

# New Mexico Water Trust Board

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## 2025 Annual Report

December 1, 2025



City of Clovis – Phase 2B Effluent Reuse

## Introduction

The Water Trust Board (“WTB”) was established by the 2001 Legislature through the enactment of the Water Project Finance Act (the “Act”). The statutory purpose of the 16-member Board is to provide for water use efficiency, resource conservation and protection, and the fair distribution and allocation of New Mexico’s scarce water resources for beneficial purposes within the state. The WTB’s current composition includes the following members:

**Elizabeth Anderson**, New Mexico State Engineer, *Chair (Oct. 2024 – present)*

**A.J. Forte**, Executive Director, New Mexico Municipal League, *Vice-Chair*

**Michael Sloane**, Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, *Secretary*

**Greg Alpers**, Representative, Irrigation or Conservancy District – Surface Water

**Joy Esparsen**, Executive Director, New Mexico Counties

**James Kenney**, Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department

**Priscilla Lucero**, Representative, Environmental Community

**Timothy D. McGinn**, Representative, Irrigation or Conservancy District – Ground Water

**Dr. Buu Nygren**, President, Navajo Nation

**Melanie A. Kenderdine**, Secretary, Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

**Wayne Propst**, Secretary, Department of Finance and Administration

**Marquita Russel**, Chief Executive Officer, New Mexico Finance Authority

**Mark Thompson**, New Mexico Indian Affairs Department Appointee

**Jeff Witte**, Secretary, Department of Agriculture

**VACANT**, Representative, Acequia Water Users

The WTB recommends qualifying water projects to the Legislature for financing by the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) from the Water Project Fund (the “Fund”). In 2007, the WTB established policies to aid in the effective management of the program. These policies set the following goals:

- Devise and implement a systematic, integrated approach to selecting qualified projects that are fiscally sustainable and natural-resource responsible;
- Encourage participation in regional efforts to collaborate on long-term solutions with other community water systems in an appropriate geographic region;
- Promote conservation and highly efficient use of the state’s limited water supplies;
- Set standards for funding based on sound business practices, conservation and efficiency;
- Support the public health and economic vitality of New Mexico through comprehensive planning and investment in infrastructure;
- Create water delivery systems that are hydrologically and fiscally sustainable and meet state and federal statutory and regulatory requirements;
- Protect New Mexico’s investment in water by requiring accountability and stability, thereby decreasing the future demand for state funding; and
- Promote restoration and management of watersheds, including water quality improvements, riparian ecosystem restoration, Endangered Species Act protection and healthy forest initiatives.



Before

After

NM EMNRD – Tiffany Fire Rehabilitation Phase II

## Water Project Fund

Pursuant to the Act, NMFA may make loans and grants from the Water Project Fund to qualified entities for projects prioritized by the WTB, authorized by the Legislature, and on terms and conditions established by NMFA. By statute, six types of projects may be funded from the Water Project Fund:

1. Storage, conveyance or delivery of water to end users;
2. Implementation of federal Endangered Species Act collaborative programs;
3. Restoration and management of watersheds;
4. Flood prevention;
5. Water conservation or recycling, treatment or reuse of water;
6. Wastewater conveyance and treatment (*beginning in the 2026 cycle*).

