

## NEW MEXICO WATER DATA INITIATIVE

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# THE PROBLEM: FINDING THE DATA TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS

- As we face warmer, drier years ahead, water managers, planners and decision makers need quick access to robust water data!
- New Mexico's water data can be
  - In file cabinets
  - In different formats
  - Available from many different providers



### THE SOLUTION: THE WATER DATA ACT

Enacted by state of New Mexico in 2019 NMSA 1978, § 72-4B

#### OUR MISSION: TO MAKE FINDING WATER DATA SIMPLE!

Our Vision: New Mexicans will have accessible and useful data for water management and planning



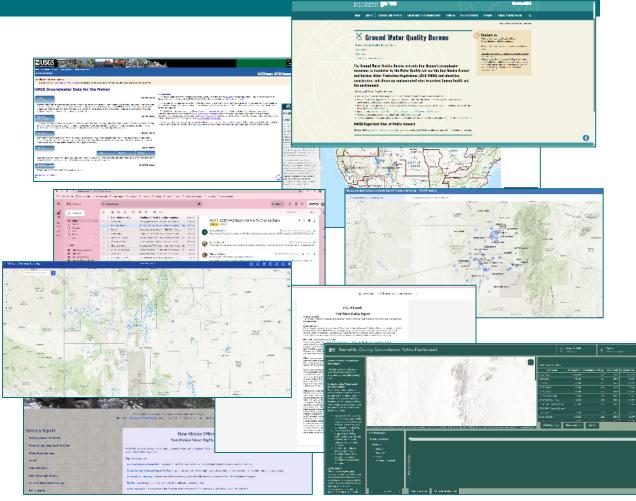
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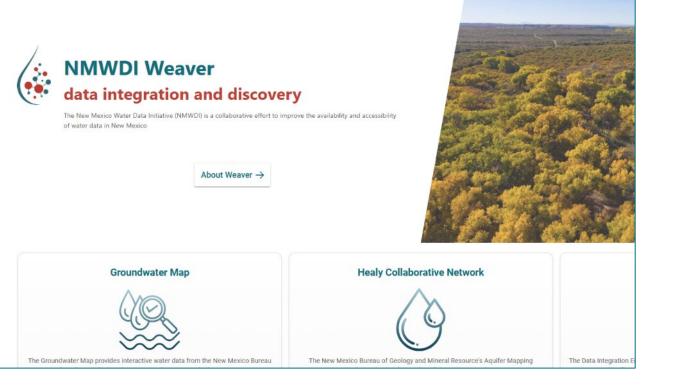
### EXAMPLE: GROUNDWATER DATA

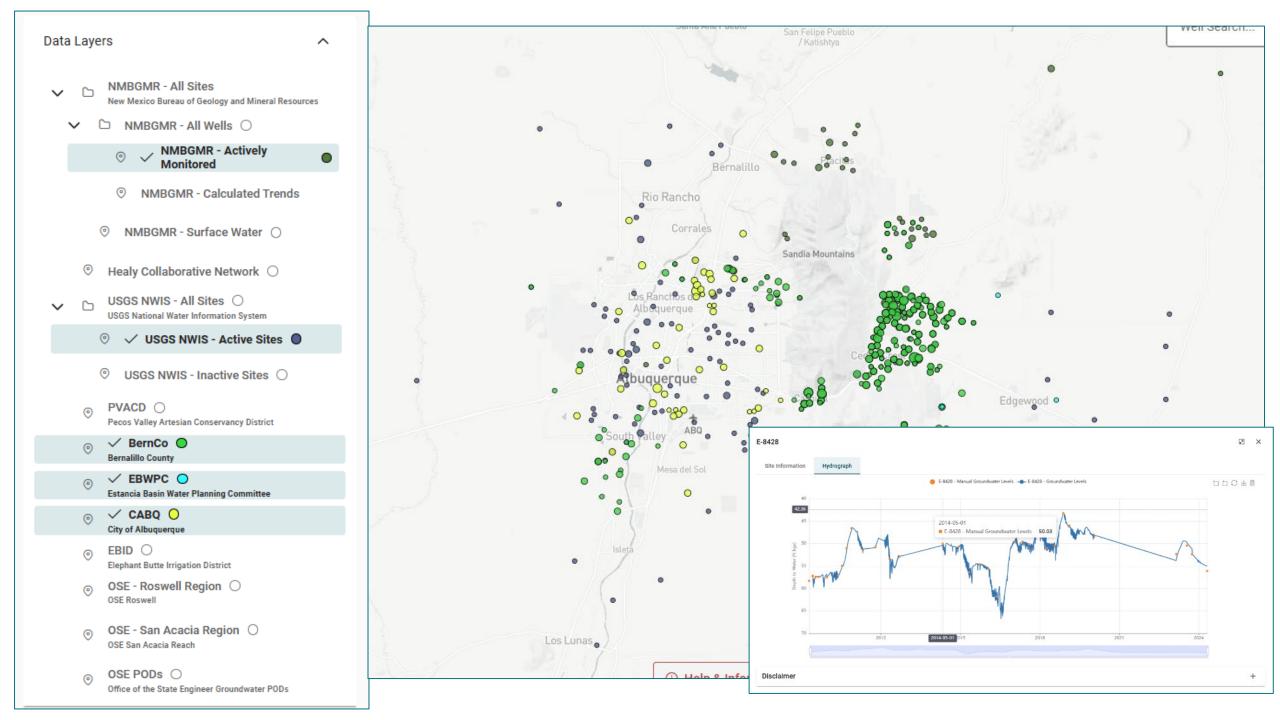
- A water manager wants to understand how groundwater levels are changing in their region
- They have to track down water level data from many different agencies
  - USGS
  - NMBGMR
  - US Bureau of Reclamation
  - State Agencies
  - Municipalities
  - Conservation Districts



