



# Santa Fe River Fund Application

## To sign up for continuous monthly donations



The City of Santa Fe was founded on the banks of the Santa Fe River because of its annual, if unpredictable, flows. Today we recognize that the health and development of this community still depend upon the Santa Fe River for the water supply sustaining our community, and as an open space with more lush vegetation and diversity of animals improving the quality of life. Therefore the City of Santa Fe has established a Santa Fe River Fund. Under the Santa Fe River Fund Program community donations to acquire water for the river will be matched on a dollar-to-dollar basis by the City of Santa Fe, in order to one day restore flows to the Santa Fe River.

Water is acquired by leasing or purchasing water rights. Water rights in the desert southwest are scarce and are therefore quite expensive. As a result, we expect that it will take several years to accrue enough funds to acquire water dedicated to Santa Fe River flows.

Annually beginning in 2008, the City will publish a report on the status of the Fund, the amount collected within the last year, and the status of any water right purchase or leases. The report will be presented to the River Commission and Governing Body committees in meetings open to the public. The report will also be posted on the City's web page.

**You now have the opportunity to contribute to this fund.** If you would like to contribute to the river fund on a monthly basis, simply fill out this application, and the City's Utility Billing Division will include your donation on your bill. On the application below, please indicate the dollar amount you wish to contribute monthly.

If and when you would like to terminate your monthly donations, please submit a letter with your name, address and City Utility Billing Account Number to: City of Santa Fe, Utility Billing, 801 W. San Mateo Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87505. Please consult your tax advisor to determine whether your donation is tax deductible.

If you have further questions about the overall Santa Fe River Fund, please go to the City's website at [www.santafenm.gov](http://www.santafenm.gov), click on Santa Fe River Fund in the Hot Topics list and/or contact the City's River Coordinator at (505) 955-2251. To learn more about how to donate to the fund call (505) 955-4333.

**Please note: If your account is delinquent, we cannot accept your donation. If your account becomes delinquent, your monthly donation to the river conservation fund will be terminated. If your account is closed, your donation will also be canceled.**

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### Please fill out and return this portion to:

City of Santa Fe, Utility Billing, 801 W. San Mateo Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87505

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Donation Amount:    \$50    \$25    \$15    \$10    \$5    \$1

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_