

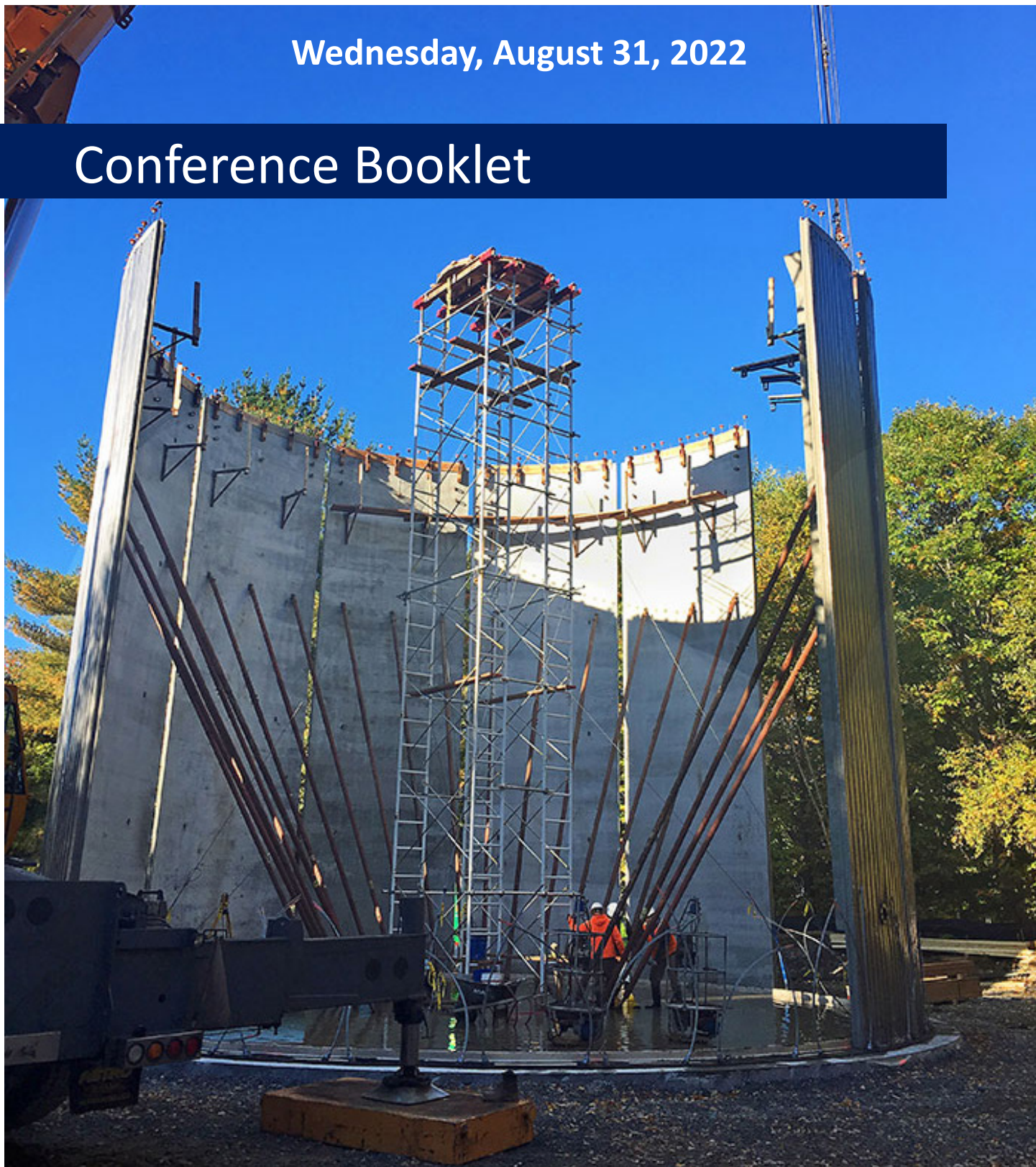


# 2022 RURAL WATER SUMMIT



Wednesday, August 31, 2022

## Conference Booklet



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

McKinley County and its working partner, the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, would like to acknowledge the effort and coordination to continue water discussions and priorities in the County's annual rural water summit. Providing such crucial information to our regional communities is not only important but timely, with the anticipation of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project (NGWSP), funding provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure law, and global climate change impacts. Small water systems have struggled for decades to get the support and funding needed to get local capital infrastructure projects off the shelves.

