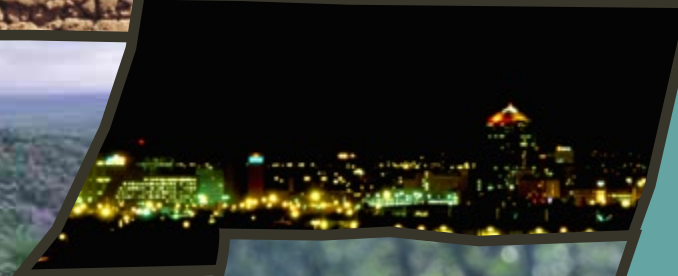


2005 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD



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Director's Message

Dear Conservation Voter,

This is your tool for holding your legislators accountable.

This 2005 Legislative Scorecard provides information about the conservation voting records of your elected officials. "Knowing the Score" is a powerful way for you to determine whether your legislator votes in step with your conservation values.

The results of the 2005 legislative session were mixed from a conservation perspective. Although the conservation community was successful in "holding the line" against attacks on our environmental standards, this legislature failed to enact adequate protections of water rights for farmers and ranchers; it also failed to pass a measure that would have allowed New Mexico to keep mercury out of our air and water despite current federal rollbacks. Clearly, there is more work to be done to protect the vibrancy of our communities and the health of our children.

There were important victories, however, such as the creation of a Strategic Water Reserve. Perhaps most encouraging of all was an unprecedented level of cooperation among diverse New Mexico constituencies.

We wish to thank the elected officials who have shown leadership on legislation that will protect and enhance our state's natural and cultural resources. You will find some of these leaders highlighted in the "Conservation Champions" section of this scorecard.

Now that you know the score, follow it up with action. If your legislators have a strong conservation score, write or call them to thank them. If they have a poor score, write or call them to express your concern. We have provided contact information for each official in the back of this booklet.

The next action you can take is to join Conservation Voters New Mexico, the political voice of New Mexico's conservation community. You can make a donation and sign up to get email alerts and our newsletter by filling out the enclosed envelope, or by checking out our web site at www.cvnm.org.

Finally, flex your muscle as a "Conservation Voter" by supporting pro-environment candidates at the local, state, and federal levels. Now, more than ever, we need to elect leaders in New Mexico who will fight for sensible conservation policies that protect our water, our land, and our way of life. This is our responsibility to future generations.

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From ARTICLE XX, Section 21, of the New Mexico State Constitution:

The protection of the state's beautiful and healthful environment is hereby declared to be of fundamental importance to the public interest, health, safety and the general welfare.

About the Scorecard

Conservation Voters New Mexico's 2005 Legislative Scorecard provides objective, non-partisan information about the conservation voting records of all members of the 47th Legislature of the State of New Mexico. Scorecards are a clear and comprehensive way for voters to see how they are being represented.

The citizens of New Mexico are overwhelmingly in favor of protecting our water, land and air. *Research & Polling, Inc.* found that 69 percent of New Mexicans felt environmental laws either aren't strong enough or aren't adequately enforced. And 82% said that environmental issues are important considerations when casting their vote.

We all want to preserve our way of life for ourselves and for future generations. Our scorecard allows you to find out if your legislators are in step with your conservation values, or if they represent special interests that seek to impede sound natural resource policy.

How Votes Were Selected

Each vote was selected based solely on the environmental

values embodied in the legislation. The results of the charts speak for themselves. In preparing this scorecard, we sought input from community leaders; however, responsibility for the decisions reflected in this document rests entirely with CVNM.

There are literally thousands of votes taken during a legislative session in New Mexico. The majority of these votes represent overwhelming or unanimous agreement on non-controversial issues or amendments. For the most part, CVNM selected votes that illustrate the key debates and fierce disagreement over conservation policy in the state; however, we also selected some votes that achieved near-unanimity to recognize significant legislative action on important conservation issues.

CVNM selected the most critical votes on each issue. In some cases, a vote on an amendment to a bill was more important than passage of the bill itself. If so, this is explained in the vote description.

How to Read the Scorecard

If a legislator voted in support of the pro-conservation position, their vote is recorded on

the chart as a 'plus' (+); votes against the conservation position are indicated with a 'minus' (-). If a legislator was excused from voting, this is noted by an 'e', and the vote does not count positively or negatively towards their final score. If a legislator was not excused from voting but still did not vote, they are recorded as 'absent' (a), and it counts against their score.

