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Hello, Jason.

My name is Michele Minnis. Am unsure if we have met. You are listed on the website for the New Mexico Water Dialogue as its current president. This is a letter of preliminary inquiry for your board. I have a number of documents concerning the Dialogue's founding and history. The papers are from the estate of Chris Nunn Garcia. I would like to know whether they would be of value to the Dialogue's own archives. If so, I will gladly provide them.

I was working with Chris at the time she, Lucy Moore and others created the New Mexico Water Dialogue. After Chris's death (2006) her daughter Charlie Kenesson gave me for safekeeping a trove of Chris's files that fill 12 deep file drawers. Among the Dialogue-related items in this collection are grant applications and related correspondence from the Dialogue's early days, detailed handouts prepared for conferences held around the state for both regional and statewide water planning, and typed near-verbatim transcripts of these and other meetings for which Chris served as notetaker. These records might be useful to someone compiling the story of the New Mexico Water Dialogue or writing about the  development of an engaged water community in New Mexico during the past four decades.

As I would hate to see Chris's papers be lost to New Mexico water historians, I am making a spreadsheet inventory of this material--items related to not only the Dialogue but to her career as an economics professor and scholar. Once the inventory is finished I intend to contact with the same question I am putting to you the UNM Center for Southwest Research and the UNM Master of Water Resources Program (which Chris was instrumental in founding and in which she taught for many years).

Once you've had time to consider all of this, please let me know what you think. I would be very grateful.

Michele Minnis