

NM INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION ACEQUIA BUREAU



Water and Natural Resources Committee
July 11, 2023

Jonathan Martinez, Bureau Chief



New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (NMISC) Acequia Bureau

5 Staff + 1 assigned attorney (part-time)

Collaborative Partnerships
State / Federal Agencies

Acequias / Community Ditches



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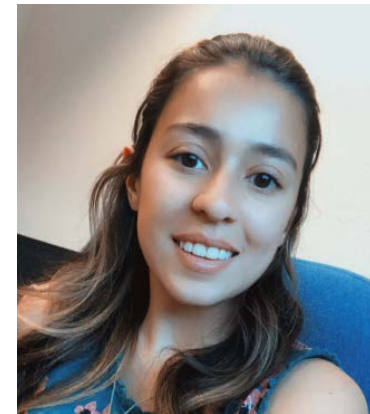
Kerri Roybal
Acequia Staff Manager



Max Villa
Acequia Projects
Manager III



Vacant
Acequia Projects
Manager II



AshLee Leyba
Acequia Projects
Manager I



Acequia Bureau Major Activities

- ◆ **Administer all Capital Outlay Appropriations for Acequias**
 - 2019 – 67 Projects (\$6,927,216)
 - 2020 – 72 Projects (\$4,620,450)
 - 2021 – 30 Projects (\$2,743,500)
 - 2022 – 57 Projects (\$5,562,800)
 - 2023 – 56 Projects (\$5,589,275)
 - TOTAL – 282 Projects (\$25,443,241)
- ◆ **Administer \$2.5M in Acequia and Community Ditch Infrastructure Fund (ACDIF) Programs for Acequias/Community Ditches**
 - Planning
 - Engineering
 - Construction
 - Disaster Response Recovery and Hazard Mitigation
 - Staffing
- ◆ **NMISC Acequia Loan Program**

Acequia Bureau Major Activities

- Administration of the new Acequia and Community Ditch Infrastructure Fund (ACDIF) to provide planning, engineering design, construction, and disaster relief funding to acequias and community ditches for their infrastructure needs
- Partners with the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts (NMACD) Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) to provide technical and financial assistance to acequia projects statewide
- Determine eligibility of acequias/community ditches for funding
- Review and accept acequia project designs, prepare funding agreements, perform field inspections, track progress of projects, and process reimbursement payment requests for work completed
- Collaborate with NMACD RCPP and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in spending approximately \$8M in federal funding
- Provide education and outreach to acequias on funding programs through workshops
- Provide Technical Assistance to NMISC Chair who sits on the Acequia and Community Ditch Fund Act Committee (ACDF)



2023 NM Legislative Session

Senate Bill 176

- Amended the Acequia and Community Ditch Infrastructure Fund Act that was passed during the 2019 Legislative Session to include the following:
 - Provide funding for disaster response recovery and hazard mitigation;
 - Remove local cost share requirements; and,
 - Match or meet cost share requirements of other state and federal funding programs;
- Guideline revisions have been drafted in collaboration with the New Mexico Acequia Commission and the New Mexico Acequia Association and will be presented at the July 20th NMISC Meeting for adoption.



Questions?