In this scorecard, all votes are weighted equally. But not all votes are equal. Some issues and some votes are more critical than others; we encourage you to read the vote descriptions and compare them against the scorecard to determine how well your legislator represented you on the issues and bills that are most important to you. In future scorecards, CVNM may weight certain bills to more accurately reflect their significance relative to other votes.



It is important to remember that scores provide only one component of each legislator's conservation record. Factors such as leadership in committee, in caucus, and on the floor, as well as vision and determination also play a crucial role. These other factors are certainly considered by CVNM when making endorsements.

Highlights of the 2005 Legislature

One of the most significant highlights of the 2005 Legislature was the unprecedented level of cooperation among diverse constituencies in support of pro-conservation initiatives. Traditional environmental groups supported legislation advocated by the acequia and land grant communities. Utilities and conservationists collaborated on a significant package of energy efficiency and renewable energy legislation. Several agricultural organizations worked closely with environmental groups in an effort to reform domestic well regulation to protect our precious water resources.

Hunters, anglers, seniors, churches, farmers, physicians, think tanks, Native Americans, land use planners, recreation advocates and neighborhood associations were all critically important allies in conservation efforts during the 2005 legislative session, and the following successes would not have been possible without their contributions.

The Strategic Water Reserve was created after two years of effort by Think New Mexico and conservation allies. The legislature allocated close to \$3 million to fund the acquisition of water rights for public use and benefit. Specifically, the state will have some financial resources available to purchase water to protect endangered species and to fulfill New Mexico's interstate stream compact delivery obligations.

Two critical pieces of an ambitious package of

energy legislation passed both chambers and were signed by the Governor. The first (SB 644) enables and encourages utilities and electric co-ops to invest significant amounts in energy efficiency, reducing energy demands and saving consumers money. The second (HB 32) allocates \$20 million of severance tax bond money to fund energy efficiency measures and small-scale renewable energy projects for schools and public buildings. The energy savings are then used to pay off the bonds. Both these bills demonstrate that opportunities exist to improve both our economic and environmental health.

Sometimes success is achieved by "holding the line" on existing standards, which is always the goal when fighting rollbacks to our environmental laws. A number of bills were introduced this session that would have:

- gutted New Mexico's environmental enforcement abilities (SB 221),
- permitted cougars to be killed anywhere in the state, anytime, for no reason (HB 47),
- prevented the state from setting our own surface water quality standards (HB 711, HB 583),
- stripped local governments of their authority over infrastructure and development impact fees (HB 805),
- allowed private game parks to expand to many times their current size (SB 337),
- effectively prevented local governments from employing planning, zoning or other regulations for public health or welfare (HB 1090), and
- eliminated state evaluation of the water requirements for new subdivisions. (HB 1073)

Due to the hard work of conservation groups and our allies, and thanks to the tireless efforts of advocates and members of the public, none of these bills passed. While we still have a long way to go towards strong conservation legislation, it is nonetheless an achievement of the highest order to successfully defend our natural environment from every single attack.



Lowlights of the 2005 Legislature

Unfinished Business

Although no significant rollbacks of environmental protections passed the 2005 Legislature, it's important to note that a lot of really good conservation legislation failed to make much progress either. Important issues affecting the health and environment of New Mexicans have not been addressed, and we hope that the Legislature will return to this unfinished business in 2006 and 2007.

Among the bills that were defeated by lack of time, or due to the efforts of special interest lobbying, were bills that would have:

- strengthened the Environment Department's regulatory authority over companies that have already demonstrated a propensity for breaking environmental laws (HB 515),
- expanded the input and involvement of communities in the issuance of permits for polluting industries (HB 722, SB 710),
- allowed the State Engineer to ensure that new wells to serve poorly planned subdivisions have valid water rights (HB 285, SB 120),
- required water conservation plans for certain power plants (HB 348),
- raised significant funds for water efficient technologies through the assessment of a small user fee (HB 462, SB 444), and
- toughened compliance and enforcement of air quality standards (HB 516).

Partisanship

Most New Mexicans agree that conservation of our natural resources and our way of life is not – or shouldn't be – a partisan

issue. In fact, *Research & Polling, Inc.* found that 75% of New Mexico voters don't believe there is a tradeoff between the environment and the economy.

Although they may differ on strategies and tactics, we believe that elected officials of both parties want to protect our health and environment for future generations.

