


New Mexico Office of Natural Resources Trustee

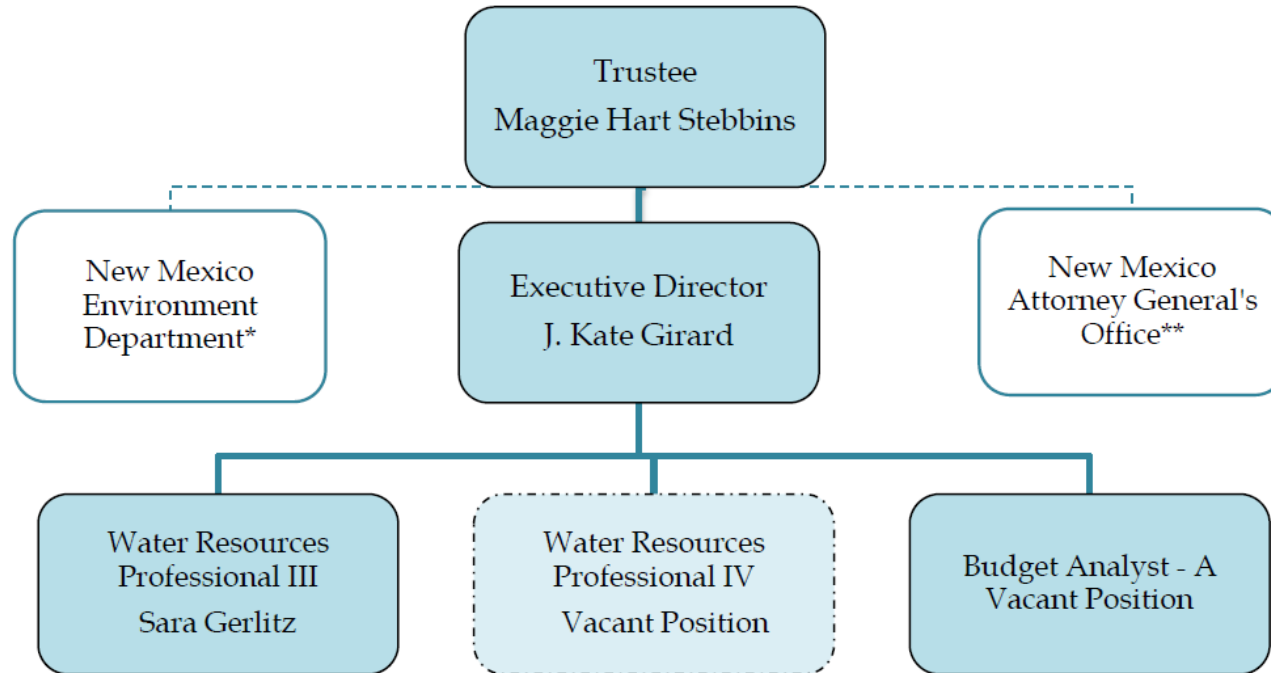


FY24 Budget Water & Natural Resources Committee October 27, 2022


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APPROPRIATION REQUEST
ORGANIZATION CHART
FORM S-2

Office of Natural Resources Trustee



**Administratively attached to the New Mexico Environment Department.
**Legal services provided by the New Mexico Attorney General's Office per statute.*



FY24 Appropriation Request \$5,170.3K

General Fund: \$665.3

- Salaries and Benefits \$629.3
- Other \$41.0

- **Fund Balance: Trustee Fund: \$4,505.0**
 - Contracts \$4,500.0
 - \$3,500.0 - Restoration/Restricted
 - Funds received from settlements. Federal and state laws and court ordered settlements restrict the use of these funds to restoration projects.
 - \$1,005.0 - Assessment/Committed

Workload for FY24

Restoration Projects

- Gold King Mine
 - \$1 million - 4 projects
 - \$10 million - ?
- Ft. Wingate \$1,020,150
 - Zuni and Navajo Nation
- Questa water/wastewater
- Silver City wastewater
- South Valley/ABCWUA
- White Sands Test Facility