## Water Project Fund Activity in FY 2025

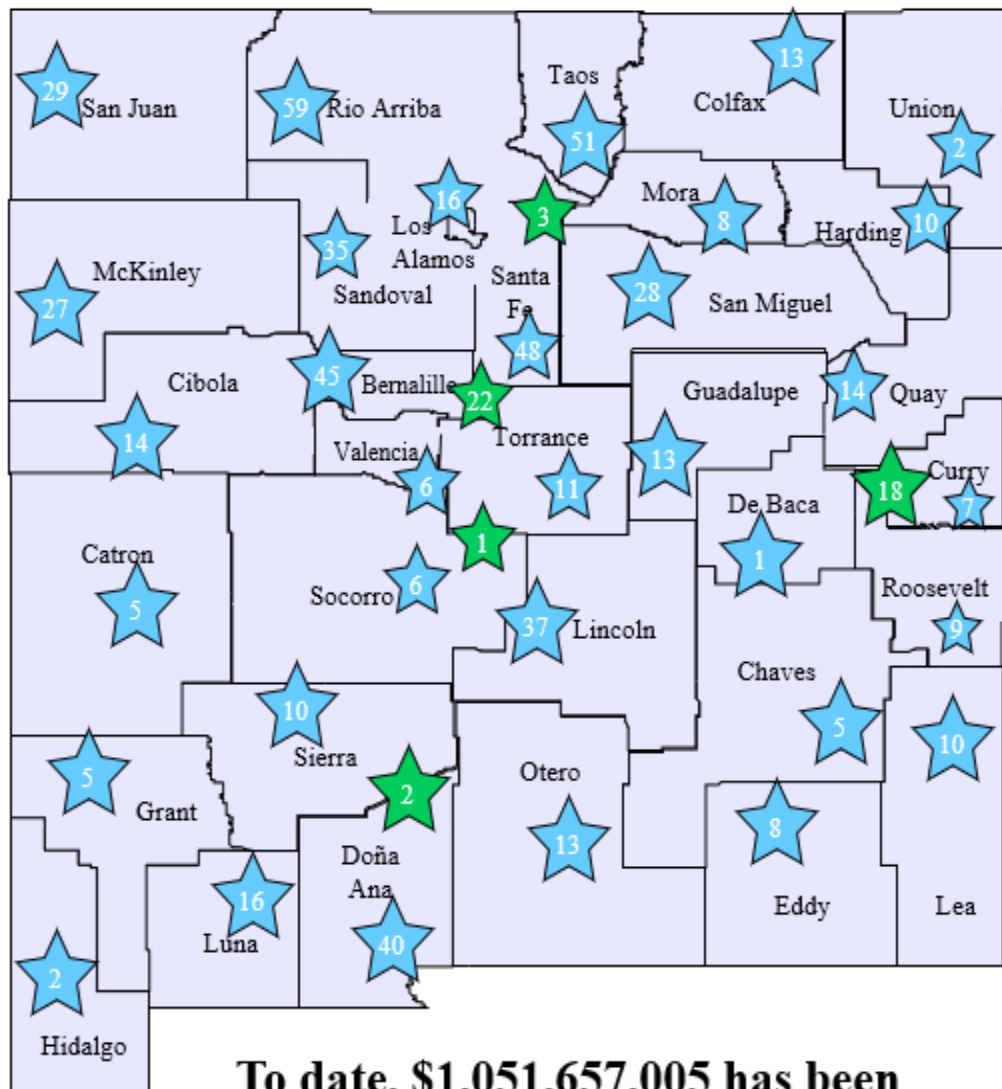
In FY 2025, NMFA closed 43 Water Trust Board funding agreements, and 25 projects were certified as complete. In addition, approximately \$76.8 million of WPF funds were disbursed in FY 2025 for eligible project costs.



Los Alamos County – NM State Rd. 4 Water Transmission Line Replacement

Pursuant to the Act, NMFA may recover from the fund costs of administration. NMFA reimburses from repayments of loan components from previously issued projects, administrative costs including personnel, operating expenses, professional services, and engineering and construction oversight.

