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OCTOBER 10, 2025

Location: Microsoft Teams

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

Board Members Present: Bart Faris (Vice-Chair); Paul van Gulick, Jonathan Gonzales, Dr. José Cerrato, Rin Tara, Dr. Warigia Bowman

Board Members Absent: Elaine Howe (excused), Chris Welch (excused)

PIC Members Present: Kelsey Bicknell (*Water Authority*), Diane Agnew (*Water Authority*), Mark Kelly (*Water Authority*), Bryana Romero (*Water Authority*), Bobby Mullin (*Bernalillo County*), Shellie Eaton (*City of Albuquerque*), Dr. Sheldon Jordan (*City of Albuquerque*), Jeff Pompeo (*Water Authority*), Danielle Shuryn (*Water Authority*)

Guests Present: Steve Glass (*Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District*), Anusha Shrestha (*University of New Mexico (UNM) student*), Jaimie Ritchie (*UNM student*), Michael Wilson (*UNM student*)

Call to Order

Vice Chair Faris called the meeting to order at 09:01 AM when quorum was established.

I. Approval of Agenda

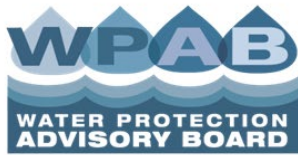
A. October 10th, 2025, Agenda

Mr. van Gulick moved to approve the [agenda](#) and Mx. Tara seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Board Member	Vote on Motion
Chair Howe	Absent (Excused)
Vice-Chair Faris	Yes
Warigia Bowman	Abstain
Chris Welch	Absent (Excused)
Jonathan Gonzales	Yes
José Cerrato	Yes
Paul van Gulick	Yes
Rin Tara	Yes

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. August 8th, 2025, Meeting Minutes



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Mx. Tara moved to approve the [August 8th meeting minutes](#); Mr. van Gulick seconded the motion; the motion passed as follows:

Board Member	Vote on Motion
Chair Howe	Absent (Excused)
Vice-Chair Faris	Abstain
Warigia Bowman	Abstain
Chris Welch	Absent (Excused)
Jonathan Gonzales	Yes
José Cerrato	Yes
Paul van Gulick	Yes
Rin Tara	Yes

III. Board Business

A. Welcome new member, Dr. Warigia Bowman

The Board welcomed its new member, Dr. Warigia Bowman, appointed by the City of Albuquerque. Dr. Bowman grew up in northern NM. She is a Professor at the UNM School of Law, focusing on water law, natural resources law, and administrative law.

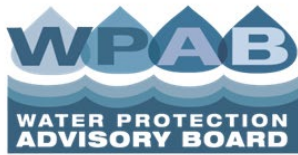
IV. Policy Implementation Committee (PIC) Updates

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

Ms. Bicknell provided updates on the semiannual Department of Energy (DOE) public meeting scheduled to be held virtually on October 21, 2025. A separate public meeting regarding the Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) Bulk Fuels Facility jet fuel leak is tentatively scheduled for November 20, 2025. Ms. Bicknell also provided updates on the Water Authority's priority contamination sites and submission of comments to NMED regarding the Phase II RFI submitted by the Air Force for the KAFB Bulk Fuels project.

Bernalillo County (County) – Update from Mr. Bobby Mullin

Mr. Mullin reported that the County has posted the 2025 Draft MS4 Report for public review. The County is also working on an environmental inventory project for the Mountain View neighborhood that compiles information on known ground water, surface water, soil, and other types of



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contamination in the neighborhood. The County is also restarting construction on its Tijeras Creek Restoration Project.

City of Albuquerque (City) – Update from Ms. Shellie Eaton

Ms. Eaton provided updates on Los Angeles Landfill groundwater monitoring, which will be completed following the Balloon Fiesta.

IV. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Subcommittee Report

Ms. Bicknell informed the Board of vacancies on the DEI Subcommittee. Mx. Tara and Dr. Bowman expressed interest in joining.

V. Presentation: HP/Digital Groundwater Contamination Site Update

Kelsey Bicknell, Environmental Manager, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority,
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Justin Ball, Chief, Groundwater Quality Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department,
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Ms. Bicknell provided an update on the Water Authority's engagement with the HP/Digital site, a priority contamination site for the Water Authority.

Ms. Bicknell's presentation can be viewed [HERE](#).

Mr. Ball provided a regulatory update on the HP/Digital groundwater contamination site.

Mr. Ball's presentation can be viewed [HERE](#).

VII. Other Board Business

- A. **Next WPAB Meeting** – November 14th, 2025 – hybrid in-person
 - a. Topic: Kirtland Air Force Base Bulk Fuels Facility Jet Fuel Leak

VIII. Public Comment Period

There were no comments from the public.

IX. Adjourned at 10:23 AM