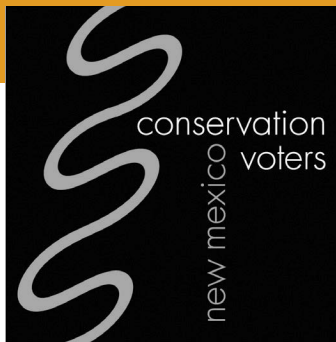




CONSERVATION SCORECARD

2015-2016



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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At Conservation Voters New Mexico, we consider the work that we do in the State Capitol a point of pride. We consider every bill introduced that has an environmental impact to be our business, and an opportunity to make sure that legislators understand what the environmental priorities of their constituents are. But that's only one metric that we use to define "success" for ourselves during the legislative session.

In the past we've used different legislative outcomes to define the effectiveness of our work in the session, such as our "defense record" – our record of stopping legislation slated for opposition. Metrics like the defense record are important to use when evaluating success. However, these metrics often rely on factors out of our control, and don't really tell the whole story of what we do. In the 2016 session, we made the decision to measure our success in different ways - How well did we connect community with their lawmakers to tell their story in their own voices? How effectively did we support the lawmakers who stand up for our issues? How well did we carry messages in to the Capitol that haven't been heard there before?

These measurements represent a subtle but significant shift in our organizational approach to our advocacy work in the legislature. We can't simply hope to replicate identical results year over year. Rather, it's better to focus on honing excellent practices and

habits, and letting the results flow from that.

The scores that you see in this 2015-2016 Scorecard are the result of what we believe to be excellent process in the identification and analysis of the bill introduced in this legislature. We hope that you'll use this Scorecard to hold your elected officials accountable – look at how they voted and acted and note the actions that you don't understand or disagree with. Ask yourself why they might have cast that vote, and then (just as importantly) look up their contact info at the back of this Scorecard, and ask them.

The overarching theme of the 2015 and 2016 sessions was a simple one: defense. The State House of Representatives became an incubator for extractive industry think-tank generated bills designed to weaken environmental protections, give away public land and water, sacrifice public health for corporate interests and generally threaten the wild places of New Mexico. We've gotten good at stopping bad bills, but be assured that we're still looking for ways to continue to move proactive conservation legislation through the Capitol.

Thank you for being a Conservation Voter!

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Know the Score *Take Action*

*It's never too late to say 'thanks'!
(or 'no thanks'...)
Tell your legislators that you
'Know the Score'*

One of the best ways to influence the voting records of your elected officials is to communicate regularly with them. If your legislators scored well, it's important to thank them and to support them. If you feel you weren't well-represented by your legislators' votes, it's important to hold them accountable by letting them know what you think about their votes.

If you don't know who your legislators are, visit www.CVNM.org and click on the "Find your Legislator" link under the "Legislation" drop-down menu.

Join Conservation Voters New Mexico today!

We take on tough fights to protect New Mexico, but these efforts in the Roundhouse and around the state require financial resources. We can only win when we work together. **Please join other New Mexicans in becoming a Conservation Voter today!** Membership is easy: just submit the enclosed envelope with your membership contribution or join online at www.CVNM.org and click "Donate."

