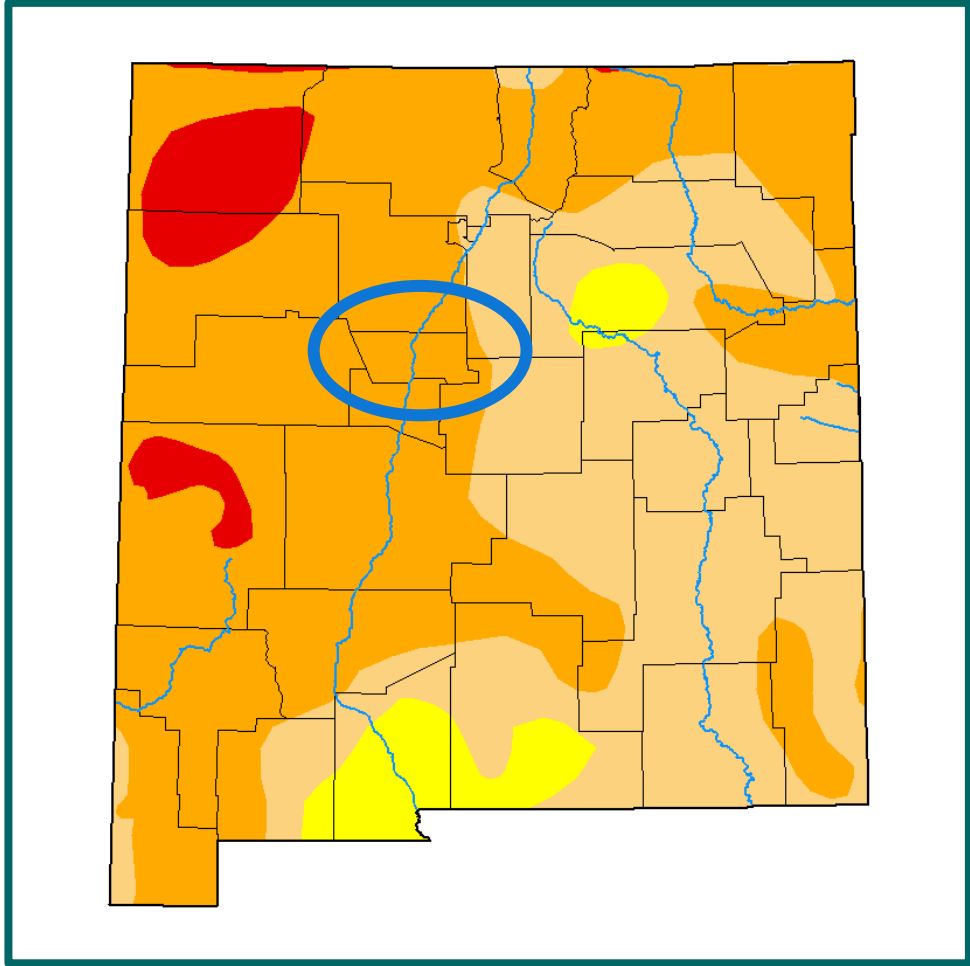


Water Resources Division

Water Report

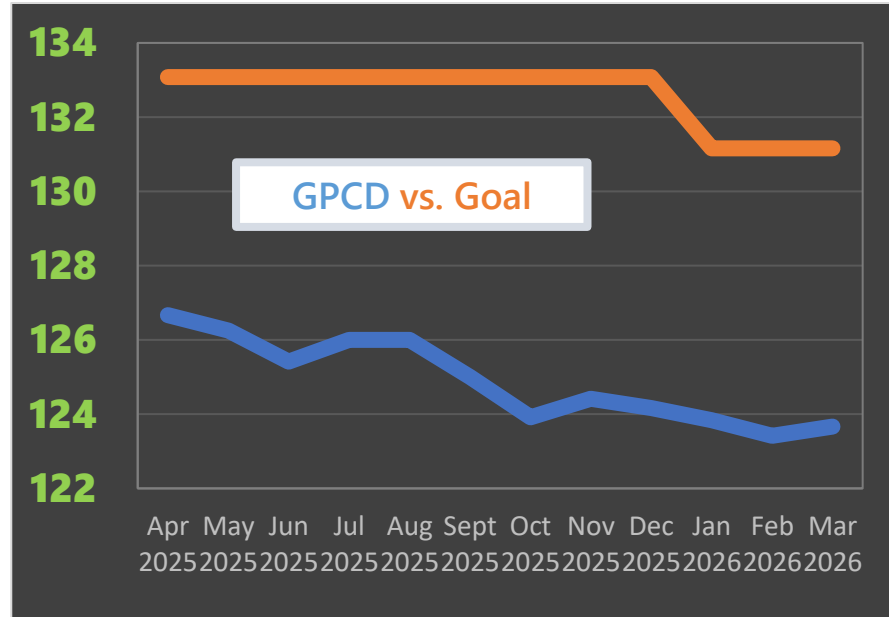
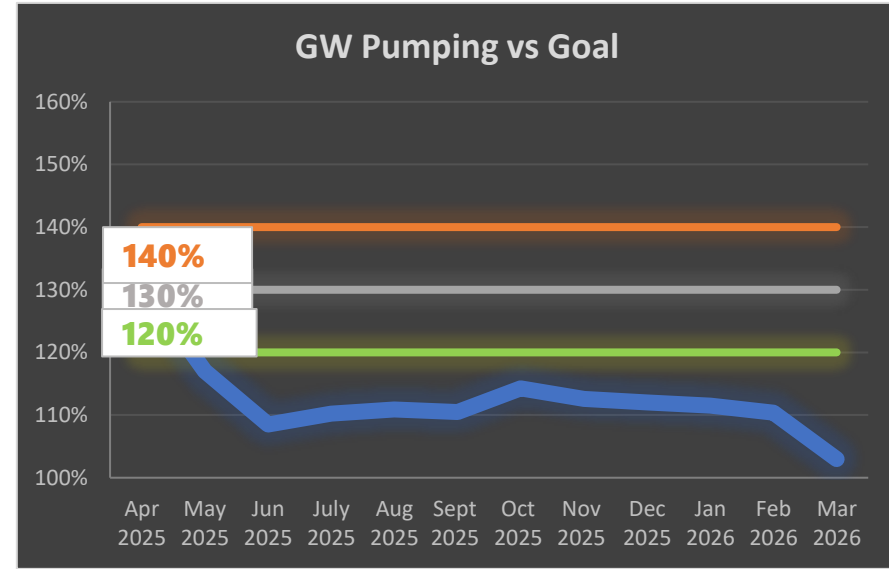
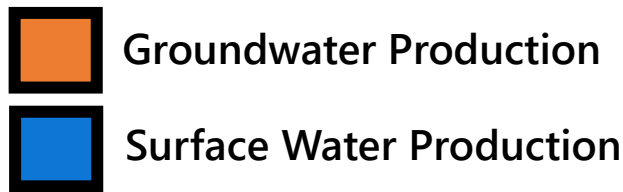
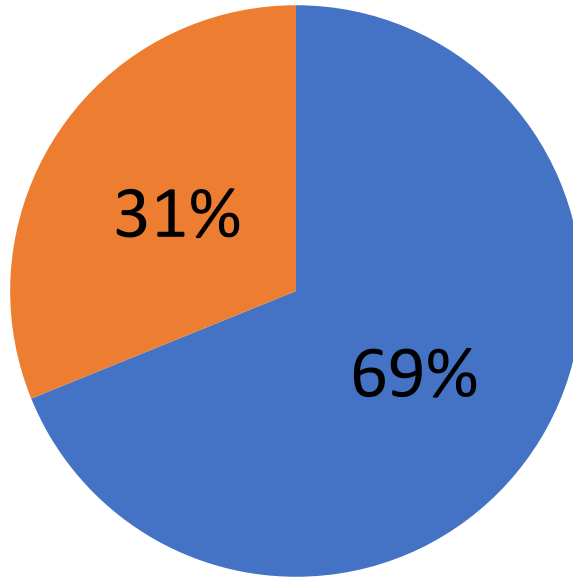
Mark Kelly, PE
Water Resources Manager

SUPPLY METRICS SNAPSHOT



Water Authority
Drought Stage:
Drought Advisory

April 2026
(March Supply Data)



Drought Stages

Groundwater Production / GPCD	DSCI \geq 300	Less than 120% of the Annual GW Production Goal	Between 120% and 130% of GW Production Goal	Between 130% and 140% of GW Production Goal	More than 140% of the GW Production Goal
