

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

## 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>	Grand Ballroom A, B & C
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	Drinking Water Bureau TBD	Exhibitor Set-up
9:45 to 10:45	Distribution	WW Boot Camp: Pre-treatment / Solids Handling	A Roadmap to PWS Resiliency	Wildfire Impact on Groundwater	Saving Money Pumping Groundwater	Drinking Water Bureau TBD	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 Everyone	Drinking Water Bureau TBD	Exhibitor Set-up
1:30 to 2:30	Pumps & Motors	WW Boot Camp: Stabilization Ponds	Contour Maps	Reach Every Customer: Modern Utility Notifications	Intro to Line Stops, Hot Taps, Valve Insertions & Line Freezing	Drinking Water Bureau TBD	Exhibit Hall Open
2:45 to 3:45	Water System Hydraulics	WW Boot Camp: Biological Treatment	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	Drinking Water Bureau TBD	Exhibit Hall Open
4:00 to 5:00	Water Meters	WW Boot Camp: Disinfection	Building Wells that Last: Design, Rehab & Longevity	Stronger Together: Emergency Management Agencies & Public Water Sector Cont.	A Tribal Water System's LSLI Pilot to EPA Funded Program	Drinking Water Bureau TBD	Exhibit Hall Open

### Day one notes and events:

- ⇒ Registration / Check-in 7:00 am. Continental breakfast and coffee provided in Exhibit Hall.
- ⇒ Conference Intro in Exhibit Hall 8:00 am. Classes begin at 8:30 am
- ⇒ 12:00 - **Exhibit Hall Grand Opening!** Box lunch provided in the exhibit hall. 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
	<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>	Grand Ballroom A, B & C
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	Board Training - TBD	Exhibitor Demonstration Classes
1:30 to 2:30	Cross Connections & Backflow Prevention	Ponds & Lagoons	Preliminary Engineering Reports (PER's)	Funding Sources & Applications	Excavation Safety: Trenching & Shoring	Board Training - TBD	Exhibitor Breakdown
2:45 to 3:45	Hydrology: Groundwater and Wells	Fixed Film	Project Management TBD	Funding TBD	Every Day Applications of GIS in Small Systems	The Cost of Water: A Review of NM System Rate Surveys	Exhibitor Breakdown
4:00 to 5:00	Disinfection	Sludge Holding	Project Management TBD	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 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
	<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	Leadership TBD	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.)	Leadership TBD	Consumer Confidence Reports
10:30 to 11:30	Basic / Intermediate Water Math (Cont.)	Advanced WW Math	Peristaltic Pump Installation & Maintnenace	Sampler Certification (Cont.)	Leadership TBD	Enforcement Process
1:00 to 2:00	Test Taking Skills	Advanced WW Math (Cont.)	Backup Power Generation	Sampler Certification (Cont.)	Leadership TBD	Sanitary Surveys
2:15 to 3:15	Water Practice Exam	Practice Exam	Cybersecurity	Sampler Certification (Cont.)	Leadership TBD	Surface Water Treatment Rule
3:30 to 4:30	Water Practice Exam / Review	Practice Exam / Review	TBD	Sampler Certification (Cont.)	Leadership TBD	Safe Drinking Water Info System / Drinking Water Watch

### Day three notes and events:

- ⇒ Coffee provided in Conference Corridor 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.