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NM Interstate Stream Commission announces Main Stream New Mexico Community Conversations online
Public invited to attend online events

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (NMISC) is pleased to announce the launch of the Main Stream New Mexico Community Conversations, a virtual companion to the online open house option to involve communities in proactive water management strategies.

Four Main Stream New Mexico Community Conversations will be conducted online, providing an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and participate in discussions regarding the future of water planning in New Mexico. The community conversations are intended to help attendees feel confident in providing official input at the online open house or in-person open house events. Members of the NMISC Planning Program will participate during these sessions to provide background and answer questions. The public is invited to join anytime during the lunch & learn hours or after hours events by accessing the link at MainStreamNM.org/GetInvolved. Registration is not required.

“The public spoke, and we listened by bringing the in-person open houses to them virtually,” said **Water Planning Program Manager Andrew Erdmann**. “It is important to our team to provide the same opportunities to those who cannot attend the in-person open houses by being available to virtually guide them through the online process.”

Main Stream New Mexico Community Conversation Dates:

July 17

- *Lunch & Learn:* 12pm-1:30pm
- *After Hours:* 6pm-7:30pm

July 31

- *Lunch & Learn:* 12pm-1:30pm
- *After Hours:* 6pm-7:30pm

In response to New Mexico's ongoing water challenges, NMISC is collecting public input on regional water planning as part of the 2023 Water Security Planning Act. The online open house offers a comprehensive virtual experience, available until August 18th, at MainStreamNM.org/Online-Open-House.

For more information and to sign up to the monthly newsletter, please visit MainStreamNM.org.

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The nine-member Interstate Stream Commission is charged with separate duties including protecting New Mexico's right to water under eight interstate stream compacts, ensuring the state complies with each of those compacts as well as investigating, conserving and protecting the waters of the State, in addition to water planning.
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