

Water Security Planning Act Updates

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**MAIN
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NEW MEXICO**



Vision

- ***Support communities*** across New Mexico in preparing for and responding to water resources challenges - particularly related increasing water scarcity
- ***Prioritize resources*** for implementation; track and report on progress
- Ensure ***meaningful outcomes*** on the ground

Regional Water Planning: Water Security Planning Act

Focus on local outcomes

- Regional Water Security Planning
 - Upcoming rulemaking hearing
 - Advisory committee
 - Set up of regional water planning councils

Statewide Water Planning

Focus on statewide outcomes

- State Water Plan - goal = more ongoing updates
- Surface or groundwater basins with critical issues - interstate compacts, or groundwater
- Development of tools and templates applicable for statewide planning efforts

Regional Water Planning: Water Security Planning Act Implementation



Passage of the Act
Public & Tribal Input
Convening of the
Water Security Tribal
Advisory Council
(WSTAC)



Finalize Rules and
Guidelines Based
on Public and
Tribal Input
WSTAC Ongoing

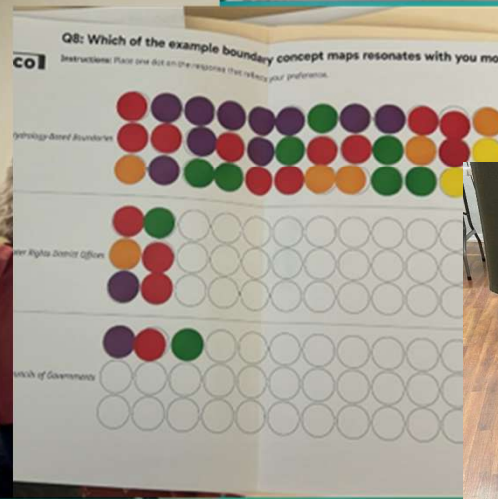
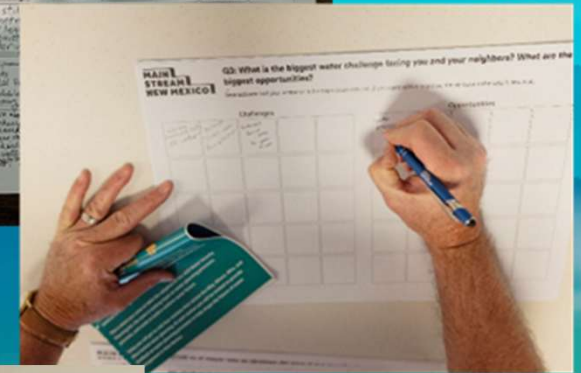
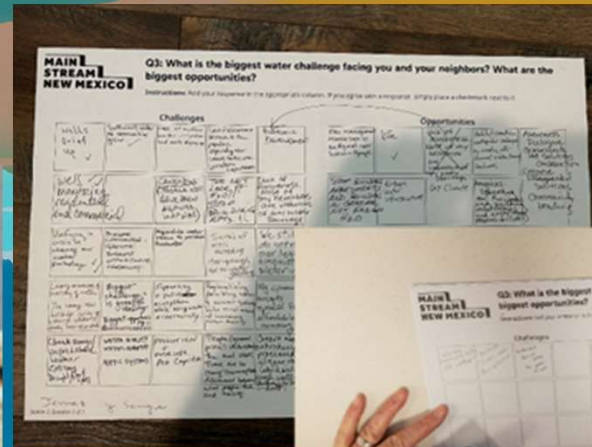
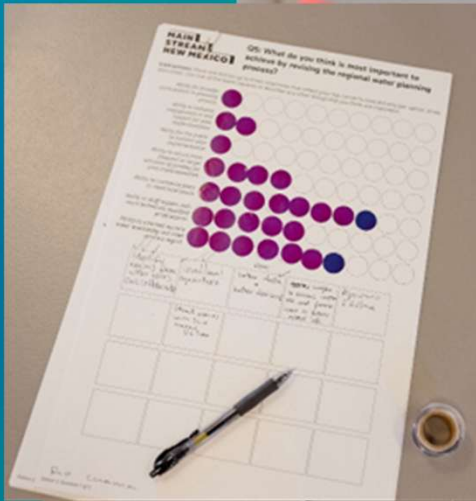


Initiate Regional
Planning in All
Future Regions
WSTAC Ongoing



Ongoing, Iterative,
Regional Water
Planning
WSTAC Ongoing

Open House Events



December 4, 2023 - August 14, 2024

Main Stream New Mexico Campaign Highlights

7.4 Million Impressions

Online ads on Meta and Google platforms were seen 7.4 million times.

72,000 Web Visitors

Over 72,000 users visited MainStreamNM.org, visiting over 105,900 pages on the website.

Open House Participation:

700+ In person

Over 700 people attended Open Houses in FY24 and more than 1,000 people participated in the online Open House survey.

1,000+ Online

6,000+ Blog Reads

Over 6,000 readers visited our blog articles, accessing vetted information relevant to regional water planning.

