

Hello Everyone,

There is a hearing coming up on Tuesday regarding SB337, a bill to protect water resources. The bill is named WATER SECURITY PLANNING ACT and is deserving of our support. The hearing is before the Senate Conservation Committee Tuesday, February 21, 2023 - 9:00 am.

This email is to request that you support the bill. The Committee members are shown below with contact information. Please let them know that you would like to see the bill pass their committee with a Do Pass recommendation. If you choose contact only one of the committee members, please choose Liz Stefanics to let her know you support this bill. (Stefanics is a sponsor of the bill.)

The bill is based on the work of the Governor's NEW MEXICO WATER POLICY AND INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE. The bill states that it is

“relating to water planning; enacting the water security planning act; authorizing the Interstate Stream Commission to make loans and grants for regional water planning; requiring the Interstate Stream Commission to make rules and guidelines for regional water planning; providing duties of regional water planning entities.”

Norm Gaume, former director of the Interstate Stream Commission, and now President of the Middle Rio Grande Water Advocates, is leading the effort to get the bill through the Legislature this session. There is a lot in this bill that would make for better water decisions in the future. Check it out -- it is attached for you to look at. For those of you who can't open the file, let me know and I'll show you how to get it on line.

Thanks for your support for good water decisions.

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