

STATE OF NEW MEXICO WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF A PETITION TO NOMINATE SEGMENTS OF THE RIO GRANDE, RIO HONDO, LAKE FORK, EAST FORK OF THE JEMEZ RIVER, SAN ANTONIO CREEK, AND REDONDO CREEK AS OUTSTANDING NATIONAL RESOURCE WATERS, OUTDOOR RECREATION DIVISION, NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Petitioner.

WQCC No. 21-62(R)

SCHEDULING ORDER

At the December 14, 2021 regularly scheduled meeting, the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission ("Commission") granted the above petition for rule-making, and appointed Gregory Chakalian to conduct the public hearing. At the prehearing scheduling conference, held virtually and attended by all parties, the Hearing Officer heard oral argument from the parties, and being otherwise fully apprised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDRED:

- 1. The public hearing in this matter shall be held on June 14, 2022, via the WebEx virtual platform, and will commence immediately after the Commission's regularly scheduled agenda, and may continue through June 15, 2022, as needed.
- 2. Notices of Intent to present technical testimony ("NOIs") shall be prefiled with the Commission's Administrator pursuant to 20.1.6 NMAC on or before May 13, 2022, in full-written format with clearly marked exhibits. Pursuant to 20.1.6.202 NMAC, a timely filed NOI shall:
- identify the person for whom the witness(es) will testify.
- identify each technical witness the person intends to present, and state the qualifications of that witness, including a description of their educational and work background.

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- if the hearing will be conducted at multiple locations, indicate the location or locations at which the witnesses will be present.
- include a copy of the direct testimony of each technical witness in narrative form and state the estimated duration of the direct oral testimony of that witness.
- include the text of any recommended modifications to the proposed regulatory change.
- list and attach all exhibits anticipated to be offered by that person at the hearing.
 Failure to file a timely and complete NOI may preclude a party or person from presenting that technical evidence or testimony sought to be offered.
- 3. General (non-technical) comment will be taken in writing and under oath at the public hearing. Hearing participants are encouraged to submit their comments in writing (no length limit) to the Commission's Administrator (pamela.jones@state.nm.us) before or during the hearing. Verbal public comment will be accepted on June 14 2022, at 12 pm and 5 pm, and on subsequent days (as necessary) at 9 am, 12 pm and 5 pm. Public comment is limited to five (5) minutes per individual.
- 4. The verbatim transcript taken by the court-reporter shall be the official record of the public hearing, a copy of which will be maintained by the Office of Public Facilitation. The cost of the court-reporter will be borne by the Petitioner. The hearing will be recorded live via the WebEx virtual platform. The line to the WebEx recording will be available from the Commission's Administrator free of charge.
- 5. Witnesses shall provide a summary of their prefiled written testimony for the public at the hearing (demonstrative exhibits may be helpful to the public). Witnesses are encouraged to present their direct testimony to the public in plain-language and limit their summary to between fifteen and thirty minutes per witness.

- 6. The Bureau shall prepare and send the necessary public notice for the hearing in English and in Spanish. The notice shall be published no later than 60-days prior to the hearing pursuant to 20.1.6.201.B NMAC.
- 7. The Bureau shall provide Spanish language and sign language translators for individuals who provide notice to the Office of Public Facilitation at least fourteen days before the hearing.

Gregory Chakalian, Hearing Officer

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on January 18, 2022, a copy of the Scheduling Order was sent via electronic mail to the persons listed below (hard copy will be mailed upon request):

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