We urge all of our elected officials to look beyond party lines and take the necessary steps to protect our way of life:

- to prevent higher asthma rates among children,
- to ensure that polluting industries aren't concentrated in poorer, minority communities,
- to safeguard our air and water quality from toxins that affect our health and increase medical costs,
- to shield consumers from the costs of cleaning up pollution by forcing polluters to clean up after their own messes, and
- to conserve our precious water resources for generations to come.



Vote Descriptions

HB 78 (Rep. Stewart)

– *Game Commission Habitat Management and Fees.*

The Department of Game and Fish currently lacks the resources to actively fulfill its mandate to restore and maintain natural habitat for the benefit of wildlife and New Mexicans alike. House Bill 78 imposes a small fee on hunters and anglers that will be used by the Game Commission to restore, protect and maintain fish and wildlife habitat throughout the state. PASSED both chambers and signed by the Governor.

Conservation Vote: YES

HB 195 (Rep. Stell)

– *Create Strategic Water Reserve.*

Our limited water supply is one of the greatest challenges facing the state. Intense competition for scarce water resources means that we are struggling to meet the requirements of the federal Endangered Species Act, as well as our obligations to deliver water to Texas. House Bill 195 creates the Strategic Water Reserve, which dedicates nearly \$3 million this year to fund the acquisition of water rights for public benefit, specifically to help threatened and endangered species and to comply with New Mexico's interstate stream compact obligations to Texas. PASSED both chambers and signed by the Governor.

Conservation Vote: YES

HB 805 (Rep. Silva)

– *Local Government Use of Impact Fees*

Impact fees are tools that local governments use to ensure that developers pay their way and don't shift the majority of costs of new developments onto existing residents and taxpayers. These fees help pay for the infrastructure to support new development; without them, local governments wouldn't have the resources to pay for adequate roads, drainage, parks or emergency facilities. House Bill 805 would have severely compromised the ability of local governments to use impact fees to provide infrastructure or ensure equity in sharing the cost burden of new development. Passed House, but DEFEATED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: NO

HJM 24 (Rep. A Lujan)

– *Precautionary Principles in State Government.*

The Precautionary Principle proposes that when an activity raises threats of harm, precautionary measures should be taken to protect human health and the environment, even if some cause and effect relationships are not fully established scientifically. House Joint Memorial 24 requested the Department of Health to establish a task force to develop a long-term plan to implement selected precautionary principles in

departments of state government. Passed House, but DEFEATED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: YES

SB 221 (Sen. Ingle)

– *Environmental Civil Penalties Limits.*

A state's environmental regulations are only as effective as the ability of the agencies to enforce them. Senate Bill 221 would have devastated the Environment Department's capacity for enforcing New Mexico's environmental standards by placing a \$250,000 cap on fines for breaking environmental laws, no matter how egregious the offense. Furthermore, the agency would not be able to assess penalties on violators more than 2 years after the offense, thereby encouraging polluters to cover up violations in order to avoid the penalties. Passed Senate, but DEFEATED in the House.

Conservation Vote: NO



Vote Descriptions

SB 337 (Sen. Jennings)

– *Increase Game Park Maximum Acreage.*

Private game parks are problematic for wildlife conservation and management because they trap free-roaming wildlife, impede migration, and spread disease. Senate Bill 337 would have increased the maximum acreage of private game parks from 3,200 to 15,000 acres, promoting the privatization of wildlife, negatively impacting migratory species, and encouraging the spread of Chronic Wasting and other diseases. Passed Senate, but DEFEATED in the House.

Conservation Vote: NO

SB 468 (Sen. Cisneros)

– *Acquire Land Near State Parks.*

In the past, the need to get legislative approval for any additions or donations of land to state parks has prevented the Parks Divi-

sion from acting swiftly and economically to expand New Mexico's parks system. Senate Bill 468 allows the State Parks Division to acquire land adjacent to state parks without legislative approval, if the land will be incorporated into the park. PASSED both chambers and signed by the Governor.

Conservation Vote: YES

SB 644 (Sen. Cisneros)

– *Efficient Use of Energy Act.*

The best way for New Mexico to control energy prices, increase energy security, reduce pollution and protect natural resources is to invest heavily in energy efficiency. Senate Bill 644 directs the Public Regulation Commission to require utilities to develop and implement energy efficiency programs. It also sets standards and policies for recouping expenditures by utilities and co-operatives for energy efficiency programs and

investments. SB 644 PASSED both chambers and was signed by the Governor.