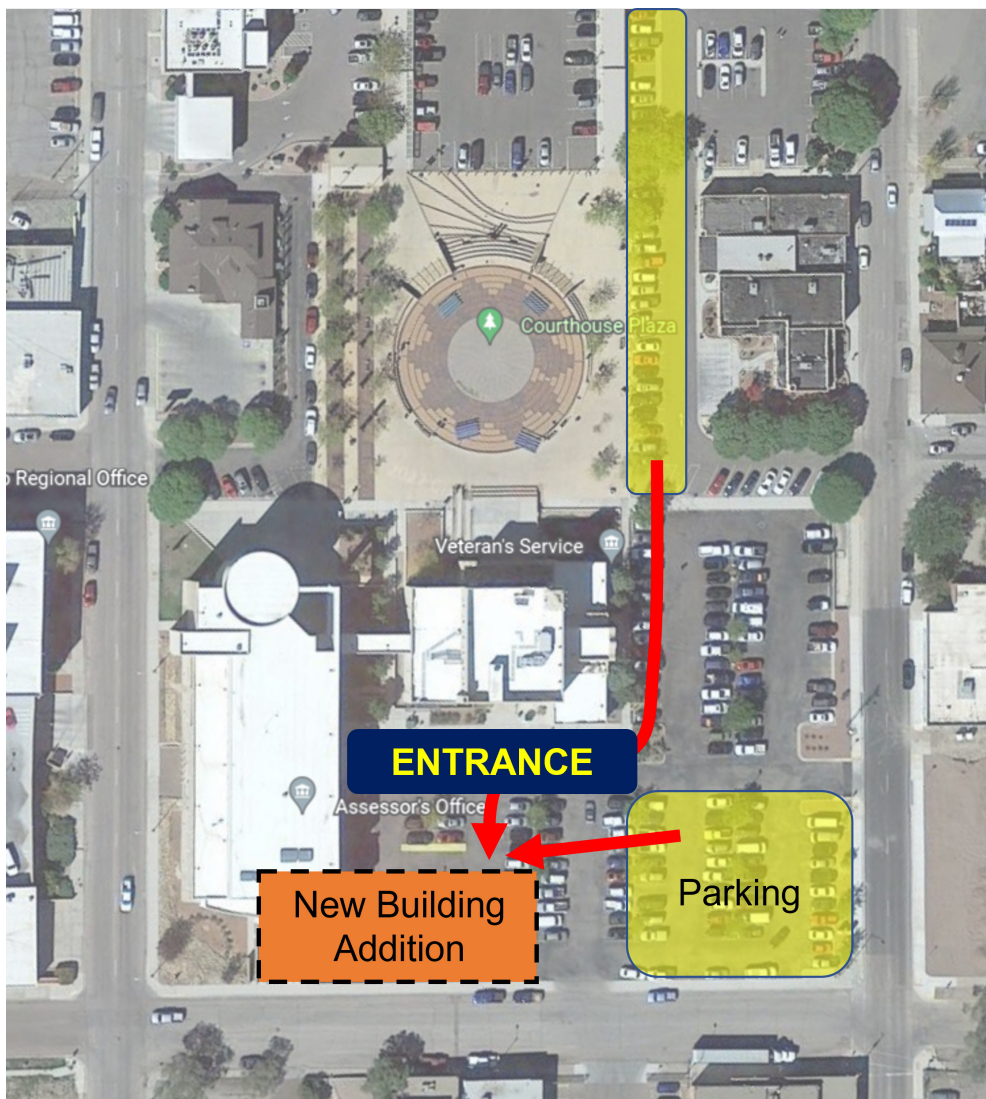
This summit also provides an opportunity for small water systems to start planning, or projecteering, to determine feasible steps and avenues to be eligible for potential funding programs. Other working partners include the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), the Rural Communities Assistance Corporation (RCAC), and Cartron Law. State agencies working closely with small water systems are the NM Office of State Auditor, NM Office of the State Engineer, the NM Finance Authority, and the NM Department of Finance and Administration.





