



**Date: February 28, 2025**

**THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT, SURFACE WATER QUALITY BUREAU, SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON PLANNED WATER QUALITY STUDIES OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE (INCLUDING THE SANTA FE RIVER) WATERSHEDS, THE CANADIAN RIVER / DRY CIMARRON RIVER WATERSHEDS INCLUDING SELECTED TRIBUTARIES AND LAKES**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) is seeking public input on surface water quality monitoring plans for the Middle Rio Grande (including the Santa Fe River) Watershed and the Canadian River / Dry Cimarron River Watershed including selected tributaries and lakes. The two-year survey will be conducted from April 2025 to November 2026. This survey will include river locations and selected perennial tributaries and lakes within the study area. The data collected from the survey will be used to determine water quality status, track water quality improvements, identify impaired waterbodies, and revise Water Quality Standards where applicable.

Additional information can be found on the web at <https://www.env.nm.gov/surface-water-quality/water-quality-monitoring/>. Please contact Miguel Montoya at (505) 819-9882, [Miguel.Montoya@env.nm.gov](mailto:Miguel.Montoya@env.nm.gov).

The SWQB invites public comment on the 2025 Watershed Survey Field Sampling Plans from February 28, 2025, to March 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Standard Time (MDST). Please submit written comments to Miguel Montoya, e-mail: [Miguel.Montoya@env.nm.gov](mailto:Miguel.Montoya@env.nm.gov), mailing address: NMED SWQB, P.O. Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM, 87502.

The NMED SWQB will be holding two virtual public meetings to summarize the information and to provide a forum for interested parties to ask questions and provide comments on the planned water quality studies. The virtual meetings will be held on March 11, 2025, at 1:30pm-2:30pm and March 12, 2025, at 1:30pm-2:30pm. The meeting can be accessed at the following links.

**March 11, 2025 at 1:30pm-2:30pm:**

**When it's time, join your Webex meeting here.**

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<https://nmed-oit.webex.com/nmed-oit/j.php?MTID=m46c790cff8c1537cd3ad7f4190b9bf9e>

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March 12, 2025 at 1:30pm-2:30pm:

When it's time, join your Webex meeting here.

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