

## Who We Are

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The New Mexico Rural Water Association (NMRWA) is a non-profit membership organization committed to helping rural communities provide safe drinking water and wastewater services. Our members are water and wastewater systems, public and private companies, state and federal agencies, sovereign tribal nations, and industry professionals dedicated to protecting public health and the environment by providing safe and reliable drinking water and clean wastewater.

NMRWA is governed by a statewide board of directors elected from the systems we serve, and is a state affiliate of the National Rural Water Association, America's largest utility membership organization representing over 28,000 public water and wastewater systems nationwide.

## What We Do

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NMRWA partners with community utilities across the state to prevent and solve problems, create sustainable systems and build local expertise. Our expert staff delivers practical on-site technical assistance, specialized training, professional services, and legislative support. We provide the resources and leadership that local utility professionals count on to deliver consistent services and "Quality on Tap" to rural New Mexico families.

## Our Services

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### On-Site Technical Assistance

Certified water and wastewater operators travel to your facility to provide free technical assistance and hands-on training. Our professional staff has over 130 years combined experience in operations and are certified at the highest levels. We assist in troubleshooting problems and provide practical solutions for operations, maintenance, and regulatory issues faced by your system. On-site technical assistance improves the skill level of system operators by teaching them how to solve the problem and prevent it from reoccurring, as opposed to fixing the problem for them.

### System Operator Training

NMRWA is the premier training provider for water and wastewater system operators and managers, providing quality instruction since 1978. Our Training Specialists provide classroom and on-site training to operators and managers of drinking water and wastewater systems of all sizes and complexities throughout New Mexico. Trainings are tailored to specific levels of operator, sampler and laboratory certification. Classes provide certification exam preparation, certification renewal and continuing education credits. Visit our website to check our training schedule and register online.

### Board and Office Staff Training

Build the financial and managerial capacity of your system by taking advantage of our board training and office staff support program. Get the latest information you need about regulations, budgeting, elections, by-laws, conducting meetings, rate setting, loans and grants, financial software, regionalization, reporting requirements and more. Accredited board training is offered upon request on-site at your system.

### Source Water Protection

Prevent pollution of lakes, rivers, streams, and ground water that serve as the sources of your drinking water by completing a Source Water Protection Plan. This voluntary program identifies potential sources of contamination within your watershed, educates stakeholders and implements best management practices to protect invaluable water resources. Source water protection planning can include contingency and emergency response plans, watershed protection plans, drought mitigation plans, and community outreach activities.

