

New Mexico Rural Water Association's 2026 Annual Conference

Schedule and Events (Tentative)

DAY ONE

| Tuesday April 14th | Water Operations | Wastewater Operations | W & WW System Management | Emergency Management | Hot Topics | NMED - DWB | Exhibit Hall |
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| | Seminar Room | Rio Grande Room | Bosque Room | Manzano Room | Sunrise Room | Mesa Room | Grand Ballroom A, B & C |
| 8:30 to 9:30 | Operator Responsibilities | WW Certification Boot Camp | NM Excavation Law, Changes & 811 Resources | Using Drones in Your System Inspections | TBD | TBD | Exhibitor Set-up |
| 9:45 to 10:45 | Hydrant Operation Maintenance, Repair and New Technology | WW Certification Boot Camp (Cont.) | A Roadmap to PWS Resiliency | TBD | Saving Money Pumping Groundwater | TBD | Exhibitor Set-up |
| 11:00 to 12:00 | Distribution | WW Certification Boot Camp (Cont.) | New Standards For Ponds and Lagoons | Fire & Water: Before the Fire | Air Relief Valves: Installation, Location and Maintenance | TBD | Exhibitor Set-up |
| 1:30 to 2:30 | Valve Applications for the Industry | WW Certification Boot Camp (Cont.) | Contour Maps | Fire & Water: Post-Fire Resilience | Intro to Line Stops, Hot Taps, Valve Insertions & Line Freezing | TBD | Exhibit Hall Open |
| 2:45 to 3:45 | Peristaltic Pump Installation & Maintenance | WW Certification Boot Camp (Cont.) | Using Energy Savings to Renew Assets | Stronger Together: Emergency Management Agencies & Public Water Sector | Act NOW to Claim Your Share of 15.4 Billion in PFAS Funds | TBD | Exhibit Hall Open |
| 4:00 to 5:00 | Water System Hydraulics | WW Certification Boot Camp (Cont.) | TBD | Stronger Together: Emergency Management Agencies & Public Water Sector Cont. | A Tribal Water System's LSLI Pilot to EPA Funded Program | TBD | Exhibit Hall Open |

Day one notes and events:

- ⇒ Registration / Check-in 7:00 am. Coffee provided in exhibit area.
- ⇒ Conference Intro in Exhibit Hall 8:00 am. Classes begin at 8:30 am
- ⇒ 12:00 - **Exhibit Hall Grand Opening!** Zenner's Ultimate Meter Challenge time trials will be held during lunch.
- ⇒ Meet-and-greet event held in the Exhibit Hall at 5:00 pm. Food and some 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 |
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| | Seminar Room | Rio Grande Room | Bosque Room | Manzano Room | Sunrise Room | Mesa Room | Grand Ballroom A, B & C |
| 8:00 to 9:00 | NMRWA Membership Meeting | NO CLASSES | NO CLASSES | NO CLASSES | NO CLASSES | TBD | Exhibitor Demonstration Classes |
| 9:15 to 10:15 | NO CLASSES | NO CLASSES | NO CLASSES | NO CLASSES | NO CLASSES | TBD | Exhibitor Demonstration Classes |
| 10:30 to 11:30 | NO CLASSES | NO CLASSES | NO CLASSES | NO CLASSES | NO CLASSES | TBD | Exhibitor Demonstration Classes |
| 1:00 to 2:00 | Hydrology: Groundwater and Wells | Ponds & Lagoons | Preliminary Engineering Reports (PER's) | Funding Sources & Applications | TBD | TBD | Exhibitor Breakdown |
| 2:15 to 3:15 | Pumps and Motors | Fixed Film | Project Management TBD | TBD | Every Day Applications of GIS in Small Systems | The Cost of Water: A Review of NM System Rate Surveys | Exhibitor Breakdown |
| 3:30 to 4:30 | Pumps and Motors (Cont.) | Sludge Holding | Project Management TBD | USDA RD Apply | TBD | Tiered System & Reporting to the State Auditor's Office | |

Day two notes and events:

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

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DAY THREE

| Thursday April 16th | Adv. Water Operations | Wastewater Operations | System Sustainability | Water Sampling | Leadership | Regulatory - Compliance |
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| | <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 | Disinfection | Basic WW Math | Connecting the Dots - Field Devices, Networks & Industrial Communications | Sampler Certification | Leadership TBD | TBD |
| 9:15 to 10:15 | Water Meters & Applications | Basic WW Math (Cont.) | TBD | Sampler Certification (Cont.) | Leadership TBD | TBD |
| 10:30 to 11:30 | Cross Connections & Backflow Prevention | Advanced WW Math | TBD | Sampler Certification (Cont.) | Leadership TBD | TBD |
| 1:00 to 2:00 | Basic / Intermediate Water Math | Advanced WW Math (Cont.) | Backup Power Generation | Sampler Certification (Cont.) | Leadership TBD | TBD |
| 2:15 to 3:15 | Basic / Intermediate Water Math (Cont.) | Practice Exam | TBD | Sampler Certification (Cont.) | Leadership TBD | TBD |
| 3:30 to 4:30 | Basic / Intermediate Water Math (Cont.) | Practice Exam / Review | TBD | Sampler Certification (Cont.) | Leadership TBD | TBD |

Day three notes and events:

- ⇒ Coffee provided 7:00 am.
- ⇒ NMRWA's Awards Luncheon in the Grand Ballroom 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. (Luncheon is included in your registration – Please Attend!)
- ⇒ PAC Raffle drawing at 5:00 pm.