

New Mexico Water Conservation Alliance – Legislative update – May 8, 2019

NM 2019 Session Water Updates

HB 17 Clarifying water leases and water rights -

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/19%20Regular/bills/house/HB0017.html>

HB 37 Excludes acquisition of water rights from Economic Development Funds -

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/19%20Regular/bills/house/HB0037.html>

HB 204 Healthy Soil Act (creates a program) -

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/19%20Regular/bills/house/HB0204.html>

HB 241 Water projects appropriate bill -

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/19%20Regular/bills/house/HB0241.html>

HB 266 Establishes watershed project fund and governance -

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/19%20Regular/bills/house/HB0266.html>

HB 267 Creates advanced mapping water fund -

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/19%20Regular/bills/house/HB0276.html>

HB 561 Create water data council to integrate data -

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/19%20Regular/bills/house/HB0651.html>

SB 12 - Requires OSE to list water rights online -

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/19%20Regular/bills/senate/SB0012.html>

SB 43 Drinking water appropriate fund -

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/19%20Regular/bills/senate/SB0043.html>

SB 117 Waste water treatment appropriate fund -

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/19%20Regular/bills/senate/SB0117.html>

SM 75 Water Conservation Day 2/20/19 -

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/19%20Regular/memorials/senate/SM075.html>

Bills/ recently-passed laws dealing with water at the federal level

1) S.47, the Natural Resources Management Act, that became law on March 12:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/47/actions>

Senator Udall was a big supporter of this bill, because it permanently authorized the Land and Water Conservation Fund, among other things:

<https://www.tomudall.senate.gov/news/press-releases/video-udall-calls-for-passage-of-bipartisan-land-and-water-conservation-bill-with-major-wins-for-nm>

2) The Water Resources Development Act, or WRDA:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/3021>

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr8>

Senator Udall supported this bill, not least because of his New Mexico Drought Preparedness Act, which mostly made it in:

<https://www.tomudall.senate.gov/news/press-releases/udall-heinrich-secure-vital-drought-provisions-for-nm-in-water-infrastructure-bill>

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1012>

3) The PFAS bill that the delegation introduced:

<https://www.tomudall.senate.gov/news/press-releases/udall-heinrich-lujan-introduce-legislation-to-provide-relief-to-new-mexico-communities-affected-by-pfas->