

Report to New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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June	Finalize annual work plan for coming fiscal year and submit to the SWCC.
July	Appointed Supervisors take Oaths of Office.
July 1	Fiscal year begins.
July 15 Time Sensitive	Deadline for providing information to county tax assessor(s) on mill levies: -Mill levy rate resolution; -List of land owners and legal description of lands subject to mill levy.
July 15 Time Sensitive	Point System items must be submitted. Worksheet is not required this year. See item #2 for more information.
July 30 Time Sensitive	Independent Public Accountant (IPA) Recommendation Form & the Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) contract must be signed & submitted to the State Auditor. AUP applies to Tiers 3-7.
July 31 Time Sensitive	Final budget and budget resolution for the coming fiscal year due to DFA-LGD, (cc: SWCC and SWCC Region Commissioner) for districts that submitted only their *preliminary* budget by the June 1 deadline.
July 31 Time Sensitive	4th quarter budget report and resolution due to DFA-LGD for the past fiscal year (cc: SWCC, SWCC region commissioner, and NMDA Specialist)
July 31	Final WQ&C grant report due to SWCC.

OMA Notification Requirements

Remember that if you have to hold a district board meeting at a place, time or location that deviates from the information you advertised in your open meetings act resolution, you must advertise it accordingly. Here are the guidelines:

Regular Meeting – 10 Days Prior

Special Meeting – 3 Days Prior

Emergency Meeting – 24 Hours Prior

COVID containment efforts in New Mexico have included restrictions on the size of social gatherings. As a result, it is possible that an event scheduled for the near future has been – or will be – postponed, canceled, or hosted online instead of in person. Because of the fluid nature of things in response to COVID, NMDA strongly recommends that you check with the host organization for the events contained in this report that the events have not changed in terms of their date or the manner in which they are to be hosted. We have included event websites to make this a simple step for you.

1. Oath of Office

NMDA would like to remind all SWCDs with any newly appointed supervisors (whether it be newly appointed positions 6 and 7, or any newly appointed supervisor appointed to a vacancy) will need to complete the new Oath of Office on the SOS website and also have it notarized. The \$3.00 fee will have to be paid to the SOS, for each supervisor completing an Oath of Office.

The Oath of Office and guidelines can be found at: <https://www.sos.state.nm.us/candidate-and-campaigns/search-public-information/oath-of-office/>

2. Changes to SWCC Point System Due to COVID 19

Due to the pandemic limiting activities during FY20, FY21 funding will be evenly distributed to all districts having completed and submitted the following documentation (to the required state entity AND SWCC). Only the items in the list below will be required to attain funding awarded by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission. If any one of the items is incomplete, the SWCD will not receive any funding. Below is a brief overview of the Point System requirements:

The following must be completed and/or submitted:

1. FY19 Annual Report of Activities
2. FY20 Open Meetings Act Resolution
3. FY20 Plan of Operations
4. FY20 Annual budget

5. FY19 4th Quarter Report
6. FY20 1st Quarter Report
7. FY20 2nd Quarter Report
8. FY20 3rd Quarter Report

It is not too late to submit DFA quarterly reports and budget to the SWCC, the SWCC should have been emailed a copy of each for the FY19-20. Be sure to submit all quarterly reports and budgets before June 30th. As a reminder, if any of the items 1-8 are incomplete, which includes not submitting required documents to the SWCC, the district will not be awarded any money.

Please contact your specialist with any questions on the Point System Worksheet.

