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San Juan County received \$50,000 grant to complete update to 2007 plan

San Juan County, NM – When San Juan County last updated their comprehensive plan the area was in the middle of an oil and natural gas boom with a projected continued population growth and related development. That was 2007.

A lot has changed in the past 10 years and our plan needs to reflect the change our county has experienced.

San Juan County is pleased to have received a \$50,000 grant from the New Mexico Finance Authority to complete an update to our 2007 Growth Management Plan.

To complete this task, San Juan County has contracted with Architectural Research Consultants, Incorporated (ARC) to update the county's Growth Management Plan. The plan, first drafted in 2007 and amended in 2012, provides comprehensive guidance to county administrators and the general public, documenting existing conditions and outlining the community's vision for future development in San Juan County.

The plan will include chapters documenting elements including water and wastewater, transportation, economic development, the environment, housing, hazards mitigation and land use. Each chapter identifies existing issues and opportunities and recommends policies and projects with clear implementation strategies.

San Juan County has established a steering committee to represent the public's interests and guide the plan update. The planning team will conduct a series of meetings with the committee to discuss policy direction and plan recommendations. The planning team will also be distributing a public survey to gauge public priorities and concerns, and will conduct a public workshop to solicit feedback from the community.

The planning team and San Juan County strive to solicit a wide range of meaningful public input during this plan process and encourage residents to participate in the survey and public meetings.

The completed plan will provide baseline data for today and a roadmap to assist in community development decisions of tomorrow.

Watch for updates and meeting announcements on the County's Facebook page and web site; www.sjcounty.net.

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