

February 2022 – Latest News

North 14 Forum becomes the fiscal sponsor for the newly formed East Mountains Protection Action Coalition (EMPAC), supporting their efforts against the resurrected Campbell Ranch development Master Plan.

In January 2022, the North 14 Forum agreed to support to the **East Mountains Protection Action Coalition (EMPAC)** by becoming its fiscal sponsor, conveying tax deductible donation status for donations made to their efforts. EMPAC is a newly formed grass roots organization whose focus is primarily the problems that the proposed Campbell Ranch development would bring to our community.

The Deep Well Protest, also under the fiscal sponsorship of the North 14 Forum, continues to work on protecting our community's water resources and, with SPCE-HOA and Bernalillo County, is still engaged in the 10+ year old ongoing legal case against Aquifer Science that is winding its way to the NM Court of Appeals. (www.DeepWellProtest.ORG)

We also promised our Deep Well Protest supporters that, once the new group was formed, we would let everyone know how to connect with them. So, here it is:

TO GET ON THE EMPAC EMAIL LIST, go to <https://theempac.org/> and use the CONTACT tab.

Note: Deep Well may occasionally also send out EMPAC related notices to our Deep Well supporters.

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE SUCH NOTICES FROM DEEP WELL, PLEASE JUST DROP US AN EMAIL TO OPT OUT! (DeepwellProtest@gmail.com)

EMPAC – Origin and Purpose:

In September 2021, Campbell Ranch requested permission from the Town of Edgewood to amend their 20+ year old Master Plan. It still plans for 4000 houses, a golf course and resort. They still do not have a water source for the entire development, but they propose to get water for the first 200+ houses from means other than the contested wells. Campbell also put Village 1 for sale. It is the only piece of the development that Edgewood did not annex...so it is still Bernalillo County jurisdiction.

Part of the amendment allows Campbell to sell off 50+ acre pieces of the land to individual developers who would then be responsible for developing the necessary infrastructure (waste water, roads, fire, police, water supply, etc) in a piecemeal fashion with questionable oversight. This seems a recipe for disaster.

While Deep Well Protest fights the Appeals Court water battle, EMPAC has organized itself to challenge Edgewood's approval of these amendments and the impact that this development, as proposed, would have on the East Mountain community. EMPAC plans to target the many unsustainable components of the amended Master Plan, including water.

The East Mountains Protection Action Coalition (EMPAC) is currently focused on the Edgewood Planning & Zoning's September 29, 2021 approval of the amended Campbell Ranch Master Plan. The EMPAC founders decided they could not simply stand by and watch this new, poorly planned Campbell Ranch development proceed without significant improvements to their plan.

- EMPAC's purpose and intent is to fight irresponsible and unsustainable development in the East Mountains.
- EMPAC filed an appeal in November 2021 to the Edgewood Commission outlining 3 Errors and 2 demonstrations of Abuse of Discretion in the Planning & Zoning Commission's process of approving the amended Master Plan.
- EMPAC has retained a land-use attorney who is currently reviewing the appeal preparation.

- EMPAC is waiting to hear from the Edgewood Commission's schedule for an appeal hearing date and that hearing's format. Your presence at the public hearing is key to let the Commissioners of the Town of Edgewood understand that we are opposed to this kind of irresponsible development.
- EMPAC is working with the San Pedro Creek Estates Homeowner's Association (SPCE-HOA) who also filed an appeal. The SPCE-HOA is part of EMPAC's coalition and has worked over the past 20-years to protect the groundwater of the Sandia Basin in the East Mountains.
- EMPAC is registered with the State of New Mexico as a Non-Profit Corporation (6723799).
- EMPAC is accepting tax deductible donations enabled by N14 Forum's fiscal sponsorship. Your donations to EMPAC will be used to pay for legal expenses, information sharing, and community educational expenses.
- EMPAC is asking North 14 Forum Deep Well Protest supporters to attend the upcoming appeal hearing either in person or virtually. We will send you an announcement as soon as the Town of Edgewood informs us of the hearing date. Please plan to join us.

EMPAC's website <https://theempac.org/> contains important information and will be used as the primary means of communication and information sharing. Visit the website and study the appeal, educate yourself on the Campbell Ranch plans, their East Mountains history, FAQs, resource documentation and news reports, provide feedback and offer your support.

Important – To directly subscribe to the EMPAC email list go to <https://theempac.org/> and use the CONTACT tab. EMPAC will let you know when the future appeal date is set. Your attendance, either in person or virtually, would let Edgewood know that the community has serious issues with this development. Please sign up and offer your support to EMPAC.

Website donation: <https://theempac.org/donate/>

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