

From: [Jose Arnaldo Lopez](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 8:48:15 AM

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is Jose Arnaldo Lopez and I am a Commissioner for the Acequias de Chamisal y Ojito in Taos County. Traditional rural communities such as acequias and land grant-mercedes are experiencing rapid land use development that negatively impacts our water resources. Impacts include potential risks of groundwater contamination and increased degradation of surface water quality from municipal wastewater treatment facilities and industrial water users, such as oil & gas, mining, and national laboratories. The state Triennial Review is therefore critical to ensure our precious water is protected for current and future generations.

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El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: [Oro Benson](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 11:19:16 AM

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is Oro Benson and I am la mayordoma from the community of J.P. Gonzales Acequia in Abiquiu. Traditional rural communities such as acequias and land grant-mercedes are experiencing rapid land use development that negatively impacts our water resources. Impacts include potential risks of groundwater contamination and increased degradation of surface water quality from municipal wastewater treatment facilities and industrial water users, such as oil & gas, mining, and national laboratories. The state Triennial Review is therefore critical to ensure our precious water is protected for current and future generations.

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We are on the verge of a time when water is more valuable than oil. We should act like it.
Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,
Oro "Goldie" Benson

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From: [Karen Blair](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 9:49:55 AM

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is Karen Blair and I am a COMMISSIONER from the community of Costilla and the Acequia Madre. Traditional rural communities such as acequias are experiencing rapid land use development that negatively impacts our water resources. Impacts include potential risks of groundwater contamination and increased degradation of surface water quality from municipal wastewater treatment facilities and industrial water users, such as oil & gas, mining, and national laboratories. The state Triennial Review is therefore critical to ensure our precious water is protected for current and future generations.

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Sincerely,

Karen Blair, Commissioner The Acequia Madre de Rio Costilla

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From: [Alicia Chavez](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 10:08:54 AM

July 15, 2021

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is Alicia Chavez and I am a community member from the community of Barelás, Albuquerque, NM. Traditional rural communities such as acequias and land grant-mercedes are experiencing rapid land use development that negatively impacts our water resources. Impacts include potential risks of groundwater contamination and increased degradation of surface water quality from municipal wastewater treatment facilities and industrial water users, such as oil & gas, mining, and national laboratories. The state Triennial Review is therefore critical to ensure our precious water is protected for current and future generations of acequeros. I support the proposals by Communities for Clean Water (CCW) and the Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP) to provide more protections of New Mexico's waters. Specifically, I urge the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) to:

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Gracias,

Alicia Chavez | FoodCorps
She, her, hers

[New Mexico Associate Director | She/Her/Hers](#)

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From: [Jens Deichmann](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 11:33:13 AM

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is Jens Deichmann

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Sincerely,
Jens Deichmann, 2126 Calle Tecolote, Santa Fe.

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From: [Lindsey Diaz](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 3:36:47 PM

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is Lindsey and I am a farmer from the community of Albuquerque. Traditional rural communities such as acequias and land grant-mercedes are experiencing rapid land use development that negatively impacts our water resources. Impacts include potential risks of groundwater contamination and increased degradation of surface water quality from municipal wastewater treatment facilities and industrial water users, such as oil & gas, mining, and national laboratories. The state Triennial Review is therefore critical to ensure our precious water is protected for current and future generations.

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Sincerely,

(ADD YOUR NAME, TITLE AND CONTACT INFORMATION)

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From: [Susan Ellenbogen](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 10:42:48 AM

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear NM Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is Susan Ellenbogen and I am a community member and homeowner in Pueblo Alegre in Santa Fe. I live near the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro and value the traditional communities and practices that have made life possible for centuries alongside this ancient byway.

Traditional rural communities such as acequias and land grant-mercedes are experiencing rapid land use development that negatively impacts our water resources. Impacts include potential risks of groundwater contamination and increased degradation of surface water quality from municipal wastewater treatment facilities and industrial water users, such as oil & gas, mining, and national laboratories. The state Triennial Review is therefore critical to ensure our precious water is protected for current and future generations.