# Water Trust Board Projects



**To date, \$1,051,657,005 has been awarded by the Water Trust Board to 207 entities**

## Water Trust Board Projects Funded by County

<b>County</b>	<b># of Awards</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bernalillo	45	\$113,252,197
Catron	5	\$916,731
Chaves	5	\$19,026,061
Cibola	14	\$18,790,788
Colfax	13	\$8,981,609
Curry	7	\$18,685,906
De Baca	1	\$385,000
Doña Ana	40	\$67,846,586
Eddy	8	\$10,054,372
Grant	5	\$1,296,349
Guadalupe	13	\$9,971,689
Harding	10	\$5,557,143
Hidalgo	2	\$1,232,781
Lea	10	\$22,469,908
Lincoln	37	\$42,046,091
Los Alamos	16	\$23,637,260
Luna	16	\$13,548,516
McKinley	27	\$85,256,229
Mora	8	\$5,737,798
<b>Multi Counties</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>\$138,989,442</b>
Otero	13	\$19,824,210
Quay	14	\$13,847,448
Rio Arriba	59	\$53,036,734
Roosevelt	9	\$29,111,940
San Juan	29	\$52,400,713
San Miguel	28	\$42,084,951
Sandoval	35	\$33,872,680
Santa Fe	48	\$67,471,233
Sierra	10	\$29,538,277
Socorro	6	\$7,284,222
Taos	51	\$65,717,659
Torrance	11	\$23,589,050
Union	2	\$2,422,518
Valencia	6	\$3,772,914
<b>Total</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>\$1,051,657,005</b>

*Prepared by NMFA Staff August 2025*

## 2025 Funding Cycle

Pursuant to WTB rules, applications submitted by qualified entities for qualified projects are evaluated prior to the WTB recommending projects to the Legislature for authorization. As part of the evaluations, applicants are required to meet certain application standards, which include mandatory planning documents, and a Preliminary Expenditure Target that was first introduced in the 2017 application cycle.

The WTB application cycles are structured as a two-part cycle: 1) Project Application; and 2) Readiness Application.

From July 15 to September 16, 2024, NMFA received 102 Notices of Intent to file an application. On September 16, 2024, 84 applications totaling more than \$256 million were filed.



Otis MDWC&SWA – Waterline Looping

On October 7, 2024, nineteen applicants submitted waiver requests (5 - planning; 14 Preliminary Expenditure Target). The WTB approved all the waiver requests. 84 applications moved forward for review, and all were recommended to the Legislature for authorization.

Pursuant to WTB policies, applicants that are recommended for funding are required to demonstrate compliance with relevant regulations and WTB policies at the time their Readiness Applications are submitted. Three agencies, the New Mexico Environment Department-Drinking Water Bureau, Office of the State Engineer and NMFA, determine compliance for the WTB projects.

## **2025 Water Project Fund**

The Water Project Fund (“WPF”) receives annually a 9% earmark of the Senior Severance Tax Bonds (“STBs”) and a \$4 million distribution from the Water Trust Fund (“WTF”). From these amounts, 10% has historically been sent to the Office of the State Engineer (“OSE”) and Administrative Office of the Courts for adjudication purposes. In the 2024 Legislative Session, HB211 reduced the funds to OSE with a \$4 million CAP and provided a 2% set-aside for the Courts for the next five years, the 2025 cycle is year two. Pursuant to WTB policies, the maximum amount a single project can receive is 15% of the total available funding, or approximately \$20 million for the FY 2025 application cycle. In the 2025 Legislative Session, HB2 appropriated an additional \$200 million to the WPF for legislatively authorized projects in the 2025 and 2026 WTB funding cycles.

On April 22, 2025, the Water Trust Board awarded 60 projects in the amount of \$146,603,384. Due to the timing of the award decisions, ten applicants (18 applications) could not be awarded and certified due to not meeting regulatory compliance with the EO-Compliance/State Audit Rule (9) and OSE compliance (1). Some of these applications were prioritized in the higher range of their project types. The WTB extended the compliance deadline for funding consideration for these 18 applications until July 31, 2025, as part of a 2<sup>nd</sup> iteration. The Board postponed the funding decision for the remaining balance of available funds (\$11,241,945 + \$200 million-HB2) until August 2025.

On August 27, 2025, fourteen additional projects under the 2<sup>nd</sup> funding iteration were awarded in the amount of \$62,197,765. The remaining balance of \$149 million (HB2) will be awarded in the 2026 WTB funding cycle.