Communicate with the Governor and your Legislators

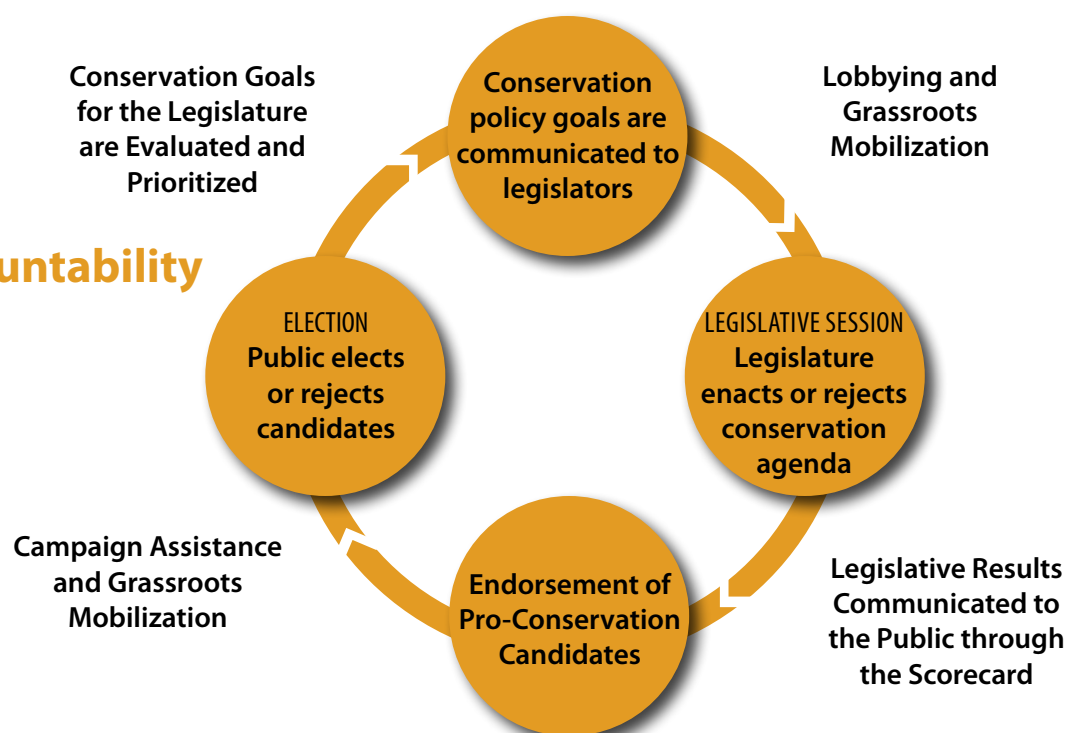
Whether you're congratulating your legislators on their score or expressing your disappointment, be direct, courteous and polite.

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 she takes on legislation that affects our air, land, and water.

Calling your legislator directly and sending letters through regular mail remain by far the most effective ways to communicate with your legislators. Due to mass volume, e-mail is generally a less effective method to communicate your views — but it depends on the individual legislator.

The Governor and Lieutenant Governor can always be contacted at the Roundhouse. Except during the legislative session, state legislators should be contacted in their home districts, as listed on pages 18 and 19.

CVNM Cycle of Accountability



ISSUE SPOTLIGHT

Since their inception in 2008, the solar tax credits have played a key role in creating about 2,000 new jobs in the state of New Mexico, spread across nearly 100 firms. As one of the sunniest states in the country, New Mexico possesses outstanding potential for generation of solar energy. By establishing the first national limits on carbon pollution from coal-fired power plants, the Clean Power Plan (CPP) will spark exponential growth and demand for renewable energy nationwide. At the federal level, tax credits for producing and investing in renewable energy production have recently been extended until 2020. We can expect to see a nationwide uptick in investments in renewable energy that should correspond with the increased demand as states begin to reduce their carbon pollution as required by the CPP. That means the window of opportunity for New Mexico to position itself as a nationwide leader in clean energy technology development and generation is upon us.

The residential and agricultural solar tax credits have been an unqualified success for the state of New Mexico. It is only in the last two years that the solar tax credit has faltered. In the 2015 legislative session, the conservation community and CVNM members and supporters banded together to get the

rooftop solar tax credit extension all the way to the Governor's desk. Despite broad bi-partisan support for the bill, Gov. Susana Martinez chose to completely ignore the measure – ignoring the benefits of solar to New Mexico's economy, communities, health and environment. Increasing solar energy will decrease the demand and production of energy sources that pollute our air and have negative impacts on public health.