# CONFERENCE LOCATION

McKinley County Government Complex  
2nd Floor Conference Center  
207 West Hill Avenue  
Gallup, NM 87301  
(505) 863-1400



Designated Parking Spaces  
(YELLOW)

Entrance & Elevator Access  
(Follow signs)

**2022 Rural Water Summit** to be held on 2nd Floor Conference Center  
(Follow signs)

# AGENDA

**Purpose:** This summit is a continuation of last year's discussion on the importance of McKinley County's water regionalization initiative to gain support with local entities. The highlight of this event is to update regional communities on the progress of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) process and how the initial JPA group will be established, as well reviewing planning and funding strategies to fund local capital projects. Water systems throughout the northwest region are welcome to attend this all-day event. Lunch will be provided.

8:30AM – 9:00AM	EARLY REGISTRATION
9:00AM – 9:10AM	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
9:10AM – 9:55AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS
9:55AM – 10:45AM	WATER REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES
10:45AM – 11:00AM	15-MINUTE BREAK
11:00AM – 12:00PM	JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT REGIONAL ENTITY UPDATE
12:00PM – 1:00PM	LUNCH
1:00PM – 1:45PM	PANEL SESSION: CASE STUDY REVIEW
1:45PM – 2:30PM	PANEL SESSION: REGIONALIZATION FUNDING PROJECTS REVIEW
2:30PM – 2:45PM	15-MINUTE BREAK
2:45PM – 3:30PM	LEGISLATIVE PREPARATION
3:30PM – 3:50PM	NEXT STEPS & WRAP-UP
3:50PM – 4:00PM	FINAL QUESTIONS & CLOSING
4:00PM	ADJOURN

# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

9:00AM — 9:10AM



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Billy Moore has been the McKinley County Commissioner for over a decade and has served this region with distinction and visionary leadership, including the County's strategic investment into the repayment of Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project on behalf of County communities. He believes that local communities must operate and deliver quality and affordable water, wastewater, and other services. While the County should not and cannot do it for you -- we have always been a proactive and willing partner with you.

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Doug Decker has been the McKinley County Attorney for over 25 years and has been supporting County water systems and communities in finding solutions. Last year, we set the goal of formalizing our County-level regionalization efforts with willing participants, and we are happy to report we have a State approved Joint Powers Agreement association that can provide the vehicle and opportunity for economies of scale and mutual cooperation.



# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

9:10AM — 9:55AM

## Mike Hamman, State Engineer

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Mike Hamman will deliver the keynote address. Mr. Hamman is the newly appointed State Engineer, with the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (ISC), and will be providing a larger context on the State's view of water supply, planning, and investment for our rural systems.



YOUR WATER

WHAT WE DO

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LOCATIONS

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## Water Planning in New Mexico

New Mexico has 16 water planning regions, each with its own water plan. New Mexico also has a State Water Plan. The regional and state water plans are vital tools intended to guide water management in the state to best meet all the state's water users – now and into the future. Strategic water planning is best informed by accurate and reliable data and engaged citizens, which leads to better implementation.

The Regional Water Planning Statute (§72-14-44 NMSA 1978) outlines (a) a general criteria for developing regional water plans and (b) the established powers and duties for implementing regional water planning.

