

**Welcome to the 28th Annual New Mexico Water Dialogue Meeting
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This year's Water Dialogue title "An Unprecedented Water Crisis: A Time to Act" is not just a title, but a call to action for all who are vested in New Mexico's future. We have examples of how ongoing drought conditions brought about environmental and lifestyle changes. In that thought, our perspective of change need not be swayed from one extreme to the other. As you participate in this meeting, I encourage you to see the facts of drought and/or climate change for what they are, disseminate the provided information, and seek out what is possible within the planning process.

As we move into this new year, the New Mexico Water Dialogue remains steadfast in its commitment of encouraging open expression of opinions and ideas. And, at one time or another, you may have heard the expression "Failure to plan, is a plan to fail," with this in mind, the Water Dialogue is honored to be a partner in the 50 Year Water Plan that Governor Lujan Grisham tasked the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission has put into action. This process included a team of research experts that were diligently working in providing an assessment of changing temperature and water resource conditions and a description of what New Mexico's water resources could look like over the next 50 years. Many have provided input for the Leap Ahead Analysis, and we continue our participation in the Resilience Assessment(s) and Creation of Strategies to Achieve Resilience.

New Mexico is a state with an abundance of natural resources that are shared by many. As President of New Mexico Water Dialogue, I ask for your participation over the next two days as we partake in the intellectual resources that are plentiful for us all to absorb and share. I am grateful for the opportunity to be with you during this virtual journey, and as a member of the New Mexico Water Dialogue I am excited to hear from our presenters and our membership as well.

Thank you and enjoy our Annual Meeting.