### Utility System Mapping

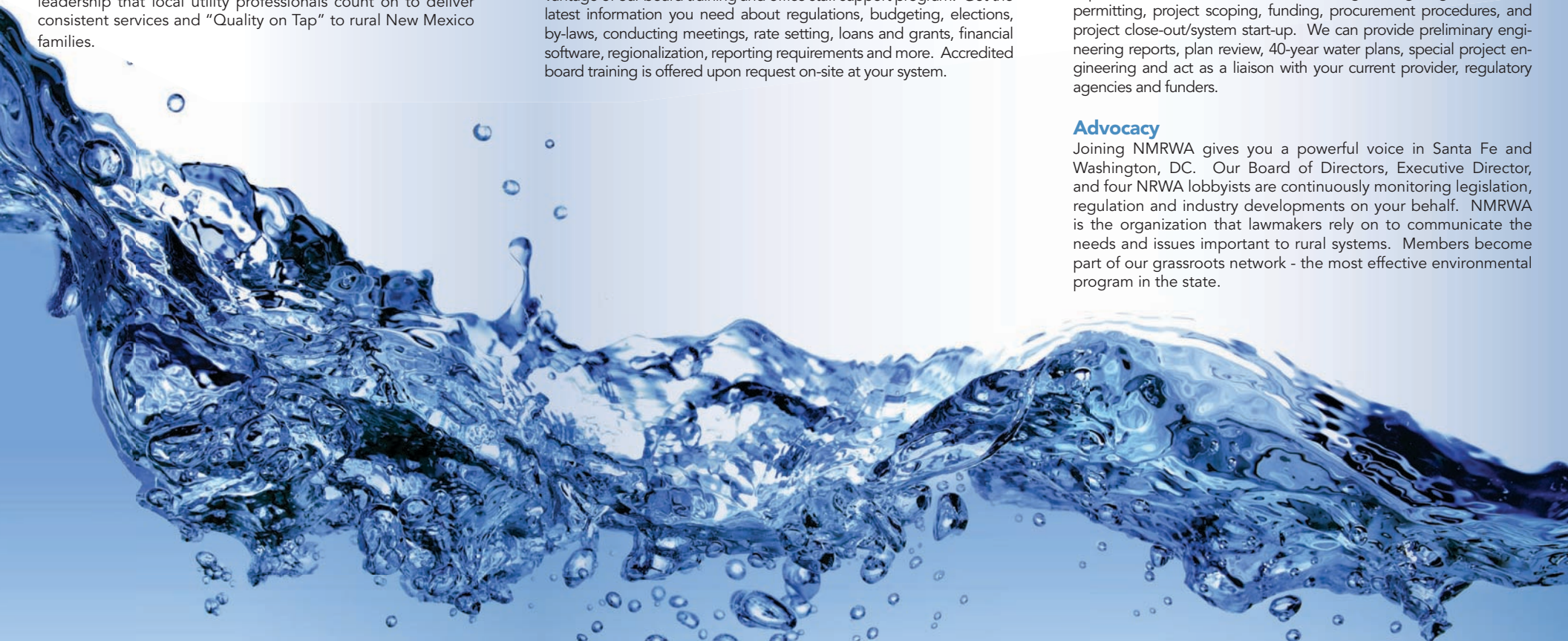
Develop precise, customized maps of your infrastructure to replace aging, inaccurate or missing "as-built" plans. Data collected in the field with our advanced GPS receiver shows the exact location of features such as meters, valves, hydrants, lines, tanks and wells. NMRWA can create a complete Geographic Information System (GIS) for your system, combining mapping software with database management tools to store, organize, display and interpret all the important attributes of your system. Fees are highly competitive and you own all the data we create. Call us today to design a project that meets your needs and budget.

### Professional Engineering Services

NMRWA employs a registered professional engineer with 30 years experience in water and wastewater engineering, regulations and permitting, project scoping, funding, procurement procedures, and project close-out/system start-up. We can provide preliminary engineering reports, plan review, 40-year water plans, special project engineering and act as a liaison with your current provider, regulatory agencies and funders.

### Advocacy

Joining NMRWA gives you a powerful voice in Santa Fe and Washington, DC. Our Board of Directors, Executive Director, and four NRWA lobbyists are continuously monitoring legislation, regulation and industry developments on your behalf. NMRWA is the organization that lawmakers rely on to communicate the needs and issues important to rural systems. Members become part of our grassroots network - the most effective environmental program in the state.



## Membership

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Membership in the New Mexico Rural Water Association is open to all entities, companies and individuals that support our mission.

Members receive discounted rates on trainings, professional services and special events like our Annual Conference, as well as our quarterly magazine, E-newsletter, training notices and reports. Voting members may serve on our Board of Directors. Membership dues are valid for the calendar year: January 1 through December 31.

### Member Types

#### **VOTING SYSTEM MEMBERS:**

Water and Sanitation Districts, nonprofit corporations (Cooperatives, Mutual Domestic), or rural municipalities with populations of less than 50,000 engaged in the distribution of water or treatment of sewage for rural residents.

#### **NON-VOTING SYSTEM MEMBERS:**

Any water system not meeting the Voting Member definition above; e.g., for-profit systems, federal agencies.

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:**

Any business, corporation, or organization adhering to the purposes of the Association and desiring to assist in the work of the Association.

#### **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

Any individual person adhering to the purposes of the Association and desiring to assist in the work of the Association.

## Mission

To provide the highest quality training and technical assistance to rural water and wastewater utilities throughout New Mexico, and to represent the legislative and regulatory interests of our members.

## Vision

To be recognized as the principal advocate and authoritative source of information and technical reference in respect to rural water needs and management.

### For More Information:

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or call our office today



Protecting public health  
through technical assistance  
and training for New Mexico's  
community utilities