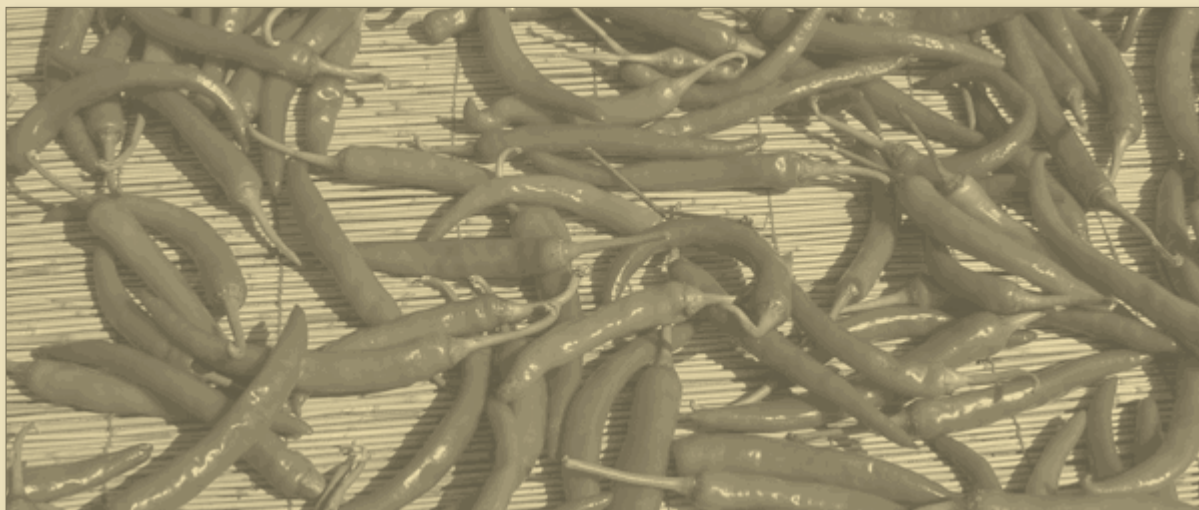
Conservation Vote: YES

BAD Amendment to SB 1006

– *Net Electric Co-op Metering System.*

The original bill, Senate Bill 1006 (Sen. Cisneros), promoted small-scale renewable energy projects by requiring public utilities and rural electric cooperatives to purchase excess energy generated by certain small-scale renewable energy projects. The amendment, sponsored by Sen. Payne on the Senate Floor, gutted the bill by changing the compensation formula for net-metered renewable energy, effectively eliminating any incentive to produce small-scale renewables. Amendment PASSED, and the bill had to be vetoed by the Governor.

Conservation Vote: NO



NEW MEXICO STATE SENATE

* Often, the votes that legislators make in committee are as important, or even more important, than the votes they make on the floor. Votes that are highlighted with an asterisk (*) indicate that the legislator voted the opposite way in committee.

Senator	District	SB 337	SB 221	SB 1006	SB 644	HB 195	HB 78	SB 468	SCORE
Adair, Rod (R)	33	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	43%
Altamirano, Ben (D)	28	- *	-	+	+	+	+	a	57%
Asbill, Vernon (R)	34	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	57%
Beffort, Sue Wilson (R)	19	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	71%
Boitano, Mark (R)	18	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	43%
Campos, Pete (D)	8	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	71%
Carraro, Joseph (R)	23	-	a	-	a	+	+	+	43%
Cisneros, Carlos (D)	6	- *	-	+	+	+	+	+	71%
Cravens, Kent (R)	21	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	57%
Duran, Dianna (R)	40	-	-	-	+	+	e	+	50%
Feldman, Dede (D)	13	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Fidel, Joseph (D)	30	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	71%
Garcia, Mary Jane (D)	36	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	86%
Griego, Phil (D)	39	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	86%
Grubestic, John (D)	25	+	+	e	+	+	+	+	100%
Harden, Clinton (R)	7	-	-	-	+	+	+	- *	43%
Ingle, Stuart (R)	27	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	57%
Jennings, Timothy (D)	32	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	57%
Kernan, Gay (R)	42	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	57%
Komadina, Steve (R)	9	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	57%
Leavell, Carroll (R)	41	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	43%
Lopez, Linda (D)	11	+	e	+	a	+	+	+	83%
Martinez, Richard (D)	5	-	+	+	+	+	e	+	83%
McSorley, Cisco (D)	16	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Nava, Cynthia (D)	31	a	+	+	+	+	+	e	83%
Neville, Steven (R)	2	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	57%
Ortiz y Pino, Gerald (D)	12	-	+	+	e	+	+	+	83%
Papen, Mary Kay (D)	38	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	71%
Payne, William (R)	20	-	-	-	+	+	e	-	33%

