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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE UPDATED STATEWIDE
WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND
CONTINUING PLANNING PROCESS**

WQCC No. 20-34

**New Mexico Environment Department,
Petitioner.**

**ORDER TO THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT TO FURTHER
AMEND THE STATEWIDE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND
CONTINUING PLANNING PROCESS**

THIS MATTER came before the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (“Commission”) during its regularly scheduled public meeting on June 9, 2020. The Commission considered proposed updates to the Statewide Water Quality Management Plan and Continuing Planning Process (WQMP-CPP), as well as attached Appendices A and C, as filed with the Commission on May 21, 2020. The Commission allowed all interested persons a reasonable opportunity to provide comment on the proposed WQMP-CPP, and heard presentations by the Surface Water Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department (SWQB).

Having fully considered the proposed revisions and updates to the WQMP-CPP, together with the oral presentations, public comment, and discussion at the meeting,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the SWQB shall amend the introduction of the draft updated Statewide Water Quality Management Plan and Continuing Planning Process, along with attached appendices, to address the following topics:

1. Watershed effects on surface water quality and planning;
2. Climate change mitigation and adaptation in the Governor’s executive order;
3. MS4 permit process especially related to the Middle Rio Grande; and

4. Effects on New Mexico of federal changes to the scope of federally regulated water under the Clean Water Act, or “WOTUS” (Waters of the U.S.), including any planning or analysis of such impacts planned by the SWQB.

DATED this 25th day of June 2020.

Jennifer J. Pruett, Chair
Water Quality Control Commission