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THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT, SURFACE WATER QUALITY BUREAU, SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON PLANNED WATER QUALITY STUDIES OF THE LOWER PECOS RIVER, SOUTHERN HIGH PLAINS, JEMEZ RIVER, RIO PUERCO, RIO SAN JOSE, AND LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHEDS, INCLUDING SELECTED TRIBUTARIES AND LAKES

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) is seeking public input on planning surface water quality monitoring of the Lower Pecos River, Southern High Plains, Jemez River, Rio Puerco, Rio San Jose, and Little Colorado River watersheds. The two-year survey will be conducted from March 2021 to November 2022. 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.

The SWQB invites public comment on the 2021-2022 Watershed Survey Field Sampling Plans from February 12, 2021 to March 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. MDT. Please submit written comments to Charles Dentino, e-mail: Charles.Dentino1@state.nm.us, mailing address: NMED SWQB, P.O. Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM, 87502.

Additional information can be found on the web at <https://www.env.nm.gov/swqb/>. Please contact Chuck Dentino at (505) 946-8868, Charles.Dentino1@state.nm.us or Kris Barrios at (505) 946-8713, Kristopher.Barrios@state.nm.us, with any questions.

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