Ongoing and New Assessments

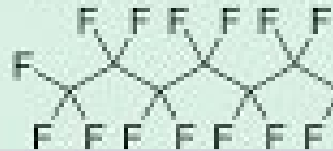
- LANL
- PFAS
 - Cannon AFB
 - Holloman AFB
 - Other defense and industrial sites
- Uranium Mines & Mills in Grants Mineral District

PFAS

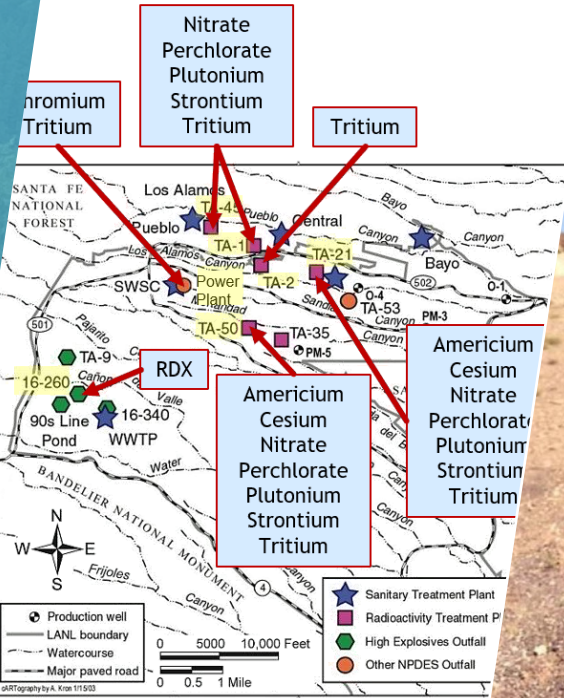
PFOS (Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid)



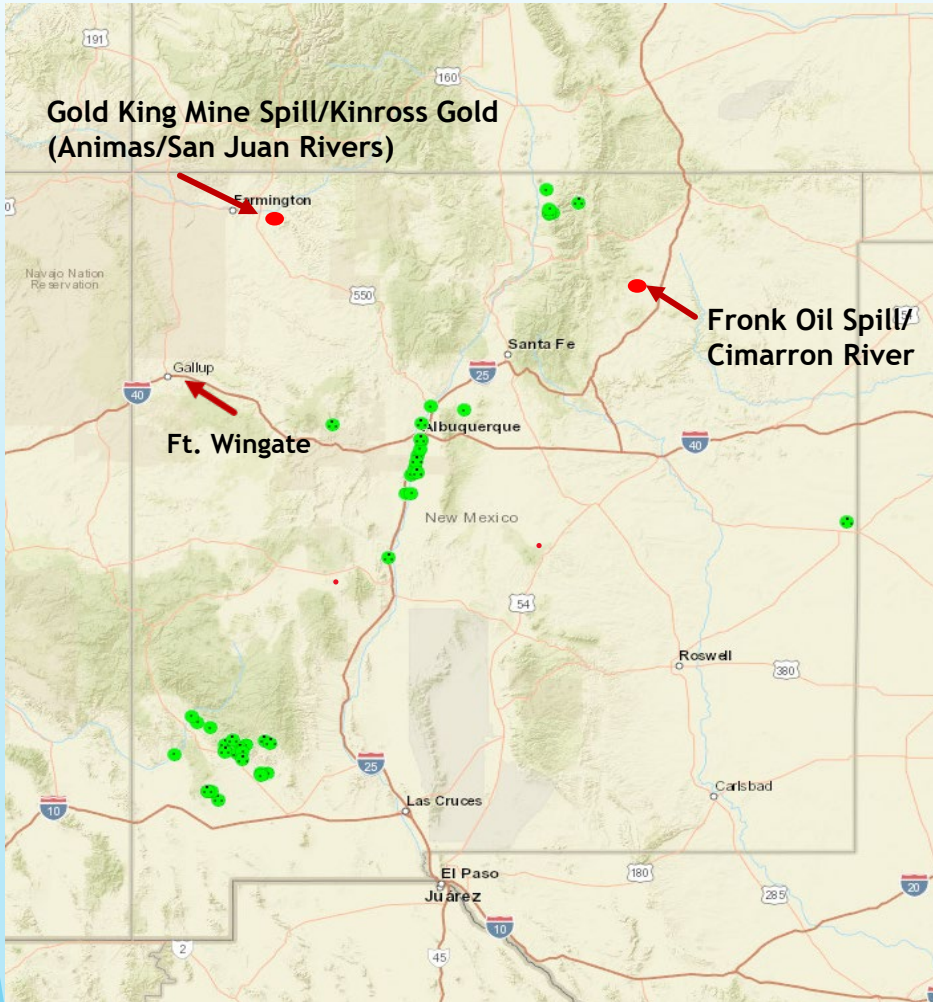
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ONRT Mission
 Restore Natural Resources
 when injured by hazardous
 substances



Settlements 2020 -2022 \$12,601,069

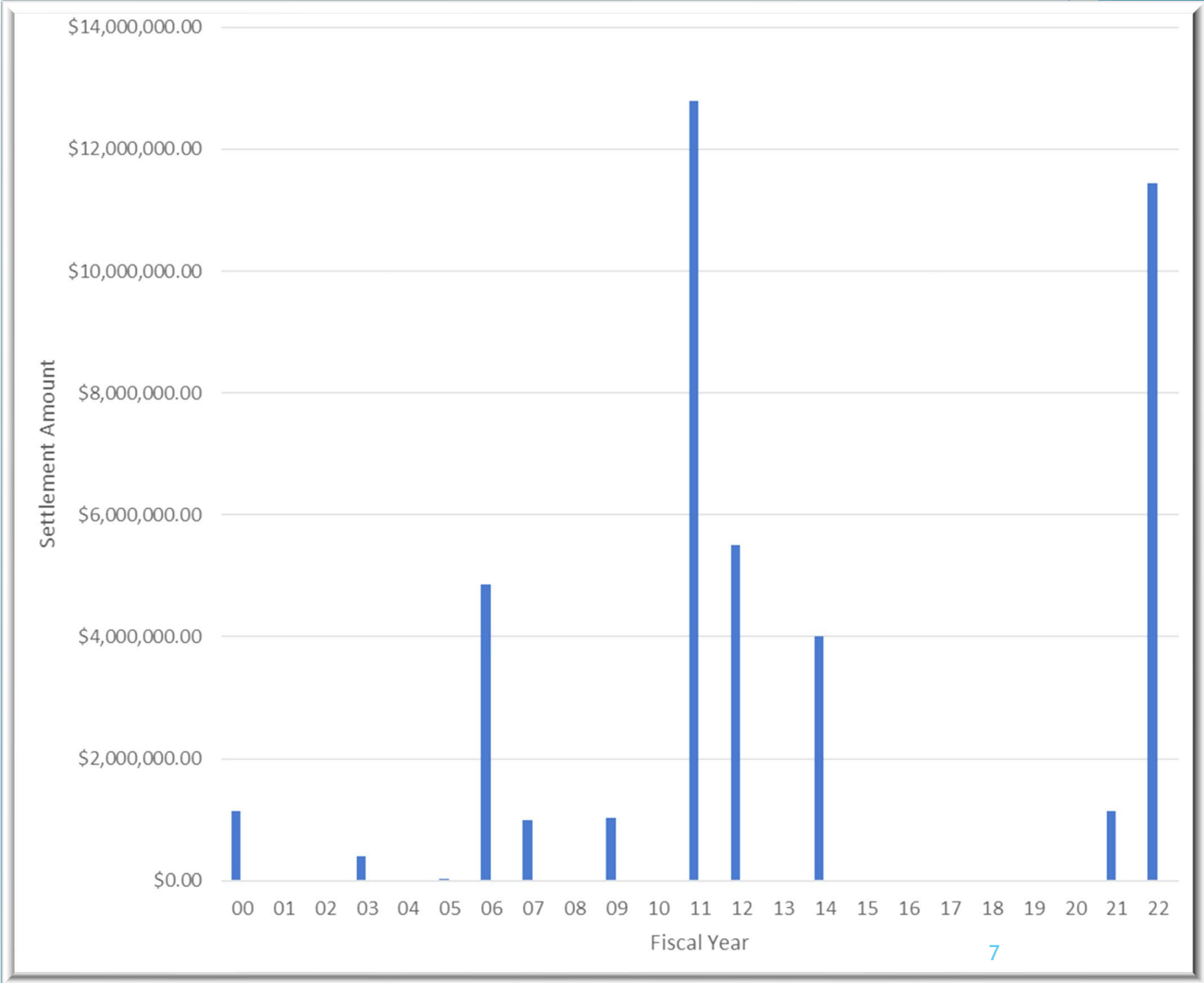


- Gold King Mine Spill
 - United States EPA \$10,000,000 (June 2022)*
 - Kinross Gold: \$1,000,000 (Jan 2021)
- Ft Wingate Army Depot/DOD \$1,451,069 (March 2022)*
- Fronk Oil/Cimarron River: \$150,000 (Dec 2020)

* Funds deposited into Court Registry Account

Recent Settlements

- **Gold King Mine Spill**
 - United States EPA
\$10,000,000
(June 2022)
 - Kinross Gold:
\$1,000,000
(Jan 2021)
- **Ft Wingate Army Depot**
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Economic Impact

Farmington Daily Times

“Infusion of government funding could mean good news for San Juan County labor market”

“Despite continued concerns over the scheduled closure of the San Juan Generating Station later this month, several recent developments have helped generate a sense of optimism when it comes to economic development and the future of the job market in San Juan County.

Chief among those is an announcement by the New Mexico Office of the Natural Resources Trustee that proposals are being accepted for projects that could receive some of the \$10 million the state received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in June as part of a settlement over the 2015 Gold King Mine Spill . . .” *Mike Easterling, Farmington Daily Times, September 4, 2022*

Full text of article available at: <https://www.daily-times.com/story/news/politics/2022/09/04/san-juan-county-to-see-50-million-for-various-projects/65464662007/>

Current and Potential Natural Resource Damage Assessments



▲ Current Cases

- Los Alamos National Laboratory
