A. **Deborah Trujillo, division Director, City of Santa Fe Environmental Services Division.**
- B. **Les Francisco, Solid Waste Superintendent, Santa Fe County Public Works.**

These items were postponed due to the lack of a quorum.

**X. Matters from the Board**

- A. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding SFSWMA Policy 2006.1 - Free Disposal Fees Program**

This item was postponed due to the lack of a quorum.

**XI. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025**

**XII. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

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Councilor Lee Garcia, Chair

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Elizabeth Martin (Jun 4, 2025 08:34 MDT)

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer