

Appendices One thru Four

Appendix One Notes from ECIA Board

A summary of details of the meetings and actions
of the ECIA Board of Directors
1972 - 1993

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In the beginning there was AMREP, based in New York City. When the Simpson Ranch was purchased in 1969, the buyer was listed as Rio Rancho Estates, which later was known as AMREP Southwest. By 1972, when Santa Fe County had finally given its approvals to proceed with the Eldorado subdivision, it was more a vision in the eyes of the developers in New York than an actual place to live. Nevertheless the first legal steps were taken in the name of Eldorado at Santa Fe, Inc. to make the Eldorado Community Improvement Association an incorporated entity, with officials of the parent company in New York as its first Board of Directors. During the early years it was often difficult to separate the two corporations as the same names were found in both and early board meetings were normally held at corporate headquarters in Rio Rancho.

1973

By its annual meeting in 1973, held in Rio Rancho, changes began to take place. Before the end of that year, Floyd Bailey and James McManus of Rio Rancho were named to the board, with Sara McLain, corporate secretary, listed as assistant secretary. In 1974 Albert C. Baca replaced James McManus on the board. By 1975 the community had developed to the point that it had its first resident representative to the ECIA Board when Irving Fox, with close ties to the New York management, and among the first homeowners, was named to the board.

1975

The year 1975 also proved to be a landmark as actual residents of Eldorado began to speak out at meetings, voicing their questions and concerns, as is shown in minutes of those meetings. Primary among the issues raised were publicly advertised features such as security, with residents asking for police protection 24 hours a day as they had been led to expect. At that time there was one man with a pickup, working from 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. every afternoon and evening except Friday, when no security was provided. Nor was there any means of communicating with the guard at that time. Developers had also promised fire protection but, according to one resident, what was provided was "some kind of fire truck with a maximum speed of 10 miles per hour, kept down at the stables, which had a leaking water tank, and with no means of communication." Among other requests of the board were floodlights and line markings for the tennis courts, a pool table at the clubhouse, a jungle gym, a trap shoot area and rifle range, as well as badminton and volley ball equipment.

Present at the May, 1975, meeting were Floyd Bailey, president, Al C. Baca, vice president, Vic Cannizzaro, treasurer and Sara McLain, secretary. Members present in 1975, and still Eldorado residents, include Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Weills and Rena Donnelly (now Rena Paradis). John DiJanni Sr. submitted a proxy vote. At that time there were 24 homes, with a population of 63, and residents were told that 50 homes or a population of 200 would be needed in order to form a Fire District. However, a heavy-duty pickup with a slip-in fire fighting unit was to be provided, and would be kept in the old stables adjacent to the clubhouse to prevent freezing. Security guards with a mobile phone would continue to be provided but officials had been unsuccessful in efforts to acquire a sheriff's substation.

1976

At the annual meeting in 1976, the ECIA Board was composed of Floyd Bailey, Vic Cannizzaro and Irving Fox, with Al Baca being named property manager, and John Daugherty as sales manager for Eldorado at Santa Fe, Inc. It was at this meeting that the issue of paving roads (of which there were few at that time) versus putting in a new swimming pool (to replace the small one in the patio area of the clubhouse) was raised. At that time the annual assessment was \$100 a year and included road maintenance of the developed areas. Floyd Bailey estimated that the cost of road paving might run between \$50,000 and \$140,000, and noted that roads were to be turned over to the county in 1979. The vote to pave was 12 in favor and 15 against, as a result of a meeting called by the newly formed Homeowner's Association. A subsequent vote approved construction of a new and larger pool outside the patio area (its present location).

1977

The first complaints of loose dogs showed up in minutes of 1977, along with a request to asphalt the roads. Money was approved for construction of the pool, with \$46,486 of unassigned capital funds plus a loan of \$40,000 for the remainder. At this time there was 42 homes occupied, with nine under construction, and there were 15 horses at the stable area. The new pool opened that summer.

1979

By 1979, there were 101 families living in Eldorado and 16 'spec' homes were under construction. Floyd Bailey was re-elected at the annual meeting, and Jim Warmuth was introduced as the new project manager. Rational Alternatives, with 214 residential lots, was accepted into the ECIA, the first expansion of the subdivision beyond the railroad tracks. Rational Alternatives agreed that all road construction in the new area would be paid for by them and all utilities and culverts would be in place before construction began.

Under the ECIA Bylaws, the date for the annual meeting was the first Monday in May, but this meeting had been scheduled at the pleasure of the board until 1980. A problem arose when it was announced for the same date as the already scheduled annual meeting of the Homeowners Association (later to become Eldorado Residents Association). The ECIA backed down and the annual meeting was rescheduled. Since that time, the date has remained the first Monday in May. This year also marked the first contested election but Vic Cannizzaro was re-elected. The minutes also reflect a more active role for residents, including several familiar names such as Dolores Brock, Fred Raznick, Mark Conkling, Frank and Betty Platts and John Liebson (who was complemented as being a first-class fire captain).

1980

At a later meeting in 1980, Fred Raznick and Ron Ricks, both residents, were nominated to replace Irving Fox on the ECIA Board when he announced his resignation due to poor health. Subsequently Ron Ricks was elected. In this year the new elementary school became the polling place for the first precinct for Eldorado.

By 1980, assessments had increased to \$180 annually, with funding going to improve roads, to purchase a new fire truck, to add solar heating for the pool and to upgrade recreational facilities for soccer and football. Also in 1981, 137 acres in the Bishop Lamy Grant were transferred, by special warranty deed, to St. John's United Methodist Church and the Boys Club of Santa Fe, from the ECIA. This exchange made possible a contiguous wilderness area. A warranty deed for Lot 36, Block 14 Unit 3, was also conveyed to Santa Fe County for a future fire station, with the deed being held in escrow.

1981

Also in 1981, Ron Ricks was elected for a three-year term on the ECIA Board, a fire station site was approved, the Eldorado Fire and Rescue held its first barbecue, and Floyd Bailey resigned, to be replaced by Jim Wall of AMREP Southwest in Rio Rancho. Ron Ricks also announced his resignation, due to a move away from Santa Fe, and Frank Platts was named to replace him

1982

Major changes began to occur by 1982, when Jim Wall decided to resign from the ECIA Board. Don Dayton and Andy Dobek were nominated for that seat on the board, with Andy Dobek elected. An amendment to the bylaws was approved, increasing the ECIA Board from three to five directors. Don Dayton was named to represent Eldorado on the Old Pecos Trail Board. The ECIA became responsible for taxes when the deed to the wilderness area was transferred to the ECIA. For the first time, residents became the majority on the board, with only one non-resident permitted. Frank Platts was elected president of the board, while Susan Carlson and Gerald Pond became the new members of the expanded board. Among many other issues that year were strong concerns from residents objecting to the proposed Rancho Viejo development on property directly adjacent to Eldorado for which they planned to use 1500-acre feet of water rights, creating major risks to the Eldorado water needs. The Architectural Advisory Committee was formed to oversee and make recommendations on plans, although final decisions were still made in Rio Rancho. Of the original Architectural Advisory committee, only Blythe and Audrey Baebler are still Eldorado residents. A Public Relations Committee was also formed, charged with informing all ECIA members, but especially the many nonresidents, about life in the community. Thus was born a semi-annual publication known as the Eldorado Update.

"Common properties" were identified in the bylaws as the 4000-acre Wilderness Area, although the amenities area (clubhouse and surrounding improvements) did not qualify. However, the 28 acres of common areas were defined in an escrow agreement between ECIA and Eldorado at Santa Fe, Inc. Policies were adopted regarding use of the community center and bylaws were amended to include indemnification of the board and committees. Bumper stickers were also designed and given out, to be used to identify Eldorado residents. The ECIA was asked to play a role in providing financial support for the Eldorado Homeowners Association and eventually it was agreed to assist all committees as needed except for the Horseowners Association. Our neighbor Joe Miller requested cost-sharing to put up a fence between his property and the wilderness to keep his cattle out. The Architectural Advisory Committee resigned en masse due to the Rio Rancho Architectural Committee's override of their recommendations.

1983

By 1983, there were 1,233 property owners, the majority of whom did not live in Santa Fe. In this year a very important and controversial issue developed when a development proposal surfaced to build a large horse facility, to be called the Los Caballos Equestrian Center. Originally designated for a 14-acre tract intended for commercial use on Avenida Eldorado, it would bring in many non-ECIA members on property technically within the subdivision. Santa Fe County was asked to defer any final action on this matter pending a clear and unambiguous written agreement between Los Caballos at Santa Fe and the ECIA. The Los Caballos proposals and the Rancho Viejo projections were studied by hydrologist Charles Hagerman in an effort to assess their impacts on Eldorado. The ECIA attempted to oppose further development until the United States Geological Survey, the New Mexico State Engineer's Office and the Metropolitan Water Board had completed a study of the Rio Grande underground water basin. The ECIA also asked for a moratorium on all proposed sales until a Santa Fe Basin water model was completed by the above-noted entities. However, Steve Reynolds, State Engineer, replied that the state constitution did not permit such a moratorium. Subsequently the Santa Fe County Development Review Committee gave preliminary approval for the Los Caballos subdivision, with final approval subject to a full hydrological report, with water restrictions due to water demands and possible drawdown from both the Los Caballos and Rancho Viejo proposals.

The Los Caballos Equestrian Center proposal became highly controversial within the Eldorado community. The ECIA Board voted not to take an official position either for or against, believing that such action would require a vote from all ECIA members, with time limitations making this impossible before a

county decision would be made. In any event the board itself was not unanimous on the issue. The Eldorado Homeowner's Association, along with many individual residents, filed suit in opposition to the equestrian center proposal, naming the ECIA as well as Los Caballos, Eldorado at Santa Fe, Inc. and the ECIA Architectural Committee. The suit petitioned for an injunction to prevent amendment of the restrictive covenants, requiring enforcement of existing covenants to prevent authorization of the equestrian center plus a complaint for misrepresentation. (Quoted directly from the minutes.) Later that year, the ERA agreed to dismiss the ECIA from the lawsuit with the agreement that the ECIA neither endorse nor disapprove, and based on the facilities being "about 14 acres." Later on, the proposal included 34 residential lots, making a 60-acre tract to be developed. The lawsuit was filed in District Court but was eventually heard in Las Vegas by Judge Bennie Flores. The residents lost the lawsuit, and both the County Development Review Committee and the Board of County Commissioners did approve the plans. (Note: about ten years later the above mentioned lots reverted again to residential.)

In other ECIA actions, Gerald Pond resigned from the board due to the many rumors and innuendoes, with Andy Dobek soon following with his announced intention of resigning. As a result, the ECIA Bylaws were again amended to read that any board resignation within 90 days prior to the regular annual meeting would be filled at said meeting.

The ECIA received the deed to the wilderness area and the deed to the 28 acres including the clubhouse and pool was placed in escrow, with title to be transferred at a later date. Due to required road improvements and culverts, estimated to cost approximately \$300,000, there was a budget deficit.

The County Assessor upheld the value of the wilderness at \$2,000,000 (40 times as much as previously estimated). Following negotiations with the assessor, it was filially agreed to offer \$7,000 in exchange for a guarantee that it would not be assessed in the future, due to a pact to tie this with increased value for Eldorado lots because of the wilderness.

During this period, the relationship between the ECIA and Eldorado at Santa Fe, Inc., as well as with the Residents Association was often difficult, with inadequate communication on all sides. It was agreed then that cooperation between the ECIA and the ERA was of mutual interest and benefit, with both sides agreeing to continue the liaison with representatives from each organization attending meetings of the other. For legal reasons it was agreed that the Road Committee needed to be part of the ECIA, and John Pritchard and Pete Carlson were named to serve in that capacity. Discussions continued regarding water issues, financial management and budget.

The elections in 1983 gave Susan Carlson a three-year term, Vic Cannizzaro and Mark Conkling each two-year terms and John Pritchard a one-year term. Frank Plans tendered his resignation and was replaced by Marsha White. Susan Carlson was elected president, Mark Conkling, vice president, and John Pritchard, secretary. Mark Conkling was appointed unpaid administrative director and the position of administrative assistant was advertised. Jill van Weeldon was hired for this position. Several committees were set up, including Public Relations, Financial Management, Legal Advisory, Long-Range Planning and Election Process Review. The ECIA also instituted purchasing procedures, policies for management of the wilderness area, newsletter and clubhouse-use guidelines, with the newsletter scheduled for weekly distribution.

In September Susan Carlson resigned as president, stating pressures of work and study limited her available time, and John Pritchard was named acting president, with Susan elected secretary. Eldorado's first Clean-Up Day was approved, with Bobbe Dyer the prime instigator and in charge. The Public Relations Committee resigned due to differences of opinion with the board regarding policies and potential censorship (although the publication of the Eldorado Update continued until 1990). Assessments were maintained at \$180 annually.

It was at this time that the board went to monthly meetings, held in Eldorado rather than Rio Rancho, although they were not always open to residents. There continued to be problems with the Architectural Committee in Rio Rancho, with responses to plans often unreasonably delayed. Liability coverage for the board was increased from one to five million dollars and included an additional umbrella policy. Mark Conkling announced plans to pave Avenida Vista Grande from U.S. Highway 285 to the railroad tracks, paid for by AMREP. At this time, the ECIA took on some of the expenses relating to the community center, including use of facilities for office space and for security. Although Sheriff Eddie Escudero spoke to the board regarding the possibility of a sheriff's deputy handling security, he made clear that it would be dependent on the wishes of the Board of County Commissioners and that it was opposed by the county attorney. Bill Schwent was named to fill a board vacancy. The Financial Management Committee resigned.

1984

At the 1984 annual meeting, Fred Raznick was elected to the board. Officers were Bill Schwent, president, Marcia White, vice president, Vic Cannizzaro, treasurer, Mark Conkling, secretary, and Fred Raznick, second vice president. Mike Mc Garrity and Ralph Lujan were hired as security officers. Discussion continued regarding the process for architectural approval from Rio Rancho. Plans were made to re-instate the Eldorado Update.

The residence originally known as the engineer's residence (which later became the project manager's residence and then a children's center) was renovated to become the residence for use of security personnel. Rational Alternatives presented their proposal for a commercial center at the Avenida Vista Grande-Monte Alto intersection and asked for a public meeting.

John Spears was named to the county's Road Advisory Committee. Ruth Ortega was offered the position of administrative assistant, which she accepted. By November Marcia White resigned from the board for personal reasons and John Spears was named to replace her.

Among issues brought to the board's attention were continuing problems with architectural approval from Rio Rancho, the use of the elementary school for recreational purposes, discussions with the county regarding the condition of Avenida Amistad, proposals for recycling, whether or not modular housing units should be approved in Eldorado, and material to be included in the Eldorado Update.

1985

In 1985, Certificates of Appreciation were presented at the annual meeting to Frank Lee, Bill Guckert and Eddie Vigil (manager of El Dorado Utilities, Inc. at that time) for their successful recycling efforts. In addition Bobbe Dyer was recognized for her work on the Clean-Up/Earth Day, and John Liebson for his years of continued service to the community. With only one vacancy on the board and one candidate, Vic Cannizzaro was re-elected. Arlene Mayer reported on the many activities under the auspices of the Recreation Committee, including 30 residents involved in badminton and volleyball, a starting tennis program, softball for kids, activities at the pool and the formation of a Garden Club. John Spears reported that Eldorado actually received more than its share of road service from a total budget of \$649,000 for 500 miles of road.

Booth Gallen reported on the location for the movie "Fool for Love" which was being filmed in Eldorado. The filming would be done at night, with no plans to block any roads, and with a promise to restore all disturbed property, re-seed and water for six months.

Ongoing through minutes of meetings were continuing problems with loose or barking dogs, road conditions, work needing to be done at the pool, policies regarding uses and fees for the community center, problems with covenant violations, consideration of plans for two-story homes, and proposals from AMREP regarding

moving the stable area. At the end of 1985, the board moved to reduce the annual assessment for the coming year to \$140, with a special assessment of \$60, for a total of \$200.

1986

Early in 1986, Mark Conkling presented a proposal for a townhouse development not within the Eldorado subdivision but across the road in what is now Dos Griegos. This was presented to the County Development Review Committee and would be presented to the community. This project, although approved by the county, was eventually dropped. He also announced that the developer would give land to the Santa Fe Public Schools for a possible junior high. The lot in question was at the northwest corner of Avenida Vista Grande and Avenida de Compadres. (Note: This lot was not actually accepted by the school system until 1994.)

In 1986, the candidates for the board were Bill Schwent, Mark Conkling, Mary Anne Kenny and John Vimont, with the first two re-elected. Due to discussion regarding possible duplicate proxies from ECIA and ERA, a legal issue was raised and ballots were ordered held for 60 days. Arnie Souder, Mark Mowery and Harry Fuge were presented with Certificates of Appreciation. The Eldorado UPdate Committee, composed of Blythe Baebler, Carolyn Wright, Ruth Jacobs and Betty Platts was named while at the same meeting. Blythe Baebler announced his resignation and was thanked for his work. Charlie Creighton reported on the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Officers elected were Bill Schwent, president, John Spears, vice president, Vic Cannizzaro, treasurer, Mark Conkling, secretary. Attorneys for ECIA and ERA disagreed on the legality of the elections but the decision was made not to hold another election. Numerous improvements were made to the community center, including a new refrigerator, painting of the classroom, plus new carpet for the classroom, living room and ECIA office. The Maintenance Committee at the time was composed of Steve and Jean Crawford, Jeannie McIntosh (now Hastey), Harvey "Buzz" Dunn, Marion Haas and John Vimont. Finance Committee members were Harry Fuge, Steve Crawford, Arnie Souder, Debra Bovard and Larry Williams. AAC members were Mark and Clay Mowery, Andy Dobek, Jack Eichom, Bobbe Dyer, Don Dayton, Wally Cleveland and Arlene Mayer. A check for \$156,000 went to the county for the road-paving project, and \$15,000 was spent on the water rate case. A decision was made to offer a \$100 reward for information on those guilty of vandalism, stealing, etc. Welcome Committee members named were Irene Voelker, chair, Gloria Dobek, Peggy May, Betty Plans, Eileen Souder, Terry Vimont, Virginia Fuge, Margaret Riggs, Jerry Tuck, Joan Biscamp and Joanne Reid.

As a result of protests on the water rate increase, which might have meant an increase of 10-15 percent, the Public Service Commission (now Public Utilities) ordered a decrease in rates of approximately 20 percent. At this time a complaint was filed against property owners for combining two lots into a total of three acres and stabling horses without ECIA approval and in violation of covenants.

In October, the ECIA offered to contribute 60 percent of needed funding for paving Avenida Vista Grande to Avenida Azul, Avenida de Compadres south to Alondra or Demora and north to Encantado or Alcalde, with the county paying 40 percent. At the end of the year, the ECIA finally was able to take control of the Architectural Committee from Rio Rancho. The utility company announced it would get out of the trash collection business December 31. (It eventually continued service through the following March, when Environmental Control, Inc. received the contract from ECIA for trash hauling and recycling in the community.)

1987

Nominees for 1987 ECIA Board positions were Mark Mowery, Larry Williams, Leslie Dunn and Betty Platts, with the board supporting the first two. Covenants changes regarding two-story houses were approved by a vote of 1499 to 75. Vic Cannizzaro resigned from the board and Fred

Raznick was named to replace him. A Community Relations Committee was formed to work between the ECIA and various governmental agencies such as state and county, with Betty Platts named as chairman. Its

work would include better road grading, large paving projects, possible sheriffs substation and even, perhaps, lower phone rates.

Regarding continual road problems, the state highway department reported that traffic at the intersection of Avenida Vista Grande and Monte Alto was not heavy enough to warrant a four-way stop. The county did post signs at the first entrance noting that trucks over five tons should use Avenida Vista Grande. Despite the fact that U.S. Highway 285 had been designated a WIPP (Waste Isolation Pilot Project) route for trucks going to the repository in Carlsbad, the state highway department did not include the widening of this road in its five-year plan.

Because of the widespread interest and concern about WIPP trucks traveling down U.S. Highway 285, a forum was held at the elementary school on the issue, with speakers from both sides providing considerable public input. The meeting was organized under the sponsorship of ECIA with Fred Raznick and Betty Platts as primary organizers. December board minutes indicate plans to purchase a pool cover for the 1988 season. The Eldorado Update committee was listed as Betty Platts, Mary Anne Kenny, Jim Danneskold, Pat Waganaar and Carolyn Wright.

1988

In 1988, the candidates for the ECIA Board were Betty Platts and Charles Creighton, with Betty Platts elected to the one open position. Several candidates for county office were present and spoke briefly. (Linda Grill and Victor Baca for County Commissioner, Chet Walter for District Attorney, and Dave Hernandez for Sheriff.) The Architectural Advisory Committee noted that 169 plans had been submitted in the previous year, with 105 homes now under construction. Nine of these were for two-story homes, with five approved, two denied and two withdrawn. Jean Crawford was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. Reports were presented from Wilderness, Neighborhood Watch, Youth Education, Security, Maintenance, Finance, Recreation, Eldorado Update, Architectural Advisory and Community Relations Committees. All motions failed.

Subsequently, officers elected for the board were Bill Schwent, president, Betty Platts, vice president, Larry Williams, treasurer, Mark Mowery, secretary, and Mark Conkling, director. Minutes of the June meeting note that the lease for the stable area had expired and would be extended one year, after which a portion of the land (30-35 acres) would be deeded to the ECIA, with the usual reversionary clause. Horseowners continued to work on bylaws for their association.

Guidelines for home occupations were adopted. Roof colors became a hot issue at this time primarily due to a new blue roof. While blue roofs were disapproved by the ECIA, enforcement was delayed until a vote could be taken at the annual meeting.

The Long-Range Planning Committee was actively working on plans for the future, with a large committee as well as several resource people. Covenant enforcement continued to be a problem. At the end of 1988, the annual assessment was approved at \$160 with the special assessment remaining at \$50.

1989

Early in 1989, Peter Hess and Garry Spire, representing Rocky Mountain Cable, met with the board regarding their franchise to provide cable television service in Eldorado, with plans for a community forum followed by a presentation to the board. Soon thereafter, Cable New Mexico also appeared to discuss plans for Eldorado. The board suggested they apply for a franchise.

Board candidates in 1989 for two positions were Bill Schwent, Don Dayton and Mark Conkling. Bill Schwent then withdrew his name but John Liebson, Parliamentarian, declared this illegal. Don Dayton and Mark Conkling were elected. Plaques were presented to John and Myra Spears for their many volunteer services to the community, with one also presented to Reg Dunstan for his dedication and work on the Eldorado Sun.

The survey sent out by the Long-Range Planning Committee brought in 600 responses from 1000 sent out, with covenant enforcement perceived as the #1 issue. It was announced that AMREP would donate land for a fire department substation. Developers were also deeding the stable area to the ECIA, and the house used as the security residence would be incorporated into the amenities area (and had originally been included in Lot #1). A suggestion was made to increase the board to seven members but was subsequently rejected.

Officers elected were Betty Platts, president, Mark Mowery, vice president, Don Dayton, secretary, Larry Williams, treasurer, and Mark Conkling, director. The road-paving project agreement was signed, with \$150,000 earmarked for the county for road paving in 1989. Jim Harper presented plans for Eldorado Cable including applying to the county for a franchise and organizing a community meeting. This became the only cable company to offer services in Eldorado. United Cable expressed an interest in serving Eldorado but two companies were not recommended and ECIA favored Eldorado Cable.

New committees for Security and Public Safety were formed. A settlement with the county assessor's office was finally worked out regarding taxes, with a refund to be issued. The legislature passed a statute indemnifying boards of non-profit organizations so they would not be liable for costs in lawsuits while serving. Eldorado Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service received \$15,000 to purchase land for a new substation, with the original location changed to a new one at 8 Avenida Casa Del Oro, with the neighbors' agreement. This year also saw a major change in security when the board agreed to go from its current system to a contract with AKAL Security. Assessments continued at \$160 plus a special assessment of \$50.

In December David Schutz, representing the developers of Dos Griegos, (Lot #2) proposed a joint effort to upgrade the first entrance (Avenida Amistad). Discussion was held on the potential sale of the utility company with possible effects on the Eldorado subdivision.

Due to continuing problems with dogs in the community, meetings were held with Sheriff Benjie Montano and Commissioner Linda Grill and the ECIA offered to provide \$5,360 for a special animal control officer for the community through June. In the end, the ECIA provided \$5,000 to the county for this special officer and J.D. Stayton was hired, later to become full time for the county and eventually animal control supervisor.

1990

In early 1990, commercial projects were proposed at the intersection of Avenida Vista Grande and Monte Alto. It was pointed out that the ECIA could not take a position on this matter as it was under the jurisdiction of the county, but public hearings would be held and whatever was done would be done according to county code. Approval was granted for the new fire substation at Avenida Casa Del Oro, off Avenida Vista Grande.

Don Dayton reported on the utility company water supply, the master plan, location of wells and plans for growth. ECIA also agreed to continue its contract with Environmental Control, Inc. (ECI) for once -a-week trash pickup in Eldorado. Containers would be provided and cost would be \$6.50 a month.

Dos Griegos received its final approval from the county. The Plaza de Amistad commercial plan for Lot #1, which would include improvement of the first entrance, was scheduled for county review.

The 1990 annual meeting saw 830 members present in person or by proxy. Mark Mowery and Larry Williams were leaving the board and new candidates for office were Dolores Brock, Ron Kron and Wallace Cleveland, with the latter two elected.

Arlene Mayer received a plaque for her work in the community, particularly as chair of the Recreation Committee. The Horseowner's Association reported 30 to 36 horses in the stable area during the previous year. Eldorado at Santa Fe, Inc. still had not deeded the property to the ECIA. Following the election Don Dayton became president, Betty Platts, vice president, Ron Kron, treasurer, Wally Cleaveland, secretary, and Mark Conkling, director.

Plaza de Amistad received master plan approval from the county. The Santa Fe County Commission approved, for the first time, a dog licensing ordinance. David Schutz proposed a joint contribution from the ECIA, Eldorado at Santa Fe, Inc., plus the owners of Lots #1 and #2 in the amount of \$55,000 each to pave Avenida De Amistad, in conjunction with in-kind services from the county. The first four entities would put up the money for a lay-down machine, with the county doing the work, allowing 60 days for completion.

Among other items brought before the board for consideration were discussion regarding inclusion of northern New Mexico style pitched roofs in covenants and the formation of a Road Committee, with Eric Snyder, Lou Matta, Richard Morris and Fred Raznick as members. Community Sciences presented plans for a hike-bike trail system throughout the subdivision; guidelines were adopted for clerestory, northern New Mexico and mission-style homes. El Dorado Utilities, Inc., announced they could no longer continue their subsidy and would ask for a rate increase. A kiddie pool was to be built with capital funds. Annual assessments were increased to \$180 plus continuation of the \$50 for road projects.

Following her election to the Board of County Commissioners, to represent the new District 5, Betty Platts announced her resignation from the ECIA Board, with regret. Mary Anne Kenny was named to replace her. Ron Kron announced that the Eldorado Update would no longer be published due to lack of volunteers.

1991

At the beginning of 1991, AT&T installed a new phone system for the area. Research and Polling, from Albuquerque was hired to conduct a survey of all property owners regarding their views on commercial projects within the subdivision boundaries. Betty Platts reported that traffic had increased enough on Avenida Vista Grande that flashing lights could now be installed at the school crossing. Tony Mayne, executive director of the Metropolitan Water Board, spoke to the ECIA board, stating that El Dorado Utilities, Inc., did not have any perfected water rights (different from declared water rights).

Six hundred members were represented at the 1991 annual meeting. Mary Anne Kenny and Mark Raddin were candidates for the one board position. Mary Anne Kenny was elected with Mark Raddin later named to replace Ron Kron who resigned and moved out of the area. Awards went to Eldorado Fire and Rescue, with Steve Crawford accepting, with Arnie Souder and Betty Platts as other recipients. Preliminary results of the survey regarding commercial projects indicated a 50 percent response with opinions almost evenly divided. Several members of county staff and two commissioners (Linda Grill and Betty Platts) were present. Gil Tercero, county manager, announced that the county was no longer interested in purchasing the utility company but felt that water needs would be addressed and supplied eventually through a long-range plan. The joint paving project for Avenida Amistad was underway.

Officers elected were Don Dayton, president, Wally Cleaveland, vice president, Mary Anne Kenny, secretary, Mark Conkling, treasurer, and Mark Raddin, director. At this time, the ECIA represented 2,000 lots. A questionnaire was sent to all Verano Loop property owners asking their opinions on chip sealing, including ideas of how to pay for this possible road work.

Other issues before the board: placement of advertisement in a CAI (Community Associations Institute) publication seeking applicants for the position of general manager; awarding bid to Blotter Construction for paving 2.2 miles of hike-bike trail at a cost of \$67,890; a report on a 96-hour pump test of the so-called Lamy Well which showed a flow of 100-120 gallons per minute. Neil Carter presented plans for the new Santa Fe Southern Railroad which would keep the spur line from Lamy in operation, with hopes of adding commuter service and plans to install lights, signals and gates at the crossing. Returns from the Verano Loop questionnaire, signed by 105 households, supported the chip seal project and Judy Fischer was named to represent them before the ECIA. The county would provide labor and equipment and \$5,120 towards materials, with ECIA contributing \$3,680 and residents of Verano Loop \$28,000.

1992

In February, 1992, Jack Mahon was announced as the new general manager. Don Dayton and Mark Conkling were seeking a meeting with the county regarding water alternatives. It was noted, as a matter of road-paving history, that total contributions from ECIA to date totaled \$475,000.

In March, discussion was held regarding the need for a traffic light at the U.S. Highway 285 and Avenida Vista Grande intersection. In April the ECIA finally received the deed to Lot 3B for the stables. Eldorado's 20th birthday was celebrated from July 10-15.

1992 candidates for the board were Don Dayton, Mark Conkling, Tom Campbell and Donald Smith, with Dayton and Conkling elected. Irene Voelker accepted a plaque for the Wilderness Committee, and Steve Crawford received one for all his dedication to the community. Betty Platts reported that Avenida Amistad paving was finally underway, flashing lights had been installed at the school crossing, Verano Loop was chip-sealed, and lights would be installed by the state highway department at the U.S. Highway 285-Avenida Vista Grande intersection during the summer. (Note: This was actually done in June, 1996.) The Fire Department reported 32 members, with six EMTs and a response time of five minutes. Officers elected were Mary Anne Kenny, president, Don Dayton, vice president, Wally Cleaveland, secretary, Mark Conkling, treasurer, and Mark Raddin, director.

In July, it was noted that all but \$2,700 in assessments and \$750 in special assessments had been collected, considered unheard of nationwide, percentage-wise. In August, Representative Max Coll and Commissioner Betty Plans discussed with the board the possibility of federal funds related to the WIPP project becoming available to expand U.S. Highway 285 to four lanes. David Schutz reported on plans for a commercial development at the first entrance on ten acres with a shopping center on another 13 acres at the second entrance. Board members Dayton and Conkling met with the Public Service Commission regarding setting up a water and sanitation district. The many steps necessary to organize a district were covered and explained. It was noted the El Dorado Utilities, Inc. subsidy was about to expire and rates would go up.

The Gas Company of New Mexico made a presentation, providing estimated costs of bringing natural gas to Eldorado, and a letter was drafted to all lot owners. A follow-up phone survey would determine owners' interests in this matter. Since the ERA would no longer publish the Eldorado Sun, due to its sale, the ECIA looked into its liability for delivering it. Assessments were voted to continue at \$180 and \$50.

1993

In February, 1993, the Public Service Commission explained its role and discussed the cost of water rights, noting this would be paid for by current water users. Based on a five-year growth estimate, they believe that El Dorado Utilities, Inc., has sufficient water capacity. The ECIA and Horseowners Association continue to work on a lease agreement. A U.S. Highway 285 Citizens' Coalition was formed to coordinate approval for further development along this highway corridor and work with the neighborhood associations and the county for unified and appropriate development. Revised plans for the proposed commercial tract known as Plaza

Amistad were presented by Jim Siebert. The Gas Company reported that 79 percent of lot owners supported bringing in natural gas and the cost would be born by homeowners. They hoped to complete the installation by September or October.

The quorum at the 1993 annual meeting was 590 members in person or by proxy. Karen McConnell was elected and Mark Raddin re-elected to the board. Subsequently Don Dayton was elected president. Judy Fischer presented the proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation. The Gas Company reported plans to begin immediately to install lines, with completion in two months. Guy Monroe, fire chief, reported 40 volunteers, with 35 percent of fire department medically trained. Plans are underway for a second substation close to the county's transfer station. Horseowners reported 21 owners with 38 horses. Eldorado at Santa Fe, Inc. will contribute four acres at Avenida De Compadres and Avenida Vista Grande for a park. Changes to the Articles of Incorporation passed by two-thirds vote. The water utility survey reported that 1,000 letters had been sent out, 300 returned in favor of creating a special water district with 100 opposed to it.

At this time, over 89 percent of the lots had been accepted into the ECIA (2,280 lots) so the community center and greenbelts (common areas) which had been held in escrow could now be turned over to the ECIA. Mary Helen Follingstad of the county's Land Use Planning staff was recognized for her efforts and leadership in directing the meetings between the developers along U.S. Highway 285, the Avenida Vista Grande node and the community. Ray Nichols was recognized as resident of the year, as chair of the Security Committee and member of the Fire Department. Dictogard was selected as the new Eldorado security company. The warranty deed for the community center area was received. Problems with the Gas Company installations were noted, including cut paving, crushed culverts, trenching not compacted, etc. A petition was received seeking to have Avenida Azul paved or chip-sealed. ECIA voted to make this a #1 priority and authorized a study on paving versus chip-sealing.

A special meeting was held September 20, following a fatal dog attack on a young resident of Verano Loop by a neighbor's animal. The board authorized purchase of four humane traps and voted to push for more enforcement of the county's animal control ordinance. The board also raised questions about allowing wolf hybrids in Santa Fe County. Plans were suggested for a county forum regarding security and animal control. The Sheriffs Department and Eldorado Fire & Rescue Service were thanked for their assistance in this tragic occurrence.

Negotiations continued between the ECIA and the Horseowners Association regarding their joint contract. Consulting services were suggested for acquisition of the utility company. While the ECIA supports a non-profit entity it cannot enter into a contract. The board decides not to intervene in El Dorado Utilities, Inc., efforts to eliminate the subsidy agreement. The county notes that it does not support cluster townhouse development either for Agora II (Dos Greigos at the first entrance) or Track K in Eldorado because county code does not allow for this density. The county suggests commercial use only.

Big Toy Corporation announced plans to install new playground equipment at the new park (Compadres and Vista Grande) for \$18,000 (regular cost would be \$30,000 plus freight) contingent on quick approval so the equipment could be assembled in January and used as a demonstration and for catalog photos. While the ECIA continues to seek a ban on wolf hybrids, urging county cooperation, Sheriff Mofitano advises that the ban on wolf hybrids could not be enforced since the only certain identification must be made after destroying the animal, and thus a ban should not be enacted.

The annual assessment remained at \$180 and \$50. Mark Conkling announced that AMREP planned to pave Avenida Eldorado as far as Avenida Torreon. (Note: This is scheduled to be done in 1997, following lengthy negotiations with the state highway department and the county public works department.)

Appendix Two

Work and Notes of Conservation Committee

1988 -- 2014

1988: Chair Bobbie Dyer; Members Audrey Baebler, Jack Eichhom, Blythe Baebler, John Kenny, George Blinn

Special programs/projects:

- July, sponsored night-sky viewing, with telescopes provided by Jack Evans, Blythe Baebler, Mike Wilson, Keith Gray.
- August, contour map by Blythe Baebler available to residents.

Maintenance:

- Vandalism observed, monitored. 12-25 fence posts removed. Graffiti on west line camp walls removed

1989: Chair Bobbe Dyer thru August, Renie Voelker. Members Audrey Baebler, Jack Eichhom, Blythe Baebler, John Kenny, George Blinn, John Clay, Joe Armbruster, Nancy Armbruster

Special programs/projects:

- Guided hikes scheduled periodically.
- October, dedication of the "Blythe Baebler Trail" to "John Kenny Mesa."
- November, article in Eldorado Sun by Renie Voelker "A Hiking You Will Go," explaining the Eldorado Children's Theater group's program of song and dance to honor Blythe Baebler and John Kenny for their many years of dedicated service, knowledge, map production, assistance and support, preceded by a hike to the east line camp where additional honors were bestowed: a "doctorate" in cartography for Blythe and a "doctorate" in wilderness for John.
- November, article in Eldorado Sun by Renie Voelker about the wilderness committee's recent guided hike to Ghost Hotel at the Baptist Conference Center.

Maintenance:

- December, repairs to west line camp were completed (door, sideboards, battens, deck railings, stairs); original cedar shake roof replaced with red propanel roof.

1990: Chair Renie Voelker Members Audrey Baebler, Jack Eichhom, Blythe Baebler, John Kenny, George Blinn, John Clay, Joe Armbruster, Nancy Armbruster, Bobbe Dyer

Special programs/projects:

- Daytime and sunset/moonrise hikes scheduled periodically.
- September, cooperated with a private owner of 62 acres in Cañoncito recommending to the ECIA board permission to run a 25-foot power line across a triangle of Preserve land to his property.
- September, article in Eldorado Sun explaining the committee members' concerns about the Ridges subdivision water tower.

Maintenance:

- March, erosion control work completed in area between west boundary and west line camp.
- April, logwood oil applied to exterior of west line camp, drainage ditch (swale) built to redirect rain and snow drainage run-off. From time to time Eldorado security patrolled on a limited basis.

Concerns/protests:

- April, rejected request by owner/operator of private stables/horse-riding facility to schedule and guide trail rides in Preserve; opposed ECIA board suggestion that use permits be issued or sold to nearby non-Eldorado residents.
- June, protested 40 foot-water tank in Ridges subdivision (erected without county approval). Protests continued until February 1993.

1991: Chair Renie Voelker Members Audrey Baebler, John Kenny, Jack Eichhorn, Blythe Baebler, John Clay, Joe Armbruster, Nancy Armbruster, George Blinn, Bobbe Dyer

Special programs/projects:

- Daytime and sunset/moonrise hikes scheduled periodically.
- April, workshop for committee members by John Kenny: How to run the line (find boundary lines).
- May, an article in Eldorado Sun by Renie Voelker, "They Were Right On, it works," explaining John Kenny's program to teach how to locate boundary markers using tape measures, compasses, scale rulers, maps, descriptions and long poles.
- September, article in Eldorado Sun by John Clay, informative, "Why Wilderness."
- October, completion of a management plan outlining the resource, ownership, policies, purpose, rules, problems, actions and work plan, 1991 - 2000, by John Clay.

Maintenance:

- Purchase of 300 "No Trespassing" signs designed by Blythe Baebler, to be used to post the boundary.
- August thru November, posted "No Trespassing" signs along boundary of Ridges; both sides of County Road 51.

Concerns/protests:

- Successfully refuted claims by some landowners adjacent to or near Preserve that since their property was purchased from AMREP, privileges to use Preserve were included.
- Successfully refuted claims by Cañoncito residents that the 1983 transfer by AMREP of Preserve land for a parcel connecting the two Preserve areas was illegal. Process included defense by Blythe Baebler at the October County Design and Review Commission and 1992 Board of County Commissioners meetings.
- Protests regarding the water tank in the Ridges continued.

1992 Chairperson: Renie Voelker Members: Audrey Baebler, Jack Eichhorn, John Kenny, Jack Clay, Joe Armbruster, Nancy Armbruster, George mBlinn, Bobbe Dyer, Ed Carlson

Special programs/projects:

- Daytime and sunset/moonrise hikes scheduled periodically.
- January, collection of 70 discarded Christmas trees to use for erosion control in Preserve.
- February, "Make a Difference Day" special hike.
- February, article in Eldorado Sun by Renie Voelker, explaining the recent community conservation activity: collecting trees and transporting them to a severely eroded area in the Preserve.
- March, article in Eldorado Sun by Blythe Baebler, comprehensive, "Ah, Wilderness."
- April, posted signs along northwestern boundary.
- May, at annual ECIA meeting, plaque acknowledging members efforts was presented to committee "in recognition and appreciation of many hours of dedicated service the committee has given to the Eldorado community in preserving and maintaining the wilderness area."
- July, built by-pass trail to east line camp to improve a steep eroding section.

- August, article in Eldorado Sun by Renie Voelker titled "Tote that Barge, Lift that Bale," explaining the July by-pass project.

Maintenance:

- July, clean-up, removal, back-fill, raking, re-seeding of illegal dump area along County Road 51. Posted "No Dumping" signs.
- July, Erosion control work in east area, Hidden Canyon, along right of way, building check dams, water bars, drainage ditches and contours. Installed culvert, raking, re-seeding
- September, monitoring of northwest area following recent nearby fire. Philosophy: let nature restore itself, hopefully with rain showers, seeds in the slurry dropped on fire will germinate and grow over period of time.
- September, obtained locked area to store supplies and tools in former firehouse.

Concerns/protests:

- January, rejected request by Lamy resident to establish a public horseback-riding trail on Preserve property east of U.S. Highway 285 from near Interstate 25 to Lamy.
- Protest regarding water tank in Ridges continued.
- January, rejected requests by Ridges residents to use area in exchange for providing parking and access to Preserve.
- June, protested following conditions of proposed Cimarron Village development: 1) to vacate part of existing easement. 2) to incorporate open space with Preserve and inferred use of Preserve by future owners of Cimarron properties.
- September, sent letter to Lower Cañoncito Association regarding members trespassing in Preserve.
- October, vigilant in protesting and attempting to eliminate realty advertising of property "near wilderness" or "within walking distance to wilderness." Situation referred to ECIA lawyer for follow-up with Board of Realtors, and possibly, State Attorney General.

1993 Chairperson: Renie Voelker thru May, Ed Carlson Members: Audrey Baebler, Jack Eichorn, Blythe Baebler, John Clay, Joe Armbruster, Nancy Armbruster, Cary Carlson, John Kenny, Bobbe Dyer, George Blinn, E. J. Evangelos

Special programs/projects:

- May, ECIA resident survey showed the Preserve as the third of fourteen amenities in "perceived level of importance" and fourth in "level of use."
- May, 1993, to March, 1994, cooperated with New Mexico State and Pecos National Monument as a survey was conducted on 1.67 acres of the wilderness adjacent to the Monument. Global Position Study (GPS) - botanical wilderness resource inventory.
- Daytime and sunset/moonrise guided hikes scheduled periodically. September, donated 200 maps to Eldorado Residents Association for new residents' welcome packets.
- October, dedication of new trail system 101 across from second entrance (distance 6.9 miles). Three guided hikes followed.

Maintenance:

- February, postponed decision on U.S. 285 Citizens' Coalition's request to grant permission for a public road across Preserve to property owned by Ron Sebesta.
- May, replaced vandalized boundary signs along County Road 51.
- May, cattle reported in Preserve near Lamy; motorcycle tracks, digging in Cañoncito area, tree dug and balled for removal found.
- May, committee held new trail system orientation hike and potluck supper.
- June, replaced vandalized signs on east boundary.
- June, new trail system 101 in west area of wilderness across from second Eldorado entrance was built. Total distance 6.9 miles.

- October, fence building completed. 4,800 feet, near Cañoncito, south of Interstate 25, west of County Road 51.
- October, cleared cactus from new parking area for trail system 101.
- November, moved supplies into locked room of storage building.
- November, posted new signs at east parking area. Posted trail marker where trail turns right off existing dirt road.
- November, replaced 300 feet of vandalized fencing near northeast corner and posted three new "Private Property" signs.

Concerns/protests:

- February, water tank in Ridges subdivision received county approval: painted green, minimal tree planting.
- February, rejected request to use the wilderness to teach a survival course as it involved a fee by the Community College.
- December, declined request by County Planning Department to include wilderness in inventory of potential public use areas on private lands; written statement describing mandated use of preserve area by *residents only* prohibits its consideration for public use.
- Throughout the year, vigilant in protesting and attempting to eliminate realty advertising of property "near wilderness."