- NASA White Sands Test Facility
- Rio Algom Quivira Mill and Mine Sites

◆ Potential New Cases

1. Cannon Air Force Base - PFAS (Clovis)
2. Holloman Air Force Base PFAS (Alamogordo)
3. Grants Mineral District - San Mateo Creek Basin Legacy Uranium Mines Site. Over 85 Legacy mines in the area.
4. Researching potential PFAS releases at other military and installations and industrial sites

Questions?

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Supplemental Information



ONRT Partners and Restoration Project Locations

Current Partners Include:

Navajo Nation, Zuni Tribe, Pueblo of San Ildefonso, Santa Clara Pueblo, Jemez Pueblo, Cochiti Pueblo, San Juan County, City of Farmington, San Juan Soil & Water Conservation District, Tse Daa Kaan (Hogback) Navajo Community, State of Utah, US Dept of Energy, US Dept of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Dept. of Agriculture, US Forest Service, Cimarron Watershed Alliance, Amigos Bravos, Trout Unlimited, Village of Questa, Town of Silver City, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, NM Environment Department, NM Dept of Game and Fish, NM Soil and Water Conservation Districts, private landowners

Current/Past Project Locations:

San Juan County, Farmington, Milan, Gallup, Grants, Questa, Cimarron, Silver City, Albuquerque, Red River, Los Lunas, Belen, Socorro, Alamogordo, Aztec, Clovis, Santa Clara, Bayard, Hurley, Isleta Pueblo, central Rio Grande corridor, Rio Rancho, Cebolleta, Bibo, Bosque Farms,, Los Alamos, White Rock, Hanover, Faywood, White Signal, Gila, Pinos Altos, and Cliff

