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Water Trust Board Meeting Minutes
October 29th, 2024
New Mexico State Capitol, Room 322
490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Members Present:

Elizabeth Anderson, Chair	NM State Engineer
AJ Forte, Vice Chair	NM Municipal League
Joy Esparsen	NM Counties
Mark Thompson (via zoom)	NM Indian Affairs Department
Marquita Russel	CEO, NM Finance Authority
Tonantzin Roybal	Designee, NM Department of Finance & Administration
Julie Maitland	Designee, NM Department of Agriculture
Jason John (via zoom)	Designee, Navajo Nation
Albert Chang (via zoom)	Designee, NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Dept.
Steven Deal (via zoom)	Designee, NM Environment Department
Brent Van Dyke (via zoom)	Soil & Water Conservation District Representative

Absent:

Timothy McGinn	Irrigation/Conservancy District Ground-Water Rep.
Greg Alpers	Irrigation/Conservancy District Ground-Surface Rep.
Priscilla Lucero	Environmental Community Representative
Michael Sloane, Secretary	Director, NM Department of Game & Fish

New Mexico Finance Authority Staff:

Anthony Maestas	Fernando Martinez Jr.
Angela Quintana	Kryshana Madrid
Charlotte Larragoite (via zoom)	Michael Vonderheide (via zoom)
Dan Opperman	Sharon Romero
Erika Falance	

Guests:

Alan Hook	City of Santa Fe
Charles Thomas	Petroglyph Consulting
James Alarid	Los Alamos County
Jennifer Baca	Los Alamos County
Javier Perea	City of Sunland Park
Kimberly Redhorse	Wilson & Company
Larry Pierce	GZA GeoEnvironment
Mario Juarez-Infante	City of Sunland Park

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.** Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was established.
- 2. Approval of Agenda. Member Forte moved, seconded by Member Russel, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 11-0.**
- 3. Approval of Board Minutes.**
 - 3.1 Member Esparsen moved, seconded by Member Russel, for approval of the October 7-8, 2024, minutes. The motion passed 11-0.**
- 4. 2025 Application Cycle, Recommendation of Projects for Legislative Authorization. Ms. Angela Quintana** presented 84 applications for projects to be recommended to the Legislature for authorization for potential funding from the Water Project Fund, totaling more than \$256 million. Projects recommended to the Legislature will be invited to complete a Readiness Application that initiates a review of regulatory compliance, including mandatory spending of prior WTB awards. Applicants who have open WTB awards from 2023 or prior must submit requisitions by January 23, 2025, to be counted towards the Final Expenditure Target. All applicants will be notified, as part of the readiness application process, if they have not passed their compliance requirements and will be given until March 14, 2025, to either show evidence of compliance or submit a waiver that provides justification for the compliance request.

The WTB Project Management Team will review the waiver requests and make recommendations to the WTB and Project Review Committee. Staff expects to present the waiver requests to the Board in early April 2025 and recommend final funding to the Board at the April 22, 2025, meeting. The Project Review Committee has reviewed and concurs with staff’s recommendations.

4.1 Water Conservation or Treatment, Recycling and Reuse Projects:

- WPF-6541 City of Alamogordo; Reclaimed water transmission line replacement.
- WPF-6545 Albuquerque Bernalillo CWUA; Arsenic Treatment facility ph. I.
- WPF-6578 Pueblo of Isleta; Effluent storage tank and water station.
- WPF-6557 City of Deming; WWTP improvements.
- WPF-6603 Rosedale MDWCA; Water meters.
- WPF-6585 Village of Los Ranchos; Agri-Nature center irrigation lining.

4.2 Flood Prevention Projects:

- WPF-6619 City of Sunland Park; Carlos Aguirre flood control
- WPF-6562 Dona Ana County; Dragonfly Channel Ph. 4
- WPF-6555 Village of Columbus; NE Channel Ph. II
- WPF-6589 McKinley County; CR32B Purty Rock drainage improvements
- WPF-6606 Village of Ruidoso; Alto Lake Dam spillway
- WPF-6618 City of Sunland Park; Edgemont subdivision flood control
- WPF-6616 Southern Sandoval CAFCA; Sportsplex Dam outlet rehab
- WPF-6621 City of Truth or Consequences; Cantrell Dam and storm drainage
- WPF-6543 City of Albuquerque; John St. Pond/drainage improvements
- WPF-6552 Cibola County; CR7 & 8 drainage improvements
- WPF-6622 Upper Rio Grande WD; Sebastian Martin Black Mesa dam site 1
- WPF-6558 City of Deming; Milo Neighborhood flood prevention
- WPF-6587 Luna County; Yuma/Maverick flood prevention

4.3 Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery Projects:

