



**NORTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 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 10:00 am, on July 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
Bernardino Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo
Lucia Sanchez, Ohkay Owingeh

OTHERS PRESENT

Leo Marquez, General Manager
Dania Perez, Operations Manager
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

The Directors welcomed everyone to the meeting.

VI. GENERAL MANAGER GREETING AND OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Marquez welcomed everyone to the meeting.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2026

Mr. Marquez said he recommends approval with a correction in the section of General Managers Report where Mr. Marquez is shown as Mr. Maestas.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Maestas, seconded by Mr. Chavarria, to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

VII. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE NCSWA JPA TO ADMIT THE VILLAGE OF CHAMA AS A PARTY TO THE JPA AND APPOINT A BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Marquez introduced Ms. Barela-Gutierrez, attorney for North Central. Ms. Barela-Gutierrez gave a presentation on the JPA and said the Village of Chama is interested in joining the Board and the JPA. She has reviewed the JPA in preparation for this request. The first step is that you approve the Village joining the JPA. Then all the entities need to get together and review and approve the JPA. The JPA then goes to DFA for approval. She send the JPA to the Board members for their review. Santa Clara requested a few changes. The Pueblo is requesting a provision that "political subdivision" is stricken from the language. North Central has been recognized as an agency through the State and is able to receive capital outlay. If you are uneasy with the term "political subdivision" we can amend that to state that the parties desire to establish an agency that qualifies for capital outlay or as defined under the JPA Act.

Mr. Chavarria said the only concern was more along the lines of if using that specific term requires North Central to have elected members or taxing authority.

Ms. Barela-Gutierrez said the term "political subdivision" applies to many entities, but it also applies to a Mutual Domestic Authority as well as those who have taxing authority. This JPA is to establish an agency for a specific service. She understands his point, but does not see that as a barrier. You can always amend the agreement as the need evolves.

Mr. Marquez recommended approval of adding the Village of Chama to the JPA and the Board.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Chavarria, seconded by Mr. Maestas, to add the Village of Chama to the JPA and the Board, with the Mayor Chama as North Central Solid Waste Authority July 16, 2026 Page 2the Board member.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

VIII. APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA

Mr. Marquez recommended approval of the agenda with the amendment of item IX being moved to after item VI.

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

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATIONS

1. JUNE 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Perez presented the June 2026 Financial Report.

XII. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Marquez said we have been having problems at TA and Cordova. We should have power to Cordova next week and will have surveillance cameras and lights. We are going to change the operation so that we only accept bagged trash at our collection centers. Sofas and large items will have to go to Alcalde. We are going to invest in a scale for TA. The cost will be \$100,000. Hauling costs have doubled. Chama has a community bin. They are getting a lot of illegal dumping. They only pay us so much for the bin. We are losing money on the punch cards and are going to have to charge people as they come in. The charge will be \$15.00 if it is less than a ton. It will be \$80.00 per ton otherwise.

There was discussion around punch cards and illegal dumping.

Mr. Marquez said the Hazardous Household Waste event was very successful. We are going to see if we can get some funding to do more.

XIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

XIV. NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 20, 2026

XV. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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

Alex Naranjo, Chairman

County of Rio Arriba

This instrument was signed or acknowledged before me on _____

by, _____

Signature of Notary Public

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS DAY 8/20/2026