For more information, go to <https://www.ose.state.nm.us/Planning/index.php>

## 50-Year Water Plan

The draft 50-Year Water Plan compiles findings from scientific papers and reports, guidance from planning and agency partners, and input from a wide array of stakeholders to describe and plan for climate change impacts to water supplies in New Mexico over the next

50 years. The draft 50-Year Water Plan assesses increasing aridity, outlines expected changes and likely vulnerabilities, and identifies recommendations for policy makers, stakeholders, and agency partners.



**About the Draft 50-Year Water Plan**

Draft Plan Coming Soon!

New Mexico must plan to protect water resources for future generations....

[View Project](#)



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# WATER REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES

9:55AM — 10:45AM

This session will focus on the end-and-outs of a water regionalization project and how partnerships and collaboration is critical to the development of a regional utility entity, such as the Lower Rio Grande Public Works Authority, located in southern New Mexico.

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**LOWER RIO GRANDE**  
Public Water Works Authority



<https://lrgauthority.org/>

The Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority currently consists of eleven water systems in four separate areas providing service to fifteen Colonias communities in the area south of Las Cruces from Brazito to north end of Anthony, Butterfield Park & Organ on the East Mesa, and Valle Del Rio and High Valley. The LRGPWWA service area is about 100 square miles, and it provides water service to just over 5,000 connections.

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15-MINUTE BREAK  
10:45AM — 11:00AM



# JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (JPA) REGIONAL ENTITY UPDATE

**11:00AM — 12:00PM**

Presenters for this session are some of the champions working hard on developing a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Entity, from both the legal and formation fronts. During last year's Rural Water Summit, the County and its partners talked extensively about creating a regional 'umbrella entity', through a JPA process of development, as a means of creating economies of scale and leveraging assets and resources.

The JPA agreement was recently approved by the NMFA. Presenters will provide an overview of steps taken, current activities and determine next steps for the new JPA Entity.

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**LUNCH BREAK**  
**12:00PM — 1:00PM**

# PANEL SESSION: CASE STUDY REVIEW

1:00PM — 1:45PM



This session will focus on other case study projects in New Mexico that have become successful entities. Other topic discussions to include best practices in planning and funding strategies.

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# PANEL SESSION: REGIONALIZATION FUNDING PROJECTS REVIEW

1:45PM — 2:30PM

For this session, we will review projecteering strategies that is focused on getting “shelved” projects active and prepared for funding process.

- Projecteering Strategies
- Moving “shelved” projects to “shovel-ready” projects
- Local & regional case study reviews
- Small water systems local issues, etc.

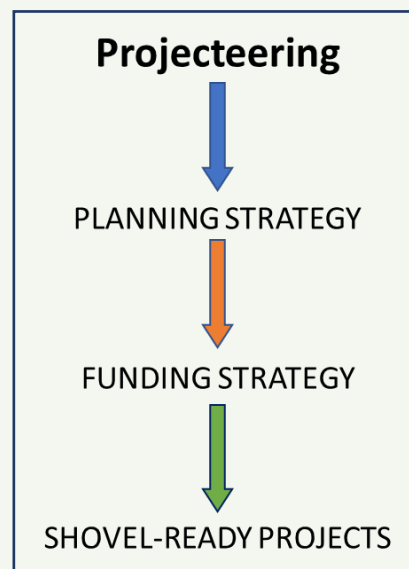
This session will allow participants, attendees, state agencies and local leadership to gain an understanding of what our regional small water systems are experiencing.



**Shovel-Ready**

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**15-MINUTE BREAK**  
**2:30PM — 2:45PM**



# LEGISLATIVE PREPARATION

2:45PM — 3:30PM

This session will provide an overview of the capital outlay process and what to expect this upcoming 2023 legislative session.

Special districts need to understand the importance of updating their respective Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plans (ICIP) **every year**.