3. 26th Annual Southwestern Noxious and Invasive Plant Short Course

Local, regional, and national experts will share their knowledge with YOU. The primary purpose of this regional 3-day Short Course is to explore the ecology and management of noxious, invasive weeds that threaten economic and ecologic interests of the southwestern U.S. The course is broken into 2 tracks – beginning (i.e., Track 1), for those wanting to learn about the various species of interest and basic management options invasive plants, and advanced (i.e., Track 2), for those interested in going beyond plant ID and basic management principles. Although the short course is presented in 2 tracks you will be free to tailor your attendance in a way that best fits your needs. Due to COVID-19, this year we will be offering the course completely on-line. The classroom portion of the short course will be presented via zoom during 3, half-day sessions, July 21, 22, and 23, 2020. ***The course has been approved for 12 CEUs by the Arizona and New Mexico Departments of Agriculture.*** Because the short course will be offered completely online, the early bird registration fee (until 7/17/20) has been reduced from \$350 to \$55 -- just \$35 for students! You must register and pay for the event by 7/17/20 to receive the early bird fee. ***The ZOOM link and password will be emailed to all paid participants on 7/20/20. Follow the link below to register.*** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/26th-annual-southwestern-noxious-invasive-plant-short-course-tickets-106032363654?ref=enivtefor001&invite=MTk2MTk0MDgvdhbnN0YWxsQG5tZGEubmlzdS5lZHUvMA%3D%3D%0A&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformalv2&utm_term=eventpage

4. Electronic Meeting Options for SWCDs

Due to various state directives related to the COVID-19 situation, SWCDs that need to address time sensitive or emergency issues must meet electronically (teleconference and/or video conference). Your NMDA Soil and Water Conservation Specialist can help you get these platforms up and running for your SWCD. Here are a few options that have been the most successful:

- **Zoom** – This is a computer-based platform that allows participants the option to either connect through the internet with video and voice, or call in like a conference call using only voice.

- While there is a free version, it does have a time limit of 40 minutes. This has caused problems for some SWCDs because the SWCD meetings typically lasts longer than 40 minutes.
- The Pro Package is \$14.99 per month, and includes unlimited time, and up to 100 participants per meeting. It also includes cloud storage, the option to record the meeting, screen sharing, and other features. This should be sufficient for most SWCDs.
- This is the link to the Zoom website <https://nmsu.zoom.us/pricing>
- **Webex** - is a similar video/phone conferencing option to Zoom, offering both free and prepaid plans.
 - Webex's free plan, allows up to 100 participants in each meeting, there is not a time limit on meetings, and it also does not limit the number of meetings one can hold.
 - Webex allows both video conferencing and phone calls into the conference number. Which assists those who either do not have internet or internet that does not support video conferencing.
 - Currently Webex is offering a promotion that allows a free first month when you sign up for a paid monthly plan, and four months free when an annual plan is purchased. Use code **wecare2020** to access this offer.

Other options available with the paid Webex plans include cloud storage, the option to record the meeting, screen sharing, and other features. Paid plans start at \$13.50 per month. To view what each plan includes, prices and frequently asked questions, visit:

<https://www.webex.com/pricing/index.html>

5. Stay at Home Instruction Extended through July 8, Possibly Later

The Governor has extended the stay at home instruction through at least July 8. The state will continue in Phase One through at least July 8, meaning that everyone must wear a mask when out in public and stay at least 6 feet apart. In addition, no groups larger than 5 people are to gather.

Please visit the Department of Health and/or Governor's website for the most up-to-date information.

NM Department of Health

<https://cv.nmhealth.org/>

Governor's website

<https://www.governor.state.nm.us/>

6. Office of the Attorney General OMA Advice

The Office of the Attorney General advises all public entities subject to OMA to first and foremost follow the guidance of the Department of Health and other health officials to ensure the health and safety of both members of the entity and the public. Accordingly, the most

prudent thing to do to ensure compliance with OMA would be to postpone any non-essential public meeting during the pendency of the state of emergency. If, however, a public entity has an emergency or time-sensitive matter to attend to, it may proceed with a virtual meeting under the following guidelines:

- Notice of the meeting must still comply with the mandates of OMA, and it should contain detailed information about how members of the public may attend and listen via telephone, live streaming, or other similar technologies---this should include such detail as relevant phone numbers, web addresses, etc.;
- While provided by alternative means, the public must have some form of access to the meeting to substitute for the access it would during any normally scheduled public meeting subject to OMA;
- Where possible, videoconference is the best alternative method of holding meetings;
- At the start of the meeting, the chairperson should announce the names of those members of the public entity participating remotely;
- All members of the public entity participating remotely must identify themselves whenever they speak and must be clearly audible to the other members of the public entity and to the public;
- The chairperson or person leading the meeting should suspend discussion if the audio or video is interrupted;
- All votes of the public entity should be by roll call vote;
- The public entity should produce and maintain a recording of the open session of the meeting.