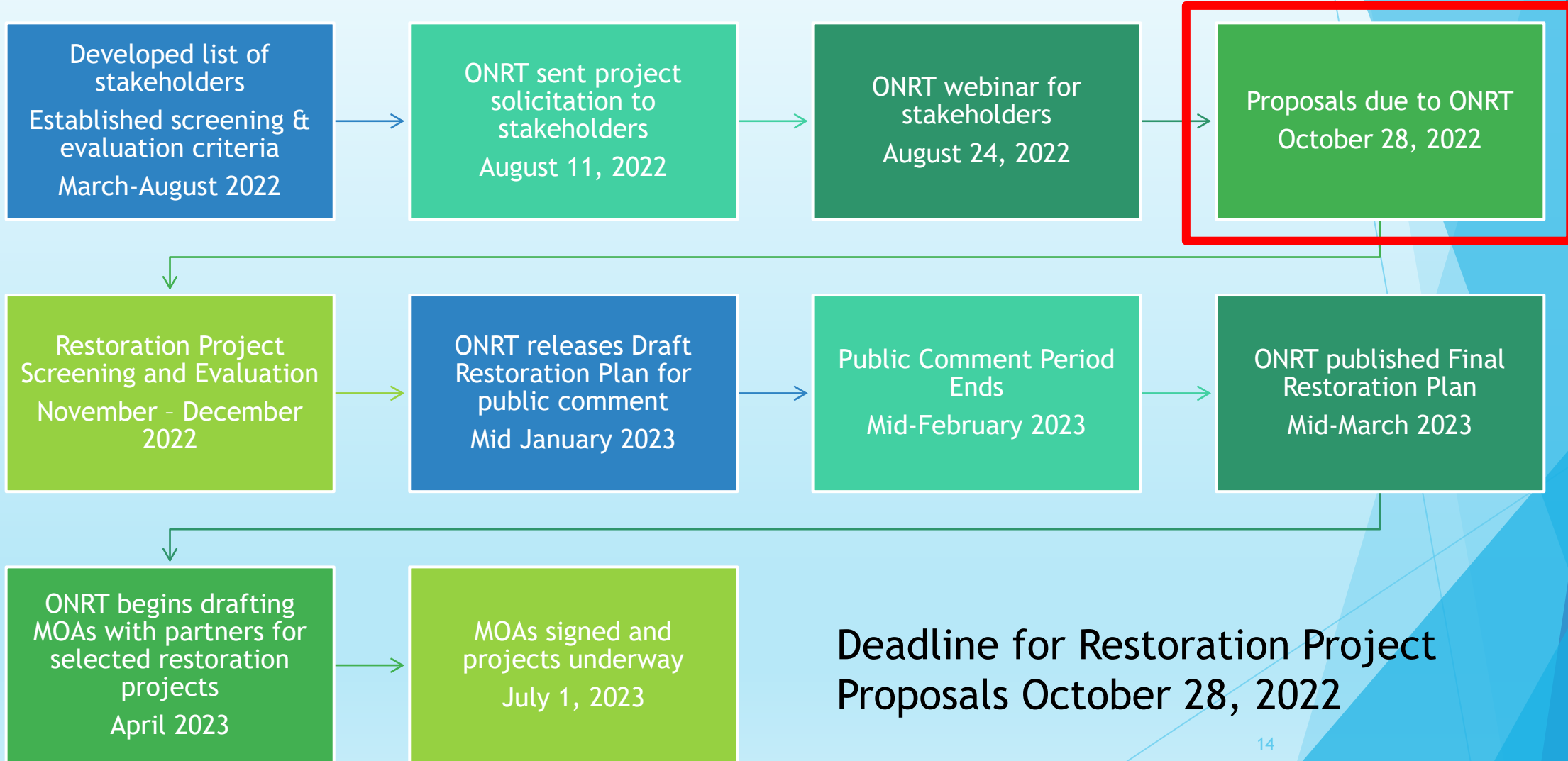


Restoration projects currently underway

- \$3.5m Village of Questa
 - drinking water well
 - extension of sewer infrastructure
 - Red River Aquatic Habitat Restoration project
- \$267,000 for Midnight Meadows Wetland project
- \$1.4m to Town of Silver City for wastewater system extension
- \$560,000 habitat and water quality improvement project for proposed South Valley
- Cedar Hill Boat Ramp on the Animas River -San Juan County \$160,000
- Festival and Farmer's Market Pavilion at Gateway Park -City of Farmington \$300,000
- San Juan Valley Soil Health Restoration Project -San Juan County Soil and Water Conservation District \$280,000
- Agricultural Irrigation System Upgrade Project -Tse Daa Kaan (Hogback) Navajo Chapter \$250,000

