NMED 2026 Fall Wetlands Roundtable

Agenda

November 18, 2026

Location: Pinon Room, New Mexico State Library

1209 Camino Carlos Rey, Santa Fe, NM 87507

Hybrid Meeting (Link)

Time	Presenters	Topic
8:30 am – 9:00 am: Registration		
9:00 am – 9:15 am	**Zach Shephard and Shinya Burck**, NMED Wetlands Program	Welcome and Announcements
9:15 am – 9:45 am	**Zach Shephard and Shinya Burck**, NMED Wetlands Program	Wetlands Program Update
9:45 am – 10:15 am	**Aaron Jones,** The Nature Conservancy	Systematic Conservation Planning with Marxan for Wetland Restoration in New Mexico
10:15 am – 10:30 am: Break		
10:30 am – 11:00 am	**Elizabeth Milford**, Natural Heritage New Mexico	Subalpine wetland New Mexico Rapid Assessment Method (NMRAM) development
11:00 am – 11:30 am	**Sharon Selvaggio,** The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation	Why and How to Protect New Mexico's Wetland and Rivers from Pesticide Contamination
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	**Estevan Gonzales and Abe Aufdermauer,** Hermits Peak Watershed Alliance / Rio Grande Return / Albuquerque Wildlife Federation	Creation of the Watershed Restoration Field Guide Post-Fire Restoration Edition
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch Break		
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	**Justin Nichols,** U.S. Geological Survey	Beaver Dam Analogs as Nature-Based Solutions to Mitigate Snowpack Loss in Northern New Mexico, Rio De Las Vacas
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	**Andrew Robertson**, Geospatial Services Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	Springs mapping, assessment, and technical guide development for arid-land spring wetlands
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	**Samantha Ferguson**, NMED River Stewardship Program	Improving Surface Water Quality and Wetland Resilience through the River Stewardship and Watershed Protection Assistance Programs
2:30pm – 2:45 pm: Break		
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Wetlands Roundtable Discussion (in-person only)	
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	NMED Wetlands Program	Announcements and Closing Remarks

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