2025 WTB Recommended Project List for Legislative Authorization as Approved by WTB on  
October 29, 2024

Project #	Applicant	County	Project Name	Amount Requested
<b>Water Conservation</b>				
WPF-6545	ABCWUA	Bernalillo	Arsenic Treatment Facilities Ph. I	\$ 14,000,000
WPF-6541	Alamogordo, City of	Otero	Replacement of reclaimed water transmission line	\$ 3,035,050
WPF-6557	Deming, City of	Luna	WWTP improvements Class 1A reuse	\$ 3,500,000
WPF-6578	Isleta, Pueblo of	Bernalillo	Effluent storage tank/bulk water station	\$ 2,400,213
WPF-6585	Los Ranchos, Village of	Bernalillo	Agri-Nature center irrigation lining	\$ 585,000
WPF-6603	Rosedale MDWCA	Grant	Water system improvements-meters	\$ 312,359
<b>Flood Prevention</b>				
WPF-6543	Albuquerque, City of	Bernalillo	John St. pond/drainage improvements	\$ 6,160,000
WPF-6552	Cibola County	Cibola	CR7 & 8 drainage improvements	\$ 450,000
WPF-6555	Columbus, Village of	Luna	NE Channel Ph. II	\$ 1,000,000
WPF-6558	Deming, City of	Luna	Milo Neighborhood flood prevention	\$ 214,000
WPF-6562	Dona Ana County	Dona Ana	Dragonfly Channel Ph. 4	\$ 6,000,000
WPF-6587	Luna County	Luna	Yuma/Maverick flood prevention	\$ 450,000
WPF-6589	McKinley County	McKinley	CR32B Purty Rock drainage	\$ 2,563,638
WPF-6606	Ruidoso, Village of	Lincoln	Alto Lake Dam Spillway	\$ 237,500
WPF-6616	Southern Sandoval County AFCA	Sandoval	Sportsplex Dam outlet rehabilitation	\$ 500,000
WPF-6619	Sunland Park, City of	Dona Ana	Carlos Aguirre flood control	\$ 3,500,000
WPF-6618	Sunland Park, City of	Dona Ana	Edgemont subdivision flood control	\$ 500,000
WPF-6621	Truth or Consequences, City of	Sierra	Cantrell Dam breach drainage	\$ 8,090,000
WPF-6622	Upper Rio Grande WD	Rio Arriba	SMBM Dam Site #1	\$ 350,000
<b>Water Storage</b>				
WPF-6540	Acoma Pueblo	Cibola	Skyline storage tank project	\$ 4,378,000
WPF-6542	Alamogordo, City of	Otero	Waterline replacement-Granada Hills area	\$ 3,083,455
WPF-6544	Albuquerque, City of	Bernalillo	Puerto del Sol Golf course irrigation renovation	\$ 3,000,000
WPF-6546	Aztec, City of	San Juan	South Aztec water transmission line	\$ 1,741,470
WPF-6547	Bernalillo, Town of	Sandoval	Calle del Norte waterline	\$ 280,000
WPF-6548	Blanco MDWC & MSWA	San Juan	Replacement of transmission lines	\$ 2,450,000
WPF-6549	Bloomfield, City of	San Juan	Second source water supply	\$ 277,577
WPF-6550	Bosque Garden MDWCA	Valencia	Water system improvements	\$ 3,225,000
WPF-6551	Cedar Creek MDWCA	Lincoln	Water system improvements	\$ 500,000
WPF-6553	Clouderoft, Village of	Otero	Water storage	\$ 1,032,000
WPF-6556	Columbus, Village of	Luna	Water system PER	\$ 137,500
WPF-6559	Deming, City of	Luna	Revitalize potable water system	\$ 760,000
WPF-6560	Deming, City of	Luna	Copper tin waterline replacement	\$ 840,000
WPF-6561	Des Moines, Village of	Union	Water system improvements	\$ 422,518
WPF-6563	Dona Ana MDWCA	Dona Ana	Water tank rehab	\$ 623,958
WPF-6564	Dona Ana MDWCA	Dona Ana	Water well replacement	\$ 1,000,000
WPF-6565	Eastern New Mexico WUA	Curry	Raw Water pipeline conveyance & facilities	\$ 18,700,000
WPF-6567	El Valle de Los Ranchos WSD	Taos	Phase 3C water project	\$ 1,000,000
WPF-6566	El Valle de Los Ranchos WSD	Taos	Regional multi-community interconnection	\$ 500,000
WPF-6568	EMWT Regional Water Association	Torrance	Ph. 1 McIntosh water	\$ 14,000,000

