



WATER

What Can our Future Hold?

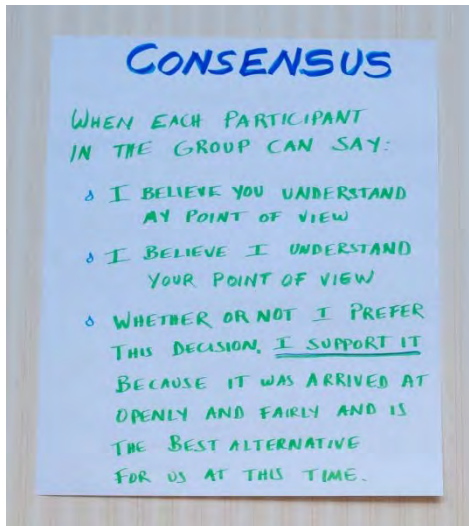
New Mexico First Water Town Hall Recommendations:
2014





What is New Mexico First?

Nonpartisan and
Nonprofit



Generator of
Unbiased Research



Champion for Citizen
Engagement in
Policy



How do we make a difference?

- Teacher training in STEM fields, 2014
- Funding for Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP), 2014
- Renewal of regional water planning process, 2013
- Expansion of federal Medicaid, 2013
- Small Business Task Force on Regulatory Reform, 2011
- Establishment of New Mexico Mentorship Day, 2011
- Executive Order on energy development, 2009
- Marketing support for NM agricultural products, 2009
- Wellness of the Workplace Memorial 24, 2009
- Healthy New Mexico Task Force, 2008
- Medical student financial support: aid to repay loans, incentives to stay in NM, 2008
- Alignment of HS graduation requirements with college entrance exams, 2007
- PED Math & Science Bureau, 2006
- High School Reform Act, 2006
- Small Business Regulatory Relief Act, 2005
- Renewable Energy Act and the Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit, 2002
- NM Tax Research Institute, 2001
- Phase-in of full-day kindergarten, 1999





ADVANCING **NEW MEXICO'S** FUTURE:

A Town Hall on Water Planning, Development & Use

About the Town Hall

- Over 300 people, from 31 counties
- Urban, rural and tribal
- Business, environment, researchers, municipalities, agriculture, government, elected officials, students
- 15 final recommendations-6 themes



Six Big Themes

1. Water Planning
2. Healthy watersheds and ecosystems
3. Legal issues
4. New sources
5. Water funding
6. Water conservation and quality





REALLY plan for the future!

- Rec 1: Improve state and regional water plans.
- Rec 2: Make our water supply resilient and flexible.
- Rec 3: Plan for extreme droughts.





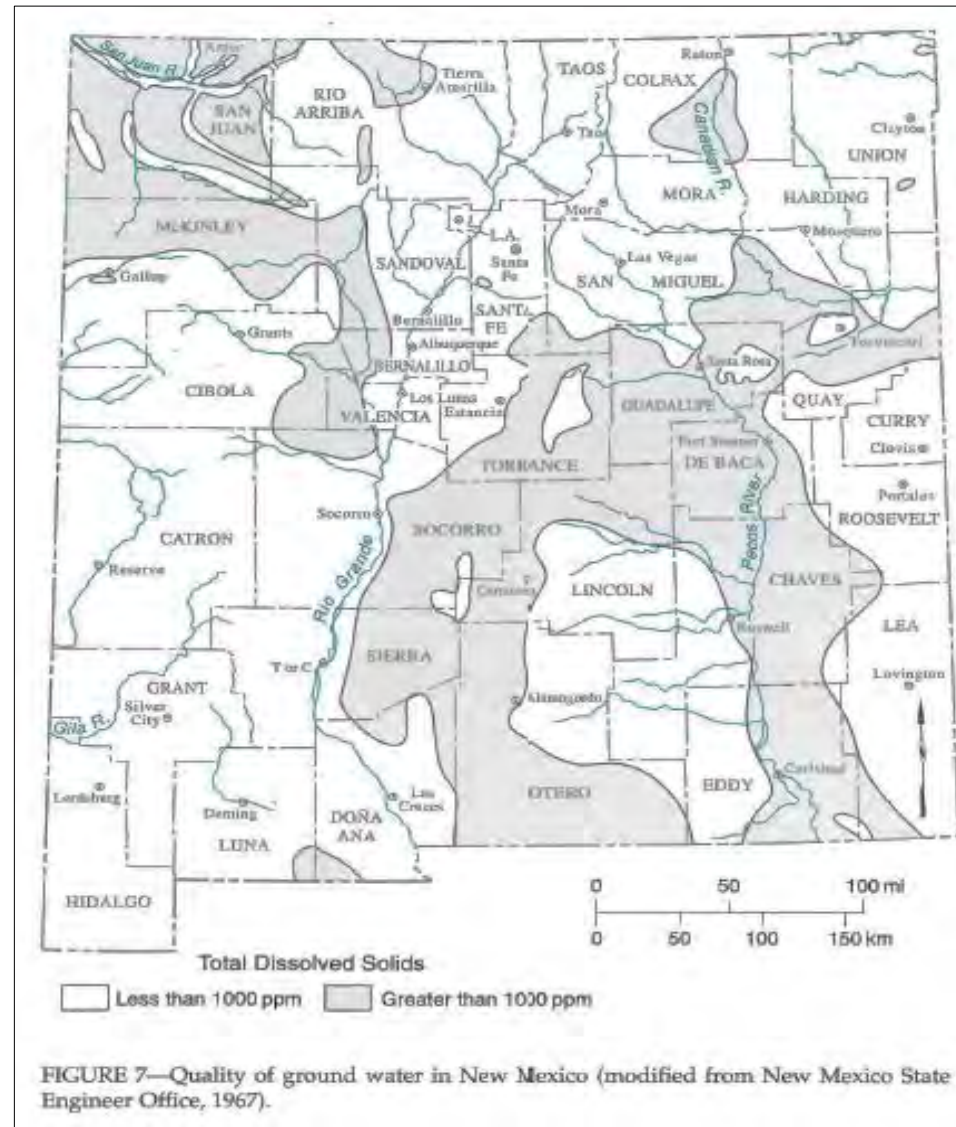
Keep watersheds and ecosystems healthy

- Rec 4: Restore watersheds.
- Rec 5: Protect against wildfire and water source loss.
- Rec 6: Reduce endangered species conflicts.



Pursue NEW Sources of Water

- Rec 10: Capture precipitation.
- Rec 11: Assess brackish water sources.
- Rec 12: Clarify brackish/produced water process.



Address Legal and Management Issues

- Rec 7: Advance shortage-sharing agreements.
- Rec 8: Improve water rights management.
- Rec 9: Improve adjudication process.





Improve Water Funding Practices

- Rec 13: Invest water dollars wisely.
- Rec 14: Expand water funding sources.



Protect Water Quantity and Quality

Rec 15: Conserve water and protect against contamination.



Implementation

- Statewide team of volunteers
- Lead by former state engineer John D'Antonio and NMF staff





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