



**UTTON TRANSBOUNDARY
RESOURCES CENTER**

UTTON TRANSBOUNDARY RESOURCES CENTER AT THE UNM SCHOOL OF LAW

3rd Annual Socorro Community Conversation on Water

Saturday, April 18, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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The Utton Transboundary Resources Center at the UNM School of Law welcomes you to the 3rd Annual Socorro Community Conversation on Water. This free, family-friendly event is designed to bring together the Socorro County community along the Middle Rio Grande for an informal conversation about current water issues, regional conditions, and recent legislative developments.

◆ Agenda ◆



10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Doors Open / Registration



11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lunch Served



12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Main Program

Moderator: Stephanie Russo Baca,

Water Ombudsman Program Director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center

Featured Discussion Topics

**Water Outlook in
the Middle Valley**

Anne Marken

Water Operations Division Manager
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

OSE Updates

Katie Zemlick, Ph.D.

Bureau Chief, Hydrology Bureau
New Mexico Office of
the State Engineer

**2026 Legislative
Session Recap**

Representative Gail Armstrong
House District 49

Audience questions and community discussion will follow.



2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Stephanie Russo Baca,

Water Ombudsman Program Director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center



About the Utton Center

The Utton Transboundary Resources Center researches and provides information to the public about water, natural resources and environmental issues, with a particular focus on New Mexico and the Southwest. It supports collaborative natural resource management using multidisciplinary expertise and inclusive, diverse stakeholder involvement.

The Center also includes the Joe M Stell Ombudsman Program. It offers pre-mediation education, as well as information regarding adjudications to unrepresented water rights claimants and defendants. Its primary purpose is to streamline the adjudication process by providing claimants with unbiased information about this multifaceted process.

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