



**NORTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026 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 10:03 am, on April 16, 2026, at the Rio Arriba County Offices, 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**

Bernardino Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Leo Marquez, General Manager  
Cyrus Gray, Finance Director  
Dania Perez, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jose Lovato, Customer Service Director  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Naranjo.

**IV. INVOCATION**

Ms. Sanchez gave the invocation.

**V. DIRECTORS GREETINGS AND OPENING REMARKS**

None.

**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 MARCH 19, 2026**

Mr. Marquez recommended approval of the minutes.

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

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

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. AUDIT REPORT - AUDITOR TKM AND DOMINIC FIERRO CPA**

Auditor TKM was not present.

Mr. Fierro stated that he is the financial consultant for North Central and helps them prepare their financial statements and do the pre-audit work. The financial statements and audit report are in the meeting packet. TKM qualified their opinion on the audit due to some adjustments that needed to be done on the financial statements.

They had a two findings.

Mr. Fierro reviewed the two findings.

There was discussion.

## **2. MARCH 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Lovato reviewed the March 2026 Financial Report.

There was discussion.

## **B. ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. RESOLUTION - DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

#### **A. RESOLUTION 2026-04-01 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NCSWA TO PICK UP 80 PERCENT OF EMPLOYEE INSURANCE.**

Mr. Marquez presented the Resolution saying that North Central is not currently covering 80% of the employee insurance. The financial impact is included in the meeting packet.

Chair Naranjo noted that in the past, we have given the employees additional money to cover the insurance increases. With this Resolution, we will not be doing that in the future.

Mr. Marquez said that is correct. This will benefit the employees and North Central.

There was discussion regarding the process proposed.

Mr. Marquez recommended approval of the Resolution.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Ms. Sanchez, seconded by Mr. Maestas, to approve Resolution 2026-04-01.

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

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

Mr. Marquez reported on fuel and insurance costs increasing and stated that a Hazardous Waste Clean Up will be held on Friday and on May 30<sup>th</sup> for household hazardous waste in Alcalde and e waste.

Mr. Marquez said Cyrus' last day will be April 24<sup>th</sup>. We wish him the best.

The Board members wished Mr. Gray well.

### **XIII. DIRECTORS REPORT**

Ms. Sanchez said regarding the 5% surcharge, she is responsible for going to Tribal Council and the Governor with her budget. When she received the notice of the 5% increase she had it covered. We appreciate the efforts that the management team makes to take care of issues.

### **XIV. NEXT MEETING: MAY 21, 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 bring no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

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Alex Naranjo, Chairman

County of Rio Arriba

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

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Signature of Notary Public