

January 18th !Agua es Vida: Do your Part! Chat

- 00:16:42 Scott Carpenter: Hello. Scott Carpenter from Adobewhitewater.org and New Mexico Paddlers Coalition
- 00:17:08 Brittany Gaume: If you missed any of our 2023 speakers series you can find recordings of those on our website at: [https:// mrgwateradvocates.org/prior-workshops/](https://mrgwateradvocates.org/prior-workshops/)
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- 00:19:23 Lane Leckman: Lane Leckman Friends of Bosque del Apache NWR
- 00:19:46 Tricia Snyder: Tricia Snyder, NM Wild
- 00:20:13 Jeanne Logsdon: Jeanne Logsdon, League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico
- 00:20:33 Vicky Estrada-Bustillo: Vicky Estrada-Bustillo, Chair of Fuerzas Unidas Caucus of DPNM, Ward Chair 31D AND Candidate for Representative of HD31
- 00:21:05 Tim Farmer: Tim Farmer from Cimarron.
- 00:21:39 Carl Peterson: What are your opinions on the Governor's \$500 million emergency water fund?
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- 00:24:13 William Turner: More like 150 years
- 00:24:52 Ann McCartney: Ann McCartney, Water Advocates Board member,
- 00:25:36 William Turner: Bill Turner WaterBan
- 00:27:22 William Turner: 'we have passed the point of no return!
- 00:28:01 Brittany Gaume: If you just joined please introduce yourself in the chat and please place any questions you may have in the chat
- 00:28:44 Barbara Gastian: Barbara Gastian, retired from ABCWUA. Returned Peace Corps Liberia Fisheries Volunteer. Currently volunteering with Water Advocates.

00:29:23 William Turner: Elephant butte spade 3 times n 1990s

00:31:30 William Turner: Or open water evap

00:33:33 Karl Braithwaite: I am Karl Braithwaite Conservation Chair of the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club. Also was a staffer in the U S Senate and helped write the 1972 Clean Water Act.

00:36:57 William Turner: It was moved to the gage downstream of EB

00:39:14 William Turner: We are in the MC the MRGCD makes up for it by paying farmers \$700 per acre not to farm when they couldn't farm anyway,

00:40:25 William Turner: That has already been happening

00:40:58 William Turner: We have more water t sell than demand.

00:42:12 William Turner: Most of our transfer are surface water.

00:46:08 Brittany Gaume: I urge people to check out this article on our website about the difference between wet water and paper water: <https://mrgwateradvocates.org/water-rights-and-water-wrongs/>

00:48:01 Brittany Gaume: Please post any questions you may have for Phil in the chat

00:48:12 Brittany Gaume: we will have a question and answer session after all speakers have presented

00:54:49 Susan Homer: Where does the water for oil & gas industry in the Permian Basin come from? The Oglala Basin, no?

00:58:50 Brittany Gaume: I am going to drop Melanie's document here. Please download it and take a look

00:59:57 William Turner: The SLO under Aubrey Dunn ceased to lease Ogallala fresh water for O&G. This has continued. In fact a bill has been dropped in the legislature to prevent use of fresh water doe O&G

01:00:53 Karl Braithwaite: Is the task force report available?

01:01:06 Ladona Clayton: Reacted to "The SLO under Aubrey..." with 👍

01:01:08 Elaine hEBARD: Focus on depletions before adding more uses!

01:01:29 Ladona Clayton: Yes, the task force report is available.

01:01:56 Brittany Gaume: Ill get a link for the Task Force report for you momentarily

01:02:15 Ladona Clayton: That is the Executive Summary only.

01:02:27 Brittany Gaume: Here is the link to the full report: <https://uttoncenter.unm.edu/resources/state-water-task-force/new-mexico-water-policy-and-infrastructure-task-force-final-report-edit-7.7.2023.pdf>

01:02:41 Ladona Clayton: Reacted to "Here is the link to ..."
with 👍

01:04:45 William Turner: This was a great concern 23 years ago which I was natural Resources trustee for 8 years under Johnson.
NOWHERE

01:11:44 William Turner: We have the wells all over the state. But they need to be instrumented and with telemetered data.

01:12:14 Brittany Gaume: Here is a great of summary of the 6 urgent legislative priorities for water that Norm just discussed

01:15:02 Elaine hEBARD: Fund strategic planning rather than strategic water reserve!

01:15:32 Elaine hEBARD: I meant strategic water supply!

01:17:15 Tricia Snyder: Replying to "I meant strategic wa..."

Important to note the confusion around naming. The Strategic Water Supply is a new proposal from Governor Lujan Grisham to treat groundwater. It is different from the Strategic Water Reserve created in 2005 with bi-partisan support, which allows the state to purchase and lease water to keep in our rivers for the benefit of endangered species or for compact compliance.