### WEAVER: INTERWEAVING GROUNDWATER DATA SOURCES

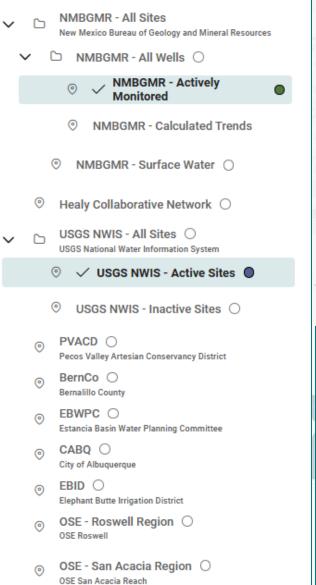
- NMBGMR has developed a data sharing infrastructure that allows us to integrate multiple sources of groundwater data – We're weaving it together!
- Can turn on view federal, state, regional and local datasets
- Goal is to allow users to download in a unified format
- Will support aquifer characterization work ahead



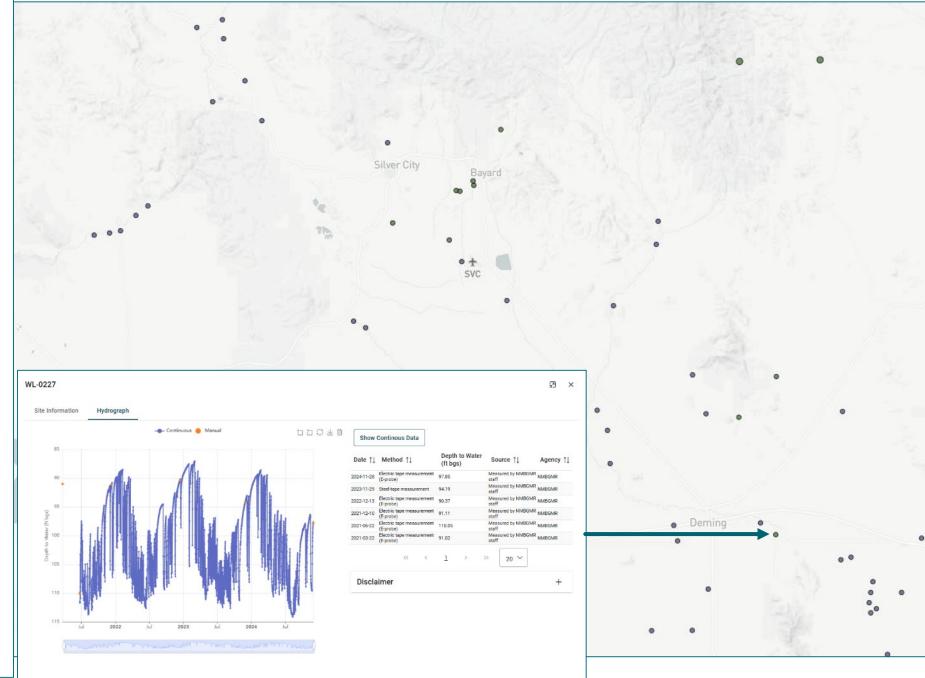


#### Data Layers

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### THE DIRECTING AGENCIES ARE WORKING ON DATA ACCESSIBILITY PROJECTS

#### 2024 Plan: New Mexico Water Data Initiative

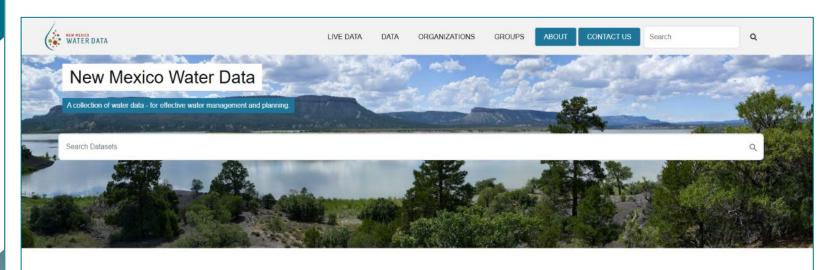
SEPTEMBER 2024 Plan for continued implementation of the Water Data Act

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**WATER DATA** 

This plan was prepared by the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources (NMBGMR) in partnership with the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (ISC), New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (OSE), New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), and New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD).





#### Looking for Live Data?

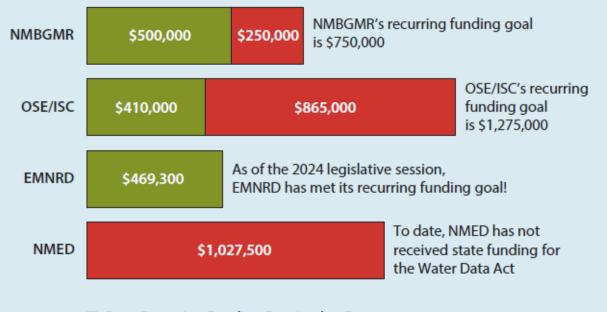


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### LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE WATER DATA ACT IS MAKING THESE ADVANCEMENTS POSSIBLE-THANK YOU!

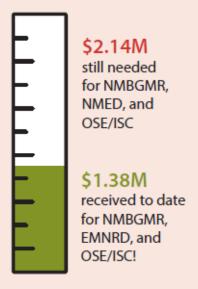
#### Recurring State Funding Received and Still Needed for Each Water Data Act Directing Agency



State Recurring Funding Received to Date

State Recurring Funding Still Needed

Total Recurring State Funding Received and Still Needed for all Water Data Act Directing Agencies





### SAVE THE DATE! 2025 WATER DATA WORKSHOP OCTOBER 14-15, 2025

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