0 to $<$ 2 GPCD over the goal	Drought Advisory	Drought Advisory	Drought Advisory	Drought Advisory	Drought Watch
2-4 GPCD over the goal	Drought Advisory	Drought Advisory	Drought Watch	Drought Watch	Drought Warning
4-6 GPCD over the goal	Drought Advisory	Drought Advisory	Drought Watch	Drought Warning	Drought Emergency
$>$ 6 GPCD over the goal	Drought Advisory	Drought Watch	Drought Warning	Drought Emergency	Drought Emergency

Drought Stages

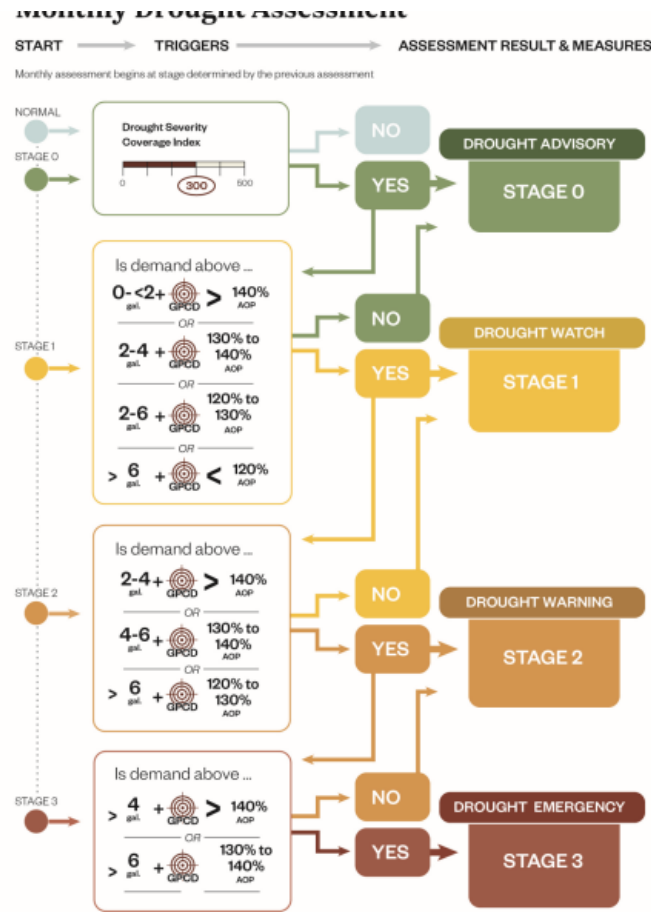


Figure 6. Drought Triggers and Stages



Water Resources Drought Management Plan

(Latest update April 2023)



Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority

Governing Board

Chair: Commissioner Eric C. Olivas
 Vice Chair: Councilor Tammy Fiebelkom
 Councilor Pat Davis
 Commissioner Barbara Baca
 Councilor Trudy E. Jones
 Mayor Timothy M. Keller
 Commissioner Adriann Barboa
 Ex-officio member Gilbert Benavides

STAGE 0 - DROUGHT ADVISORY

- Increase public education: Offer Drought Smart \$20 rebate classes
- Develop conservation guidelines using up-to-date consumption data
- Develop Public Drought Campaign
- ▲ Monitor regional drought conditions, and track annual supply and demand triggers

STAGE 1 - DROUGHT WATCH

- ★ Enact Water Waste Compliance Drought Measure: Double Fees for wasting water - Malfunctions should be fixed within 48 hours (about 2 days)
- Implement the Drought Awareness Campaign
- Coordination of the Drought Agency Group -1. synchronize public education and public support for vulnerable populations and 2. work with public agency partners-initiate water use audits and optimize water efficiency plans
- Send targeted information to customers exceeding conservation guidelines; water audits offered
- Expand leak alert program using AMI reports

STAGE 2 - DROUGHT WARNING

- Increased Drought Awareness Campaign
- ★ Customers exceeding conservation guidelines receive warnings of double surcharges. An audit is offered to avoid the penalty.
- ★ Enact more Water Waste Compliance measures
 - Implement low income leak/water waste assistance program
 - Double Fees continue for water waste
 - Malfunctions must be fixed in 48 hours (about 2 days) to avoid triple fees
 - Activate AMI water waste reporting system
 - No Variances granted for the establishment of new sod or turfgrass seeds
- Implement Drought Agency Group Mitigation Strategies and Programs: Identify financial assistance to implement results of audits with public agency partners