Senator	District	SB 337	SB 221	SB 1006	SB 644	HB 195	HB 78	SB 468	SCORE
Pinto, John (D)	3	e	+	e	a	+	+	e	75%
Rainaldi, Lidio (D)	4	-	-	e	+	+	+	+	67%
Rawson, Leonard Lee (R)	37	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	29%
Robinson, Shannon (D)	17	-	+	e	e	a	+	a	40%
Rodriguez, Nancy (D)	24	-	+	+	+	+	e	+	83%
Ryan, John (R)	10	-	-	-	+	+	e	- *	33%
Sanchez, Bernadette (D)	26	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	71%
Sanchez, Michael (D)	29	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Sharer, William (R)	1	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	57%
Smith, John Arthur (D)	35	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	57%
Snyder, H. Diane (R)	15	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	57%
Taylor, James (D)	14	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	71%
Tsosie, Leonard (D)	22	+	e	e	a	a	+	+	60%



NEW MEXICO STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Representative	District	HJM 24	HB 78	HB 805	SB 644	HB 195	SB 468	Score
Anderson, Thomas (R)	29	-	- *	-	-	-	-	0%
Arnold-Jones, Janice (R)	24	-	-	-	- *	-	-	0%
Balderas, Hector (D)	68	+	+	+	+	e	+	100%
Beam, Gail (D)	18	+	+	e	+	+	a	80%
Begaye, Ray (D)	4	+	e	-	+	e	+	75%
Boykin, William Ed (R)	37	-	-	-	+	-	+	33%
Bratton, Donald (R)	62	-	- *	-	-	- *	- *	0%
Campos, Jose (D)	63	+	-	+	+	+	+	83%
Cervantes, Joseph (D)	52	a	+	-	+	+	a	50%
Chavez, Ernest (D)	12	+	+	-	+	+	+	83%
Cheney, Richard (R)	2	-	- *	-	+	-	-	17%
Cordova, Kandy (D)	7	+	+	a	+	+	+	83%
Crook, Anna (R)	64	-	- *	-	+	+	-	33%
Ezzell, Candace Spence (R)	58	-	- *	-	-	+	-	17%
Foley, Daniel (R)	57	-	-	-	-	+	-	17%
Fox-Young, Justine (R)	30	-	-	-	-	- *	-	0%
Garcia, Mary Helen (D)	34	+	+	a	+	+	+	83%
Garcia, Miguel (D)	14	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Gardner, Keith (R)	66	-	- *	-	-	+	-	17%
Gonzales, Roberto (D)	42	+	+	-	+	+	+	83%
Gutierrez, Joni (D)	33	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hall, Jimmy (R)	28	a	-	-	+	+	-	33%
Hamilton, Dianne Miller (R)	38	-	-	-	+	+	-	33%
Hanosh, George (D)	6	+	+	-	+	+	+	83%
Harrison, Irvin (D)	5	+	a	+	+	+	+	83%
Heaton, John (D)	55	-	+	+	+	+	+	83%
Herrera, Manuel (D)	39	+	+	-	+	+	+	83%
Hobbs, Ted (R)	20	-	-	-	+	+	-	33%
Irwin, Dona (D)	32	e	+	-	+	+	+	80%
King, Rhonda (D)	50	-	+	-	+	+	+	67%
Larranaga, Larry (R)	27	- *	- *	-	-	+	- *	17%
Lujan, Antonio (D)	35	+	+	e	+	+	+	100%
Lujan, Ben (D)	46	+	+	-	+	+	+	83%
Luna, Fred (D)	8	+	+	e	e	+	e	n/a ¹
Lundstrom, Patricia (D)	9	e	+	-	+	+	+	80%
Madalena, James Roger (D)	65	+	e	e	e	e	e	n/a ¹