01:17:36 Brittany Gaume: Replying to "I meant strategic wa..."

Thank you for the clarification!

01:17:47 Ann McCartney: Reacted to "Important to note th..."
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01:17:56 Janie Zackin: Reacted to "Important to note th..."
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01:23:25 Janie Zackin: Replying to "Where does the water..." I think there's a problem in permian basin area around Balmorrea where there's an ancient spring. The drilling could contaminate the spring. Not sure what's going on there now

01:24:59 Susan Homer: Sen Wirth is retiring

01:25:26 Brittany Gaume: NM Tech is working hard to educate our legislators on water issues. We are hoping that brings more water champions our way

01:25:38 Ladona Clayton: Reacted to "NM Tech is working h..."
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01:26:40 Brittany Gaume: Any one else have questions? Please raise your hand and I will call on you

01:27:25 Brittany Gaume: We will have a table at the environmental day on Feb 9th on the legislator. Come visit us and get a water advocates sticker

01:27:40 Brittany Gaume: *Legislature

01:29:18 Scott Carpenter: When water is drawn from an aquifer and brought to the surface, when is it no longer water? Is it lost to evaporation/transpiration, or runoff to another region, and not restored back into the ground system, or is it changed to something else?

01:30:09 Susan Homer: What are the bill numbers that provide agency funding? so we can know what to lend active support to during this session --

01:30:14 Janie Zackin: Replying to "I am going to drop M..."

01:30:23 Edwina Jaramillo: Is the Governor's plan to buy water from the oil & gas companies?!

01:30:33 Elaine HEBARD: Any movement toward asking for a switch in the spending for the strategic water supply?

01:30:48 Brittany Gaume: Replying to "What are the bill nu..."

Many do not have bill numbers yet

01:31:22 Ladona Clayton: The recent information we have received is that the Governor is keeping 50% of the available funds this year for her funding priorities, so if that remains true, it will significantly affect what we can get accomplished for water.

01:31:59 Vicky Estrada-Bustillo: Where is that sheet just referred to?

01:32:19 Brittany Gaume: I just dropped it in the chat

01:32:59 Susan Homer: Replying to "What are the bill nu..."

Bill names?

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Most of the water priorities are wrapped up into bigger budget bills. We urge you to call your legislators and simply express how important funding for water planning is and that water data and water staff for agencies must be funded

01:35:42 Amy Noll: Any ideas for how residents can advocate for water when they see State Engineer public notices published for new wells being permitted in their area? Those notices have some language to the effect that that one must show clear harm in order to comment, sounds like a regular resident cannot make public comment. Maybe I misread.

01:36:32 Brittany Gaume: The CityDesk is a great new free paper in ABQ


01:38:50 Brittany Gaume: Find your Legislator Here: https://www.nmlegis.gov/Members/Find_My_Legislator

01:40:31 Ladona Clayton: Amy Noll, you CAN voice a protest against the drilling of a supplemental well as a resident. Your voice counts. Even by raising a protest, you can note that limited water resources exist for your community/area, and this concern will be considered. I have been able to stop the drilling of a supplemental well, just by filing a protest noting our project in the Curry County Basin. It does make a difference. Thank you!

01:40:58 Rosemary Romero: Vicky, could you be referencing Lynn Canning who was a facilitator for the Water Taskforce?

01:41:09 Brittany Gaume: Here is a link to the form letter:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/17W5nHRsKlmSJE3kCa-AKHd1QgqZGNqLj_NO3G2WfZdc/edit

01:42:35 Jeanne Logsdon: Is there any benefit from contacting the Governor's Office to fund water projects?

01:42:47 Ladona Clayton: Reacted to "Is there any benefit..."
with 

01:43:49 Vicky Estrada-Bustillo: Vicky Estrada-Bustillo. Tel:505-934-4713. Current Senate Majority Analyst for Conservation Committee. Email Vicky.Estrada-Bustillo@nmlegis.gov. If anyone is willing to put your name and tel number in chat I would love to add you to my list of people to reach out to during analysis process

01:43:55 Ann McCartney: SB1 requests \$100 million for the Water Trust Fund

01:44:04 Brittany Gaume: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=7P672QCNKJXF4

01:44:24 Brittany Gaume: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1L5s36FrgPhK7wYuQ13LqC6aXb7XigW3EcIg6_vnrt2Y/viewform?edit_requested=true

01:44:39 Ladona Clayton: Vicky, my phone number is 575-760-3098.

01:44:55 Ann McCartney: Thank you much!

01:45:32 Cheryl Hastings: Thank you for all you do