Gold King Mine Restoration Plan Development Schedule

\$10m from US EPA



ONRT Status Since Year 2000 - as of January 2021

**Cumulative
Dollar Amounts**

<p>NRD settlements achieved by ONRT/co-trustees:</p>	<p>Fronk Oil (\$150,000), Kinross/Gold King Mine (\$1,000,000), EPA/Gold King Mine (\$10,000,000), DOD Ft. Wingate (\$1,451,069), Van Waters (\$135,000)¹, Sparton (\$1,000,000)², SOHIO L-Bar (\$29,830)³, So. Valley Superfund (\$4,857,548)⁴, AT&SF/Tie Treater (\$989,417)⁵; AT&SF/Clovis (\$404,456)⁶, ASARCO (\$1,029,598)⁷, FMI Mines Groundwater (\$12,794,308)⁸, FMI Mines Wildlife Habitat (\$5,500,000)⁹, Chevron Questa Mine (\$4,000,000)¹⁰.</p>	<p>\$43,341,226</p>
<p>Non-NRD grant won by ONRT:</p>	<p>Grant from the Water Trust Board (\$284,000)¹¹. (project: the RGVSP Re-Vegetation)</p>	<p>\$284,000</p>
<p>Restoration projects completed:</p>	<p>Middle Rio Grande Liquid Waste Groundwater Protection^{1.&2.}, Municipal Water Conservation², Bosque Non-Native Plant Removal², L-Bar Sewer Projects³, Mt. View Nitrate Plume⁴, RGVSP Re-Vegetation⁵, Whitfield WA Re-Vegetation⁵, Isleta Pueblo Bosque Non-Native Plant Removal⁵, So. Valley Sewer & Water Connections⁵, Curry County Playa Conservation⁶, WTB RGVSP Re-Vegetation¹¹, Blackhawk Mine Repairs⁷, San Vicente Creek Mill Remediation⁸, St. Clara Sewer Improvements⁸, St. Clara Wellhead Protection⁸, Silver City Blackhawk Sewer Extension⁸, Bayard Wastewater Re-Use⁸, Hurley Sewer Line Improvements⁸, Silver City Ridge Rd. East Sewer Extensions⁸, Burro Cienega/Pitchfork Ranch Restoration⁹, Mimbres River Wildlife Restoration⁹, Burro Cienega Watershed Restoration⁹, Double E Ranch Acquisition⁹, River Ranch Acquisition⁹, Ancheta Springs Easement⁹, Ancheta Springs Restoration⁹, Prevost Ranch Easement⁹, Southwest Sufi-Bear Creek Easement⁹, Gila River Farm Wetland Restoration⁹, City of Rocks State Parks Habitat Restoration⁹. Upper Whiskey Creek Restoration⁹, Headwaters Burro Cienega Watershed Restoration-U.S. Forest Service, Cimarron River Trout Winter Habitat Restoration</p>	
<p>Restoration projects in progress (funds dedicated):</p>	<p>Headwaters Burro Cienega Watershed Restoration- Grant S&WCD⁹, Restoration of the Midnight Meadows Wetland¹⁰, Red River Aquatic Habitat Restoration within the Village of Questa¹⁰, Questa Municipal Sewer Improvements¹⁰, Questa Municipal Water Supply Well¹⁰, Silver City Indian Hills Sewer Extensions⁸, Water Authority Effluent Outlet Cedar Hill Boat Ramp on the Animas River; Festival and Farmer's Market Pavilion at Gateway Park, San Juan Valley Soil Health Restoration, Agricultural Irrigation System Upgrade Project -Tse Daa Kaan (Hogback) Navajo Chapter</p>	
<p>Land transfers as part of settlement with RPs:</p>	<p>City of Rocks Sate Parks Land Transfer⁹, Anderson Ranch Land Transfer¹⁰.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