STAGE 3 - DROUGHT EMERGENCY

- Expand Drought Awareness Campaign

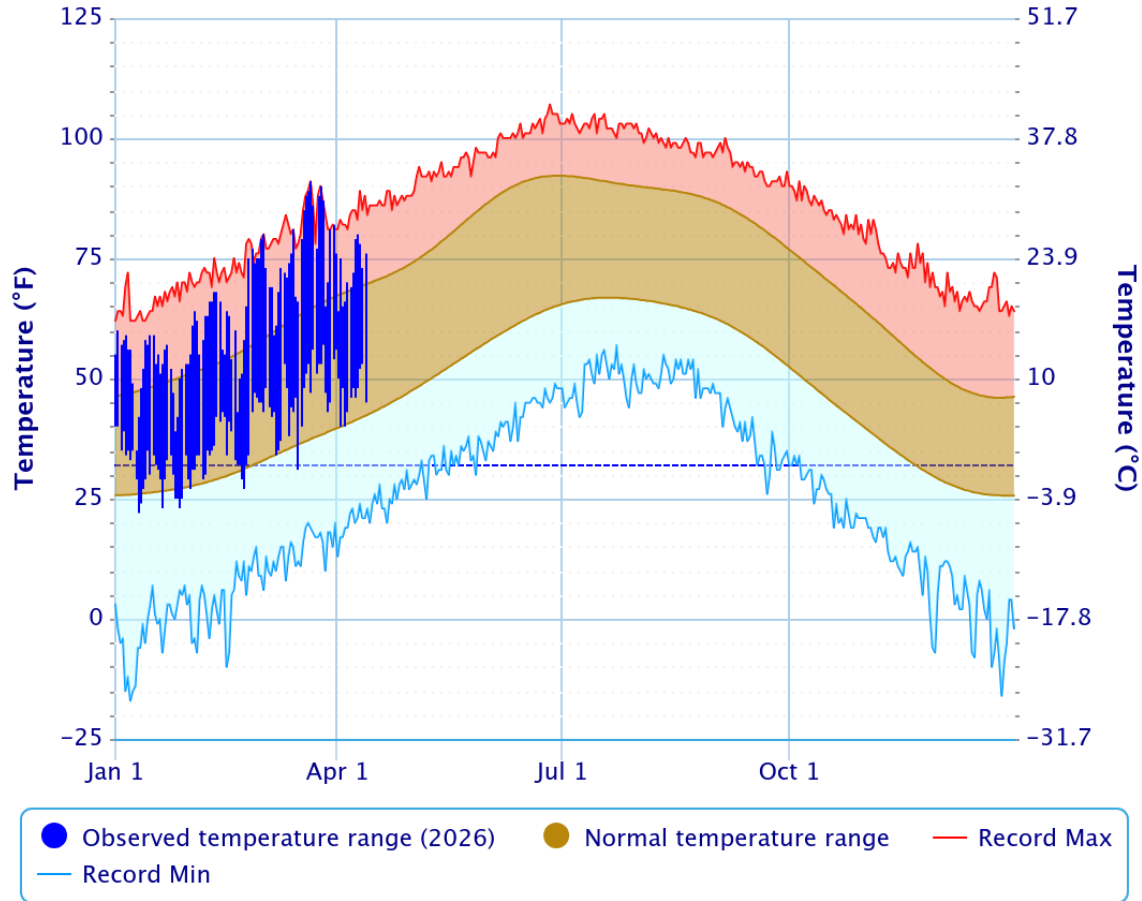
Drought Measures

- Stage 0: Drought Advisory
 - Increase Public Education
 - Drought Smart \$20 Rebate Classes
 - Conservation Guidelines Using Consumption Data
 - Develop Public Drought Campaign
 - Monitor Regional Drought Conditions and Supply Triggers

Temperature and Precipitation

Daily Temperature Data – Albuquerque Area, NM (ThreadEx)

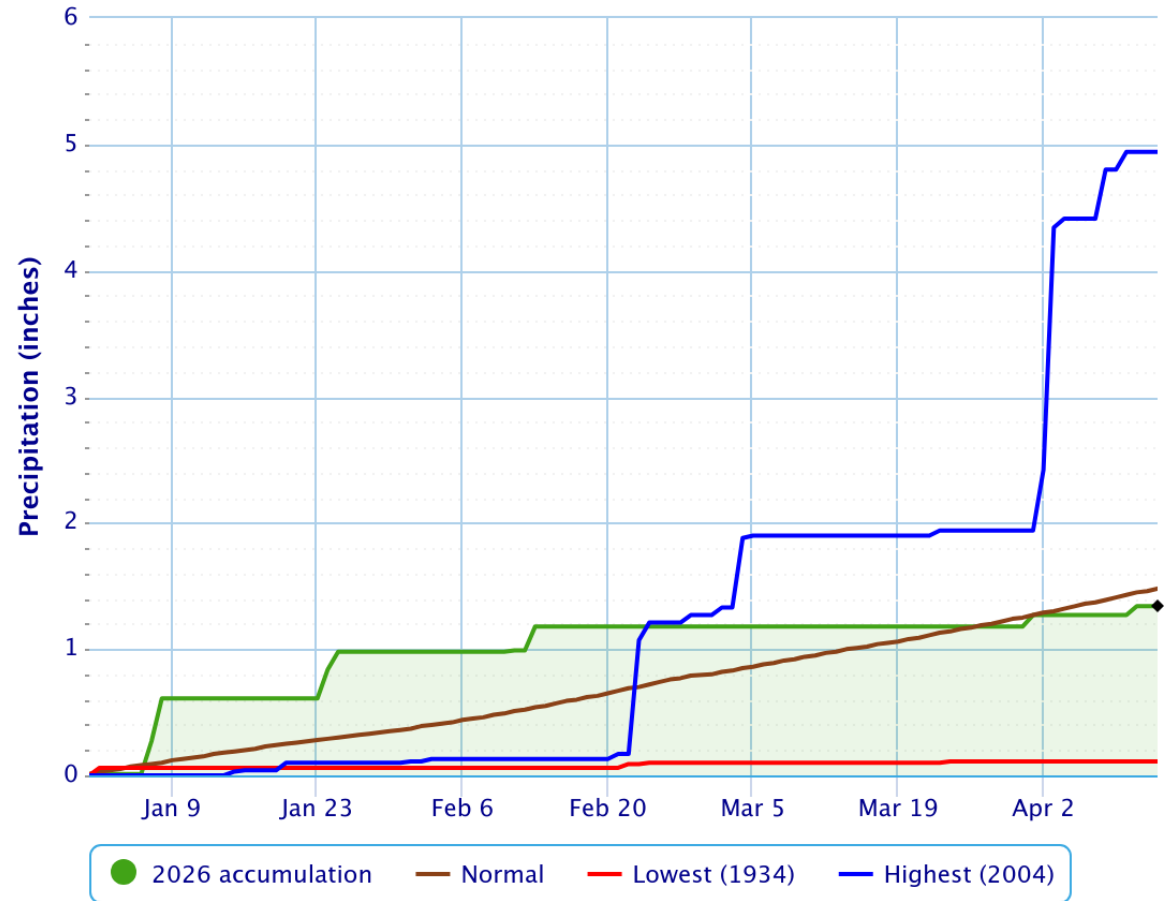
Period of Record – 1891-12-01 to 2026-04-12. Normals period: 1991-2020. Click and drag to zoom chart.



