



## **NORTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**

### **REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 10:00 AM 1122 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD ESPANOLA, NEW MEXICO**

#### **I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

A meeting of the North Central Solid Waste Authority was called to order by Chairman Alex Naranjo, at 9:00 am, on January 15, 2025, at the Rio Arriba County Offices, Training Room. 1122 Industrial Park Road, Espanola, NM.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Alex Naranjo, Chair, Rio Arriba County  
Jeremy Maestas, Rio Arriba County  
Lucia Sanchez, Ohkay Owingeh

##### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bernadino Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo, Excused  
Peggy Sue Martinez, City of Espanola

##### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Leo Marquez, Manage  
Cyrus Gray, Finance Director  
Dania Perez, Operations Manager  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

#### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Naranjo.

#### **IV. INVOCATION**

Mr. Maestas gave the invocation.

#### **V. DIRECTORS GREETINGS AND OPENING REMARKS**

Chair Naranjo welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **VI. GENERAL MANAGER GREETING AND OPENING REMARKS**

Mr. Marquez welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **VII. APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA**

Mr. Marquez recommended approval of the agenda as presented.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Ms. Sanchez, seconded by Mr. Maestas, to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a voice vote.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **1. REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2025**

Mr. Marquez recommended approval of the minutes as presented.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Ms. Sanchez, seconded by Mr. Maestas , to approve the minutes as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a voice vote.

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **1. DECEMBER 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Gray presented the December 2025 Financial Report.

### **B. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **1. RESOLUTIONS - DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

##### **A. RESOLUTION 2026-01-01 A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2022-10-01 SETTLING POLYCART AND**

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Ms. Perez presented the Resolution.

There was discussion around several topics.

Chair Naranjo directed the Manager to send a certified letter to the City of Espanola stating that North Central wants to pick up the carts at Prince Drive for reimbursement.

Ms. Sanchez said she has questions about the lack of City of Espanola participation on on this Board. What is our plan going forward.

Mr. Marquez said our attorney has said we can move forward in removing the City of Espanola from this Board. It is up to this body.

Chair Naranjo said they started their own company. They should not participate. Put that as an item on the agenda for our next Board meeting.

Ms. Sanchez said yes, put it on the agenda so we can have a meaningful discussion and move forward.

Mr. Marquez said we will put it on the agenda.

Ms. Sanchez said she would like to see the Board have a meaningful work session on what we are going to do in the future, including a long term financial plan. What are our goals and strengths and weaknesses.

Mr. Marquez said we are partners in the incinerator project. We have asked for help in buying a belly dump truck so we can haul the ash.

Ms. Sanchez said we have the ability to lobby for capital outlay to buy that truck. She will throw it in.

Chair Naranjo said we have been talking about a land fill for the last 3 years. You all should be working for that. We have a site that is 140 acres.

Mr. Marquez said we have outgrown the transfer station. We had to shut down several days because we were over capacity. We also need a scale up north. The scale will cost \$3,000 to \$4,000.

Chair Naranjo said you should go ahead and get the scale.

Ms. Sanchez said you should also cross reference the development permits in

Planning and Zoning. There has been a lot of growth. The bins are full all the time.

Mr. Maestas said with development permits one of the requirements is that they have to have an account with North Central.

Mr. Marquez said they do a great job in helping us and working with us.

Mr. Marquez said we are asking for \$3 million from the Legislature for own maintenance facility. We are hoping to get \$50,000 to \$60,000 for plan and design. It will be our facility, not shared with the County.

Mr. Marquez said he recommends approval of the Resolution.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Ms. Sanchez, seconded by Mr. Maestas, to approve Resolution 2026-01-01.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a voice vote.

## **XII. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Marquez said our audit is complete. It was a good audit. We can't discuss it until it comes out. We are in compliance. Capital Outlay Phase One and Two are completed at the Alcalde Transfer Station. The work on the bay doors will be completed by the 21<sup>st</sup>. We are upgrading our oil recycling with an award we received. IT infrastructure has been completed with new computers and equipment with additional storage. Cameras and lighting are being installed in the Tierra Amarilla area. We purchased a brand new 2026 MAC polycart for \$412,000. Next Monday is a holiday - Martin Luther King Day. Routes will be one day behind.

Chair Naranjo said the County is giving you \$74,000 to help you pay for the polycart you just mentioned.

Mr. Marquez said we are switching over to Starlink internet at our transfer stations.

## **XIII. DIRECTORS REPORT**

None.

## **XIV. NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

## **XV. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Mr. Maestas, seconded by Ms. Sanchez, to

adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a voice vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 am.

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Alex Naranjo, Chairman

County of Rio Arriba

This instrument was signed or acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_

by, \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Notary Public

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS DAY 3/19/2026