- WPF-6576 City of Gallup; Water supply Reach 27.12
- WPF-6610 San Luis Cabezón MDWCA; Water system improvements
- WPF-6586 Lumberton MDWCA; Water system improvements
- WPF-6601 Rio Embudo MDWCA; Water system improvements
- WPF-6600 Rio Chiquita MDWCA; Water storage tank
- WPF-6549 City of Bloomfield; Second source water supply
- WPF-6613 City of Santa Fe; McClure dam repair
- WPF-6577 Flora Vista MDWA; Jenkins Ranch line extension
- WPF-6590 Mescalero Apache Tribe; State potable water well #1
- WPF-6599 Regina MDWCA; Water system improvements
- WPF-6546 City of Aztec; S. Aztec water transmission lines
- WPF-6573 City of Farmington; La Plata waterline project
- WPF-6574 Flora Vista MDWA; Rd. 3125 line extension
- WPF-6575 Flora Vista MDWA; Rd. 3536 line extension
- WPF-6620 City of Texico; Water system project
- WPF-6565 Eastern NMWUA; Raw water pipeline conveyance/facilities
- WPF-6551 Cedar Creek MDWCA; Water system improvements
- WPF-6567 El Valle de Los Ranchos WSD; Phase 3C water Project
- WPF-6579 City of Las Cruces; Lead/Copper service line replacement
- WPF-6591 Middle Rio Grande CD; Feeder 3 pump station
- WPF-6597 City of Portales; Wellfield improvements
- WPF-6566 El Valle de Los Ranchos WSD; Multi-community interconnection
- WPF-6540 Acoma Pueblo; Skyline storage tank project
- WPF-6598 Quemado Lake WA; Water system improvements
- WPF-6604 City of Ruidoso Downs; Colorado and Utah lane improvements
- WPF-6542 City of Alamogordo; Waterline replacement

- WPF-6593 Pena Blanca WSD; Waterline replacement
- WPF-6605 Village of Ruidoso; Wingfield Homestead water replacement
- WPF-6570 City of Espanola; Prince 2 Carter well
- WPF-6588 Lybrook MDWCA; Water system improvements
- WPF-6614 Sile MDWCA; Water system improvements
- WPF-6568 EMWT Regional WA; Ph. 1 McIntosh water
- WPF-6572 Town of Estancia; New well and water system improvement
- WPF-6592 Nogal MDWCA; Water supply project
- WPF-6594 Peñasco MDWC&MSWA; Water system improvement
- WPF-6596 City of Portales; Water storage system improvement
- WPF-6608 Village of Ruidoso; Two Rivers raw water intake/transmission lines
- WPF-6553 Village of Cloudcroft; Water storage
- WPF-6581 City of Las Cruces; SCADA replacement
- WPF-6615 Sky Country Estates MDWCA; Water system improvements
- WPF-6547 Town of Bernalillo; Calle del Norte waterline
- WPF-6548 Blanco MDWC&MSWA; Replacement transmission lines
- WPF-6550 Bosque Gardens MDWCA; Water system improvements
- WPF-6595 Pendaries Village MDWCA; Water system improvements
- WPF-6611 San Luis Cabezon MDWCA; Well improvements
- WPF-6569 City of Espanola; Riverside waterline improvements
- WPF-6617 Storrie Project WUA; Ph. II water project
- WPF-6602 Rio Lucio MDWCA; New well project
- WPF-6571 City of Espanola; Tank rehabilitation
- WPF-6584 Los Alamos County; Townsite 14” waterline replacement
- WPF-6582 Village of Logan; Canadian River water pipeline
- WPF-6583 Los Alamos County; San Ildefonso rd. waterline replacements
- WPF-6607 Village of Ruidoso; Redrilling of Hollywood well
- WPF-6559 City of Deming; Potable water system
- WPF-6560 City of Deming; Copper Tin waterline replacement
- WPF-6563 Dona Ana MDWCA; Water tank rehab
- WPF-6580 City of Las Cruces; Del Sol water tank rehab.
- WPF-6564 Dona Ana MDWCA; Water well replacement
- WPF-6544 City of Albuquerque; Puerto del Sol golf course irrigation renovation
- WPF-6556 Village of Columbus; Water system PER
- WPF-6561 Village of Des Moines; Water system improvements
- WPF-6612 City of Santa Fe; San Juan-Chama return flow project **(The City will need to pass a resolution in order to submit a Readiness Application).**

4.4 Watershed Restoration and Management Projects:

- WPF-6623 Ute Creek SWCD; Canadian River watershed
- WPF-6554 Colfax SWCD; Fire Mitigation

- WPF-6609 San Juan SWCD; San Juan Basin watershed restoration

Staff recommends all 84 applications be recommended to the Legislature for authorization for potential funding from the Water Project Fund. Discussion ensued with staff answering questions from the Board.

Member Roybal moved, seconded by Member Maitland for approval of 84 applications as presented. The motion passed on a roll call vote 11-0.

5. Proposed Next Meeting:

- ◆ Policy Committee and WTB meeting for Policy Recommendation - To be Determined.
- ◆ March 25, 2025, 2:00 p.m., WTB Project Review Committee (Via zoom)
- ◆ April 2, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Water Trust Board – Waiver Request Consideration (Policy/Regulatory) – TBD
- ◆ April 17, 2025, 2:00 p.m., WTB Project Review Committee (Via Zoom)
- ◆ April 22, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Water Trust Board - WTB 2025 Funding Recommendations - TBD

6. Adjournment. Member Esparsen moved, seconded by Member Forte for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



Secretary

12 / 23 / 2024

Date