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The Environment Department's mission is to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for present and future generations.

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Water Fair in Española postponed to protect public health

ESPAÑOLA — Following the New Mexico Department of Health's <u>public health order</u> regarding mass gatherings and in an effort to prevent transmission of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), the Water Fair scheduled for March 13 and 14 in Española has been postponed until further notice.

The New Mexico Environment Department is committed to hosting a Water Fair, which provides free water testing to private well owners, for the residents of Española and Rio Arriba County and will reschedule the event as soon possible.

Our priority during this time is to protect public health by limiting the potential impacts of COVID-19 in New Mexico.

To learn more about COVID-19 and how to protect yourself and others, please visit <u>http://cv.nmhealth.org/</u>. More information about Water Fairs is available at <u>https://www.env.nm.gov/gwqb/water-fairs/</u>.

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