

Report from Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to
19.25.10 NMAC, Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 14, effective September 9, 2026.

The New Mexico Finance Authority, on behalf of the Water Trust Board (Board), held a public hearing on Thursday, July 9, 2026, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. The hearing was held virtually via Zoom

The purpose of the rule hearing was to obtain input and public comment on proposed rule amendments relating to 19.25.10 NMAC, review and eligibility of proposed water projects, consistent with changes made to the Water Project Finance Act, Laws 2026, Ch. 27 (House Bill 109 Approved March 4, 2026).

The Board gave notice that it would accept written public comments on the proposed rule beginning June 9, 2026, and ending at 5 p.m. on July 10, 2026.

- No written comments were received prior to the hearing or by the deadline of 5 p.m. on July 10, 2026.
- Below comments transcribed from July 9, 2026, Public Hearing:

Ian Adams, City of Tucumcari, New Mexico: I'm Ian Adams, project manager for the City of Tucumcari. And it's kind of a statement I wanted to go through here for rural communities like ours in Quay County, I recommend strengthening the scoring for regional impacts such as projects serving as hubs for eastern New Mexico along Route 66 and supporting broader economic development. We also ask for clear adjustments for waiting for small and rural systems with limited matching capacity and explicit recognition of drought resilience, including SCADA, tank rehabilitation and transmission as high urgency public health and safety factors. Finally, please provide clearer definitions and examples for the 10-point emergency bonus so communities can better document eligibility for urgent projects. These changes would help prioritize critical infrastructure in our arid and underserved areas. Thank you.