Please also review the following link for additional guidance during this time:

<https://www.nmag.gov/uploads/Files/COVID-19/OpenGovernmentDivisionAdviceCOVID-19.pdf>

7. Additional Guidance from NMDA to SWCDs during COVID-19 Pandemic

The memo is informational and provides additional guidance to the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWCC) and the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) during the time of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The most up to date orders issued by the Governor through the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) can be found here:

<https://cv.nmhealth.org/public-health-orders-and-executive-orders/>

In addition to the information on the NMDOH website, the New Mexico Attorney General (NMAG) has also issued Open Meetings Act (OMA) guidance related to conduct of public meetings during the period of social distancing, which can be found at:

<https://www.nmag.gov/>

In part the NMAG states:

The Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Division (OGD) advises all public entities subject to OMA to first and foremost follow the guidelines of the Department of Health and other health officials to ensure the health and safety of both members of the entity and the public. Accordingly, the most prudent thing to do to ensure compliance with OMA would be to postpone /cancel a public meeting. If, however, a board or commission has a time-sensitive matter to attend to, it may proceed with a virtual meeting, provided it's notice of meeting contains detailed information (password, phone number, etc.) about how members of the public may attend and listen via telephone, live streaming or other similar technologies.

More specifically, if a public body decides to proceed with a virtual meeting, it should:

- At the start of the meeting, the chair should announce the names of those members of the public body participating remotely.
- All members of the public body participating remotely must identify themselves whenever they speak and must be clearly audible to the other members of the public body and to the public.
- Members of the public should be afforded remote access, via live stream or other similar technology, if possible, or call-in number for listening by phone.
- Chair should suspend discussion if the audio or video is interrupted.
- All votes of the public body must be by roll call vote.

NMDA has provided all of the above information to SWCDs through its monthly report to SWCDs as well as through individual contact to each district. However, since this is a rapidly evolving situation, it bears repeating.

You are advised to conduct public meetings in a manner consistent with the public health orders and in compliance with the NMAG guidelines. This means that the meeting must be conducted in a manner that the public has access to participate through a conference call line allowing many interested publics to attend at once. All members of the public must be able to attend and must be allowed to participate in the meeting no matter which technology is chosen. It is advised that no one gather for the meeting in observance of the order to stay socially distant. If meetings are conducted via teleconference or web-based conference service, there would be no need to gather.

In addition to compliance with the social distancing order, it is also important to respect that individuals with underlying health conditions (potentially members of the SWCD board, employees, or the public) may not want to gather whether the gathering complies with the not more than five individuals in a room even with the appropriate six feet of distance. Therefore, NMDA strongly urges you to conduct any meetings in strict accordance with the orders and guidelines issued by the State of New Mexico. The only current weapon the country has to curb the COVID-19 pandemic and assist the state with the response so that the medical community does not fall into a disaster is to observe the stay at home/social distancing order. Please consider this information and the guidelines as you decide to hold a public meeting. If you have questions, please contact NMDA staff at 575-646-2642 or call your specific SWCD specialist.

8. Rolling Quorums

NMDA would like to remind all SWCD and Watershed boards to be careful when emailing and conference calls during this time of limited interaction. A rolling quorum needs to be avoided. The definition and examples are stated below, directly from the Attorney General's Open Meetings Act Compliance Guide.

Rolling Quorums (Open Meetings Act Compliance Guide 2015 page 7):

The Act's requirement for open, public meetings applies to any discussion of public business among a quorum of a public body's members. Usually, a quorum of a public body's members meets together to discuss public business or take action. However, a quorum may exist for purposes of the Act even when the members are not physically present together at the same time and place. For example, if three members of a five-member board discuss public business in a series of telephone or email conversations, the discussion is a meeting of a quorum. This is sometimes referred to as a "rolling" or "walking" quorum. The use of a rolling quorum to discuss public business or take action violates the Act because it constitutes a meeting of a quorum of the public body's members outside of a properly noticed, public meeting.