In the 2016 session, the bill introduced by Sen. Mimi Stewart, SB 13 (and its House companion, introduced by Rep. Sarah Maestas-Barnes, HB 26) would have done two simple things: raised the cap of available credits to \$5 million per year and extended the credit until 2021. Sadly for New Mexicans, the measure to extend the tax credit was a casualty of a decimated state budget in 2016.

Consumer-based credits such as the Solar Market Development Tax Credit give homeowners a break when they put solar panels on the roof of their home. It's a relatively simple tax mechanism that makes rooftop solar available to a more families. Nationwide, the average household income of families installing solar is \$40-\$90,000 per year.*

In addition to presenting excellent opportunities for homeowners, the growth of solar capacity is good for the overall price of electricity. The simple explanation for this is that generation from solar panels peaks at the same time as demand: during the hottest, sunniest parts of the day. Generally, when demand peaks above what the utility generates from baseload power sources like coal-fired power plants, the additional power must be generated or purchased at a much higher price, a cost which is incorporated into your power bill. By lowering or eliminating the amount of additional power that needs to be purchased at the premium peaking rates, the price of electricity goes down for everyone on the grid whether they have solar panels on their home or not.

The way that the residential tax credit works in New Mexico is by allowing homeowners to apply for the tax credit up to a certain overall monetary cap (generally a few million dollars). Once the available funds have been hit, the cap is exhausted and the tax credit isn't available any more for that calendar year.

* <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/green/report/2013/10/21/76013/solar-power-to-the-people-the-rise-of-rooftop-solar-among-the-middle-class/>

2015-2016 stories + themes

The 2015 and 2016 legislative sessions were each dramatic and tumultuous in their own ways. They represented a sharp break with the recent past as the State House of Representatives changed from Democrat to Republican control for the first time since 1962, resulting in a very different strategy for CVNM and environmental allies in the State Capitol. The House saw a drastic increase in anti-conservation legislation beginning in 2015 and as a result the Senate became an important battleground to stop anti-conservation measures. This trend would likely have continued in the short budget session in 2016 had the state budget not collapsed. The lack of funding meant that both pro- and anti-conservation bills wound up together on the cutting room floor.

The partisan division in the representation of conservation values continues to be a disappointment in New Mexico. Decades of investment in the Republican Party by extractive industry interests continue to pay off, as Republicans side with industry the overwhelming majority of the time, sacrificing protection of public health and the environment.

Additionally, we're beginning to see bills aimed at suppressing the spread of renewable energy in the state that are fairly transparently coordinated by national level fossil

fuel industry funded interests and think tanks such as the Koch brothers, billionaire polluter tycoons, and the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). These bills come in the form of various types of taxes and tariffs on solar installers, cleverly worded "greenwashed" bills conferring generous tax breaks for the oil and gas industry, and studies to investigate seizing federal lands for state or private interests. CVNM and our ally organizations in the conservation community were able to stop these types of regionally and nationally coordinated measures in New Mexico in 2015 and 2016.

Despite the challenges, this legislature was not without its positive trends and compelling moments. In response to the introduction of a bill that would tie clean up funding for uranium legacy sites to new uranium mining and extraction, CVNM and the Environmental Alliance of New Mexico worked to bring organizers from the impacted communities to come to the Capitol and share their stories with the legislators who were sponsoring the bill. At the end of a long day of meetings, the advocates were able to secure commitments from both co-sponsors that the bill would not move in 2016. This represents a model approach for dealing with legislation that has environmental impacts on communities. Where

the community is aware of the issue, and willing to speak about it, our role is to help facilitate, step back and listen.

Working with communities to ensure that their voices are the ones heard in the Capitol is key to addressing the myriad environmental injustices around the state. From the uranium legacy waste issues in Western New Mexico, to the respiratory health crisis in the South Valley of Albuquerque, to the methane hotspot in the Four Corners area, New Mexico communities are (and have been) desperately in need of more focus from legislators in Santa Fe. Finding more ways to elevate community voices is a priority for CVNM moving forward.

