

SURVEY OF NEW MEXICO VOTERS ON WATER ISSUES & POLICY INITIATIVES

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NEW POLL SHOWS THAT NEW MEXICANS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATE'S WATER RESOURCES.

A majority of voters throughout New Mexico and across political parties are concerned about current and future water supply issues. They agree that immediate action is needed to ensure future generations have an adequate water supply.

New Mexicans want to see solutions that address water reliability, quality, and affordability, and that protect rivers, fish, and wildlife.

Moreover, residents want state leaders to make policy changes and provide the funds needed to make these solutions happen.

URGENCY



75%

of voters agree we need to act now to ensure that future generations have an adequate water supply.



63%

agree that drought and lack of water supplies threaten our way of life in New Mexico.

WATER DATA



84%

support requiring state agencies to share all water data information with other agencies and the public.



64%

support increasing funding to modernize the state's water data management systems.

SUSTAINABILITY



82%

believe expanding water programs is important.



74%

support increasing infrastructure projects to ensure water supplies for future generations.



60%

support more monitoring and regulating groundwater pumping to make sure supplies are not depleted.



67%

agree New Mexico needs to modernize and dedicate more funding to the management of water quality and water supply.

SECURE DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES



83%

feel keeping water rates affordable is important.



68%

support offering funding and technical support to small rural water systems that seek to form regional water systems, while maintaining local control.

FARMING AND RANCHING



84%

feel it is important to ensure a reliable supply of water for farms.



61%

support using public funds to help improve water efficiency on New Mexico farms and ranches.

PROTECTING RIVER HEALTH



84%

feel it is important to protect the health of rivers wildlife. and streams.



82%

feel it is important to protect fish, and



69%

support increasing funding to help improve the health of rivers and streams.

Thank you.

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