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<b>Water Storage - continued</b>				
WPF-6570	Espanola, City of	Rio Arriba	Prince 2 Carter well	\$ 2,710,000
WPF-6569	Espanola, City of	Rio Arriba	Riverside waterline improvements	\$ 14,600,000
WPF-6571	Espanola, City of	Rio Arriba	Tank Rehabilitation	\$ 278,000
WPF-6572	Estancia, Town of	Torrance	New well and water system improv.	\$ 4,500,000
WPF-6573	Farmington, City of	San Juan	La Plata waterline project	\$ 8,717,363
WPF-6577	Flora Vista MDWA	San Juan	Jenkins Ranch line extension	\$ 323,625
WPF-6574	Flora Vista MDWA	San Juan	Rd. 3125 line extension	\$ 1,108,095
WPF-6575	Flora Vista MDWA	San Juan	Rd. 3536 line extension	\$ 2,712,525
WPF-6576	Gallup, City of	McKinley	Water supply Reach 27.12	\$ 9,721,602
WPF-6579	Las Cruces, City of	Dona Ana	Lead/copper service line replacement	\$ 3,896,750
WPF-6581	Las Cruces, City of	Dona Ana	SCADA replacement	\$ 941,650
WPF-6580	Las Cruces, City of	Dona Ana	Del Sol water tank rehab.	\$ 1,969,331
WPF-6582	Logan, Village of	Quay	Canadian River water pipeline crossing	\$ 1,928,480
WPF-6583	Los Alamos County	Los Alamos	San Ildefonso rd. waterline replacement	\$ 2,000,000
WPF-6584	Los Alamos County	Los Alamos	Townsite 14" waterline replacement	\$ 2,500,000
WPF-6586	Lumberton MDWCA	Rio Arriba	Water system improvements	\$ 490,000
WPF-6588	Lybrook MDWCA	Rio Arriba	Water system improvements	\$ 500,000
WPF-6590	Mescalero Apache Tribe	Otero	State potable water well #1	\$ 2,100,000
WPF-6591	Middle Rio Grande CD	Bernalillo	Feeder 3 Pump Station	\$ 6,000,000
WPF-6592	Nogal MDWCA	Lincoln	Water supply project	\$ 325,000
WPF-6593	Pena Blanca WSD	Sandoval	Waterline replacement	\$ 2,499,999
WPF-6594	Peñasco MDWC&MSWA	Taos	Water system improvements	\$ 1,550,000
WPF-6595	Pendaries Village MDWCA	San Miguel	Water system improvements	\$ 2,000,000
WPF-6597	Portales, City of	Roosevelt	Wellfield Improvements	\$ 12,000,000
WPF-6596	Portales, City of	Roosevelt	Water storage system improvements	\$ 4,701,743
WPF-6598	Quemado Lake WA	Catron	Water system improvements	\$ 140,000
WPF-6599	Regina MDWCA	Sandoval	Water system improvements	\$ 270,000
WPF-6600	Rio Chiquito MDWC&SWA	Rio Arriba	Water Storage Tank	\$ 1,211,100
WPF-6601	Rio Embudo MDWCA	Rio Arriba	Water system improvements	\$ 499,999
WPF-6602	Rio Lucio MDWCA	Taos	New well project	\$ 999,999
WPF-6604	Ruidoso Downs, City of	Lincoln	Colorado/Utah lane infrastructure imp.	\$ 1,036,363
WPF-6605	Ruidoso, Village of	Lincoln	Wingfield Homestead 2nd Add. Water Replacement	\$ 1,125,000
WPF-6608	Ruidoso, Village of	Lincoln	Two Rivers Raw water intake/transmission line	\$ 5,100,000
WPF-6607	Ruidoso, Village of	Lincoln	Redrilling of Hollywood well	\$ 763,597
WPF-6610	San Luis Cabezón MDWCA	Sandoval	Water system improvements	\$ 500,000
WPF-6611	San Luis Cabezón MDWCA	Sandoval	Well Improvements	\$ 200,000
WPF-6612	Santa Fe, City of	Santa Fe	San Juan-Chama return flow project	\$ 15,000,000
WPF-6613	Santa Fe, City of	Santa Fe	McClure dam repair	\$ 2,500,000
WPF-6614	Sile MDWC&SWA	Sandoval	Water system improvements	\$ 499,999
WPF-6615	Sky Country Estates MDWCA	Otero	Water system improvements	\$ 275,000
WPF-6617	Storrie Project WUA	San Miguel	Ph. II water project	\$ 18,000,000
WPF-6620	Texico, City of	Curry	Water system project	\$ 4,538,031
<b>Watersheds</b>				
WPF-6554	Colfax SWCD	Colfax	Fire Mitigation	\$ 800,000
WPF-6609	San Juan SWCD	San Juan	SJ Basin watershed restoration	\$ 500,000
WPF-6623	Ute Creek SWCD	Harding	Canadian River watershed	\$ 600,000