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Marquardt, Terry (R)	53	-	-	-	+	+	-	33%
Martinez, W. Ken (D)	69	+	+	-	+	+	+	83%
McCoy, Kathy (R)	22	a	+	a	+	+	-	50%
Miera, Rick (D)	11	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Moore, Brian (R)	67	-	+	-	+	+	- *	50%
Nunez, Andy (D)	36	-	- *	+	+	+	-	50%
Park, Al (D)	26	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Payne, Greg (R)	20	-	+	-	- *	+	-	33%
Picraux, Danice (D)	25	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Powdrell-Culbert, Jane (R)	44	-	-	-	e	-	-	0%
Rodella, Debbie (D)	41	+	+	-	+	+	+	83%
Ruiz, Harriet (D)	16	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Saavedra, Henry Kiki (D)	10	+	+	-	+	+	e	80%
Salazar, Nick (D)	40	e	+	-	+	+	+	80%
Sandoval, Edward (D)	17	a	+	+	+	+	e	80%
Silva, Daniel (D)	13	+	+	-	+	+	+	83%
Stapleton, Sheryl Williams (D)	19	a	+	-	+	+	a	50%
Stell, Joe (D)	54	-	- *	-	+	+	-	33%
Stewart, Mimi (D)	21	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Swisstack, Thomas (D)	60	+	+	-	+	+	+	83%
Taylor, Thomas (R)	1	-	- *	-	+	- *	-	17%
Townsend, Sandra (R)	3	-	- *	e	+	+	- *	40%
Tripp, Don (R)	49	-	- *	-	+	-	-	17%
Trujillo, Jim (D)	45	+	+	-	+	+	+	83%
Varela, Luciano "Lucky" (D)	48	+	+	-	+	+	+	83%
Vaughn, Gloria (R)	51	-	- *	-	+	+	-	33%
Vigil, Richard (D)	70	+	+	-	+	+	+	83%
Wallace, Jeannette (R)	43	- *	+	-	+	+	+	67%
Whitaker, Don (D)	61	-	- *	-	+	+	+	50%
Williams, W.C. "Dub" (R)	56	+	+	-	+	+	- *	67%
Wilson, Avon (R)	59	-	-	-	+	+	-	33%
Wirth, Peter (D)	47	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Youngberg, Eric (R)	23	-	-	-	-	+	-	17%
Zanetti, Teresa (R)	15	-	-	-	-	+	-	17%

¹ Due to the predominance of excused absences during conservation votes for personal reasons, these legislators were not scored this year.



Governor Bill Richardson

During the 2005 legislative session, Governor Richardson demonstrated a positive commitment to conservation issues that is unparalleled in New Mexico in recent memory. From water to wildlife, from environmental enforcement to energy, he incorporated key conservation measures into his proactive legislative agenda. And his efforts began long before the session started...

Legislative Actions: 100%

During the 2005 legislative session, Governor Richardson was sent dozens of conservation-related bills to sign or veto. In each case, the Governor took the pro-conservation position, and his score for action on important conservation legislation was 100%. Even on bills that did not make it to his desk, the Governor was solidly pro-conservation.

It was due to the Governor's initiative that six different energy task forces – representing industry, environmentalists and others – convened and developed an ambitious package of legislation. Two key pieces of the package, energy efficiency (SB 644) and renewable energy bonding (HB 32), both passed, largely due to the support of the Governor and the efforts of the constituencies that he brought together for the task forces.

The Governor also established a diverse task force - "Our Communities, Our Future" - which included developers, housing advocates, conservationists, planners and business groups, among others. The task force was directed to

find out what New Mexicans value most about their communities and the state, and make recommendations about how to protect and promote those values.

Governor Richardson has also been vocal in defending New Mexico's right to set our own environmental standards in the face of extraordinary rollbacks at the federal level. He has been a staunch advocate for protecting New Mexico's treasured wilderness areas – from Otero Mesa to the Valle Vidal – many of which are threatened by policies being proposed or implemented by the Bush Administration.

Success Rate: 69%

Prior to the 2005 legislative session, Governor Richardson held a press conference announcing his legislative priorities for water, energy and natural resources. He passed or secured funding for a total of 11 measures out of the 16 included in that agenda, for a total success rate of 69%.

We recognize the Governor's distinguished conservation record. We also believe more can be done. Given this Governor's unprecedented influence, and incredible record for succeeding with his top priority legislation, his environmental agenda didn't fare as well as it could have.

Based on Governor Richardson's legislative priorities for natural resources, his success rate was 69%. This is a laudable achievement for any proactive agenda. However, of the eight major legislative policy reforms included in his agenda, only three passed the legislature. During his first term, the Governor has demonstrated his ability to achieve near-perfect success on his top priorities. Next year, we look forward to the Governor's leadership to get more pro-conservation bills to his desk.