- What is the ICIP
- How to use and apply your ICIP
- Capital Outlay process
- Establish strong connections with your legislators
- Getting your project funded
- Managing CPMS data records



New Mexico Department of  
Finance & Administration

Under the NM Department of Finance & Administration (NMDFA), the Capital Outlay Bureau is responsible for coordinating the funding and administration of capital projects under the statutory authority of the State

Budget Division, Department of Finance and Administration. The COB works closely with executive agencies and Governor to prepare the Executive Capital Budget.

If your entity has received capital outlay in the past, please follow up with the following agencies to ensure that those funds do not get reverted back to the state.

<https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/budget-division/capital-outlay-bureau/>

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## NEXT STEPS & WRAP-UP

**3:30PM — 3:50PM**

For this session, we will review the next steps for McKinley County and our region.

- JPA Entity Formation begins
  - Budget review, OMA Rules, Board Training, etc.
  - Schedule first board meeting
- Regional Water Commons Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 9AM
- Open Meetings Act/Inspection of Public Records Act (OMA/IPRA) Webinar: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 9AM
- Water Trust Board
- Capital Outlay

## FINAL QUESTIONS & CLOSING

**3:50PM — 4:00PM**

Final questions or concerns for the County, local leadership, and standing partners.



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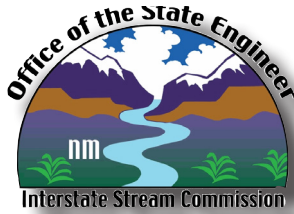
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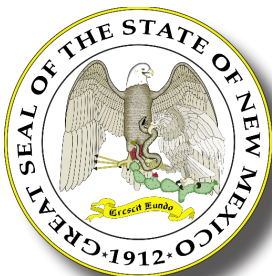
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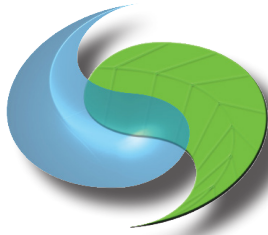
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CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CE	Categorical Exclusion
CO	Change Order
CO SAP	Capital Outlay Special Appropriations Program
CPB	Construction Programs Bureau (NMED)
CWSRF	Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund
DFA	NM Department of Finance and Administration
DP	Discharge Permit
DR	Disbursement Request
DWB	Drinking Water Bureau (NMED)
DWSRF	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
EA	Environmental Assessment
EID	Environmental Information Document
EIT	Engineering Intern
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPA SAAP	USEPA Special Appropriation Act Project
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
GWQB	Ground Water Quality Bureau (NMED)
ISC	Interstate Stream Commission (OSE)
MGD	Million Gallons per Day
MDWCA	Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association
MDWUA	Mutual Domestic Water Users Association
NGWSP	Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project
NMDFA	New Mexico Department of Finance & Administration
NMED	New Mexico Environment Department
NMFA	New Mexico Finance Authority
NMFA PG	NMFA Planning Grant
NMGRT	New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax
NWNMCOG	Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments
NPDES	National Pollution Discharge Elimination System
OSA	Office of the State Auditor
OSE	Office of the State Engineer

O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OM&R	Operations, Maintenance, and Repair
PE	Professional Engineer
PER	Preliminary Engineering Report
RCAC	Rural Community Assistance Cooperative
RDF	Requisition for Disbursement of Funds
RFP	Request for Proposal
RIP	Rural Infrastructure Program
ROW	Right of Way
RWA	Rural Water Association
SBF	State Board of Finance
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
STAG	State and Tribal Assistance Grant (USEPA)
STB	Severance Tax Bond
SWIG	Sustainable Water Infrastructure Group (NMED, DWB, CSP)
SWQB	Surface Water Quality Bureau (NMED, DWB)
TIF	Tribal Infrastructure Fund
TSP	Technical Services Program (NMED, DWB)
USACE	US Army Corps of Engineers
USDA	US Department of Agriculture
USDA RD	USDA Rural Development
WTB	Water Trust Board
WTP	Water Treatment Plant
WWTF	Wastewater Treatment Facility
WWTP	Wastewater Treatment Plant



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