1994 Chairperson: Ed Carlson Members: Audrey Baebler, Blythe Baebler, Joe Armbruster, Nancy Armbruster, Jack Eichhom, John Clay, George Blinn,, Renie Boelker, Scott Martin, E. J. Evangelos, Ben Brugmans, Bobbe Dyer

Special programs/projects:

- January, ECIA Board requested a warning about hazards in Preserve (disclaimer) for inclusion in Newsletter, maps, at trailheads. Daytime and sunset/moonrise hikes scheduled periodically.
- January, collection of 100 discarded Christmas trees, mulched by county road employees; mulch used at elementary school and available to residents.
- March, new names adopted; Eldorado Conservation Committee and area to be called Eldorado's Community Preserve.
- January and March, meetings with two Cañoncito residents interested in forming a Cañoncito Conservation Area for sustainability of watershed and rural land. (control arroyo erosion, plantings, improve wildlife habitat).
- July, mounting of new trail system 101 map at trailhead, trail markers between U.S. Highway 285 and trailhead.
- February through April, joint fencing project with rancher Joe Miller. Fencing 2.25 miles of boundary, adjoining Miller's property, south of railroad.
- New trail systems (201, 301, 401) built on west side of preserve, totaling over seven miles.

Concerns/protests:

- July, greenbelt subcommittee formed to address greenbelt problems created during installation of one million-gallon water tank by El Dorado Utilities, Inc.

1998 Chairperson Ed Carlson Members: Audrey Baebler, Blythe Baebler, Joe Armbruster, Nancy Armbruster, Jack Eichhom, John Clay, E. J. Evangelos, Joe Oliver, Dot Shubart

Activities

- Conducted one dozen hikes for residents.
- Repainted outside of West Line cabin after it was vandalized with spray paint.
- Had the Boundary with the Ridges surveyed prior to posting.

- Worked on a Greenbelt map showing 120 pathways primarily from cul-de-sacs.
- The major accomplishment was securing an access easement to TH #1 in the Preserve and an equestrian easement under US 285 Ed Carlson and Joe Oliver appeared before the State Finance Committee to help get these project funded without cost to Eldorado.

2000 Chairperson Ed Carlson Members: Joe Armbruster, Nancy Armbruster, Ray Burkard, Cary Carlson, E. J. Evangelos, John Kenny, A. J. Melnick, Ed Rau Honorary Members: Audrey Baebler, Blythe Baebler, Dot Shubart

Major Activities

- Conducted numerous hikes including a popular geology walk, led by a resident geologist. We sponsored a star gazing party.
- The Greenbelt Map was published in October
- The counter for trailhead 1 was reactivated in June. Foot travel in the Preserve from June - December was 11, 997 users.
- We have a new vehicle access to trailhead 1 near the gas station across from Avenida Vista Grande. The State negotiated and provided the access.
- Vandalism, litter and graffiti have damaged the East and West line cabins over the years. An arsonist burned the East line cabin to the ground in June. The West line cabin was determined to have served its useful life, so the Board and our committee concurred on removing it. We do not plan to replace these cabins.

2001 Chairperson Ed Carlson Members: Joe Armbruster, Ray Burkard, Cary Carlson, E. J. Evangelou, John Kenny, A. J. Melnick, Joe Oliver, Ed Rau

Major Activities:

- The counter for trailhead 1, with extrapolations for the other three trailheads, showed that foot travel in the Preserve for 2001 was 23,187 users. This is a 9.5% increase over 2000.
- The West Line Cabin was removed, as it had become a liability, with litter and vandalism and the constant worry of arson as befell the East Cabin the year before.
- Work was done to improve the access road and parking lot at trailhead one, which is the most used. We contracted for grading and for 84 yards of base course.
- We contracted for 2.25 miles of posting on the Preserve boundary
- Committee members led approximately five conducted hikes. The most popular continues to be an evening walk that combines sunset and moonrise. We also held two orientation trips to acquaint new residents with the scope of the Preserve.
- We have had one request to reroute a greenbelt that encroached on two lots. We surveyed the area in question and staff mowed a new path and marked it.
- The ECIA successfully defended the Preserve against county taxation, resulting in a \$97,000 refund on taxes assessed, paid, and immediately appealed in court. The ruling agreed that the Preserve is a common area of the subdivision and common areas should not be taxed separately.

2002 Chairperson Ed Carlson Members: Joe Armbruster, Cary Carlson, E. J. Evangelos, Lee Kellogg, John Kenny, A. J. Melnick, Joe Oliver, Andy Winnegar, Liaison

- The East Line Shack area was cleaned up. A bench was built with the existing cement blocks, approx. 16 by 4, filling the center with debris and covering the top with a wooden deck, place remaining debris below the rim and cover with native rocks.
- Ed met with the Board to express our objections to the part of the US 285 Corridor Plan that calls for a trail to be built from the horse underpass near the Art Barn to Eldorado's Preserve because it would attract nonresidents to this private property
- Multiple brush fires were extinguished along the Santa Fe Southern Railroad between Vista Grande and Av. Eldorado.

2003 Chairperson Ed Carlson Members: Ray Burkard, Cary Carlson, E. J. Ebangelos, Lee Kellogg, John Kenney, A. J. Melnick, teve Wust

- Did a survey of dead piñons in the greenbelts and found 138 dead trees (.38 per acre).
- Heard from the local office of the Dept. of Agriculture that our drinker and tank restoration projects are at the highest level of their funding request.
- Led about 4 preserve hikes
- A letter was drafted for the ECIA to send to the Santa Fe Association of Realtors reminding them that the preserve is private property.
- Sent a letter to bike shops explaining our preserve is private property and that they could incur legal liability for recommending our trails to their customers.
- Goats used to control excess vegetation in the Greenbelts.

2004 Chairperson Steve Wust Members: Joe Armbruster, Ray Burkard, Shelie Burke, Cary Carlson, Ed Carlson, E. J. Evangelos, Tim Francis, John Kenny, A. J. Melnick, Joe Oliver, Ed Rau. Board Liaisons _Jeanne Klein and Michael Mariano

- In 2004, the ECIA Board directed that, henceforth, Preserve maintenance shall be the responsibility of the ECIA maintenance staff.
- In addition, the ECIA manager was designated to issue RFPs and negotiate contracts, with the role of the Conservation Committee being to oversee Preserve conditions and report to the Board.
- In light of these changes, the Board has directed that the committee expand its role to include all natural resources throughout all areas of Eldorado. The Conservation Committee is currently discussing updating our charter to reflect our new direction and oversight. Some of the ideas presented by members include developing activities related to cultural resources, water conservation, and ecological habitat, drawing more attention to the greenbelts and other common areas, and integrating an understanding of all resources into ongoing educational activities, such as hikes and star nights.

2005 Chairperson Stephen Wust Members: Ray Burkard, Cary Carlson, E. J. Evangelos, Jerry Gulseth, John Kenny, Joe Oliver, John Parker, Andrea Cohen. Michael Mariano Liaison

- Discussed and began development of a 5 year plan for conservation goal
- Led hikes and stargazing outings.
- Helped begin a trial water conservation system that controls the amount of watering that the soccer fields receive.

2006 Chairperson Steve Wust, John Parker, E. J. Evangelos Members: Jerry Gulseth, John Kenny, Lee Kellogg, A. J. Melnick, Joe Oliver

- Led an orientation excursion to locate the trailheads to the Eldorado Preserve. Maps of the Preserve were distributed to all participants.

2007 Chairpersons EJ Evangelos and John Parker. Members: Marshall Allen, Eleanor Gossen, John Kenny, A. J. Melnick, Joe Oliver, Dana Richards. Su Anne Armstrong Board Liaison

Major Activities

- Together with Earthworks we have sponsored several workshops and community projects at the Eldorado Wilderness Preserve. A wetland restoration project was completed under contract with Earthworks. This project involved restoring a degraded wetland within the Preserve by Trailhead #2 in the Cañoncito area. The project used a low-impact approach that aims to harness natural processes to continue restoring the wetlands. Community volunteers and El Dorado Elementary students have assisted with the effort. The wetland looks remarkably better than it did before the project began.
- The committee continues to sponsor monthly hikes in the Preserve as well as the annual new resident tour of the trailheads.

2008 Chairpersons EJ Evangelos and John Parker Members: Eleanor Gossen, Jerry Gulseth, John Kenny, A. J. Melnick, Joe Oliver, Dana Richards

Activities

- Conducted five Trail Maintenance Days where Conservation Committee (CC) members and community volunteers worked on specific sections of trail urgently in need of maintenance. Sections of a number of Trails that were in the worst shape were worked on removing deadfall and emplacing erosion protection measures.
- Wetland Restoration days – the CC cosponsored several work days to further wetland restoration activities at the Preserve. Numerous wetland plant species were planted and repairs made to erosion control structures installed in previous years.
- Bridge project –CC asked Earthworks agreed to attempt to build a more permanent crossing where the trail crosses the newly restored wetlands using larger rocks than were there previously in fulfillment of earlier commitments to ECIA
- Requested ECIA to purchase a bench and a picnic table for placement near the wetland area along CR 51. ECIA staff placed the bench and the table at locations previously identified in the field with CC members.
- A conceptual approach to rebuilding the fencing and parking areas for Trail head 401/402 is still under development for submittal to the Board.
- Water Harvesting Workshop -- the CC partnered with Earthworks and local buisnesses in providing a seminar and tour on water harvesting
- Recycling and composting workshop – the CC partnered with the Master Gardeners and the NM Environment Department in putting on a workshop with the goal of demonstrating to community members how they can minimize waste to landfill.
- Saturday hikes in the preserve were publicly noticed and lead by CC members.
- Preserve Tour – the CC sponsored this annual event where participants in a convoy of cars visit the Preserve Trailheads.
- The CC wrote a letter for the ECIA Manager and Board to send to the USFS in opposition to their proposed creation of an OHV Park on USFS land near the Preserve.
- Bird nest boxes -- the CC approved a request by a group working with Eldorado Elementary students on environmental projects (the Green Team), to put some nest boxes in the preserve.

- Wetland species plantings – The Eldorado Elementary Green Team planted native vegetation in the Preserve wetlands, one of the team leaders was a CC member.

2009 Chairpersons [John Parker and E] Evangelos. Members: L Elanor Gossen, Jerry Gulseth, John Kenny, Ken Koger, A. J. Melnick, Dana Richards, Mark Young. Lisa Robles Liaison.

- Worked closely with the environmental group Earthworks in ongoing Wetland preservation in the Eldorado Wilderness area, including removing salt cedar and planting over 300 trees to restore native vegetation to the wetland. Installed a new kiosk near the wetland preserve area.
- Conducted monthly trail maintenance work one Saturday per month through the summer and fall. Renovated Trailhead # 4 to include a new parking area, as well as a new culvert.
- Worked on access to Trailhead # 301 to prevent further erosion.
- Held monthly hikes in the preserve, led by Eleanor Gossen.
- Participated in the Fiesta Verde Environmental Fair at the El Dorado School.
- Sponsored and collaborated with the Eldorado Energy Co-op and the Carbon Busters home energy savings outreach program.
- Resurveyed an area of encroachment near new Apache Springs Development and added new pre-serve signage in this area.
- Sponsored a Spring Botanical Talk and wildflower identification hike in due preserve led by local botanist.

2010 Chairperson John Parker. Members: Cliff Chetwin, Eleanor Gossen, Jerry Gulseth, John Kenny, A. J. Melnick, Mark Young. Elan Colello Liaison.

