

New Mexico Acequia Association

Acequia Governance Project

The purpose of the Acequia Governance Project is to build capacity of acequias to be good caretakers of their water, financial resources, and infrastructure.

640 Acequias in NM

In a statewide survey, NMAA updated contact information for 640 acequias in New Mexico in 22 counties.



Each acequia is a local government with powers to manage water and regulate water transfers.

The NMAA works with local acequias through informational meetings and specialized assistance.

Regional Initiatives

NMAA worked with regional associations to increase our impact and coordinate among neighboring acequias.



Mapping on the Rio Chama
Water administration in NPT basin
Bylaws in the Upper Hondo
Bylaws in the Rio Santa Barbara
Infrastructure in the Taos Valley
Water Rights Education in the Mora Valley
Intergovernmental collaboration in South Valley

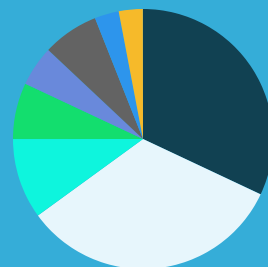
Acequias are Self-Governing

Total Number of
Acequias Assisted in 2019

297

The top two areas in which acequias needed assistance were with Water Rights and Infrastructure

Types of Assistance to Acequias



● Infrastructure ● Water Rights
● Compliance (OMA, IPRA, etc.) ● Bylaws ● Easements
● Financial Compliance ● Enforcement
● Voting and Elections

To participate in the Acequia Governance Project, contact NMAA at 505-995-9644.