



# New Mexico Environment Department

## Water Reuse/Augmentation Regulatory Path

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# Regulatory Path to Water Reuse



# Augmentation not Replacement

Reuse, in any form, is meant to augment existing fresh water sources and reduce the strain on those fresh water sources.



# Status of Water Reuse Regulation Development

- 9/21/2023 Advisory committee met to review draft regulations
- Second meeting to be scheduled in mid-October.
- Public outreach/ public participation
- December 2023 – NMED will petition Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) for a hearing date in March of 2024.



# Status of Water Reuse Regulation Development

- The draft regulation creates a new section in 20.6 NMAC titled Part 8 – Ground and Surface Water Protection – Supplemental Requirements for Water Reuse.
- This section will house reuse requirements for:
  - ▣ Direct and Indirect Potable Reuse.
  - ▣ Reclaimed Wastewater.
  - ▣ Industrial Graywater.
  - ▣ Produced Water (Outside OCD jurisdiction)
  - ▣ Desalination.



# Produced Water Advisory Committee

- Committee comprised of members from:
  - ▣ Tribal Governments
  - ▣ Academia
  - ▣ Economic Development
  - ▣ EMNRD
  - ▣ NMED
  - ▣ Industry
  - ▣ Environmental NGOs



# Questions?

