



**Resilient Water
Systems Through
Regional Solutions**



Regional Resiliency Team

Resiliency Assessment Workshop

**Aguas del Norte
September 11, 2026
Chamita, New Mexico**

Agenda

- Welcome
- Hazard Mitigation and Generator Updates
- Regulatory Reminders
- Resiliency Discussion
- Review of 2026 Rate Survey Results/Affordability



Hazard Mitigation Plan and Generators

systems currently being incorporated into the Rio Arriba plan:

- El Rito Canyon MDWCA
- Agua Sana Water Users Association
- El Rito Regional Water & Wastewater Association
- Chamita MDWCA
- Abiquiu MDWCA
- Ojo Sarco MDWCA
- Vallecitos MDWCA
- Village of Cebolla



Reminders

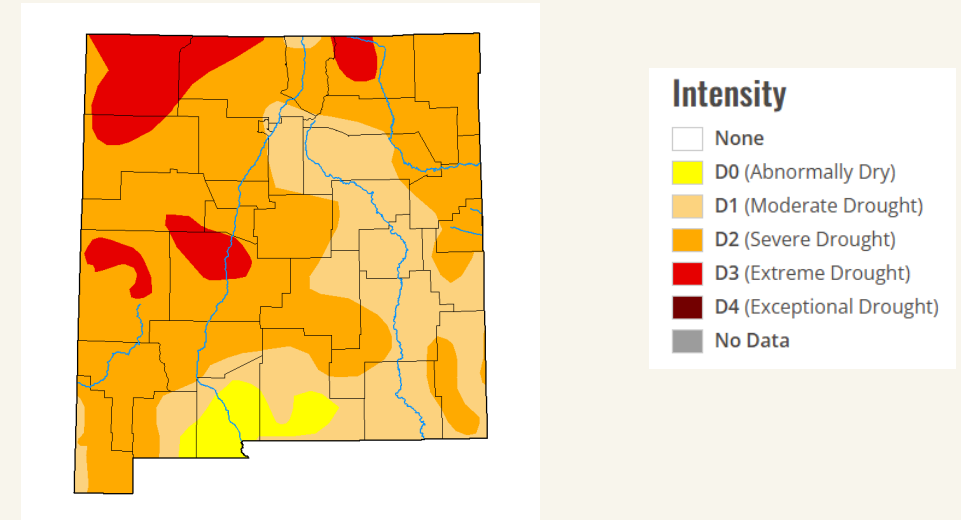
- Sampling-Lead and Copper/DBP samples
- CCR certification-October 1
- Water Trust Board-
 - Design only application-in progress
 - December 1-January 5 Notice of Intent for other water projects
- DWSRLF-prep application anytime
- Infrastructure Finance Conference-November 16-19th
- Trainings



Natural Hazards and Vulnerabilities

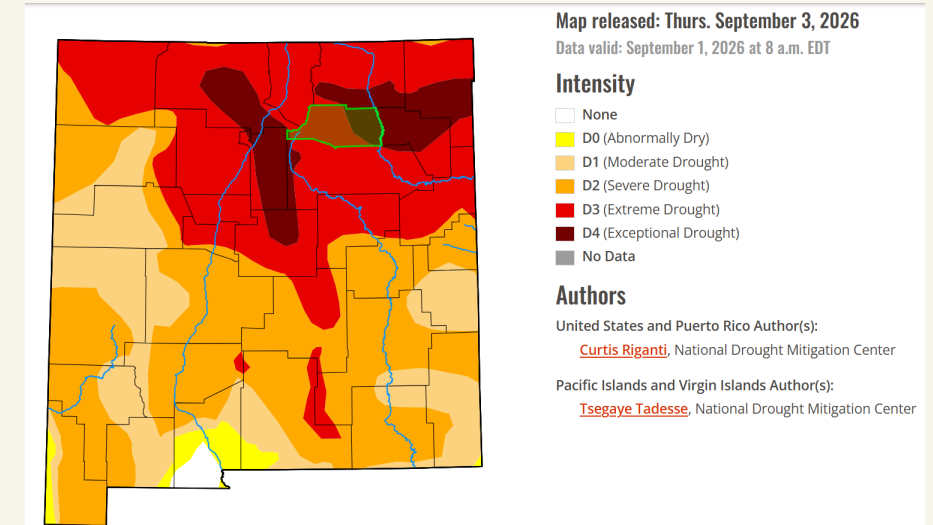
- Drought
- Fire
- Flooding
- Malevolent Acts
- Lack of Operators and Water System Managers
- Underfunding

U.S Drought Monitor, April 13, 2026



Current Drought Status

Category	Examples of historically observed impacts
D0	Fire danger increases
	Soil moisture is low
D1	Burn bans and firework restrictions begin
	Livestock need supplemental feed and water
D2	Abundance and magnitude of wildfires may increase; fuel mitigation practices are in effect
	Dust storms occur
	Irrigated crops are stunted; dryland crops are brown
	Pasture yield is limited; producers sell livestock
	Well water decreases
D3	Wildlife feeding patterns change
	Fire danger is extreme
	Irrigation allotments decrease
	Livestock are suffering; producers are selling herds; feed costs are high; emergency CRP grazing is authorized; crop yields are low
D4	Vegetation and native trees are dying
	Bears encroach on developed areas; migratory birds change patterns
	Federal lands begin to close for fire precautions; burn bans increase
	No surface water is left for agriculture, farmers use private wells
	Rio Grande and other large rivers are dry



Resiliency for Aguas del Norte

What are your concerns for your water system?

- Workforce
- Source
- Infrastructure

Are we prepared?

What are things our systems can do?

What are needed resources?



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education strengthen **training** **sustainability** technical assistance now and the future capacity partnerships knowledge protect public health outreach safe support **resiliency** communities **reliable drinking water**
New Mexicans **collaboration** people



Questions

