

South Valley Regional Association of Acequias

2021 OPEN MEETINGS ACT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Arenal, Armijo (Rancho de Atrisco), Atrisco, Pajarito Acequias, and Los Padillas will meet for their annual spring membership meeting on April 28, 2021, in Bernalillo County on Zoom video conferencing to remain in compliance with the State of New Mexico Health Order regarding mass gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act(NMSA 1978 , Sections 10-15-1 to 10-15-4) state that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provision of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of the SVRAA Community Acequias are declared to be public meetings and open to the public;

WHEREAS, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Acequia to determine at least annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Arenal, Armijo (Ranco de Atrisco), Atrisco, Pajarito, and Los Padillas Acequias that:

1. All meetings shall be held in public in the south valley of Bernalillo County.
2. Annual meetings of the Membership shall be held in accordance with the Bylaws of each Acequia and notice will be given ten (10) days in advance of the meeting date. The Acequia shall provide notice by public posting in a publication of general circulation and on the www.southvalleyacequias.org website in Bernalillo County, where the meeting will take place. Notice shall include the date, time, and location of the meeting. Notice shall also indicate how to obtain a copy of the agenda. The final agenda shall be posted on the www.southvalleyacequias.org website no fewer than 72 hours before the meeting.
3. Special meetings of the Commission shall be held in accordance with the Bylaws of the Acequia. Notice will be given by public posting three (3) days in advance of the meeting date. Notice shall include the date, time and location of the meeting and shall include a final copy of the agenda.
4. Emergency meetings of the Commission shall be called by the President only for purposes that demand immediate attention to safeguard public safety and welfare. Notice shall include the date, time, location, and agenda of the meeting and notice shall be provided 24 hours in advance of the meeting by public posting.
5. An Acequia meeting may be closed to discuss matters such as litigation or personnel, as listed in Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act. If a Meeting is closed during an open meeting, the Acequia shall comply with the specific requirements of Section 10-15-1(I) of the Open Meetings Act. The motion calling for a closed meeting shall state the subject to be discussed. Only that subject may be discussed in the closed meeting. The minutes of the Acequia meeting shall make record of the motion and the approval for a closed meeting and shall state whether the discussion in the closed meeting remained limited to the subject mentioned in the motion for closure.