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Sincerely,
Susan Ellenbogen
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From: [Kristina G. Fisher](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Comment on Triennial Review
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 9:59:54 PM

Dear Ms. Jones,

I am writing to comment on the Triennial Review of New Mexico's surface water quality standards. I am in agreement with the recommendations being made by Communities for Clean Water (CCW), the Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP), and Amigos Bravos, among others, to provide increased protections of New Mexico's waters.

First, I strongly support keeping the existing definition of "toxic pollutants," rather than limiting that definition to only toxic pollutants listed in an outdated EPA list. New Mexico should not cede its authority to identify and regulate toxic pollutants based on an outdated federal list.

Second, I support the adoption of a definition of "Contaminants of Emerging Concern" that clearly gives NMED the authority to require monitoring of these contaminants. I very much support adding PFAS to the definition of contaminants of emerging concern, considering the serious threat they pose to human health and the high levels found in some New Mexico waters.

Third, I oppose LANL's proposal to substantially limit the number of waters, including waters on LANL's property, that currently receive protections under the Human Health - Organism Only (HH-OO) criteria for toxic pollutants. The fish we catch in our rivers, streams, reservoirs, and lakes must be kept safe to eat.

Fourth, I also oppose LANL's proposal to limit monitoring to an outdated EPA list of monitoring methods for purposes of permit compliance and enforcement. This proposal would prevent the effective monitoring of substances like PCBs and PFAS. With its troubling track record of environmental contamination, LANL should not be spending taxpayer dollars to try to fight state efforts to protect waters from persistent and harmful pollutants.

Finally, I urge the commission to adopt a definition of climate change that acknowledges that human activities are the major cause of climate change and that specifies that combating climate change is one purpose of these regulations. I oppose the NMED's limited definition of climate change that fails to identify climate change as predominantly anthropogenic.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Kristina G. Fisher
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From: [Juan Garcia](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 11:23:08 AM

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is Juan Garcia and I am an El Rito Community member, a parciante, farmer, water system president and a land grant heir from the community of El Rito. Traditional rural communities such as acequias and land grant-mercedes are experiencing rapid land use development that negatively impacts our water resources. Impacts include potential risks of groundwater contamination and increased degradation of surface water quality from a lack of waste water treatment facilities and or policy, rules or regs and industrial water users, such as oil & gas, mining, and national laboratories. The state Triennial Review is therefore critical to ensure our precious water is protected for current and future generations.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Jeanne Green](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 7:41:07 PM

July 15, 2021

Pamela Jones, WQCC Administrator
New Mexico Environment Department
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, NM 87502

Dear Ms. Jones:

I live in Taos and care about the quality of our waters in New Mexico. Our waters are under threat. We need for you to protect us from effects of environmental damage, particularly from LANL.

I support the proposals by Communities for Clean Water (CCW) and the Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP) to provide more protections of New Mexico's waters. Specifically, I urge the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) to:

- adopt an adequate definition of climate change that identifies human activities as the major cause of climate change. *See* the CCW and GRIP proposed changes to definitions;
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- express its dismay that LANL is spending taxpayer dollars on lawyers to fight state efforts to protect waters from toxic and persistent pollutants.

Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Green, Taos, NM, 575-751-4130

From: [Ann Hunkins](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 6:51:04 PM

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is Ann Hunkins and I am a community member from Santa Fe. Please let's not endanger the Acequia system that has been the lifeblood of this land for hundreds of years. They are a precious resource we cannot replace, worth much more than money or oil and gas profits.

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Thank you for listening,
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From: [Elena Mitchel](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 4:15:07 PM

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is Elena Mitchel and I am a parciante from the community of Atrisco, in the South Valley. Using water from the Roger's lateral (AKA Ranchos de Atrisco lateral) acequia I grow food for my family and community and create habitat for wildlife. Protecting the quality of the acequia waters protects the health of myself, my community and the animals of my community. Please take action to enact the most stringent protections for our precious water, for the sake of our health, our communities and our future generations.

