

LWVCNM Observer's Report

Sandoval County Commission regular meeting

April 22, 2026

Mary Templeton, observer (by video recording)

Present: Jordan Juarez (Chair), Jon Herr (Vice Chair), Joshua Jones (video), Katherine Bruch

Description of Issues Relevant to the League

Regional Water Planning

The Commission passed a resolution to apply to the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) for financing for 11 to 20 public water systems in the Placitas and Algodones areas who are interested in converting to a community, and potentially a regional, water system.

As background, the LWVNM supports continued funding for regional planning that uses a public process to:

- Gather and publish data on supply and demand and provide regular updates;
- Create a balanced water budget;
- Identify critical and emerging issues.

The public welfare statements of a regional water plan should be considered by the State Engineer when reviewing applications for transfer of water rights. The LWVCNM also supports coordinated regional water planning.

Additional Comments

Sandoval County Commission Website

<https://www.sandovalcountynm.gov/commission/>