9. NM Guidance and Practices Report

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has put out a report on guidance and practices that should be followed with reopening during the COVID-19 Pandemic. To view the report and to see what is now required of businesses, please review: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/f8c729a4-3094-4157-af47-b13eddea33f2>

10. NRCS Conservation Agricultural Mentoring Program

Are you a farmer, rancher or forester interested in mentoring a new NRCS employee? The Conservation Agricultural Mentoring Program (CAMP) matches an experienced producer with an NRCS field employee. Our goal is to grow critical relationships with the producers we serve, while at the same time advancing employee knowledge of production agriculture.

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/people/?cid=NRCSEPRD1596019>

11. Assistance Programs posted on NMDA's Website

NMDA has compiled a list of all state and federal assistance programs available during the COVID 19 Pandemic. Please look over these assistance programs and feel free to pass along any of this information that might be beneficial to individuals or groups within your SWCD.

Please visit: <http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/assistance-programs/>

12. PPE for SWCDs

SWCD's can request personal protective equipment (PPE) from the state EOC warehouse through a county emergency manager. SWCDs would need to fill out a 213-resource request form, the local emergency managers should be able to help with that.

Alternatively, PPE can be purchased through various websites, see below websites. NMDA recommends checking some of these websites frequently as the PPE comes in and out of stock.

<https://health.suttersmill.com/>

https://www.northerntool.com/shop/tools/category_clothing-footwear+clothing-accessories+cloth-face-coverings-masks

<https://www.northernsafety.com/Product/333256W/NSI-3Ply-Face-Mask-50-Box>

<https://midsci.com/products/210/Apparel/>

13. 2020 Census

The final deadline to complete the 2020 Census has been extended to Oct. 31 amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The New Mexico Department of Agriculture reminds farmers, ranchers and everyone within the agriculture community to respond to the census either online, over the phone, by mail or in person, as door-to-door operations that were temporarily suspended in March have now resumed across the state.

The decennial census is a simple 10-question form that, upon completion, determines how more than \$800 billion in federal funds will be distributed in communities across the nation, including over \$7 billion per year in New Mexico. The funding supports roads, schools, healthcare, public safety and essential service programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and National School Lunch Program. Research suggests that every New Mexico citizen unaccounted for results in a loss of approximately \$3,745 every year.

“We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused many in the agriculture industry to focus their efforts elsewhere during these trying times,” New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture Jeff Witte said. “However, completing the 2020 Census takes just 10 minutes of your time and can be done in the comfort of your own home. Remember that those 10 minutes will have an impact on the next 10 years. I encourage every farmer, every rancher, and everyone in the agriculture industry to stand proud, be counted, and complete a census form.”

For more information about the 2020 Census in New Mexico, visit <https://www.icountnm.gov/home/>. To respond to the census, visit <https://2020census.gov/>.

14. Farm Service Agency County Committee Nominations Open June 15

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin accepting nominations for county committee members on Monday, June 15, 2020. Elections will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for these members who make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2020 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2020.

15. Waters of the US Final Rule

On April 21, 2020, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the Army's Navigable Waters Protection Rule: Definition of "Waters of the United States" published in the *Federal Register*. This final rule establishes the scope of federal regulatory authority under the Clean Water Act. The Navigable Waters Protection Rule includes four simple categories of jurisdictional waters and provides specific exclusions for many water features that traditionally have not been regulated. **The final rule became effective on June 22, 2020. Information about the rule can be found on the EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/nwpr>.**

16. BLM Seeks Nominations to the Rio Puerco Management Committee

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking nominations for several positions on the newly established Rio Puerco Management Committee. As published in the *Federal Register*, the BLM will consider nominations received through July 8, 2020. The Secretary of the Interior signed the charter establishing the Rio Puerco Management Committee on May 28, 2020.

Public Law 104-333 and Public Law 116-9 require the Rio Puerco Management Committee to advise the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, on the development and implementation of the Rio Puerco Management Program. The Committee will serve as a forum for information about activities that may affect or further the development and implementation of best management practices, identify objectives, and develop alternative watershed management plans for the Rio Puerco Drainage Basin. The Secretary of the Interior will appoint council members to three-year terms.

