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Summary and Cross-Walk of Revisions to the State of New Mexico Water Quality Management Plan/Continuing Planning Process as Directed by the Water Quality Control Commission on June 9, 2020

	Comment	Proposed By	Section	Resolution	Reasoning
1	Watershed conditions respond to climate change but also respond to management decisions of the land, particularly federal lands. Surface water, as it pertains to volume and flow, is directly dependent on the condition of those watersheds. Degraded watershed conditions cause the greatest impact to surface water quality in the state and can be attributed to a physical reduction of water off of federally managed lands. This issue has not been adequately addressed in water quality decisions. Nonpoint Source and watershed programs address restoration but do not place the level of concern on these issues that is warranted. Not much has come out of the Surface Water Quality Bureau or the Water Quality Control Commission addressing this issue and should be looked at and evaluated. As part of drought mitigation, watershed issues need to be addressed head on. Based on these concerns the Commission requested language be added to the Introduction of the Water Quality Management Plan/Continuing Planning Process (WQMP/ CPP) to specifically address the challenges posed by water management in the southwest as brought up by Commissioner Hutchinson.	Commissioner Hutchinson	I. Introduction	A new subsection titled "Significant Challenges to Water Quality Management in New Mexico" was added to Section I. with added language specifically addressing this comment.	Language was added to address the water quality management issues posed by multi-agency jurisdiction on federal lands within New Mexico.
2	It is important to establish issues associated with climate change, adaptation and mitigation in order to be able to respond to changing conditions, which is part of the state's overall approach. Language in documents should be consistent and responsive to the current political climate we are living in. Language should be added to acknowledge issues posed for managing water quality as it pertains to the uncertainties of climate change and provide acknowledgement of the Governor's executive order on Climate Change including language that provides for evaluation and planning.	Commissioner Rader	I. Introduction	A new subsection titled "Significant Challenges to Water Quality Management in New Mexico" was added to Section I. with added language specifically addressing this comment.	Language was added to address the ongoing challenges with water quality management as it pertains to extreme conditions resulting from climate change.
3	Additional attention and language should be given to the MS4 stormwater permitting process with particular respect to the Rio Grande.	Commissioner Thomson	I. Introduction	A new subsection titled "Significant Challenges to Water Quality Management in New Mexico" was added to Section I. with added language specifically addressing this comment.	Language was added to address the challenges with managing stormwater discharges and the MS4 process.
4	As presented in public comment, language should be added to recognize federal changes to defining "Waters of the United States (WOTUS)" to include planning and analysis of impacts to water quality management in New Mexico.	Commission Chair Pruet	I. Introduction	A new subsection titled "Significant Challenges to Water Quality Management in New Mexico" was added to Section I. with added language specifically addressing this comment.	Language was added to describe the concerns and approaches being considered to assure water quality protection of the states surface waters.

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