MajorActivities

- Assessed wilderness preserve trails to prioritize work for 2010. Several segments of trail, along both NM 285 and CR 51 were addressed, particularly those areas eroded by the heavy summer rains.
- Two projects were done in collaboration with the boy scouts, one in a heavily impacted portion of the greenbelts. Helped oversee work by the environmental group Earthworks and the boy scouts in the ongoing Cañoncito wetland preservation in the main channel of the arroyo in 200 TH section of the Eldorado Wilderness..
- Trail maintenance workdays were held on roughly one Saturday per month throughout the summer and fall.
- Participated in the Fiesta Verde Environmental Fair at the Eldorado School.
- Sponsorship of presentations at the community center including birding in Eldorado, settlement history of the Galisteo Basin, and indoor Radon.
- Completion of a trail re-alignment project in collaboration with the ECIA stables committee.

2011 Chairperson John Parker. Members: Cliff Chetwin, Eleanor Gossen, Jerry Gulseth, John Kinney, A. J. Melnick, Cherry Payne, Mark Young. Lyn Mortensen Liaison.

Activities

- Completion of a new, ½ mile segment of trail to provide a more gradual route into preserve and the lookout area behind gas station on US 285. Work was performed by Conservation Committee volunteers, ECIA staff, and contract support from Earthworks.
- Helped oversee work by the environmental group Earthworks in the ongoing wetland preservation of the Cañoncito wetland in the Eldorado Wilderness.

- ECIA staff resurfaced parking area at Trailhead 1 with guidance from the committee. Opening in fence used to access unauthorized trail through neighboring property was repaired and new split-rail fence was installed to deter further intrusions.
- Completed inventory of existing signage in the preserve and installation of new signage throughout the preserve. Old signs were generally in poor condition. New signage allows visitors to explore the preserve without a map.
- Completion of project in collaboration with the Boy scouts, in a heavily impacted portion of the greenbelt.
- Trail maintenance workdays were held on roughly one Saturday per month throughout the summer and fall.
- Participation with Facilities and Grounds in bringing back goats for weed reduction. Identified priority greenbelt areas for treatment by goats.
- Sponsorship of presentations at the community center including water harvesting and wildfire prevention and control.
- Ongoing collaboration and planning with Jan-Willem Jansens, now of Ecotone and former Earthworks CEO to assist with committee goals in 2012.

2012 Chairperson John Parker. Members Cliff Chetwin, John Canella, Mary Clark, Jim Daniel, Eleanor Gossen, Jerry Gulseth, Cherry Payne, Bob Sweeney, Mark Young. Ed Moreno Liaison

Activities

- Completed new trail project with assistance from Boy scouts, Ecotone, ECIA staff and volunteers. Trail 105 now provides a relatively flat connection along the Preserve's southern boundary from Trailhead 1 to Trails 101/301.
- Additional new supplemental directional signs were deployed in 2012. Also installed new signage on Trail 101 identifying spur trail to newly named "Vista Grande Peak."
- Co-sponsored annual Garden Tour event showcasing select gardens in Eldorado.
- Continued ongoing oversight of the trail system and responding to trail maintenance needs as they arise.
- Planning for series hosted a spring lecture on the Geology of the Galisteo Basin.
- Hosted a wetland monitoring workshop, knowledge gained will assist the committee is assessing over time the health of the Cañoncito Wetland.
- Participated in the 2012 Fiesta Verde Energy Fair at the Eldorado School.

2013 Chairperson John Parker, Jim Daniel & Cherry Payne (co-Chairs balance of the year)
Members: Tom Bredenberg, Cliff Chetwin, John Canella, Eleanor Gossen, Jerry Gulseth, Mike O'Farrell, Bob Sweeney, Mark Young. Dag Ryen Liaison

Activities

- Recommended to the Board opening all Preserve Trails to bicycles except in areas where noted (trail to Vista Grande Peak), Trail 102. Accepted and implemented.
- Completed trail realignment work and maintenance on Trail 301 with assistance from the local Boy Scout Troop and an Eagle Scout candidate.
- Four workdays were completed in the Preserve at Trail 201 in order to mitigate erosion, to realign problematic trails, and to remove invasive plants (salt cedars). Included was an onsite workshop on erosion mitigation attended by 25 Eldorado residents.
- Committee members participated in the Earth Day community roadside clean up.
- Signed and officially opened Trail 105 which was constructed in 2012

- Continued ongoing oversight of the trail system and responded to trail maintenance needs as they arose; for instance, installed new fencing at Trailhead 3 Parking Area to stop the development of a social trail.
- Developed and installed trail etiquette signs in order to reduce equestrian-hiker-biker conflicts.
- Drafted/designed new trailhead signage to be installed in 2014 in order to consolidate trailhead signage and to get rid of multiple old and deteriorated signs.
- Hosted two community education programs: a hike with a naturalist along Trail 105, and a bat workshop conducted by committee member Mike O'Farrell.
- In conjunction with our Ecotone hosted an education activity over two days for 7th grade science students from the Eldorado Community School.
- Hosted a wetland monitoring workshop on the Cañoncito wetland mitigation project in order to develop a report due to the US Army Corps of Engineers, which was submitted in November. This project allows the Committee to assess over time the recovery and health of the wetland.
- Completed the design and publication of a new 2013 Preserve Trail Map. This project included new trails and trail junction indicators.
- Supported the use of goats to reduce growth in greenbelts. They worked in the Pueblo Canyon Park, near Casa del Oro and Balsa Rd, and along Vista Grande and Monte Alto Rd.
- Working with the County, had equestrian crossing signs installed on Hwy. 51.

2014

Chairpersons: Jim Daniel and Cherry Payne (co-chairs). Members: Tom Bredenberg, Tom Brimacombe, John Cannella, Mary Clark, Cliff Chetwin, Eleanor Gossen, Jerry Gulseth, John Parker, Mike O'Farrell, Bob Sweeney, Mark Young (ECIA). Liaaaaison: Dag Ryen then David Yard.

Activities

- Designed and constructed a new, 48' wide multi-use loop trail in the Greenbelt between the Rail Trail and Avenida de los Compadres and south of Avenida Vista Grande. The project was designed to be a pilot project, the committee will monitor the trail's durability and maintenance needs before considering the addition of other greenbelt trails. The trail was marked according to the County Fire Marshall's standards.
- Conducted four workdays in the Preserve in addition to many, many workdays that were held building the Pilot project trail. One of these workdays was also an Eagle Scout project conducted by Eagle Scout candidate Jaret Saums on Trail 101 between 1D and 1E.
- Committee members participated in the Earth Day community roadside clean up.
- Continued ongoing oversight of the trail system and responded to trail maintenance needs as they arose.
- Revised and printed a new Greenbelt Trail map.
- Finalized and produced new trailhead signage to be installed in 2015 in order to consolidate trailhead signage and to get rid of multiple old and deteriorated signs.
- Hosted a community education program about bats conducted by committee member Mike O'Farrell.
- For the third year, completed an annual report to the US Army Corps of Engineers about rehabilitation of the Cañoncito wetlands.
- Removed old blue posts along Trail 302.

Appendix Three

Notes from the Roads Committee

by Lou Matta, Rich Stafford and Pam Henline

The following section describes a bit about the complicated process of taking care of the roads in Eldorado. The time frame is 1975 to 1995 and 2006 to 2014. Many dedicated volunteers and hard working Roads Committee members have contributed to the improvement and safety of our roads. To help with your navigation of this section, the Year has been shown in Bold characters.

The first references to road activities appear in the September, **1975** E.C.I.A. minutes with discussion of funds for roads and road grading. Then the September, 1984 minutes contain references to John Spears serving on a subcommittee of the road committee and Fred Raznick reporting on working with the county to complete the paving of Avenida Vista Grande and Monte Alto. It appears that Mr. Spears was also serving on the Santa Fe County Road Advisory Committee as the District 11 (Eldorado) representative. Much of the work from 1984 to 1988 seems to have centered around efforts by John Spears with help from board members Fred Raznick, Mark Conkling and Betty Platts.

The main concerns were completing the paving of Vista Grande to Avenida de Compadres and Avenida Monte Alto from Avenida Amistad to Vista Grande. General road grading by the county and snow removal, as well as general safety concerns about speeding and reflectors to mark the first and second entrances, were additional road concerns. Paving funds were generated by pledging present and future road assessments to AMREP who advanced E.C.I.A. the monies.

In October, **1986**, a proposal letter was sent to the county for the paving of Vista Grande from Avenida de Compadres to Avenida Azul, and Compadres north and south. It proposed a funding formula of 60 percent payable by the E.C.I.A. with 40 percent payable by the county. These proposals would take until 1989 to be completed. John Spears continued to serve on the County Road Advisory Committee, addressing basic maintenance issues such as grading. Two areas of concern at the time were the lack of culverts installed by residents which contributed to drainage and road maintenance problems, and problems at the first entrance where the drainage channel crossed the dirt roadway causing washouts, and heavy truck usage eroded the roadbed.

John Spears continued to serve on the County Road Committee after his four-year term expired in May, 1987, and continued to serve as a County Road Advisory Committee member until October, 1988.

In the first reference to outside impacts on Eldorado roads, Bob Ringer, a resident of Eldorado and Highway Department employee, reported to the E.C.I.A. board on long range planning for U.S. Highway 285. In the fall of **1988** he stated that although Highway 285 is a WIPP (Waste Isolation Pilot Project) route, no improvements needed to be done to the section of road adjacent to Eldorado. December, 1988 minutes also indicate that discussions were held concerning an adjacent developer's (Saddleridge) proposal to pave Avenida de Compadres. E.C.I.A. continues to explore getting paving funds from the county.

In November, 1988, four residents expressed an interest in serving on the County Road Advisory Committee. Richard Morris was approved as the member with Larry Cornelius as the alternate.

1989 and 1990 saw continued efforts to work with the county to upgrade road grading and basic road maintenance. The paving of Compadres and Vista Grande was completed and new projects were tackled. Base course was put on Verano Loop which contained mine tailings and insufficient binding agents. Residents complained about the amount of dust from the base course and the possible health hazards from the mine tailings. It would take two years for the issue to be resolved as the county tried additional base course.

Ultimately an agreement was reached whereby the residents of Verano Loop and its connector roads formed a special paving district. Judy Fisher served as resident representative and, with E.C.I.A. and county assistance, the road was chip-sealed in 1992. Efforts were also begun to pave the first entrance. Funds from Eldorado and adjacent developers purchased a laydown machine for the county and paving materials, with county personnel completing the work. Further, the board obtained agreements from the Highway Department to pave the shoulders of the first and second entrances and a \$50 a year assessment for road paving was approved by a vote of the residents

January of **1991** saw Richard Morris approved by the county commissioners to serve on the County Road Advisory Committee with Lou Matta serving as the alternate. It appears that in mid-1990 the E.C.I.A. Board approved the creation of a formal and permanent Eldorado Road Advisory Committee to act in an advisory capacity. The road committee has no staff, no budget and no equipment but acts at ECIA's request on matters relating to Eldorado roads. Also, its chair would be nominated for appointment to the County Road Advisory Committee by the County Commissioner. The first members were Richard Morris and Lou Matta. In August 1991, Mr. Morris resigned and Lou Matta was appointed as the chair. New County Commissioner Betty Platts appointed Lou Matta County Road Advisory Committee member with Ron Larrowe as the alternate. Activities of the now formal E.C.I.A. Road Advisory Committee increased dramatically as maintenance issues and fulfillment of ECIA's paving priorities took center stage. Bob Wartell joined the committee and served two and a half years. Allen Larson, Jerry Massee and Ozzie Cummins also joined the committee along with Rich Stafford who joined in 1995.