## Sixty 2025 WTB Awards as Approved by WTB on April 22, 2025

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WPF-6549	Bloomfield, City of	San Juan	Second source water supply	\$ 277,577
WPF-6550	Bosque Garden MDWCA	Valencia	Water system improvements	\$ 553,914
WPF-6552	Cibola County	Cibola	CR7 & 8 drainage improvements	\$ 450,000
WPF-6554	Colfax SWCD	Colfax	Fire Mitigation	\$ 800,000
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WPF-6564	Dona Ana MDWCA	Dona Ana	Water well replacement	\$ 1,000,000
WPF-6565	Eastern New Mexico WUA	Curry	Raw Water pipeline conveyance & facilities	\$ 18,700,000
WPF-6566	El Valle de Los Ranchos WSD	Taos	El Valle Regional multi-community interconnection	\$ 500,000
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WPF-6616	Southern Sandoval CAFCA	Sandoval	Sportsplex Dam outlet rehabilitation	\$ 500,000
WPF-6617	Storrie Project WUA	San Miguel	Ph. II water project	\$ 2,350,000
WPF-6618	Sunland Park, City of	Dona Ana	Edgemont subdivision flood control	\$ 500,000
WPF-6619	Sunland Park, City of	Dona Ana	Carlos Aguirre flood control	\$ 3,500,000
WPF-6621	Truth or Consequences, City of	Sierra	Cantrell Dam breach & watershed drainage	\$ 8,090,000
WPF-6622	Upper Rio Grande WD	Rio Arriba	SMBM Dam Site #1	\$ 350,000
WPF-6623	Ute Creek SWCD	Harding	Canadian River watershed	\$ 600,000

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Iteration – Fourteen 2025 WTB Awards as Approved by WTB on August 27, 2025

