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JUNE 13, 2025

Location: Water Authority Customer Service Room 204; Microsoft Teams

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Elaine Howe (Chair), Bart Faris (Vice-Chair), Paul van Gulick, Dr. José Cerrato, Darrell Kundargi, Jonathan Gonzales

Board Members Absent: Rin Tara (excused), Chris Welch (excused)

PIC Members Present: Kelsey Bicknell (*Water Authority*), Rowan Hannan (*Water Authority*), Diane Agnew (*Water Authority*), Kyle O’Malley (*City of Albuquerque*), Dr. Sheldon Jordan (*City of Albuquerque*), Shellie Eaton (*City of Albuquerque*), Danielle Shuryn (*Water Authority*), Corbin Carsrud (*Bernalillo County*), Patrick Chavez (*Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority*)

Guests Present: Steve Glass (*Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District*), Robert Mullins (*Bernalillo County*), Mark Garman (*New Mexico Environment Department*), Loryn Harris (*New Mexico Environment Department*), Jonas Armstrong (*New Mexico Environment Department*)

Call to Order

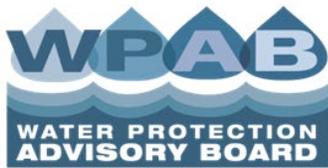
Chair Howe called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM when quorum was established.

I. Approval of Agenda

A. June 13th, 2025, Agenda

Vice-Chair Faris moved to approve the June agenda, and Dr. Cerrato seconded the motion. The Board discussed adjusting the order of items to accommodate a scheduling conflict. The [amended agenda](#) was approved unanimously.

Board Member	Vote on Motion
Chair Howe	Yes
Vice-Chair Faris	Yes
Darrell Kundargi	Yes
Chris Welch	Absent (excused)
Jonathan Gonzales	Yes
José Cerrato	Yes
Paul van Gulick	Yes
Rin Tara	Absent (excused)



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II. Presentation: New Mexico Environment Department Legislative Recap

*Jonas Armstrong, Water Resources Division Director
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Mr. Armstrong briefed the Board on NMED’s efforts to establish a state-level surface water permitting program to protect waters not covered by the federal Clean Water Act. This includes seeking state primacy of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program and developing a complementary state permitting framework under the New Mexico Water Quality Act.

Slides from Mr. Armstrong’s presentation can be viewed [HERE](#).

III. Presentation: Carlisle Village Cleaners Update

*Loryn Harris, Remedial Action Team Leader, Superfund Oversight Section, Groundwater Quality Bureau,
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*Mark Garman, Manager, Superfund Oversight Section, Groundwater Quality Bureau
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Ms. Harris provided an update on the Carlisle Village Cleaners contamination site, including a brief history of the Site and recent actions to delineate contamination.

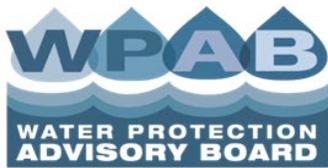
Slides from Ms. Harris’s presentation can be viewed [HERE](#).

IV. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. May 9th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chair Faris moved to approve the May Meeting Minutes; Dr. Cerrato seconded the motion.

Board Member	Vote on Motion
Chair Howe	Yes
Vice-Chair Faris	Yes
Darrell Kundargi	Yes
Chris Welch	Absent (excused)
Jonathan Gonzales	Yes
José Cerrato	Yes
Paul van Gulick	Yes
Rin Tara	Absent (excused)



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V. Policy Implementation Committee Updates

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) – Update from Ms. Kelsey Bicknell, Environmental Manager

Ms. Bicknell provided an update on the Kirtland Air Force Base Bulk Fuels Facility jet fuel leak and noted an upcoming public meeting on July 17. She provided monitoring results from the Water Authority's source water protection well at the HP/Digital site. She detailed engagement with NMED regarding the Fox & Associates Site's proposed modified abatement plan.

City of Albuquerque, Environmental Health Department – Update from Ms. Shellie Eaton, Principal Engineer

Ms. Eaton provided an update on the status of annual groundwater sampling.

Bernalillo County (County) – Update from Ms. Kali Bronson, Stormwater Compliance Program Lead

Ms. Bronson provided updates on the Tijeras Creek Watershed Restoration project and on the County's mailer campaign to address unpermitted and aging septic systems. Additionally, she reported that Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District will not be able to access its mill levy funds until December 2026.

VI. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Subcommittee Report

Mr. Kundargi reported that the Subcommittee is identifying potential speakers with expertise in diversity, equity, inclusion, and government relations to present to the Board. The Subcommittee plans to meet again in July to continue this work.

VII. Other Board Business

A. Review: Draft Rules for Surface Water Permitting Program

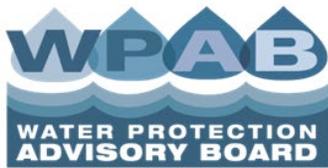
The Board formed a subcommittee to review the draft rules prepared by the Surface Water Advisory Panel for the State-Led Surface Water Permitting Program to recommend whether WPAB should provide comment.

B. Letter: Carlisle Village Cleaners Contamination Site

Motion:

Chair Howe moved to draft a letter by subcommittee to EPA Region 6 in support of funding complete investigation of the Carlisle Village Cleaners Contamination Site. Mr. Gonzales seconded.

Vote:



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The motion passed unanimously. The subcommittee will include Vice-Chair Faris, Dr. Cerrato, Mr. van Gulick, and Mr. Gonzales.

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C. Letter: HP/Digital Contamination Site

Motion:

Mr. Gonzales moved to draft a letter by subcommittee to NMED highlighting WPAB’s concerns with the delineation of 1,4-dioxane and the proposed clean up solution. Dr. Cerrato seconded.

Vote:

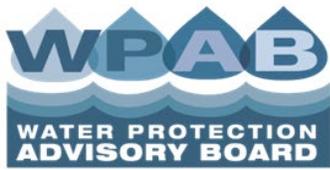
The motion passed unanimously. Chair Howe and Mr. Gonzales will serve on the subcommittee, with Ms. Bicknell providing technical support.

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A. Next WPAB Meeting – August 8th, Microsoft Teams

i. Topic: To be determined

To allow time for review and timely submittal of draft letters, the Board agreed to keep its July 11th meeting. The Board also discussed inviting Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District to present at the August meeting on their current projects and funding status.



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VIII. Public Comment Period

There were no comments from the public.

IX. Adjourned at 10:58 AM