



New Mexico Water Dialogue 27th Annual Meeting
“The Next 50 Years: Envisioning New Mexico’s
Water Future”

January 13 and 14, 2021
Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA**

January 13, 2021

- 9:00 - 9:15 **Welcome and Introductions** – **Jason John**, President, New Mexico Water Dialogue
- 9:15 - 9:30 Welcome from Governor (not yet confirmed)
- 9:30 - 10:00 Keynote –**Eric Perramond**, Professor of Environmental Science and Southwest Studies at Colorado College: “Unsettled Waters in an Unsettling Climate: Learning from New Mexico”
- 10:00 - 10:30 Break
- 10:30 -12:00 **Panel Discussion: Written in Water and Sand: What the Drying of the Rio Grande Means to Our Communities**

Moderator: **Laura Paskus**, Producer of *New Mexico In Focus's* series "Our Land: New Mexico's Environmental Past, Present, and Future."

Kai-t Blue Sky, Wildlife Biologist, Santa Fe Indian School, Cochiti Pueblo

Phoebe Suina, President High Water Mark, LLC, Cochiti and San Felipe Pueblos

Gabe Vasquez, City Councilor Las Cruces, Nuestra Tierra Conservation Project

Q&A from submitted questions

January 14, 2021

- 9:00 - 9:15 **Welcome** – **Aaron Chavez**, Vice President, New Mexico Water Dialogue
- 9:15 - 10:00 Keynote: **Rolf Schmidt-Petersen**, Interstate Stream Commission Director: "Addressing New Mexico's Water Reliance in the Face of Continued Drought and Increasing Temperatures?"
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break

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10:15 -12:00 Panel Discussion: Water Tradeoffs Among Agriculture, Municipalities, and the Environment On New Mexico's Rio Grande

Moderator: **John Fleck**, Professor, NM Water Resources Program, UNM
Casey Ish, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
Martine Quantina, Water Resource Associate, Audubon New Mexico

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12:00 - 1:15 Lunch Break

1:15 - 1:30 **Introductions to Table Talks - Eileen Dodds**, Secretary/Treasurer, New Mexico Water Dialogue

1:30 - 3:00 Table Talks

- 1) NM 50-year water plan
- 2) NM Water Data Act implementation
- 3) Innovations in agricultural and rangeland water management
- 4) Innovations in city/county water systems
- 5) Innovations to benefit environmental flows/endangered species/conservation
- 6) Tribal Water
- 7) Middle Rio Grande Basin Study
- 8) Water policy in the upcoming legislative session
- 9) Groundwater policy and management in times of reduced surface water
- 10) Forest, watershed and riparian health
- 11) Colorado River system management and its impact on NM

3:00 Final Remarks and Comments

3:30 Adjourn