



MIDDLE RIO GRANDE
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Legislators: Please Protect our Water

Pass SB337 Water Security Planning Act

Secure NM's Equitable Water Future

The Facts: New Mexico is in a Water Crisis

- Reservoirs, rivers, aquifers, acequias, and irrigation ditches are drying
- Catastrophic wildfires threaten watersheds and livelihoods
- Rivers, streams, and groundwater recharge have declined more than 25% and will decline by 25% more by 2070
- Many communities lack resources for better water infrastructure and management
- State water agencies lack resources to protect public welfare and equitably adapt to a drier future
- WE MUST ACT NOW TO AVOID severe water and economic insecurity.

The Opportunity: We Can Take Bold, Transformational Steps

- Provide state water agencies with resources to carry out existing critical jobs and address new challenges
- Plan for New Mexico's climate change water future
- Conserve and be better stewards of our water
- Make possible a resilient and sustainable water and economic future for New Mexico
- WORKING TOGETHER, we have a unique and historic opportunity to transform water management in New Mexico.

A Solution: SB337 Water Security Planning Act

- Drafted by the MRGWA, approved by state water management and planning agencies.
- SB337 would implement Water Policy and Infrastructure Task Force **Recommendation 2.2: Elevate regional planning in the face of increasing water scarcity to promote equity and build capacity to govern and manage water.**
- Provides a framework for robust, equitable state-funded **regional water resilience planning**
 - Community driven, science based, focused on resilience and sustainability.
- Planning regions will **identify, vet and prioritize projects and policies** to increase water security
- Directs the Interstate Stream Commission to establish state rules **to fund and approve plans**
- **Prioritizes projects** recommended in approved plans for Legislative **funding** decisions.

THINK WATER – ACT NOW
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Read [SB337](#) and the [MRGWA Synopsis](#)