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Sincerely,
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From: [John Olivas](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 2:21:45 PM

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is John Olivas and I am a MORA COUNTY COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEMBER from the community in MORA COUNTY. Traditional rural communities such as acequias and land grant-mercedes are experiencing rapid land use development that negatively impacts our water resources. Impacts include potential risks of groundwater contamination and increased degradation of surface water quality from municipal wastewater treatment facilities and industrial water users, such as oil & gas, mining, and national laboratories. The state Triennial Review is therefore critical to ensure our precious water is protected for current and future generations.

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Sincerely,

JOHN OLIVAS

Mora County Planning and Zoning Commissioner

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From: michaeldpacheco@hotmail.com
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
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WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is (INSERT YOUR NAME) and I am a (COMMUNITY MEMBER/PARCIANTE/COMMISSIONER/MAYORDOMO/YOUNG PERSON/FARMER) from the community of (INSERT ACEQUIA AND/OR TOWN NAME). Traditional rural communities such as acequias and land grant-mercedes are experiencing rapid land use development that negatively impacts our water resources. Impacts include potential risks of groundwater contamination and increased degradation of surface water quality from municipal wastewater treatment facilities and industrial water users, such as oil & gas, mining, and national laboratories. The state Triennial Review is therefore critical to ensure our precious water is protected for current and future generations.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Soledad Roybal](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Friday, July 16, 2021 3:18:51 AM

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

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Sincerely,
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From: [Carlos Salazar](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 10:26:16 AM

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is Carlos Salazar) and I am a COMMISSIONER from the community of the Acequia de Rio Chama in Medanales, New Mexico. Traditional rural communities such as acequias and land grant-mercedes are experiencing rapid land use development that negatively impacts our water resources. Impacts include potential risks of groundwater contamination and increased degradation of surface water quality from unmanaged National Forests, unregulated recreation, too many elk and designating areas as wilderness and catastrophic wildfires. The state Triennial Review is critical to ensure our precious water is protected for current and future generations. The commissioners need to review the T & E Species Act to see if the mitigating measures taken by the US Fish and Wildlife Service in conjunction with the State of New Mexico are working, if not designate the species as being in Peril with no chance of recovery. We are spending millions of dollars down a rathole. Let's use common sense management and stop lining the pockets of the environmental organizations.

La agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Carlos Salazar, President, Acequia de Rio Chama and President of Northern NM Stockman's Association. (505-685-4541

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From: [Susan Meadows](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 9:00:01 AM

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

We are Susan Meadows and Paul Johnson and we are parcientes on Acequia Los Ortiz in Nambé.

The Southwest is experiencing aridification as a result of climate change. In an already arid climate this means water has become even more precious.

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Sincerely,

Susan Meadows & Paul Johnson

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Santa Fe, NM 87506

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Un bi agindi, With your respect my name is Beata Tsosie, I am from Santa Clara Pueblo and El Rito, and work with Tewa Women United. I am a birth worker, farmer, and educator, and advocate for an end to environmental violence from nuclear colonialism and extraction industries in my ancestral homelands.

I want to start with affirming my support for Communities for Clean Water's (CCW) testimony and recommendations. Our community voices are facing multiple barriers to being able to participate in this hearing, so I hope CCW testimony is heard for the representation they hold in their testimony.

As a Tewa caregiver of this land I am a part of, I oppose several of the proposals put forth by Los Alamos National Laboratory, an ongoing for-profit military colonial occupation that has severely disrupted, degraded, and continues to cause ongoing harm to our land-based quality of life, the health of our community downwind and down river, and the health and integrity of our precious living waters.