The Committee shall be convened by a representative of the BLM. Nominations are being accepted from representatives within the following categories: the Rio Puerco Watershed Committee; affected tribes and pueblos; the U.S. Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture; the Bureau of Reclamation; the U.S. Geological Survey; the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the Army Corps of Engineers; the Environmental Protection Agency; the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture; the State of New Mexico, including the New Mexico Environment Department of the State Engineer; affected local soil and water conservation districts; the Elephant Butte Irrigation District; private landowners; and other interested citizens.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on the Committee. Nominees will be reviewed on the basis of their affiliation, interest, education and/or knowledge of the Rio Puerco Drainage Basin. Nominations must include letter(s) of reference, a completed application, and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications. The application form can be downloaded at www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/New-Mexico.

Implementing Public Law 116-9 is a top priority for the Department of the Interior (DOI). Secretary Bernhardt, through Secretary's Order 3374, has formed a task force including affected DOI agencies to ensure that the Act is implemented in a timely, consistent, coordinated manner among all DOI offices and Bureaus. PL 116-9, which incorporated more than 100 lands bills, included the reauthorization of the Rio Puerco Management Committee, covering approximately 7,350 square miles, including nine sub-watersheds that drain portions of seven counties west of the Rio Grande and close to 5.6 million acres in New Mexico.

For more information, contact Public Affairs Specialist Allison Sandoval at 505-954-2019 or aesandoval@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

17. USDA Announces Grants for Urban Agriculture & Innovative Production

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced the availability of \$3 million for grants through its new Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production. The competitive grants will support the development of urban agriculture and innovative production projects through two categories, Planning Projects and Implementation Projects. USDA will accept applications on Grants.gov until midnight July 6, 2020.

For more information please visit: https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2020/usda-announces-grants-for-urban-agriculture-and-innovative-production?utm_campaign=0506urbanag&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

18. Farmers & Ranchers Help Each Other Succeed by Participating in the Soil Health Champions Network

The [Soil Health Champions Network](#) is an emerging program of NACD. Champions are advocates for soil health, on the path of learning rather than mastering. Membership in the network is free and voluntary. The only duties are educating the public, sharing helpful information with other producers and occasionally reporting on activities. Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) are notified when a new champion joins the Network and Champions and their SWCDs receive quarterly emails featuring national highlights.

In New Mexico the [NM Healthy Soil Working Group](#) is actively recruiting new champions who want to get involved and make a difference. SWCDs can help by getting out the word. The

more Soil Health Champions there are in every district, the more we can achieve healthy soil stewardship on working lands. Champion activities can take many forms such as hosting meet ups, doing write ups in the local newspaper or volunteering in a school classroom. The goal is to share the importance of taking care of the soil.

For more information, to sign up yourself or to nominate someone you know to be a Soil Health Champion, please contact

Christina Allday-Bondy: (512-658-2051; christina.alldaybondy@gmail.com) or
Jeff Goebel (541-610-7084; goebel@aboutlistening.com)

19. NMSU Extension publication focuses on direct sale of beef to customers

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in an abrupt and dynamic change in how food reaches the consumer's dinner table.

Grocery store meat sections are frequently bare or offering very slim selections. Shoppers are sometimes left wondering how to replenish their family's supply of this protein source.

While the shelves are bare, ranchers and farmers are experiencing low prices for their livestock at the sale barn, as the supply chain is impacted by changes in the market.

<http://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/14253/nmsu-extension-publication-focuses-on-direct-sale-of-beef-to-customers>.

20. Paycheck Protection Program

The Department of Treasury (Treasury) and Small Business Administration (SBA) released an [interim final rule on the Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\)](#). **Agricultural producers are eligible to participate in the program and should reach out to their bankers and/or agricultural lenders to apply immediately.** While SBA still needs to confirm some administrative details, loans will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis and producers can get started on the application now.

