## New Mexico Desalination Association



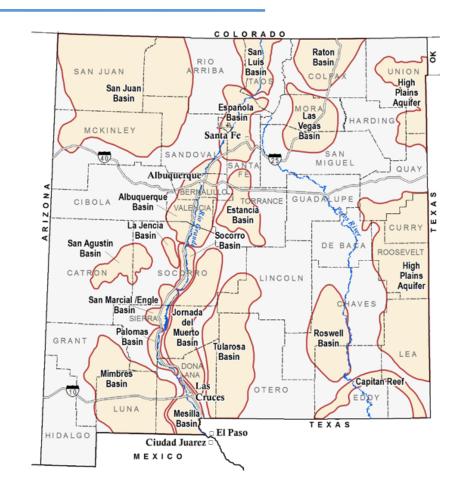
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- Established to promote and assist the desalination industry in developing professional and stakeholder knowledge of:
  - desalination approaches, technologies, costs, and opportunities
  - New Mexico's brackish water resources.
- Educate stakeholders on use of desalination to create new water supplies for New Mexico while:
  - supporting sustainable economic growth,
  - protecting the environment,
  - maintaining social and cultural traditions.

## New Mexico Brackish Water Resources

- New Mexico is estimated to have 15 billion acre feet of brackish ground water:
  - 2 billion acre feet easily and economically treated for municipal use, and 2 billion acre feet for industrial use,
  - 1000 year supply of water at 2018 comsumption levels,
  - All fresh water basins have zones of brackish water.
- Significant brackish and saline produced water generated in Permian and Delaware Basins in SE NM, and San Juan and Raton Basins in NW and NE NM.
- Large volumes of surface water and agricultural return flows with elevated salinity levels.
- Significant transboundary brackish surface and ground water resources.



Overview of Fresh and Brackish Water Quality in New Mexico. New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, OFR-583, New Mexico Tech, Socorro, NM, June 2016.

## New Mexico Unique Desalination Opportunities

- New Mexico has unique national and federal laboratory, university, industrial, and utility desalination research and development capabilities.
- New Mexico has the most extensive brackish water resources in the U.S.
- New Mexico is proposing \$1-2 B in investments in produced water recycling and reuse by 2022, creating multi-billion dollar/year water treatment and supply, and chemical processing and supply sectors.
- Potential investments of \$1B in joint U.S./Mexico transboundary desalination projects through 2030.



Brackish Groundwater National Desalination Research Facility Alamogordo, New Mexico



El Paso Desalination Plant Research Bay