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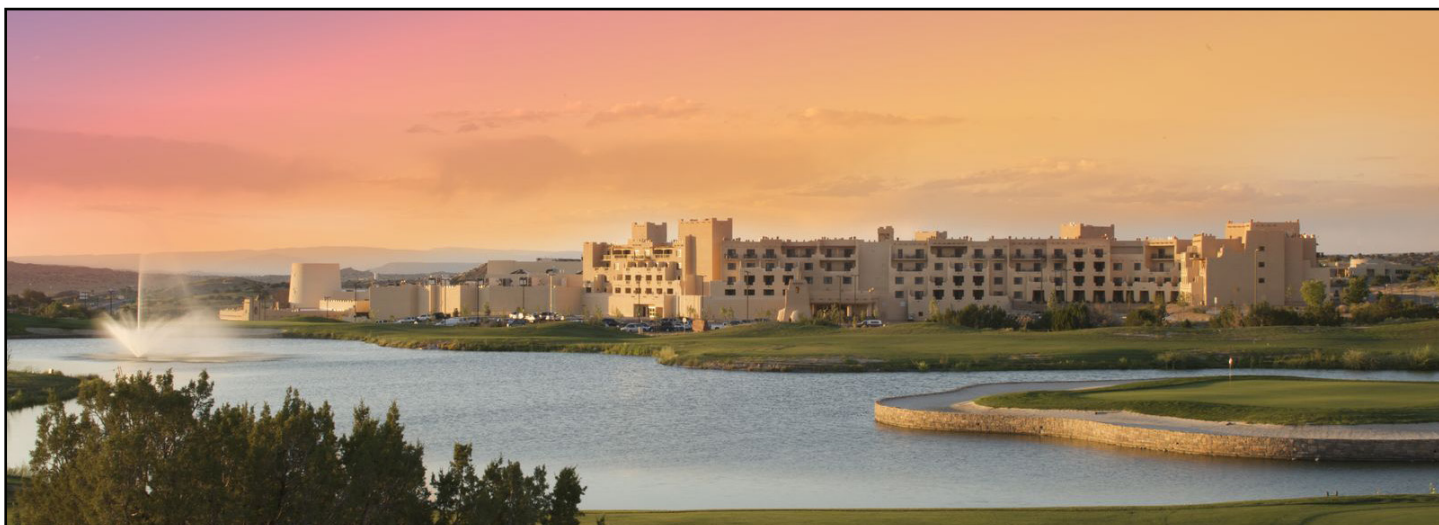


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Conference Agenda

Tuesday, November 5 - Conference Morning Session - Pueblo Ballroom

- 8:00 AM BREAKFAST, CHECK-IN, POSTER SETUP, AND WALK-IN REGISTRATION
- 9:00 WELCOMING REMARKS
Sam Fernald, NM Water Resources Research Institute Director
- 9:10 KEYNOTE PANEL: BUILDING NEW MEXICO'S WATER WORKFORCE BENCH
John Romero, NM Office of the State Engineer
Sarita Nair, NM Department of Workforce Solutions
Dylan Lange, NM State Personnel Office
- 10:00 MORNING BREAK

Concurrent Session 1: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

	Vista Room	Barranca A Room	Barranca B Room	Caldera A Room	Caldera B Room
Theme	Young Water Professionals	Environmental Justice	Water Administration	Infrastructure	Watershed Restoration and Land Management
10:30	Anjali Bean , Western Resource Advocates	Shaleene Chavarria , U.S. Geological Survey	Jerri Pohl , NM Office of the State Engineer	(10:30) Rebecca Roose , NM Office of the Governor	Dean Bruce , NMDA's Healthy Soil Program
				(10:55) Andres Delgado , NMED Construction Programs Bureau	
11:00	(Cancelled)	Nicole Herman-Mercer , USGS Social Research Scientist	Katie Zemlick , NM Office of the State Engineer	(11:20) Emily Worthen , NMED Drinking Water Bureau	Genevieve Allen , U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
11:30	(Cancelled)	Heather Himmelberger , Southwest Environmental Finance Center	(Cancelled)	(11:45) Angelina Grey , NW NM Council of Governments	Alan Hook , City of Santa Fe Water Division
12:00			Hon. Manuel Arrieta , NM Third Judicial District	(12:10) Sushil Chaundhary , NM OSE Dam Safety Bureau	

12:30 PM LUNCH IN PUEBLO 1 BALLROOM

Tuesday November 5 - Conference Afternoon Session

Concurrent Session 2: 1:30pm to 3:00 pm

	Vista Room	Barranca A Room	Barranca B Room	Caldera A Room	Caldera B Room
Theme	Youth Engagement	Water Quality	Water Work Force	Emerging Clean Water Act Issues	Watershed Restoration and Land Management
1:30	Amon Haruta, ¡Explora!	John Rhoderick, NM Environment Department	John Romero, NM Office of the State Engineer	Colleen Cunningham, NM Office of the State Engineer	Jay Lazarus, Glorieta Geoscience
2:00	Sarah Cerra, Alamogordo Highschool	Conner Murray Hazen and Sawyer	Nathan Friedman, NM Dept of Workforce Solutions	Shelly Lemon, NM Environment Department	Kate Zeigler, Zeigler Geologic Consulting
2:30	Alexandra Griffitts, NM Acequia Association	Justin Nichols, U.S. Geological Survey			
		Erin Gray, U.S. Geological Survey	Susan Pelletier, NM Rural Water Association	Daniel Landeros, U.S. EPA	Martha Cooper, The Nature Conservancy
		Kim Beisner, U.S. Geological Survey			

3:30 WATER CONFERENCE POSTER SESSION (PUEBLO FOYER)

5:00 ADJORN DAY 1

Wednesday November 6 - Conference Morning Session - Pueblo Ballroom

8:00 AM BREAKFAST, CHECK-IN, AND WALK-IN REGISTRATION

9:00 UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER
Elizabeth Anderson, NM Office of the State Engineer

9:30 TEXAS V. NEW MEXICO UPDATE
Nat Chakeres, NM Office of the State Engineer

10:00 NM ISC REGIONAL WATER PLANNING PROCESS
Sara Fox, NM Interstate Stream Commission

10:30 BREAK

11:00 NM WRII PROGRAM AND PROJECTS

12:00 PM CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJORN CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE & EVENT ROOMS FLOOR MAP KEY

- MEETING / CONFERENCE ROOMS
- AMENITIES
- PUBLIC SPACE
- PRIVATE SPACE



Special Thanks to Our Presenters!

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Elizabeth Anderson, NM State Engineer

Hon. Manuel Arrieta, NM Third Judicial District

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