- [For a top-line overview of the PPP program CLICK HERE](#)
- [Information for prospective borrowers can be found HERE](#)
- [The application for borrowers can be found HERE](#)

Below please find additional details about the PPP program. NASDA will provide additional updates once outstanding questions are answered by SBA.

1. Program Eligibility

- a. All businesses (including farm and ranch businesses) are eligible for a PPP loan if they (1) have fewer than 500 employees; (2) meet the definition of a "small business concern"; and (3) are subject to SBA's affiliation rules (unless those rules were specifically waived in the CARES Act).
 - i. Waiting on SBA to clarify the definition of "small business concern" – do not anticipate any undue restrictions.

- ii. Waiting on SBA to confirm whether H2A workers are counted as “employees” for the purposes of determining size.
 - b. Financial institutions, including the Farm Credit system, will be responsible for processing loan applications and administering the loan.
- 2. Loan Terms
 - a. Loan amounts are calculated based on the payroll costs for all employees whose “principal place of residence” is in the U.S. Please note that this definition excludes H-2A workers, which will likely reduce the loan amount available to some agricultural producers.
 - b. This loan has a maturity of 2 years and an interest rate of 1%. Loan payments will be deferred for the first six months.
 - c. The loan will be fully forgiven if at least 75% of the funds are used for payroll costs, and the remainder is used for interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities.
 - i. Forgiveness is based on the employer maintaining or quickly rehiring employees and maintaining salary levels. Forgiveness will be reduced if full-time headcount declines, or if salaries and wages decrease.
- 3. The best point of contact for questions on the Paycheck Protection Program is the Lender Relations Specialist in your local SBA Field Office. The local SBA Field Office may be found at <https://www.sba.gov/tools/local-assistance/districtoffices>.

21. “Buy for Tomorrow Today” Campaign

The New Mexico Economic Development Department has launched a website that pairs shoppers with products and services in a “Buy for Tomorrow Today” campaign to help sustain businesses through the COVID-19 health emergency.

The “Buy for Tomorrow Today website (www.BuyNMLocal.com) is another way for people to support New Mexico businesses during the emergency closures. The site offers direct access to individual websites where purchases can be finalized for products or services now, by delivery or take-out, or when the business reopens.

The website includes a registration link for businesses who want to participate. Shoppers can sort retailers by region to find a store near them. The State of New Mexico is not a party to the transactions.

Many businesses on the site are also offering discounts or additional value-added services with a purchase on the Buy Tomorrow website. New businesses are being added to the site daily, so check back often to find your favorite local retailer.

22. Elevate NM Agriculture

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture aims to connect consumers with New Mexico agriculture products. If you are a New Mexico producer/business that wishes to include your food, beverage or agricultural product and contact information on our online products-to-consumer database, please visit <http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/ag-products-to-consumers/>.

Once you submit your information, the NMDA staff will verify the submission, and once validated, it will be added to the list. Questions? Email ElevateNMAg@nmda.nmsu.edu.

Also, if you are interested in being listed in the USDA database, submit your information at the USDA's Local Food Directory Registration and Update at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/local-regional/food-directories-update>

23. NM Groundwater Conference Postponed

The NM Groundwater Conference that was going to be held on July 20 and 21, 2020 at the State Bar of New Mexico, located at 5121 Masthead NE, Albuquerque, NM 87199 has been postponed until the Fall. To register and/or for the most up-to-date information, please go to: <https://agwt.org/civicrm/event/info%3Fid%3D307%26reset%3D1>

24. Meeting and Comments on National Forests in NM

All five of the National Forests in New Mexico are in various stages of completing their Forest Plan Revisions. For updates, please visit the National Forests' websites below for meeting times and comment opportunities.

- Cibola NF: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/cibola/landmanagement/planning/?cid=FSBDEV3_065627
- Carson NF: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/carson/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprdb5443166>
- Santa Fe NF: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/santafe/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprd3791442>
- Gila NF: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home/?cid=STELPRD3828671>
- Lincoln NF: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/lincoln/home/?cid=stelprd3814307>

NMDA encourages all SWCDs to stay active in the Forest Plan Revision process for all five national forests. We also encourage SWCDs to provide information as requested to make sure that SWCD information is included in the process.