We applaud the Governor's commitment to conserving New Mexico's natural heritage. We urge Governor Richardson to make strong conservation legislation part of his top priorities in future sessions.

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Conservation Champions

Champion Chairs

The following legislators each chair different committees, but they share a powerful commitment to protecting New Mexico and our way of life.

This dedication shines through each and every day, as they make dozens of decisions that impact our natural environment. These Conservation Champions consistently keep the best interests of all New Mexicans at heart.

Rep. Mimi Stewart, Chair of House Government and Urban Affairs



In addition to sponsoring one of the bills included in our scorecard (HB 78), Rep. Stewart carried several other

important conservation measures. She passed HB 32, which will bond \$20 million for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, and then use the energy savings to pay off the bonds. She also sponsored the Water Efficient Technology Act, or WET (HB 462), which – if it had passed – would have raised money to invest in water conservation projects throughout New Mexico.

Rep. Stewart is a fierce, tireless and consistent ally in the fight to protect our air, land and water, and her efforts are greatly appreciated.

Rep. Gail Beam, Chair of House Consumer and Public Affairs



Rep. Beam has proven to be a formidable defender of environmental protections. During the 2005 legislative

session, she vigorously fought bills scored by CVNM that would have permitted private game parks to more than quadruple their current size (SB

337), as well as capped penalties for environmental violations and imposed a two-year statute of limitations (SB 221). In addition, Rep. Beam helped defeat a bill (SB 132) that would have severely compromised the Water Trust Board, which is charged with distributing funds for local and statewide water projects.

Sen. Cisco McSorley, Chair of Senate Judiciary



As Chair of Senate Judiciary, Sen. McSorley heard many bills that would impact the quality of our air, the avail-

ability of our water, and the protection of our land and rural heritage. Without fail, Sen. McSorley advocated the pro-conservation position, including actively fighting a bill that would have overridden New Mexico's right to set our own surface water quality standards (SB 583). He also worked to defeat a measure (SB 221) that would have imposed a two-year statute of limitations on environmental violations, thereby encouraging polluters to cover up their crimes.

Sen. Dede Feldman, Chair of Senate Public Affairs



Sen. Feldman courageously engaged in one of the fiercest battles of the recent legislative session. HB 805, which is

included in this scorecard, would have stripped local governments of their authority over impact fees. These fees are assessed on developers to cover the costs of providing infrastructure to new development. In addition to fighting HB 805, Sen. Feldman sponsored a proactive bill (SB 1017) to reform the impact fee system, by allowing them to be used for libraries, community

centers, transportation facilities, water rights and schools.

Sen. Linda Lopez, Chair of Senate Rules



Along with Rep. Antonio Lujan, Sen. Lopez sponsored the NM Healthy Communities Act (SB 710 and HB

722), which would have expanded protections for poor and minority communities in decisions regarding pollution-causing facilities. She helped defeat several anti-conservation measures, including a memorial (SM 2) that sought to undermine the Endangered Species Act, and a bill (SB 711) that would have jeopardized the health and environment of New Mexicans by weakening rule-making by state entities, including the Environmental Improvement Board and the Water Quality Control Commission.



Conservation Heroes

Our Conservation Heroes have proven their commitment to protecting our state's precious natural resources. Both serve on the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, a key committee addressing environmental matters like water and energy – two of the most complex and contentious issues in the state. There, they have become skilled advocates for the health and way of life of all New Mexicans.

Rep. Antonio Lujan



Along with Sen. Lopez, Rep. Lujan courageously sponsored legislation (HB 722 and SB 710) that would have ensured that all communities are treated fairly with respect to pollution-causing facilities. Although it didn't pass this session, it's an important bill because often the worst industrial polluters are concentrated in poorer, minority communities. In one of our scored measures (HJM 24), he sought to create a task force to develop a long-term plan for implementing precautionary principles in state government – to prevent harm to the environment and harm to human health.

Beyond his courageous leadership on environmental justice issues, Rep. Lujan has proven a dedicated defender of existing environmental protections, and a conscientious advocate for stronger health and environmental regulations.

Rep. Miguel Garcia



Acting on concerns about the storage of hazardous waste produced by uranium enrichment facilities, Rep. Garcia sponsored legislation (HB 239) that

had it passed - would have expanded state oversight and permitting of such facilities to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. He also sponsored a bill (HB 240) to require gasoline stations to install vapor recovery nozzles at all pumps. Although the bill did not make it out of committee, it would have resulted in significant reductions in air pollution from gasoline stations.

