

Meeting Date: April 23, 2025

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TITLE: OB-25-6 – Water Protection Advisory Board 2025 Update

ACTION: Receipt be Noted

SUMMARY:

The Water Protection Advisory Board (WPAB) approved its 2025 Work Plan in January which outlines priority water quality protection topics for review on behalf of the City of Albuquerque (City), Bernalillo County (County), and Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority). The 2025 Work Plan was included in the 2024 WPAB Annual Report, which summarizes WPAB actions over the past year.

The purpose of the WPAB is to study and advise the Water Authority, City and County on surface and groundwater protection concerns, oversee the implementation of the Rivers and Aquifers Protection Plan (the Water Authority's source water protection plan), and assist with the development of policies and strategies necessary to enhance protection of surface and groundwater quality in the Albuquerque Basin.

Areas of focus include monitoring efforts to improve stormwater quality, following progress on the state-led surface water permitting program and the neglected contamination sites program, and closely monitoring priority groundwater contamination sites – including the Carlisle Village Cleaners Site and the Kirtland Air Force Base Bulk Fuels Facility jet fuel leak.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None