



VILLAGE OF CORRALES

RESOLUTION NO. 13-047

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY

Whereas, the residents of the Village of Corrales, with few exceptions, rely on septic tanks and drain fields for treatment of household wastewater; and

Whereas, several neighborhoods within the Village have lot densities of less than $\frac{3}{4}$ acre which pose challenges for wastewater treatment and separation from wells supplying drinking water; and

Whereas, the New Mexico Environment Department generally no longer permits drain fields as a treatment solution for effluent from households and businesses where less than $\frac{3}{4}$ acre is available, but requires alternative treatment systems or holding tanks which involve significant installation and on-going maintenance costs to owners and tenants; and

Whereas, many developed properties east of the Main Canal have shallow water tables requiring raised drain fields, another more expensive effluent disposal situation; and

Whereas, the Pueblo los Cerros community within the Village has operated an on-site wastewater treatment system for its residents for over thirty years; and

Whereas, the technology of wastewater removal to nearby clusters or neighborhood on-site locations is evolving with new techniques and treatment options under development in other parts of the State and nation,


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Village of Corrales:

1. That an On-Site Wastewater Treatment Task Force is hereby established.
2. That the Task Force shall have five members, including, as available, individuals with experience in water law, water policy, wastewater removal and treatment, engineering, and related professions.
3. That the Task Force will meet monthly, or as needed, and comply with the Open Meetings Act.

4. That the Task Force will keep minutes of its meetings which will be distributed to the Governing Body and available to the public.
5. That the Task Force will prepare a Report for presentation to the Governing Body no later than September 30, 2014 with its recommendations regarding the feasibility of on-site individual, or community wastewater treatment systems within the Village, identifying, if possible, areas to be served and the best technology available for the purpose.
6. That the Report in the preceding paragraph may include recommendations for water conservation, or municipal uses and practices, as deemed appropriate.

Passed, approved, and adopted by the Governing Body of the Village of Corrales, New Mexico, this 10th day of December, 2013.

APPROVED:


Philip Gasteyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juan J. Reyes, Village Clerk