The committee set up a monthly review of grading and road maintenance needs, including for the first time mowing along paved roads, to be presented to the County Road Maintenance Department. A list of roads in Eldorado, which had already been accepted by the county, was prepared and more roads were presented to the county for acceptance. Through '96, virtually all Eldorado roads were accepted by the county, as county-maintained roads. Flashing school-zone lights at Eldorado Elementary School were installed through the combined efforts of the Road Advisory Committee and Commissioner Platts.

At the board's request, the committee reviewed the paving priority list and Avenida Azul was added at the June, **1992**, board meeting. The paving priority list in order of priority is Avenida Azul, completion of Avenida de Compadres north and south, Torreón, Casa del Oro and Avenida Eldorado, when it becomes a county-accepted road and not a private road held by AMREP. Much discussion on adding the balance of Monte Alto ensues with the board rejecting this addition in 1994. Board and committee agree that, when the time comes, Avenida Eldorado should be a joint effort with adjacent developers.

Agreement was reached with the county on a 50/50 funding basis to pave the first entrance in **1992**. Six-tenths of a mile on south Avenida de Compadres was paved in 1993 with Avenida Azul scheduled for paving under the same 50/50 formula in 1994. Natural gas pipelines were placed in roadways and road rights of way in 1993 under the oversight of the county road department. The committee continues to expand road efforts with signage and sign replacement added to regular maintenance requests. Discussions on working with the county and railroad to redo the track crossing on Vista Grande began in early 1993.

The E.C.I.A. board voted to use monies from the special assessment to fund hike-bike trails along Vista Grande and Avenida de Compadres in three stages from '91 - '95. The road advisory committee was not a part of these actions and was caustic in its remarks but, in '96, was asked to consult on any future hike-bike projects.

In **1994 and 1995**, Lou Matta was able to get a funding request placed on the county's legislative priority list and solicited the legislature for funds to repave Vista Grande. In November, the board invited Representative Max Coll and Senator Roman Maes to a special community meeting on roads presented by the road committee. Funding was received from the state legislature in 1996 for this project and it is

scheduled for the spring of '97. Through the committee's efforts, the ground-up old surface will be re-formulated and applied to Herrada, from Avenida de Compadres to Casa del Oro as far as permitted, since these materials are suitable for secondary roads and the length of Herrada matches the amount of materials available.

The Santa Fe Southern Railroad has received funds for upgrading the crossing on Vista Grande and across Avenida Eldorado. The committee has worked to get the county and railroad to coordinate crossing and road improvements.

The county has special base course funds available and Lou Matta as chair of the E.C.I.A. Road Advisory Committee and member of the County Road Advisory Committee was able to get funds for just over a mile of material for the spring of '97. This material is to be used on Herrada east of Casa del Oro, and a contract for the completion of paving over the next three years of Avenida de Compadres, Torreon and Casa del Oro has been approved.

In the spring of **1996**, the committee approached the general manager and E.C.I.A. board president regarding the acceptance of Avenida Eldorado as a county road so some maintenance could be rendered for the residents of this increasingly heavily used road. Talks were held between county staff, the developer and E.C.I.A. committee members and staff. Final agreement was reached allowing for acceptance of the road by the county when certain roadway improvements were done by the developer. The developer agreed to improve the roadway from U.S. Highway 285 to the railroad tracks, paving from Highway 285 to Avenida Torreon, and E.C.I.A. agreed to provide funds for base course and paving to the railroad tracks from Avenida Torreon. The balance of the road will be paved with future funds from adjacent developers as their projects are built.

Also that spring a survey was prepared by the committee. The survey was a formal phone survey undertaken by the E.C.I.A. of residents, and asked about future road priorities and residents' desires concerning roads in Eldorado. Residents, by a wide margin, felt that the current road priorities should be completed and that the paving assessment should be dropped. Further, the survey indicated that future improvements should be made through the formation of individual paving districts. The board accepted the survey results in the summer of '96 after a presentation to residents by the committee.

The committee also worked to formalize a regular road grading schedule with the county which began in the fall of '95. It is working with the board to define its future role. Discussions center around roles related to road safety and maintenance, outside impacts on Eldorado traffic and facilitating the formation of road-paving districts.

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In **2006** the Road committee members included Committee Chair Ed Benrock, Paul Wilken, Nolan Zisman, Fred Raznick, Joel Peirson, John Laughlin, Bill Snyder, Bob Burdette, Frank Schober, and Ted Freeman. Ed Benrock also served on the County Road Advisory Committee during 2006. Ed resigned his position as Chair in December. Nolan Zisman was elected to replace him.

The Committee conducted a survey of Eldorado residents about their views/priorities for roads in Eldorado. While the response rate was only 6%, those responding indicated there was minority in favor of keeping Eldorado roads the way they were. The majority were in favor of asphalt, followed by chip seal, then base course. A slight majority of respondents were willing to pay a special assessment to pay for road improvements. While the results overall were inconclusive in predicting how the community at large would feel about more improvements, it did identify a small number of roads within Eldorado where a majority of the residents might be inclined to support road improvements.

The committee identified safety concerns at the intersection of Torreon and Avenida Eldorado and recommends that traffic counts be conducted to determine if there stop signs were needed to improve the safety of this intersection. Residents of Camerada Road attended several meetings throughout the year requesting that the road be chip sealed. The road inspection process began to take shape in 2006 as a subcommittee was established to draw up territories within Eldorado, draft procedures for inspection and prioritization of Eldorado Roads, and conduct training for the whole committee on the process.

In **2007** committee members were Nolan Zisman, Chair, Bob Burdette, Ted Freedman, Joan Mitchell, Fred Raznick, Frank Schober, Paul Wilken, and Lea Williams. Ed Benrock was the ECIA Board Liaison.

A subcommittee formalized the road inspection process that included a detailed inventory of road mileages and surface type, and inspection forms and methodology. The Committee met with State Rep Peter Wirth to discuss funding strategies for road improvements. Alondra Road and Gavilan Road received base course. Encantado Loop was chip sealed.

Members for **2008** were Nolan Zisman, Chair, Bob Burdette, Joan Mitchell, Fred Raznick, Lea Williams, Ted Freedman, Paul Wilken, and Sherman Frankston. Ed Benrock and Jeanne Klein served at Board Liaison and alternate respectively.

Members for **2009** were Nolan Zisman, Chair, Bob Burdette, Sherman Frankston, Dale Knapp, John Mifflin, Fred Raznick, Paul Wilken, and Lea Benrock. Ed Benrock served as the Board Liaison.

The Committee completed two road inspections and oversaw the completion of the base course project funded by the 2007/2008 legislative appropriation.

Members for **2010** were Nolan Zisman, Chair, Fred Raznick, Bob Burdette, Dale Knapp, Linda Pierce, Lea Williams, Rick Schuknecht, Sherman Frankston, and John Mifflin. Ed Moreno served as Board Liaison.

The Committee conducted two road inspections. Designed and conducted a community survey on preferences for road surfaces (paving versus base course/dirt). Over 600 lot owners (nearly 25%) participated; 53% were in favor of keeping our existing roads with a dirt surface. Avenida Vista Grande was resurfaced. Major potholes in Avenida Eldorado were repaired. Nearly two miles of roads received badly needed gravel top coats to permit safe passage during wet conditions

Members for **2011** were Nolan Zisman, Chair, Fred Raznick, Bob Burdette, Dale Knapp, Linda Pierce, Laurie Grob, and Joel Hopko. Ed Moreno served as Board Liaison.

With the Santa Fe County Attorney and Public Works staff, developed a FAQ document to assist ECIA members in understanding options for creating self-assessment districts to facilitate road improvements in Eldorado. Verano Loop road network was renewed with new chip seal. An additional three-quarters of a mile of dirt roads received a top coating of gravel/base course to keep them passable when wet.

In **2012** the Road Committee started the year with 7 members. At the January meeting, Nolan Zisman was re-elected Chair. By unanimous vote, the Committee created the position of vice

Chair with Linda Pierce elected to serve in that position. Laurie Grob, David Brown, Joel Hopko, Bob Burdette, and Fred Raznick made up the rest of the Committee, with Ed Moreno serving as Board Liaison. Michael Chester joined the Committee during the year. Later in the year, Nolan Zisman's resigned from the Road Committee following his appointment to the ECIA Board, but assumed the role of Board Liaison. Michael Chester was elected Chair to replace Nolan.

In April, Linda Pierce is appointed by County Commissioner Liz Stefanics to the County Road Advisory Committee. Santa Fe County established an online road concern reporting database to facilitate reporting of road problems by any member of the public. A link to the County's database was added to the Eldorado website to replace the Road Committee's problem reporting form.

Members for **2013** were Michael Chester, Fred Raznick (Acting Chair), Bob Burdette, David Brown, Laurie Grob, Joel Hopko, Karen Murry, and Paul Drumright. ECIA Board Liaisons were Nolan Zisman and David Perlmutter.

The County Roads Department addressed the flooding issue along Torneo Road and Conchas Loop. NM Department of Transportation restriped Highway 285 and Avenida Vista Grande to provide left turn lanes onto 285. Fred Raznick and Karen Murry attended numerous meetings with the Santa Fe County planners in preparation for the upcoming paving of Herrada Road. Funding for this project was a result of the successful passage of a county-wide bond issue.

In **2014** membership on the Road Committee dropped to three, Fred Raznick spearheaded a call for new members to get it back up and functional. Four new members, Pierre Bovis, Paul Drumright, Felicia Probert, and John Reynolds, joined Karen Murry, David Brown and Fred on the Committee in January and February. Felicia is elected Chair and John is elected Secretary at the April meeting.

Fred Raznick and Nolan Zisman (former Committee Chair) provide road inspection training for the new members in February and the Committee goes on to complete spring and fall inspections of all Eldorado Roads. Gershon Siegel replaced David Perlmutter as Board Liaison to the Road Committee following the ECIA Board Elections in May. After several delays, the 1.2 million dollar Herrada Road paving project got underway in early September. The project involved improvements to drainage ditches on both sides of the road, and paving of the entire length. The project was completed in late October.

Appendix Four

Recreation and Notes
from the ERA
by Arlene Mayer

In the 1970s, the Eldorado Residents Association was responsible for the community's recreational activities which included:

Special Events

- Eldorado Day was usually held in June. Fun and games were held in the morning, followed by a dinner where medal awards were presented to all winners.
- On Halloween the community center was converted to a haunted house with all the trimmings. Residents enjoyed telling and hearing ghost stories.

- Christmas was celebrated with a dinner party at one of Santa Fe's restaurants. Often a roast of one of Eldorado's residents provided the entertainment. For the children, Santa paid a visit at the community center.

Ongoing Activities

- BYOB, potluck parties at the community center.
- Flea markets and arts and crafts shows.
- A group of ladies interested in arts and crafts met once a month at the community center to share ideas and demonstrate skills. It was referred to as the "Stitch & Bitch" club.
- As the community grew, participation waned and recreation took a back seat to attending both ERA and ECIA meetings.

