

Overview of State Funding for Water Projects and Progress on the 50-Year Water Action Plan

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Forward Progress: Water Wins in 2026 Legislative Session (\$287 million – new \$)

Conservation & Infrastructure (\$179M)

- \$100M to water project fund
- \$22.5 M for Lower Rio Grande Settlement
- \$13M for Strategic Water Reserve
- \$2.5M for water planning and education
- \$11M for ag water conservation projects

AND MORE...

Builds upon appropriations of close to \$400M in 2025

New Sources (\$57M)

- \$35M for strategic water supply
- \$22M for aquifer monitoring and mapping

Not included: recurring agency funding, capital outlay bill, and Public Project Revolving Fund appropriations.

Protection & Restoration (\$51.25M)

- \$27.5M to clean up contaminated sites
- \$10M for the River Stewardship Program
- \$10.75M for the rural infrastructure and wastewater funding
- \$4M for drinking water systems
- \$1.5M for surface water permitting program

50-Year Water Action Plan Elements

Water Conservation

- A1 Develop a water education program
- A2 Incentivize agricultural water conservation
- A3 Reduce leaks in drinking water infrastructure/ increase municipal conservation
- A4 Improve water storage and delivery systems

New Water Supplies

- B1 Develop treated brackish water - initial appropriation of \$40M
- B2 Adopt policies to expand potable and non-potable water reuse
- B3 Improve groundwater mapping and monitoring

Water and Watershed Protection

- C1 Clean up contaminated groundwater sites
- C2 Develop a surface water discharge permitting program
- C3 Modernize wastewater treatment plants and stormwater infrastructure
- C4 Protect and restore watersheds

50-YEAR WATER ACTION PLAN



- Water Security in New Mexico: <https://www.nm.gov/water-security-in-new-mexico/>
- OSE/ISC, NMED, NMT, NMDA/NMSU, ENMRD/Forestry have particular areas of responsibility
- Progress being tracked through a new Dashboard:
 - <https://staging.mediadeskcreative.com/>



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