Rep. Garcia has been a vigorous and consistent ally on all conservation issues, and is particularly recognized for his support of communal land grants.

Rising Star Rep. Peter Wirth



A distinguished member of the 2005 class of CVNM's Remarkable Rookies, Rep. Peter Wirth has already made a splash at the Roundhouse in his first legislative session. In addition to taking strong pro-conservation positions on every vote, he sponsored very important air quality legislation, including HB 516, which would have strengthened the ability of the Environment Department to enforce air quality regulations, and HB 1004, which would have enabled New Mexico to set air quality standards that are more

stringent than federal regulations in certain instances. While neither of these measures passed this session, we know that Rep. Wirth will continue to fight for our water, air and land.

Honor Roll

These exceptional legislators earned a 100% conservation score for the 2005 legislative session – congratulations to our Honor Roll!

Sen. Dede Feldman
Sen. Cisco McSorley
Sen. Michael Sanchez
Rep. Miguel Garcia
Rep. Antonio Lujan
Rep. Rick Miera
Rep. Al Park
Rep. Danice Picraux
Rep. Mimi Stewart

Special thanks to our Remarkable Rookies

All these first-time state legislators earned a spot on our Conservation Honor Roll by scoring 100%:

Sen. John Grubescic
Rep. Hector Balderas
Rep. Joni Gutierrez
Rep. Harriet Ruiz
Rep. Peter Wirth



By the Numbers: the Legislature

112

State Legislators
(70 Representatives and 42 Senators)

60

Days in the 2005 Legislative Session

2,641

Total Bills Introduced
– that's 44 bills per day!

421

Number of Bills Passed to the Governor (16%)

351

Number of Bills Signed into Law (13%)

By the Numbers: the Scorecard

Average Conservation Score for the House:	62%
Average Conservation Score for the Senate:	65%
Average Conservation Score, House Democrats:	83%
Average Conservation Score, House Republicans:	26%
Average Conservation Score, Senate Democrats:	76%
Average Conservation Score, Senate Republicans:	49%



Know the Score, Take Action

It's not too late to say 'thanks!' (or 'no thanks')

Tell your legislators you 'know the score'.

One of the best ways to influence the voting record of your elected officials is to communicate regularly with them. If your legislators got a low score, it's important to hold them accountable by letting them know what you think about their votes. If your legislators scored well, it's important to thank and support them.

If you don't know who your legislators are, visit **www.cvnm.org** and click on the "Find your legislator" button.

Support Pro-Conservation Candidates

Use the scorecard to make informed decisions about which candidates deserve your vote in the primary and general elections. For

information on Conservation Voters New Mexico's endorsements, please visit our web site at: www.cvnm.org.

Become a Conservation Voters New Mexico member today!

We take on the tough fights to protect New Mexico's natural heritage, but we can only win with your support. Join other New Mexicans by becoming a CVNM member today. Membership is easy – just send in the attached envelope with your membership contribution or join online at www.cvnm.org and click "Support CVNM".

Communicate with the Governor and your Legislators

Whether you're congratulating your legislators on their score or expressing your disappointment, be direct, courteous and polite. The most important part of your communication is letting them know that you

are paying close attention to how they vote or, in the case of the Governor, what actions he takes on environmental legislation.

Phoning or sending a letter through regular mail remains by far the most effective way to communicate with your legislators. E-mail is generally the least effective method to communicate your views and is discouraged.

The Governor can always be contacted at his address in the Roundhouse. Except during the legislative session, state legislators should be contacted in their home districts, as listed on the following pages.



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Conservation Voters New Mexico

Protecting New Mexico, One Vote at a Time

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- Educating legislators and the public on critical conservation issues;
- Lobbying on behalf of pro-conservation legislation;
- Holding legislators accountable for decisions that impact the environment; and
- Endorsing and electing pro-conservation candidates to public office.

Our Principles and Values

At Conservation Voters New Mexico, we value responsible stewardship of our water, our land and our natural resources. We believe that ecological health and social equity among New Mexico's diverse and culturally rich communities protects our cherished quality of life. We are dedicated to ensuring democratic accountability and access for all New Mexicans to participate in the political process. We support policies and lawmakers that promote long-term ecological and economic sustainability. This is our responsibility to future generations.