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### **Las Vegas water treatment plant project design unveiled**

*Plant will treat up to 3.6 million gallons per day; construction to begin this summer*

LAS VEGAS, N.M. — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and the City of Las Vegas this week unveiled design renderings for the community’s new Water Treatment Plant, marking a significant step toward a summer groundbreaking and the long-term restoration of reliable drinking water for a community still recovering from the 2022 Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Fire.

The renderings, presented at the May 13 Las Vegas City Council meeting, show how treatment buildings, basins and support systems will work together in the new facility. Water from the Gallinas River and local reservoirs will move through a sequence of mixing, settling, filtering and advanced carbon treatment before final disinfection and storage. The plant is designed to treat up to 3.6 million gallons per day.

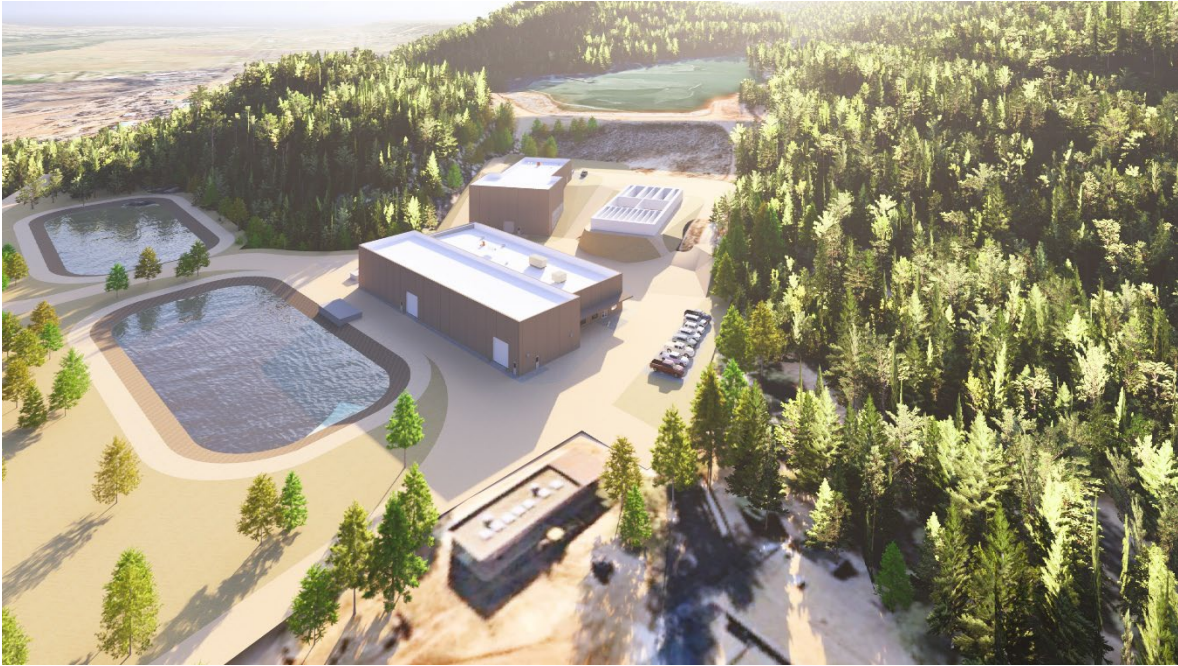
“This project represents the forward-looking investment New Mexico communities deserve and the progress we can make through state and local collaboration,” said **NMED Water Protection Division Director Jonas Armstrong**. “NMED remains committed to supporting the City as they continue to recover from the Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Fire.”

“After everything our community has endured from the Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Fire and the challenges that followed, this project stands as a symbol of resilience, recovery, and hope for the future of Las Vegas,” said **Las Vegas Mayor David Romero**. “The governing body, myself, our staff, professional partners, and the State of New Mexico are working together every day to move this project forward and ensure our community has safe and reliable water for generations to come.”

The design reflects months of engineering work following a June 2025 collaborative agreement between the State of New Mexico and the City of Las Vegas. With the design phase complete, the project next moves into detailed engineering ahead of construction.

## **Renderings of new City of Las Vegas Water Treatment Plant**

*Credit: Burns & McDonnell Engineering*





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