

# New Mexico Rural Water Association's 2026 Annual Conference Schedule and Events

## DAY ONE

Tuesday April 14th	Water Operations	Wastewater Certification Boot Camp	W & WW System Management	Emergency Management	Hot Topics	NMED - DWB	Exhibit Hall
	<i>Seminar Room</i>	<i>Rio Grande Room</i>	<i>Bosque Room</i>	<i>Manzano Room</i>	<i>Sunrise Room</i>	<i>Mesa Room</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom A, B &amp; C</i>
8:30 to 9:30	Operator Responsibilities	WW Boot Camp: Regs & Cert. Requirements / Treatment Systems Overview	NM Excavation Law, Changes & 811 Resources	Developing a Plan to Manage Groundwater Contamination for Small Systems	Broadening the Vision for Reuse	Implementing an Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP)	Exhibitor Set-up
9:45 to 10:45	Distribution	WW Boot Camp: Pre- treatment / Solids Handling	Using Energy Savings to Renew Assets	Wildfire Impact on Groundwater	Saving Money Pumping Groundwater	Understanding DWSRF for New Mexico	Exhibitor Set-up
11:00 to 12:00	Valve Applications for the Industry	WW Boot Camp: Primary Treatment / Solids Handling	New Standards For Ponds and Lagoons	Protecting & Inspecting Your System After Wildfire	SCADA For Water & Wastewater	Water System Resiliency and Regional Collaboration	Exhibitor Set-up
1:30 to 2:30	Pumps & Motors	WW Boot Camp: Stabilization Ponds	Understanding Monitoring Wells: GW Wells & Contour Maps	Reach Every Customer: Modern Utility Notifications	Intro to Line Stops, Hot Taps, Valve Insertions & Line Freezing	Source Water Protection Planning: A Proactive Approach to Safe Drinking Water	Exhibit Hall Open
2:45 to 3:45	Water System Hydraulics	WW Boot Camp: Biological Treatment	Building Wells that Last: Design, Rehab & Longevity	Stronger Together: Emergency Management Agencies & Public Water Sector	Act NOW to Claim Your Share of \$15.4 Billion in PFAS Funds	Source Water Protection: Online Resources	Exhibit Hall Open
4:00 to 5:00	Water Meters	WW Boot Camp: Disinfection	A Roadmap to PWS Resiliency	Stronger Together: Emergency Management Agencies & Public Water Sector (Cont.)	A Tribal Water System's LSLI Pilot to EPA Funded Program	Utility Operator Certification Updates & Need to Know Criteria	Exhibit Hall Open

### Day one notes and events:

- ⇒ Registration / Check-in at 7:00 am. Continental breakfast and coffee provided in the Exhibit Hall.
- ⇒ Conference Intro in the Exhibit Hall at 8:00 am. Classes begin at 8:30 am.
- ⇒ 12:00 pm - **Exhibit Hall Grand Opening!** Box lunch provided in the Exhibit Hall. Zenner's Ultimate Meter Challenge time trials held during lunch.
- ⇒ Meet-and-Greet event held in the Exhibit Hall at 5:00 pm. Some food and beverages provided. Cash bar available. Drawings for door prizes.
- ⇒ Ultimate Meter Challenge time trials throughout the day. Finals held during the Meet-and-Greet.

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## DAY TWO

Wednesday April 15th	Water Operations	Wastewater Operations	Project Management	Funding	Hot Topics	Board Training	Exhibit Hall
	<i>Seminar Room</i>	<i>Rio Grande Room</i>	<i>Bosque Room</i>	<i>Manzano Room</i>	<i>Sunrise Room</i>	<i>Mesa Room</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom A, B &amp; C</i>
8:00 to 9:00	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	Board Selection Process & Board Responsibilities	Exhibitor Demonstration Classes
9:15 to 10:15	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	Conducting Board Meetings	Exhibitor Demonstration Classes
10:30 to 11:30	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	The Cost of Water: A Review of NM System Rate Surveys	Exhibitor Demonstration Classes
1:30 to 2:30	Cross Connections & Backflow Prevention	Ponds & Lagoons	Interpreting & Understanding Construction Drawings	Funding Sources & Applications	Excavation Safety: Trenching & Shoring	Water Workforce Sector Strategy	Exhibitor Breakdown
2:45 to 3:45	Hydrology: Groundwater and Wells	Fixed Film	Project Relationships	Strengthening Your Funding Path: DWSRF Supplemental Documents	Every Day Applications of GIS in Small Systems	Water Workforce Sector Strategy (Cont.)	Exhibitor Breakdown
4:00 to 5:00	Disinfection	Sludge Holding	Preliminary Engineering Reports (PER's)	USDA RD Apply	Using Drones in Your System Inspections	Tiered System & Reporting to the State Auditor's Office	

### Day two notes and events:

- ⇒ Continental breakfast and coffee provided in the Exhibit Hall at 7:00 am.
- ⇒ Exhibitor Booth Demonstration Classes from 8:00 am – 11:30 am. Each demo class is worth 0.5 CEU credits towards certification. There are 6 sessions. See Demo Class schedule in conference program.
- ⇒ Lunch on your own. TapMaster's Hot Tap Tapping Contest held during lunch in the lawn area, out the southwest doors.

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## DAY THREE

Thursday April 16th	Adv. Water Operations	Wastewater Operations	System Sustainability	Water Sampling	Leadership	Regulatory - Compliance
	<i>Seminar Room</i>	<i>Rio Grande Room</i>	<i>Bosque Room</i>	<i>Manzano Room</i>	<i>Sunrise Room</i>	<i>Mesa Room</i>
8:00 to 9:00	Basic / Intermediate Water Math	Basic WW Math	Connecting the Dots - Field Devices, Networks & Industrial Communications	Sampler Certification	Discovering Your Leadership Voice	Lead & Copper Rule Revision Updates
9:15 to 10:15	Basic / Intermediate Water Math (Cont.)	Basic WW Math (Cont.)	PFAS in New Mexico - Occurrence and Drinking Water Regs.	Sampler Certification (Cont.)	The Power of Your Voice	Consumer Confidence Reports
10:30 to 11:30	Basic / Intermediate Water Math (Cont.)	Advanced WW Math	Peristaltic Pump Installation & Maintenance	Sampler Certification (Cont.)	Increasing Your Influence	Enforcement Process
1:00 to 2:00	Test Taking Skills	Advanced WW Math (Cont.)	Backup Power Generation	Sampler Certification (Cont.)	No Dueling: Mediation Facts	Sanitary Surveys
2:15 to 3:15	Water Practice Exam	Practice Exam	Cybersecurity	Sampler Certification (Cont.)	Build the Bridge	Surface Water Treatment Rule
3:30 to 4:30	Water Practice Exam / Review	Practice Exam / Review	Hydraulic Control Valves	Sampler Certification (Cont.)	Team Kryptonite	Safe Drinking Water Info System / Drinking Water Watch

### Day three notes and events:

- ⇒ Coffee provided in the corridor at 7:00 am.
- ⇒ ABCWUA Water Treatment Plant Tour from 8:00 am – 11:30 am. Limited space; sign up at registration desk.
- ⇒ NMRWA's Awards Luncheon in the *Grand Ballroom* from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Luncheon is included in your registration. Please Attend!
- ⇒ PAC Raffle drawing at 5:00 pm in the corridor.