As difficult as the outlook may occasionally appear, the prospects for environmental policy in the State Capitol show clear paths forward to success. Renewable energy is starting to gain traction as a commonly accepted benefit for the state. We're even seeing the occasional Republican step up to help ensure that New Mexico stays on track to be a national leader in renewable energy. But the most important advantage that we have is the fact that conservation values span all corners of the state, and all demographics. Conservation is a New Mexico value, and we're proud to carry that message to the State Capitol.

New Mexico State Land Office:

Aubrey Dunn *and the Politics of Pollution*

State trust lands were granted to New Mexico by the federal government around the time it was granted statehood. The New Mexico State Land Office is in charge of managing **9 million acres** of state trust lands to provide a stable source of funding for education, hospitals and other important public institutions in the state of New Mexico. In this respect, the state trust lands are like any other public land: they're here for our shared benefit. The Land Office's website confirms as much, saying "*The Land Office seeks to optimize revenues while protecting the health of the land for future generations.*"

Given the mandate and past practice of the Land Office, the role of the land office in the management of state trust lands is relatively simple: get the most value out in a way that doesn't degrade the land or preclude other uses down the line.

In January 2016, the Bureau of Land Management proposed new rules that would require producers of oil and gas to take measures to minimize the amount of natural gas that they burn off ("flare") or simply release ("vent") in to the air. This rule (and EPA's complementary rule) would have obvious benefits. It would help the state's budget shortfall by directing more money in to state coffers. The state currently collects a severance tax of 3.75% on oil and

gas captured from state lands. Requiring the industry to capture a higher percentage of that gas (instead of burning or wasting it) will result in more taxable gas, helping the state dig out of its budget hole.

The rules would also have the effect of preventing more methane gas and carbon dioxide from reaching the atmosphere and contributing to global warming. Methane is currently responsible for approximately one quarter of the global warming that the world is currently experiencing. This is because methane is an atmospheric "super pollutant," trapping heat in the atmosphere 80 times more efficiently than carbon dioxide. This is a crucial part of these rules. Climate change has already begun to hit New Mexico, and we can expect those impacts to intensify in the coming years unless drastic action is taken to curb emissions of methane and carbon dioxide.

Given the role of the Land Office, and the important role these methane rules will play in New Mexico, it was baffling and frustrating to hear State Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn come out in opposition to these rules in April. Commissioner Dunn "strenuously objected" to the rules, but not out of any concern for the wellbeing of state trust lands or beneficiaries. Instead, Dunn fell back on Republican party talking points to defend his position, saying that



the rules represented "federal overreach and intrusion" into state affairs. Dunn isn't trying to protect New Mexico, he's trying to protect the profit margins of wealthy oil and gas developers. Dunn's opposition to this common sense regulation of the oil and gas industry is particularly offensive given his comments on the potential necessity of gas tax increases on everyday New Mexicans in order to address the state's budget crisis. **Aubrey Dunn is saying that we should impose an additional tax burden on nearly every single person in the state of New Mexico, rather than require the oil and gas industry to clean up its act.** These are not the words of someone who is looking out for the best interests of New Mexicans.

The state trust lands are ours, and have considerable value beyond our ability to extract mineral profit for public institutions. New Mexicans deserve to have our state trust lands administered carefully, responsibly, and in a politically neutral manner. Aubrey Dunn isn't doing that, and is instead indicating that he's more interested in protecting oil and gas shareholders than New Mexicans.

Grade: F

Conservation 2015 Vote Descriptions

ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE

HB 366 (Gentry)

Oil & Gas State Preemption would have invalidated any county and municipality ordinance relating to oil and gas laws.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: HB 366 passed the House (37-28) and died in the Senate Conservation Committee.

HB 445 (Scott)

Reduce Renewable Portfolio Standards

sought to weaken the state's renewable portfolio standard by removing the requirement that utilities produce 20% of their energy from renewable sources by the year 2020.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: HB 445 passed the House (33-32) and died in the Senate Conservation Committee.