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Accumulated Precipitation – Albuquerque Area, NM (ThreadEx)

Click and drag to zoom to a shorter time interval; green/black diamonds represent subsequent/missing values

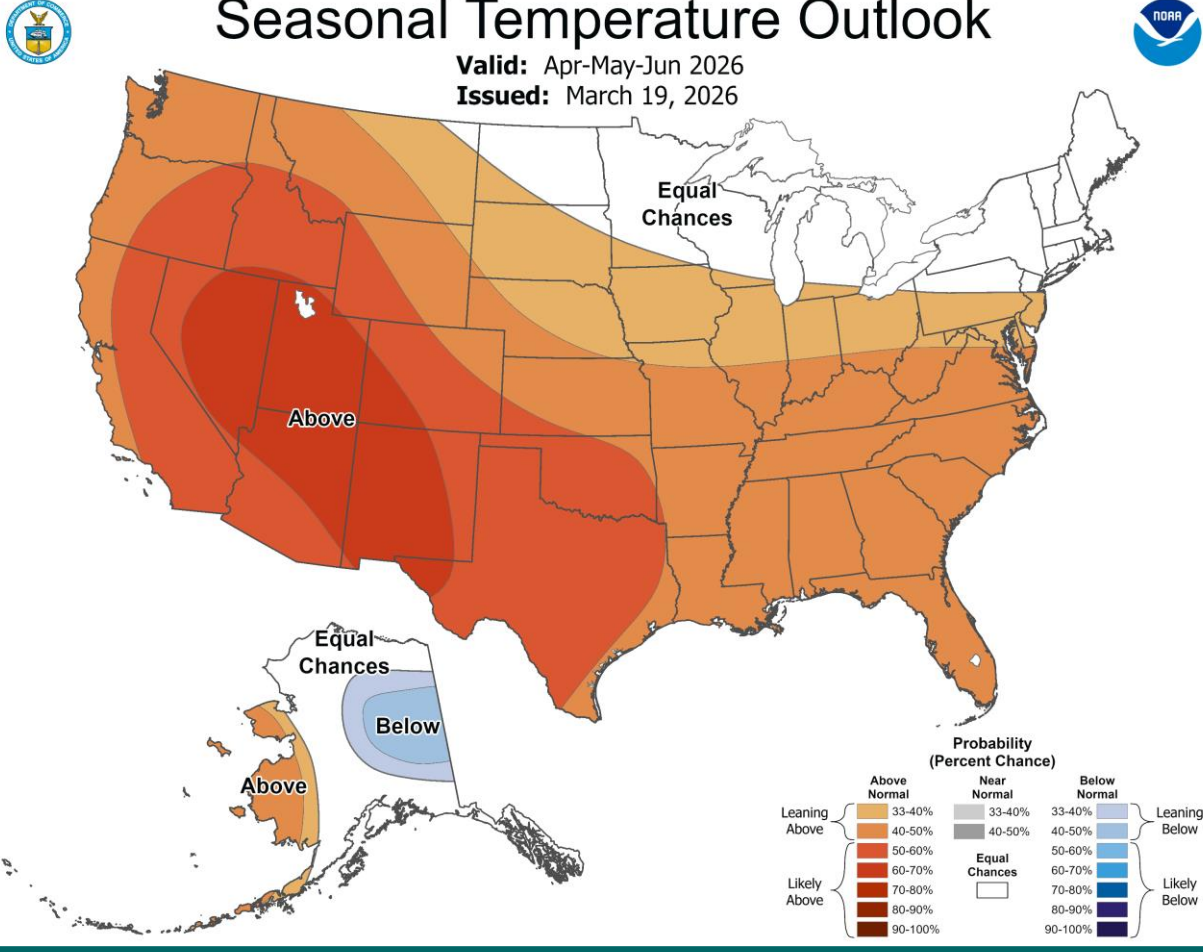


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Seasonal Outlook

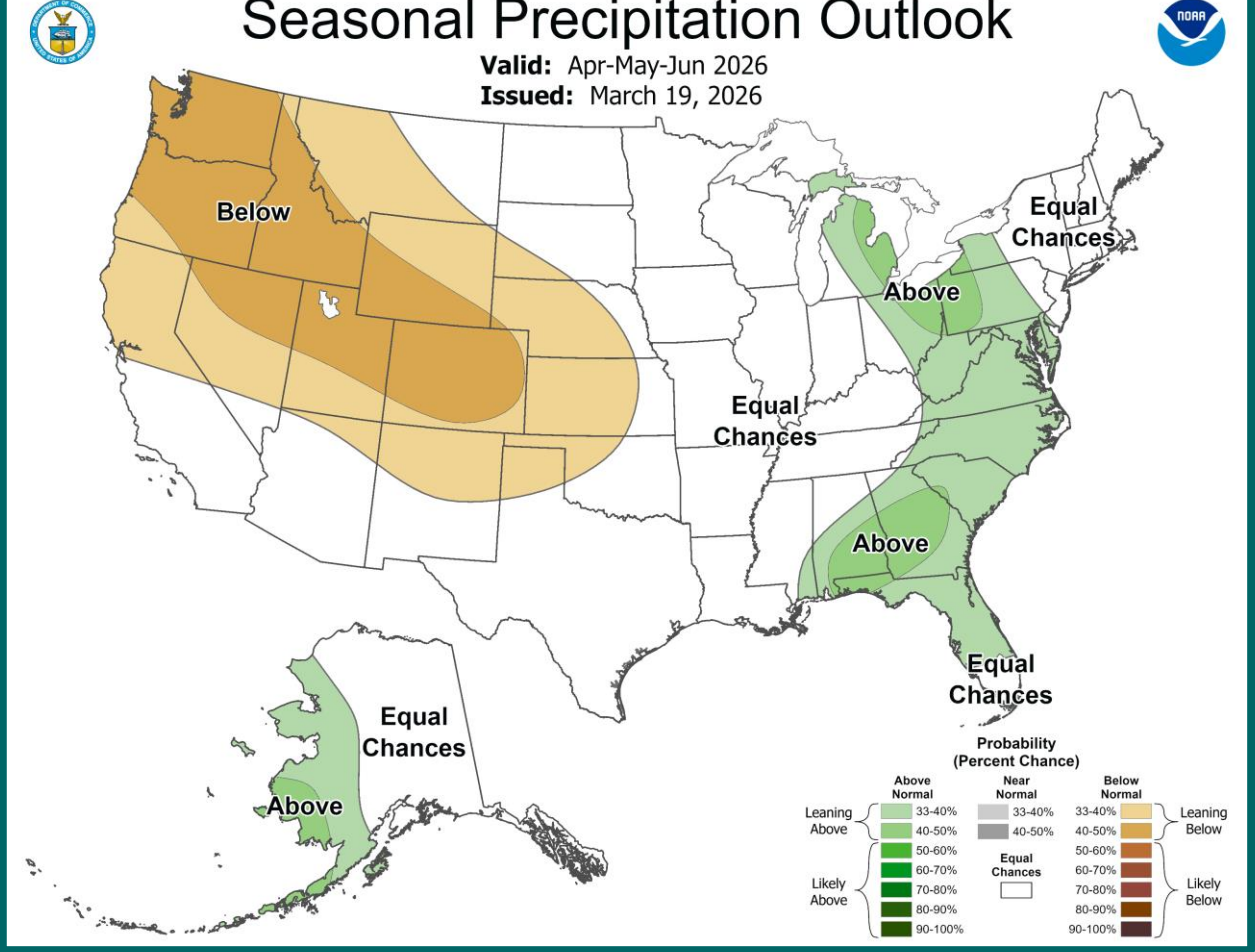
Seasonal Temperature Outlook

Valid: Apr-May-Jun 2026
 Issued: March 19, 2026



Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

Valid: Apr-May-Jun 2026
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Questions?



Conservation & Drought Communications 2026



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Water Utility Authority
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ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87103
ABCWA.ORG

ON FURTHER REVIEW...
TAP WATER is the CLEAR WINNER!

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH ALBUQUERQUE AND BERNALILLO COUNTY!

**THE WATER AUTHORITY:
2025 REPORT
TO THE COMMUNITY**

INSIDE: 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW - BUDGET OVERVIEW - RATE COMPARISON - CONSERVATION AND USAGE UPDATE - STRATE BY FOR THE FUTURE - REBATE ROUNDUP - AND MORE!

WHAT IS THE WATER AUTHORITY?

Since its creation by the State Legislature in 2004, the Water Authority has provided municipal water and sewer services to residents of Albuquerque and certain parts of Bernalillo County. At that time, the utility has:

- Met all federal standards for safe drinking water
- Been nationally recognized for its innovations in water conservation and added surface water from the San Juan-Chama Project to the local water supply
- Achieved 30% cost savings on renewable energy sources such as solar
- Received national awards, including a Sustainable Utility Management Award from the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (2024), an EPA AQUARIUS Award for Public Health (2024), and an Environmental Achievement Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (2025) for the Borque Restoration Project

DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GETTING FULL ADVANTAGE OF WATER AUTHORITY REBATES?

Earn dollar savings on purchases, and your water bill when it comes to conservation, your Water Authority is here to help with generous rebates for installation of water- and energy-saving appliances, including:

- Low- to zero-pumpkin waterpumps to residential (20 square feet residential and commercial)
- Tree care and pruning (20% "rebate" on eligible trees and shrubs up to \$100 per year for residential customers and \$500 per year for commercial accounts)
- Water-conserving irrigation components
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- Water-conserving equipment (rain bar kits and including "bar" irrigation components)
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- Large-scale commercial/industrial conservation projects (500,000 gallons through our Rebate System include program)

REBATES ARE PROVIDED AS CREDITS ON YOUR WATER BILL AND APPLICABLE TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BILLS AND APPLICABLE TO UNPAID BILLS WITHIN 90 DAYS OF PAYMENT. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION. VISIT US AT: 2500 SAN RAFAEL AVENUE, SUITE 100, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87105. VISIT US AT: WWW.ABCWA.ORG OR CALL 505-842-8478, EXTENSION 4.

YOUR WATER AUTHORITY BOARD

As of December 2024:

By default, the Water Authority's governing board consists of three members: the Mayor of Albuquerque, the Mayor of the Village of Los Ranchos, and a non-voting member from the County of Bernalillo.

The board usually meets monthly in the County of Bernalillo, in the chambers of the Mayor of Albuquerque. Visit us at: 2500 San Rafael Avenue, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM 87105. Visit us at: WWW.ABCWA.ORG OR CALL 505-842-8478, EXTENSION 4.