In January, 1985, "Eldorado resident Arlene Mayer approached the ECIA board with a proposal to organize adult evening badminton matches in the Eldorado Elementary School gym. The idea was accepted on the condition that she obtain necessary bonds, insurance and permission from the school. With this done, she began organizing players. Impressed by her enthusiasm and abilities, the ECIA board promptly drafted her as Director of Recreation. As interest grew, she then organized coed volleyball for resident adults."

During the remainder of 1985, the following recreation activities were added:

Spring

- Garden Club meetings once a month with knowledgeable residents, county extension staff and nursery personnel as guest lecturers, with scheduled plant exchanges and a field trip to a nearby iris farm.

Summer

- Tennis lessons by residents Marshall Little and Martha Freeman.
- Casual adult tennis matches.
- Youth softball by residents Fred Raznick and Bill Schwent.
- Field trip to Pecos Fish Hatchery for youngsters.
- Water volleyball on Sunday afternoons.
- Tried to organize table tennis and pool for teens, horseshoe pitching on Sunday afternoon for adults and musical sessions.

Fall

- Eldorado Fire Department's annual Bar-B-Que where with an array of fun and games. The morning schedule included a 3k Fun Run and tennis tournament for youngsters. Later in the day there were relays, swimming races, table tennis, a horseshoe pitching contest and a finale egg-throwing contest.
- Adult coed volleyball resumed.
- Men's basketball was initiated.
- Adult aerobic classes were held at the community center, led by resident Bernadette Lovato.
- A Halloween hayride on flat-bed trucks and pick-ups for youngsters was scheduled; 71 youngsters and 19 adults attended, sang as they were driven to the Eldorado Community Preserve, hiked to the East Line Camp to hear ghost stories and then later toasted marshmallows.
- In November, All-Hallows Day Festivities occurred at the Eldorado Elementary School. Youngsters played games including ducking for apples. Three teams of teenagers had a scavenger hunt around the neighborhood while adults square danced.
- At the November Garden Club meeting, David Henderson, Director of the Randall Davey Audubon Center presented a slide lecture on birds in our area

Philosophy

- Active residents in Eldorado's recreational activities are happier, healthier, friendlier and work-knowledgeable.

Objectives

- Create many and varied recreational opportunities for all ages based on resident interest and participation.
- Encourage interest and skill development in areas of fitness, art, crafts, music, educational, social and environmental concerns.
- Keep it simple and enjoyable - - start small.

Policies

- Volunteer workers only.
- All activities are free to all residents.
- Guests of residents are welcome from time to time and as long as their participation does not limit resident participation.
- A good number of interested participants establish program of activities.
- An activity may be led by non-resident as long as a resident sponsors the activity and it does not interfere with any resident led activity.
- Voluntary recreational activities take precedence over other activities for a profit.
- Maintenance Committee should seek input from recreation director regarding recreational facilities.

1986

Regular Ongoing Activities

Adult evening program meeting once a week at Eldorado Elementary School for coed volleyball, led by resident Paul Reindorf. Men's basketball, led by resident Glen Wieringa.

- Garden Meetings once a month. Resident Roscoe Chandler presented a slide show on wildflowers.
- Adult aerobic classes two times a week.

Special Events

- Easter Egg Hunt and games with 75 two- to ten-year olds.
- April 18, Kite Flying Social at the community center with 12 families.
- Fourth of July Parade with awards and games. Grand Marshall was Jetta Simpson, the previous owner of the Eldorado ranch property and first Eldorado Fire Chief. Over 100 people participated including military veterans, members of the league of Women Voters, ERA and ECIA boards. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, babies and young children, pets, horses with their owners and the Eldorado, Hondo Hills and Glorieta fire trucks.
- Fire Department Bar-B-Que with a 3k adult games and baby crawl.
- Halloween: hayride, hike and ghost stories.
- Christmas: caroling and social.

Summer Activities Tried

- Youth basketball, led by resident Ron Hart.
- Youth softball, led by resident Larry Smyth.
- Youth tennis, led by resident Marshall Little.
- Sunday afternoon volleyball and/or horseshoe pitching.
- Water volleyball, led by resident Tom Campbell.

1987

Regular Ongoing Activities

- Adult evening program included coed volleyball, men's basketball and badminton.
- Garden Meetings once a month. Supplied residents with grasshopper spore.
- Initiated resident garden tours in spring.
- Childrens' theater started in February, led by resident Cami Berg, included a Christmas play.

Special Events

- Easter Egg Hunt and games included 80 children, two to ten years old..
- Fourth of July Parade with awards and games. Grand Marshalls Jordon and Julia Weills, two of the earliest residents of Eldorado.
- July 24 - Music Fest at the community center, with instrumental music performed by Steve Rolig, Nancy Krier and Suzane Reindorf.
- August 24 Fire Department Bar-B-Que and games.
- Halloween Hayride and ghost stories for children. Adult wine & cheese with ghost stories.

Activities Tried Once

- Musical Fests in evening at the community center by resident musicians.
- Choral Group.
- Soapbox Derby.
- Summer activities program including family softball. recommended fitness trails around/near the community center or in greenbelts.

1988

Regular Ongoing Activities

- Adult evening program of coed volleyball and men's basketball.
- Adult aerobic classes, led by resident Bernadett Lovato.
- Childrens' theater performances given in December and May.
- Garden meetings continued with disbursement of grasshopper spore, garden tour, plant exchange and guest lectures.

Special Events:

- Easter Egg Hunt and games for 75 children.
- Fourth of July Parade with awards and games. Grand Marshall Gene West.
- August 7 Fun Dog Show with help of the Sangre de Cristo Kennel Club. Resident pets photo contest with prizes, led by Geri Tuck. Tried to organize a resident pet registration for lost and found pets and emphasize care of pets.
- Christmas caroling and social (ten adults and eight children attended).

Activities Tried Once

- Family kite-flying social.
- Kids' soccer.
- Fitness walking club.
- Bird-watching group.
- Men's social group.
- Girl's softball.
- Eldorado Fiesta Day Parade Float project.
- Halloween Party and hayride for grades 7-8-9.

1989

Regular Ongoing Activities

- Adult evening program of coed volleyball and men's basketball.
- Garden meetings now led by resident Master Gardener Marion Montgomery. Meetings scheduled every other week.
- Childrens' theater with performances in December and May.
- Adult aerobic exercise classes.
- Initiated yoga classes one or two times a week, led by Connie Manson. This activity only lasted a few months.

Special Events

- Easter Egg Hunt and games.

- October 28 worked with Eldorado Conservation Committee member Blythe Baebler and John Kenny for celebration hike. Named east trail and mesa after these two residents. Childrens' theater group entertained.
- Organized cross-country resident skiers to ski together and conclude with tailgate wine and cheese party. This worked two or three times during the winter.

Activities Tried Once

- Adult or teen tennis.
- May Day Celebration.
- Card & table game group.

1990

Regular Ongoing Activities

- Adult evening program of coed volleyball and men's basketball.
- Garden meeting and tour.
- Initiated a group of advanced bridge players on Friday afternoons two times a month, led by resident Pat MacQuesten.
- Childrens' theater took a few trips together.
- Initiated a list of interested cross-country skiers who, at a moment's notice and when there was enough snow in Eldorado, would go skiing followed by a wine and cheese tailgate social.

Special Events:

- Easter Egg Hunt and games for 100 children, two to nine years old.
- Fourth of July Parade with awards and games. Grand Marshall, resident Reg Dunstan, Editor of the Eldorado Sun.
- Christmas caroling and social with 16 residents attending.

Activities Tried Once

- Lecture workshop on "How to Survive," by resident Joe Steinborn.
- Earth Day/Spring Celebration Day.
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1991

Regular Ongoing Activities

- Adult evening program of coed volleyball and men's basketball.
- Garden meetings and tour.
- Initiated Ladies' Golf Group, led by Mary Sheppard. Group traveled together to local golf course.
- Fridays, advanced bridge group.
- Organized artists and crafts people in Eldorado to meet last Wednesday of every month; led by resident Arlene Siegel.

Special Events

- Easter Egg Hunt and games.
- Fourth of July Parade with awards and games.
- Started Adopt-A-Road litter control program in spring (in conjunction with Earth Day) and in the fall. Free trash bags, coffee and donuts, mariachi music and plant-a-tree seedlings.
- Initiated, again, a list of interested cross-country skiers who, on short notice with enough snow in Eldorado, would go skiing . . . (no snow to ski).

1992

Regular Ongoing Activities

- Adult evening program of coed volleyball and men's basketball.
- Garden meetings and tour February 6, special reception and book-signing. Slide show and lecture on Southwest Landscaping by Judith Phillips.
- Artists and craftsmen meetings and studio tours.

- Adult tennis organized by resident Lou Matta.
- Friday bridge group continues.

Special Events

- February 29, Make a Difference Day hike for 47 participants coordinated with wilderness course.
- Easter Egg Hunt and games for 86 children.
- Adopt-A-Road litter control program coordinated with Santa Fe County. Eldorado was one of the first communities to coordinate with county department. Fourth of July Parade with awards and games. Honored the Girl Scouts 75 years.
- Initiated a new pre-school childrens' special program under the leadership of resident Linda Incardini with storytelling, movement and rhythms class and t-ball soccer.
- Adopt-A-Road fall program.
- Christmas caroling and social. Coordinated special preschool program with tree-lighting ceremony and party.

1993

Regular Ongoing Activities

- Adult evening programs of coed volleyball and men's basketball.
- Garden meetings and tour.
- Adult tennis club with tournaments.
- Artists and craftsmen meetings and tour.
- Special preschool childrens' program including movement and rhythm classes, Victorian Tea Party & Fashion Show, garden club, child care babysitting workshop, jump rope club, soccer and t-ball, storytelling, bookworm gifts.
- Swim club.
- Ladies' golf and Friday bridge. Wednesday beginning bridge.

Special Events:

- Easter Egg Hunt and games.
- Adopt-A-Road Litter Control spring and fall; 92 families and four businesses participated.
- Christmas caroling and social.

Initiated New Activities

- In January, every other Thursday morning, a "Koffee Klatch" coffee social at the community center.
- In February, Senior Citizens program, led by resident Tony Garcia. Meetings to organize with help from the Santa Fe county.

1994

Regular Ongoing Activities

- Adult evening program of coed volleyball and men's basketball.
- Garden meetings and tour.
- Artists and Craftsmen meetings and tour.
- Special preschool childrens' program, including movement and rhythm, soccer, babysitting, bookworm.
- Friday, advanced bridge; Wednesday beginning bridge.
- Every other Tuesday, Koffee Klatch at community center.
- Adult Tennis Club play and tournaments.

Special Events

- Easter Egg Hunt and games.
- Adopt-A-Road Litter Control, spring and fall.
- Fourth of July Parade with awards and games. Grand Marshall, resident Ruth Jacobs, editor/owner of the Eldorado Sun.

- Christmas caroling and social.

New Activities

- Initiated the T.G.I.F. Party-Social, Friday, March 18 with 60 participating and on Friday, October 28.
- Continued to try to organize a Senior Citizens program.
- Organize a bicycle group.
- Musical impromptu at the community center in early evening on the patio.

1995

- Arlene Mayer, Recreation Director, takes a leave of absence for a year.
- Regular on-going activities continue.

Special Events

- Easter Egg Hunt and Fourth of July Parade are offered by the ECIA board.
- Special preschool childrens' program loses its leader and program of activities.

