



## Requested Appropriations by the 2024 Legislature for Water Management and Planning

No.	Name	Agencies	Details	Recurring Funding	Non-Recurring Funding
1	Capacity Enhancement	OSE, ISC	Address the water and attendant economic security challenges of the 21st Century. We call on the 2024 Legislature to empower state water management agencies to transform themselves. That requires staff and resources to do the essential jobs only the State can do. Authorize 31 new staff positions in FY25.*	\$3.7 million FY25 onward	
2	Water Data	OSE, ISC, NMBGMR, NMED, EMNRD	2019 Water Data Act implementation, 17 new staff positions, mainly in Information Technology, along with investments to modernize state agencies' legacy IT infrastructure, data processes.**	\$2.875 million in FY25 onward	FY25 five-year <b>\$30 million</b> fund for annual funding to build water planning data sets and visualizations for water planning regions pursuant to the 2023 Water Security Planning Act. Continuity of effort is required.
3	Aquifer Mapping	NMBGMR	Funding for the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources to drill, equip, and monitor a statewide network of strategically located wells over next 10 years at \$10 million per year. New staff capacity is required to manage this work and secure federal matching funds.	\$1.2 million in FY25 onward	FY25 five-year <b>\$50 million</b> special appropriation to install and connect half the wells by FY29. Continuity of effort is required.
4	Regional Water Planning	ISC	Grants for regional collaborations, including for the Lower and Middle Rio Grande and Ogallala regions, to address urgent water supply resilience problems that challenge the public welfare.		FY25 five year <b>\$5 million</b> special appropriation for ISC grants supporting the self-organization of inclusive and representative regional water planning councils or entities, capacity building, and other planning prerequisites.
5	Incentivize Collaboration	Water Trust Fund	Set aside capital for State-matching funding to implement regional water planning entities' consensus priorities for water scarcity adaptation. Secure federal funding to multiply the State funding impact.		Create the More Arid Days Water Incentive Fund. Capitalize with <b>\$250 million</b> .
6	Water Task Force Recommendations Implementation	OSE/ISC	For OSE/ISC to develop and integrate a plan and schedule to accountably implement 2022 Water Policy and Task Force recommendations with the agencies' strategic plans	1.0 FTE experienced agency staff	<b>\$0.3 million</b> contractual services.
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$7.775 million (FY25 onward)</b>	<b>\$335.3 million</b>

\*See OSE/ISC budget handout for the Water and Natural Resources Committee, November 7, 2023, Item #6.

\*\*See 2023 New Mexico Water Data Report, September 2023, <https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/WNR%20100323%20Item%204%202023%20Water%20Data%20Plan.pdf>