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Non-voting
Member of
Los Ranchos

ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

2026
CONSERVATION CALENDAR
With a special tribute to the utility's school outreach program

ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

LIQUID ASSETS
CELEBRATING—AND LEARNING ABOUT—
NEW MEXICO'S WATERWAYS

JANUARY-FEBRUARY

- Annual conservation calendar
- Annual report to the community





MARCH

- Spring conservation kickoff event
- Conservation op-ed in the *ABQ Journal*
- Ad/editorial spread in "The Paper" Weekly
- Xeriscape rebate & HomeConnect featured in bill inserts

2026 Garden Guide

March 25, 2026

Conservation: Doing Your Part

Water Authority offers tips for saving water in spring



By the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority

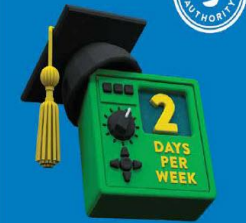
Another dry spring and early summer are apparently in store, so responsible water use is as important as ever. Why? Because dry weather and a poor snowpack limit the supply of surface water available to agriculture and municipalities. In good years, the area served by the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority receives up to 70 percent of its supply from surface water. But in drought years, the utility must curtail its surface-water diversions. That means slipping into the community's groundwater "savings account" to meet customer demand. About 40 percent of that demand is for outdoor use, and that's where the greatest potential for conservation now exists. You can do your part to save water outdoors this spring and summer by following these Water Authority recommendations:

1) Avoid water waste. Do not allow water to flow or overspray onto streets and sidewalks or onto adjoining property. Check sprinkler systems often to ensure that heads are properly aimed and delivering the water where it's needed. If you see water occurring, you can report it by calling (505) 945-WYFA, Option 3, using the online form at <https://www.wauwa.org/conservation-rebates-report-water-waste>, or by emailing waterwaste@abqwa.org. You'll need to include the address, date and time where waste was observed, and the source of the water. First-time violators typically receive a warning and an opportunity to correct the problem before fines are assessed.

2) Follow the Water by the Numbers program. Water your lawn two times per week in April and May, three times per week in the summer, and ramp down again in the fall. For watering times and information about the watering needs of other plants, recommendations can be found at 505Outside.com.

3) Invest in a "smart" irrigation controller. These high-tech devices are adjustable by plant type, respond automatically to changing weather conditions — and deliver just the right amount of water at just the right time. This translates to reduced water waste, healthier landscapes, and for many users, lower water bills. EPA WaterSense-certified smart controllers qualify for Water Authority rebates of 25 percent for purchase and installation (up to \$100 for residential customers and \$500 for commercial customers).

4) Install a desert-friendly xeriscape! An amazing diversity of drought-tolerant flowers, shrubs and trees are available to replace your thirsty grass lawn, and the Water Authority will help you pay for the conversion. The rebate for replacing turf with approved, desert-friendly landscaping is now \$8 per square foot of turf removed. Plans must be approved in advance by Water Authority staff, and certain restrictions apply. To visit www.abqwa.org and click on the "Conservation Rebates" button for program details. More information — including plant selection and design ideas — can be found in the Water Authority's landscaping website, 505Outside.com. You can save lots of water — and plenty of money on your water bill — by making the conversion.



GRADUATE to a "SMART" CONTROLLER

WATER AUTHORITY CUSTOMERS CAN QUALIFY FOR A 25% REBATE on WaterSense-certified models!

DETAILS AT 505Outside.com

505Outside

GET OFF THE LAWN! XERISCAPE NOW REBATES \$3 PER SQ. FT.

Or any other needless turf you're not using

<https://www.abqwa.org/conservation-rebates-report-water-waste/>

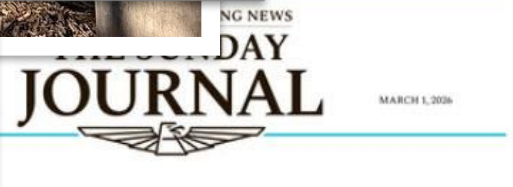
Track Your Water Use with HomeConnect!

Free service lets you monitor consumption, check for leaks in close to real time

IF YOU'VE GOT A "smart" water meter at your home or business (one with an antenna like the one shown), then you've got free access to HomeConnect. It links to your Water Authority account and lets you keep track of your water use — without waiting for your monthly bill! You can also use it to set up threshold notifications to let you know if your water use exceeds a certain amount in a given time period, which can indicate a hidden leak or a malfunctioning irrigation system. Want to know more? Check out this instructional video: <https://youtu.be/EzZlC6SMQMc?si=omOt1JwmVHUTsBn>



Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority



APRIL-JUNE

- Outdoor and digital campaign focused on *Water by the Numbers*
- News release: Time-of-day watering restrictions
- Full-page ad in *Albuquerque the Magazine*
- Bill inserts: *Water by the Numbers*, water waste

WATER BY THE NUMBERS

2 DAYS a WEEK IN APRIL & MAY

...for a responsible **LAWN**

GET OFF THE LAWN!
XERISCAPE REBATES **\$3** NOW PER SQ. FT.
*Or any other needed turf you're not using

3 WAYS TO SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER

WATER BY THE NUMBERS

3 DAYS a WEEK IN JUNE, JULY & AUG.

...for a responsible **LAWN**

IT'S A DROUGHT!

APRIL 1 (TOMORROW) REMINDER:
NO SPRINKLER IRRIGATION ALLOWED BETWEEN 11 AM & 7 PM
Until Oct. 31. Subject to Fine
Residents urged to follow *Water by the Numbers* program and irrigate lawns two days per week in April and May
Contact: Rachel Stone, Communications Specialist, 505.264.5691

ALBUQUERQUE, March 30, 2024—It's no joke! As they do every year, time-of-day watering restrictions begin for Water Authority customers on April 1 and will remain in effect until Oct. 31. Residents are not allowed to use sprinkler irrigation between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. because of lawn this spring and summer. Residents are also reminded to avoid overwatering their lawns this spring and summer. The utility's *Water by the Numbers* program, which gets an updated "look" for the 2024 watering season, recommends irrigating lawns twice a week in April and May; three times a week in June, July and August; and two times a week in September and October. March and November — one day per week or as needed.

