

## A Senator's View of the Legislature -- March 21, 2024 -- Chat File

- 18:35:56 From Bill Haneberg : I'm Bill Haneberg, a geologist in Albuquerque recently returned after about 25 years away from New Mexico. Previously a senior scientist and assistant director with the NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources who worked on NM water issues in the 90s.
- 18:36:14 From Sigmund Silber : This is Sigmund Silber I can be reached at sigmundsilber@q.com
- 18:37:51 From Brittany Gaume : If you missed any of our past workshops you can view them here: <https://mrgwateradvocates.org/prior-workshops/>
- 18:39:08 From Mike Davidson : Mike Davidson, Portales, NM
- 18:47:45 From Brittany Gaume : If you just joined us, please feel free to introduce yourself in the chat
- 18:48:43 From Brittany Gaume : We will be doing a question and answer session at the end of the meeting.
- 18:53:52 From Brittany Gaume : If you haven't signed up to get our newsletter and other updates you can do so here: <http://eepurl.com/iilzUv>
- 18:54:10 From Brittany Gaume : We promise not to inundate your inbox
- 18:54:26 From Bill Haneberg : Reacted to "We promise not to in..." with 👍
- 18:56:47 From Brittany Gaume : If you are a woman who is interested in running for office <https://nm.emergeamerica.org>
- 19:01:18 From George Perry, Bird Alliance CNM : Good Session, thanks. I have another meeting now
- 19:06:39 From Jeanne Logsdon : Could some kind of measure be developed like the doomsday clock for nuclear war? How much time do we have at current levels of groundwater pumping before it runs out?
- 19:07:56 From Brittany Gaume : Unfortunately, we need the state to fund the aquifer mapping project before we will have the data we need in order to calculate that date
- 19:08:08 From Brittany Gaume : It didn't make it out of committee during this last session
- 19:08:54 From Jeanne Logsdon : What if we made the aquifer mapping bill the #1 priority for 2025 and begin to lobby for it NOW?
- 19:09:19 From Brittany Gaume : Sounds good to me!
- 19:10:56 From Bill Haneberg : Replying to "Could some kind of m..."

That's in part an economic and engineering question that depends on how you define "runs out"? And, that's difficult to answer even if we fully mapped every aquifer in the state (which we should do because it is an important part of the answer). As an aside, here's a link to a great NY Times interactive article about groundwater depletion across the country:

[https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2023/08/28/climate/groundwater-drying-climate-change.html?ugrp=u&unlocked\\_article\\_code=1.ek0.9ghp.sWdyjUz3jKdS&smid=url-share](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2023/08/28/climate/groundwater-drying-climate-change.html?ugrp=u&unlocked_article_code=1.ek0.9ghp.sWdyjUz3jKdS&smid=url-share)

19:11:19 From Jeanne Logsdon : Let's start by finding at least 1 senator and 1 representative to sponsor the bill. And get it discussed in the interim session. And then reach out to every legislator individually to pressure for support.

19:15:43 From Laurie McCann : love this!

19:16:46 From Brittany Gaume : Haha

19:18:50 From Brittany Gaume : We will post the slides along with the recording on our website. It usually takes us a few days after the meeting ends to get those up but please check the website if you want to study those graphs more closely!

19:20:47 From Elizabeth Fryer : \$500 million would go a long way towards actual water resiliency!

19:20:55 From Brittany Gaume : Reacted to "\$500 million would g..." with 

19:24:08 From Vicky Estrada-Bustillo To Norm Gaume, Wster Advocates(private) : Just joining at 7:23. Can I get recording of this to watch 2morrow?

19:26:02 From Bill Haneberg : FOR THE Q&A: I was disappointed to see how much effort was put into a specious strategic water plan and so little on supporting sound water science, planning, and policy development in the 2024 legislative session. How did that happen and, more importantly, what specific actions can we take get the governor and legislature back on track?

19:27:48 From Jeanne Logsdon : Who decides which legislators are assigned to the Senate Finance Committee?

19:29:44 From Jeanne Logsdon : Why aren't the pecan farmers strongly supporting water conservation, starting with an aquifer mapping bill?

19:35:27 From Elizabeth Fryer : Divide and Conquer! Each districts legislators need to get the water crisis info specific to their communities

19:37:08 From Brittany Gaume : We definitely need to pay our lawmakers

19:37:21 From Brittany Gaume : Its a huge job!

19:43:50 From Elizabeth Fryer : MLG will be in a Q&A at Aldea Community Center in Santa Fe on Monday morning at 9:30am if anyone wants to ask her any questions. 😊

19:44:06 From Brittany Gaume : Reacted to "MLG will be in a Q&A..." with 👍

19:47:08 From ramiro jordan : One planet, one environment, one chance!!!! Independent of national flags and anthems. We all are being cooked in the same pot. NM lacks leadership in all institutions. We keep bringing people from the outside to tell us what we should do..... Act locally but think globally .... Science is the currency of NOT disinformation..... Pay our representatives, it has to be a full time job. Importantly, we need verifiable trusted data. The biggest challenge in the world is called disinformation. Sorry, I have to leave. Thank you for the event!!!! All the best

19:47:48 From Brittany Gaume : Reacted to "One planet, one envi..." with ❤️

19:48:57 From Brittany Gaume : If anyone one else has a question please raise your hand and I will call on you

19:52:08 From Elizabeth Fryer : Thanks Norm, everyone!

19:52:22 From Brittany Gaume : Our poor agencies are so understaffed that they have to focus their budget requests for that and not for other basic needs

19:54:26 From Bill Haneberg : Reacted to "Our poor agencies ar..." with 👍

19:59:18 From Brittany Gaume : <https://earthdayfestivalnm.com>

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85144854940?pwd=ZzU1VUVTV2VnaG1HVXhPROF1NENNUT09>

20:01:34 From Brittany Gaume :  
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