I urge the commission to protect all waterways, and as many waters as possible, including those on LANLs occupied property to be protected under the Human Health Organism Only (HH-OO) criteria for toxic pollutants. My community still subsists from fishing and hunting, and is our Indigenous human rights to continue to be able to live our traditional existence free from toxic exposures when it comes to fishing in our rivers, streams, reservoirs and lakes. We are already impacted by bioaccumulation of toxins in our ecology. These protections are crucial when it comes to considering the cumulative and multiple exposures our peoples face just by living our traditional land-based existence. It is environmental racism perpetrated by LANL to try and limit the number of waters that hold this standard of protection to human health.

I want to affirm that New Mexico should not weaken its authority to regulate and identify what are toxic pollutants when it comes to water quality. There are existing and yet to be discovered contaminated sites, and we must be able to respond to toxicity based on existing definitions of toxic pollutants.

I oppose LANLs proposal to limit monitoring methods for purposes of permit compliance and enforcement. It is not just radionuclides we are concerned with, it is PCBS and countless chemical combinations, including PFAS which are at extremely concerning levels at some sites. I am often disheartened at the fact that all I can hope for when it comes to clean up at LANL contaminated sites is often times the bare minimum of monitoring. It angers me that the DOE and LANL can use these platforms and waste resources to constantly try and fight efforts to protect waters from pollution, and try and make water protections less stringent when it comes to these extremely harmful pollutants that we have to live with. Monitoring must remain pervasive, it is informing our community of what is happening.

I am in support of the adoption of a Contaminants of Emerging Concern CEC definition that clearly gives NMED the authority to require monitoring CEC's. I support adding PFAS to the CEC definition as an example of CECs. PFAS are perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances that are a group of man-made chemicals that research has shown to affect reproductive health, increase the risk of some cancers, affect childhood development, increase cholesterol levels, weaken the immune system, and interfere with the body's hormones. We must center Indigenous Pregnant families as the standard for protection, this means monitoring CEC's at a local and state level.

Finally, I urge the Commission to adopt a definition of climate change that identifies human activities as the major cause of climate change and to specify combatting climate change as a purpose of the regulations. This is another attempt to limit accountability for polluters, and our children deserve better, ask them what is causing climate change today, this is common sense.

Thank you,
Beata Tsosie

From: [Chyna Dixon](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 3:25:25 PM

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is Chyna Dixon and I am a community member, PhD researcher, and young parciante and acequia advocate from Taos, New Mexico. Traditional rural communities such as acequias and land grant-mercedes are experiencing rapid land use development that negatively impacts our water resources. Impacts include potential risks of groundwater contamination and increased degradation of surface water quality from municipal wastewater treatment facilities and industrial water users, such as oil & gas, mining, and national laboratories. The state Triennial Review is therefore critical to ensure our precious water is protected for current and future generations.

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Sincerely,
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From: [Lydia Vidaurre](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 9:15:01 AM

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is (Lydia Vidaurre) and I am a (Commissioner) from the community of (Acequias De Llano De San Juan Nepomucano). Traditional rural communities such as acequias and land grant-mercedes are experiencing rapid land use development that negatively impacts our water resources. Impacts include potential risks of groundwater contamination and increased degradation of surface water quality from municipal wastewater treatment facilities and industrial water users, such as oil & gas, mining, and national laboratories. The state Triennial Review is therefore critical to ensure our precious water is protected for current and future generations.

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From: [Maya Y Anthony](#)
To: [Jones, Pamela, NMENV](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 3:58:07 PM

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones,

Re: Public Comments for Triennial Review - Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R)

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners:

My name is Maya Y Anthony and I am a PARCIANTE and YOUNG FARMER from the community of San Cristobal on the Highland Ditch. Traditional rural communities such as acequias and land grant-mercedes are experiencing rapid land use development that negatively impacts our water resources. Impacts include potential risks of groundwater contamination and increased degradation of surface water quality from municipal wastewater treatment facilities and industrial water users, such as oil & gas, mining, and national laboratories. The state Triennial Review is therefore critical to ensure our precious water is protected for current and future generations.

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