Under the program, you can choose any day you want to water. But allowing water to overflow or overwater onto streets or sidewalks is considered a water waste violation, which like a time-of-day restriction, is subject to fine. Most violations earn a warning for first-time offenders, allowing them Option 5.

For conservation tips and recommended watering schedules for plants other than lawns, visit the Water Authority's award-winning landscaping website: www.305Outside.com

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority

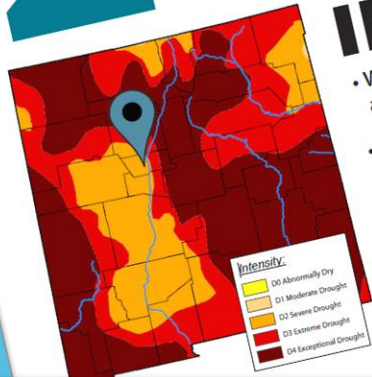
BLOW THE WHISTLE ON WATER WASTE!

It's Easy With Our NEW QR CODE!

Scan the QR code and be taken directly to our online form for reporting water waste! Information you provide will help us identify sources of water waste in the community and aid us in eliminating them. Water waste includes water flowing or over-spraying onto streets, sidewalks and adjacent property, and spray irrigation occurring between 11 AM and 7 PM. Visit www.abcwua.org for more info.

WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY
ALBUQUERQUE
BERNALILLO COUNTY

DROUGHT 2022



- What it means for Albuquerque and Bernalillo County
- What you can do to help save water this spring and summer
- Our long-term plan to ensure a resilient water supply



WATER BY THE NUMBERS



DAYS @ WEEK
IN JUNE, JULY & AUG.

...for a responsible **LAWN**

ON AIR

WATER BY THE NUMBERS



**RAMP DOWN
FOR FALL**

LAWNS = 2 DAYS Per Week!

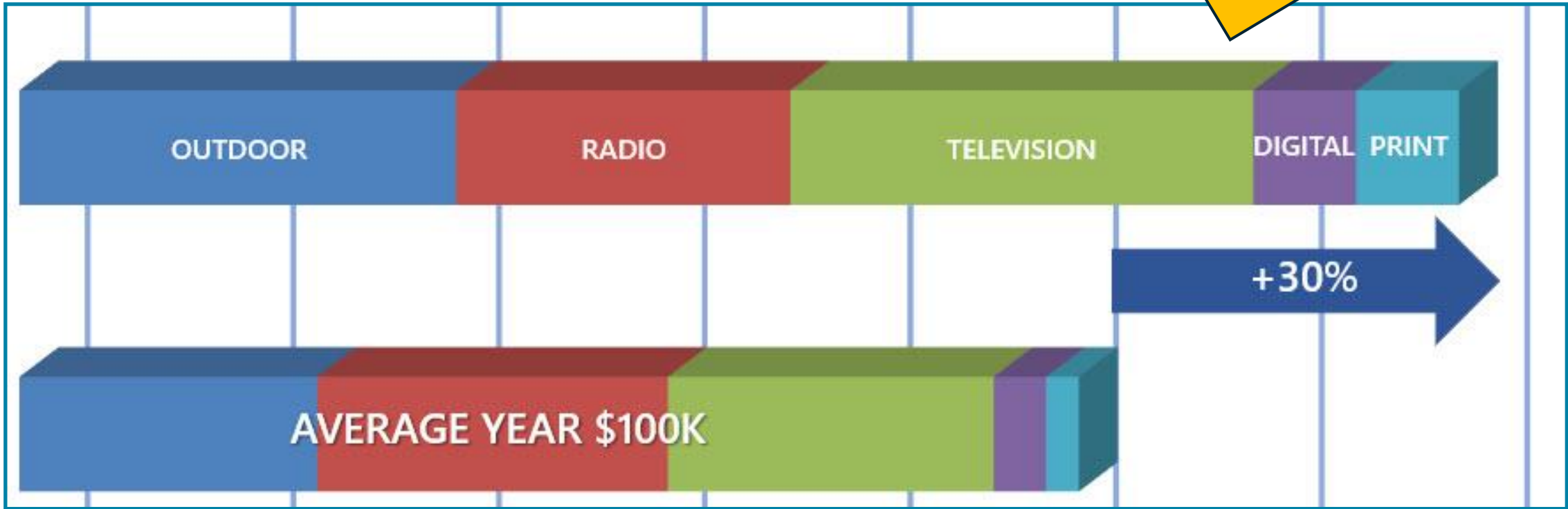
JULY-OCTOBER

- *Journal* drought insert
- *Water by the Numbers* message adjusted for summer & fall (outdoor and inserts)
- Television and radio spots
- Social media (ongoing throughout year)







DROUGHT CONSIDERATIONS

Drought Year=Increased Media Purchase



DROUGHT CONSIDERATIONS



WATER BY THE NUMBERS

3

DAYS @ WEEK
IN JUNE, JULY & AUG.

...for a responsible **LAWN**

IT'S A DROUGHT!

All messaging to include drought reminders



QUESTIONS?