3000+ Newsletter Subscribers

We gained over 3,000 newsletter subscribers and maintained an average 39% open rate.

70 Advertisements

Statewide advertising included 46 radio ads and 24 newspaper ads, promoting regional and online Open Houses across New Mexico.

6 Newspaper Stories

Main Stream and the Open Houses were featured in 5 stories in local newspapers including the Santa Fe New Mexican. We also landed 1 op-ed.

Water Security Tribal Advisory Council

Interim Committee - 2024

Short-term committee comprised of water leaders and technical staff whose goal was to develop a framework for WSTAC. Convening were coordinated with the NM Indian Affairs Department.

Tribal Advisory Council – late 2024

Inaugural meeting October 2024. Initial focus on providing input for rules and guidelines, including consideration of tribal-specific content, determining ongoing role and process for council, and engaging in regional planning.

Water Security Planning Act Proposed Rule - Accepting Public Comment now through September 27

Please scan the QR
code to read the
proposed rule and
submit a comment





Water Security Planning Act Rulemaking Hearing

Where: October 15-17

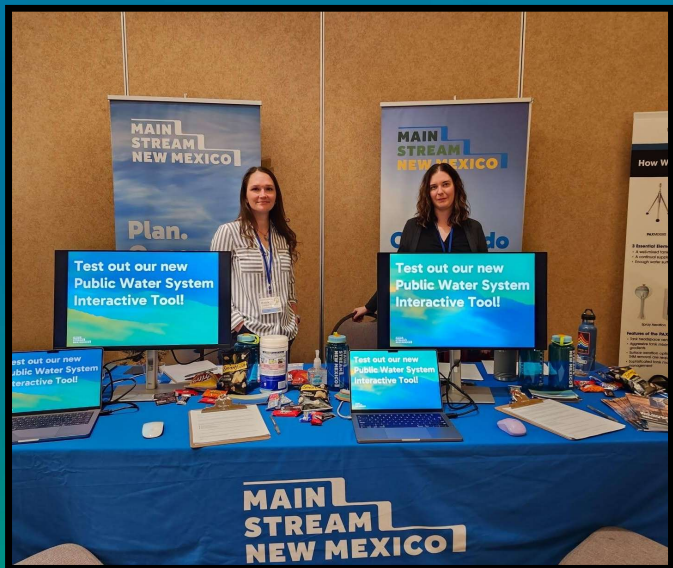
When: Willie Ortiz Building, 2600 Cerrillos Rd, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Opportunity to hear testimony about the proposed rule, present public comment.

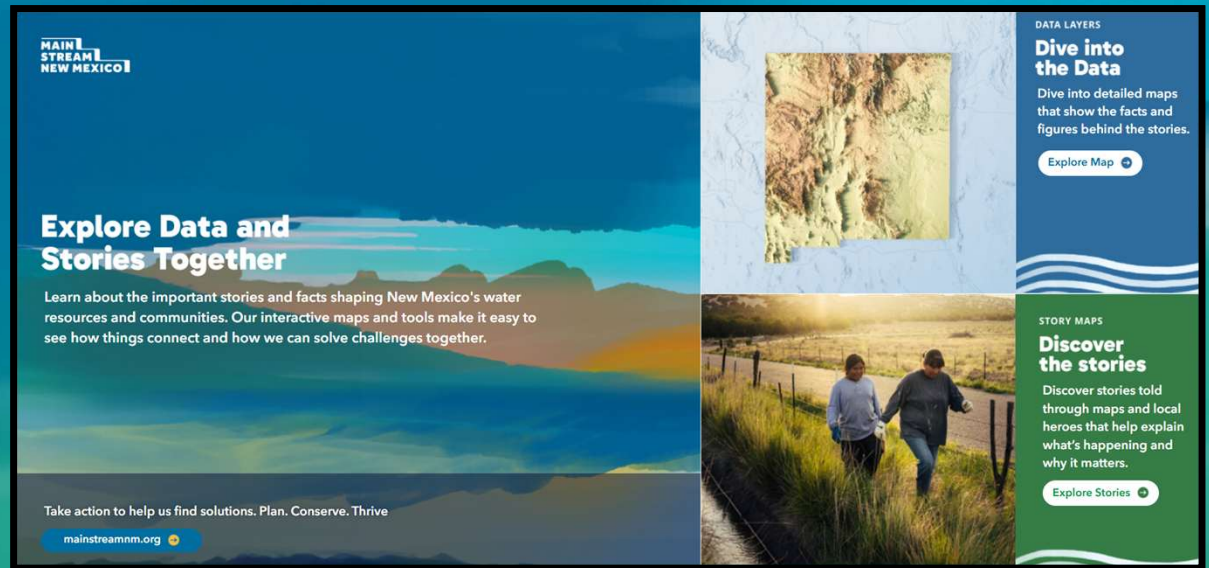
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Tools & Templates



Public Water System Decision Support Tool



New Mexico's Regional Water Planning Mapping Tool

Water Education - Statewide

Example: How Does Groundwater Work?

Water Facts for New Mexicans



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