Project No.	Applicant	County	Project Type	Project Name	Funding Recommendation
WPF-6541	Alamogordo, City of	Otero	Water Conservation or Treatment, Recycling or Reuse	Replacement of reclaimed water transmission line	\$ 3,035,050
WPF-6542	Alamogordo, City of	Otero	Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery	Waterline replacement-Granada Hills area	\$ 3,083,455
WPF-6551	Cedar Creek MDWCA	Lincoln	Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery	Water system improvements	\$ 500,000
WPF-6553	Cloudcroft, Village of	Otero	Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery	Water storage	\$ 1,032,000
WPF-6561	Des Moines, Village of	Union	Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery	Water system improvements	\$ 422,518
WPF-6568	EMWT Regional Water Association	Torrance	Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery	Ph. 1 McIntosh water	\$ 14,000,000
WPF-6569	Espanola, City of	Rio Arriba	Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery	Riverside waterline improvements	\$ 14,600,000
WPF-6570	Espanola, City of	Rio Arriba	Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery	Prince 2 Carter well	\$ 2,710,000
WPF-6571	Espanola, City of	Rio Arriba	Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery	Tank Rehabilitation	\$ 278,000
WPF-6572	Estancia, Town of	Torrance	Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery	New well and water system improvements	\$ 4,950,000
WPF-6592	Nogal MDWCA	Lincoln	Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery	Water supply project	\$ 325,000
WPF-6596	Portales, City of	Roosevelt	Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery	Water storage system improvements	\$ 4,701,743
WPF-6597	Portales, City of	Roosevelt	Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery	Wellfield Improvements	\$ 12,000,000
WPF-6614	Sile MDWCA	Sandoval	Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery	Water system improvements	\$ 499,999

## Additional Activities

### New Mexico Unit Fund

In 2021, HB200 legislation made the Water Trust Board the successor to the Southwest New Mexico Water Study Group for recommending projects to the NM Interstate Stream Commission (“ISC”) to be funded from the New Mexico Unit Fund, administered by the ISC. NMFA staff worked with ISC on specific guidelines for proposals for “water utilization alternatives to meet water supply demands” to be funded by the NM Unit Fund.

On September 24, 2024, the ISC approved the “2024 New Mexico Unit fund Pilot Cycle Policy” which provided a framework to the WTB and guidance to potential applicants on funding from the NM Unit Fund. On December 17, 2024, the WTB approved its own NM Unit Fund Pilot Cycle policy which adopted language from the ISC policy regarding eligible entities and projects and defined evaluation criteria for the prioritization of applicants. An online application for the NM Unit Fund Pilot Cycle opened in mid-February till March 31, 2025, to applicants in the Southwest Region (Catron, Grant, Hidalgo and Luna counties) seeking funds for planning and design projects. Nineteen applications were scored and prioritized using the criteria defined within the adopted policies. On August 27, 2025, the Water Trust Board recommended eleven projects totaling \$4,290,109, to the ISC for funding consideration from the NM Unit Fund Pilot Cycle.

## **Technical Assistance for Small communities/water systems**

In the 2024 Legislative Session, HB211 authorized the WTB to set aside Water Project Funds (“WPF”) to hire contractors to provide technical assistance to small communities and water systems. The Technical Assistance Program (“TAP”) focuses its efforts on the following services: 1) facilitating regionalization and 2) individual system planning. On June 30, 2025, NMFA opened the application process and received eleven applications. Nine of the applications have been reviewed and approved with two (2) requesting services in support of regionalization and seven (7) for system planning.

## **Wastewater project eligibility**

During the 2024 Regular Legislative Session, HB211 implemented changes to the current statute under the Water Project Finance Act. Some of the key changes include adding Wastewater Conveyance and Treatment as an eligible project type. On December 17, 2024, the WTB authorized the initiation of the rulemaking process for proposed amendments to the Rules to incorporate revision made to the Water Project Finance Act. The final rule amendments were adopted by the WTB on April 2, 2025.

## **Policy Amendments**

On June 25, 2025, the WTB approved policy amendments as defined in HB211 including the Wastewater criteria in preparation for the upcoming 2026 WTB Application Funding cycle.

The Water Trust Board, through New Mexico Finance Authority staff, continues to communicate with clients on the status of active projects, and reaches out to communities through trainings on upcoming application cycles. A training was held for the upcoming 2026 WTB application cycle via Teleconference.

NMFA staff will continue to provide additional application training to be held prior to the readiness application in late winter. With the guidance of the current WTB policies and assistance from NMFA staff, communities are better prepared for project funding.

## **Looking Forward to Fiscal Year 2026**

The Water Project Fund Program continues to expand and adapt to the ever-changing water needs for the State of New Mexico. The Water Trust Board and NMFA staff with the continued collaboration from various state agencies will continue to address those needs as effectively and efficiently as possible.



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