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Interstate Stream Commission Public Announces 50 Year Water Plan Phase 3: Outreach Initiation Webinar

(Santa Fe, New Mexico) – The New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission is initiating the next phase of the 50 Year Water Plan under Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham’s Initiative. This phase of the plan development will be conducted over several months and is focused on public outreach about how continued increases in temperatures are likely to impact water resources across the state over the next 50 years, listening to stakeholder feedback on that information, and setting the stage for how the NMISC and its partners will work with our stakeholders to assess resilience to the changes and, ultimately, develop strategies/recommendations to achieve and improve resilience.

On July 21, 2021 at 3:30 pm, Rolf Schmidt-Petersen NM ISC Director and Nelia Dunbar, PhD and Director of the NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources will start this phase by presenting a webinar about the 50 Year Water Plan status, the Leap Ahead Analysis Assessment being conducted by the NMBG&MR, the overall plan and schedule for this outreach phase and next steps in plan development.

The link to this **Climate Change Leap Ahead Analysis and 50-Year Water Plan Development** meeting is: <https://www.gotomeet.me/NMISC/50-year-water-plan-4>

In addition, a summary level update will be presented to the NM Interstate Stream Commission at the Commission’s virtual meeting on July 30, 2021 . The link to this meeting is: <https://www.gotomeet.me/NMISC/isc-meeting-july-30-2021>

Finally, please visit our website for more information and our calendar for future events:

<https://www.ose.state.nm.us/Planning/50YWP/index.php>

<https://www.ose.state.nm.us/Planning/50YWP/calendar.php>

We look forward to your participation.

The Office of the State Engineer is charged with the administering the state's water resources. The State Engineer has power over the supervision, measurement, appropriation, and distribution of all surface and groundwater in New Mexico, including streams and rivers that cross state boundaries. The State Engineer is also Secretary of the Interstate Stream Commission.

The nine-member Interstate Stream Commission is charged with separate duties including protecting New Mexico's right to water under eight interstate stream compacts, ensuring the state complies with each of those compacts as well as investigating, conserving and protecting the waters of the State, in addition to water planning.

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