SB 94 (McSorley)

Industrial Hemp Farming Act

This bill would provide for licensing of the growing, selling and processing of industrial hemp in New Mexico.

Conservation vote: Support

Outcome: SB 94 passed the Senate (33-8) and passed the House (54-12) but was vetoed by the Governor on April 10, 2015.

SB 391 (Stewart)

Extend Solar Market Development Tax Credit

would extend the existing 10% tax credit for the installation of commercial, residential and agricultural solar systems, which is set to expire December 31, 2016.

Conservation vote: Support

Outcome: SB 391 passed the Senate (37-5) and passed the House (39-24) but was pocket vetoed by the Governor.

SB 421 (Ingle)

Limit Local Gov't & Zoning Commissions

would have removed municipal or county governments' authority to regulate mining and agricultural operations in addition to oil and gas activities.

Conservation vote: Oppose

Outcome: SB 421 died in the Senate Conservation Committee.

WATER

SB 455 (Cervantes/Rue)

New Mexico Unit Reports to Legislature

- SB 455 required that the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) provide a written report to the Legislature by November 1, 2015 that demonstrates the NM CAP Entity has the technical, legal and financial capacity to design, build, operate and maintain the Gila River diversion project ("NM Unit") under the Arizona Water Settlements Act (AWSA).

- SB 542 would have required public participation, greater transparency and accountability from the Interstate Stream Commission in its expenditures of AWSA federal funding. A Senate Conservation Committee substitute for SB 455 was offered which included provisions of SB 542.

Conservation Vote: Support

Outcome: The Conservation Committee Substitute for SB 455 died in Senate Judiciary Committee.

HB 87 (Ezzell)

Water Quality Control Commission Meetings

would have provided the Water Quality Control Commission with overly broad authority to decide the location of public hearings that they conduct.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: HB 87 passed the House (43-21) and died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

AIR QUALITY

HB 186 (McQueen)

Pesticide Application Notices would have required notice of pesticide application in public buildings or on public grounds, except those used for commercial agriculture.

Conservation Vote: Support

Outcome: HB 186 died in the House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT

HB 299 (Larrañaga)

Public-Private Partnership Act

was a sweeping measure that would privatize public entities that are most appropriately developed and maintained by public entities such as water and sewage systems.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: HB 299 passed the House (38-27) and died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

HB 340 (Brown)

Change Certain Voter ID Requirements

would have likely disenfranchised voters, especially minority and elderly voters who are often most disproportionately impacted by the effects of pollution and environmental injustice.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: HB 340 passed the House (37-29) and died in the Senate Rules Committee.

SB 219 (Cotter)

Expiration of Rules Under SB 219, all rules on the books (except taxation rules) would have been repealed unless state agencies chose to retain them, potentially depriving New Mexicans of their fundamental right to express support or opposition to the wholesale repeal of rules that govern critical functions of state government.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: SB 219 died in the Senate Rules Committee.



WILDLIFE & HABITAT CONSERVATION

HB 154 (Steinborn)

Local Gov't Review of Business Leases

sought to provide needed oversight and transparency for state land business leases by requiring that the affected local government(s) review them and make appropriate recommendations before the Commissioner of Public Lands can finalize them.

Conservation Vote: Support

Outcome: HB 154 died in the House Business and Employment Committee.

HB 291/SB 483 (Herrell, Sharer)

NM Federal Land Management Study

Commission HB 291 and SB 483 would have created a 17-member commission to study the possibility of transferring federal public lands to state control. HB 291 and SB 483 attempted to violate the Constitution by promoting the transfer of federal public lands to state control.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: HB 291 died in the House Judiciary Committee. SB 483 died in the Senate Conservation Committee.

HB 468 (Roch)

State Sovereignty Over State Trust Wildlife

attempted to unconstitutionally remove the federal government's ability to protect the Lesser Prairie Chicken under the Endangered Species Act or any other treaty or regulation.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: HB 468 died in the House Judiciary Committee.



SB 253 (Moores/Steinborn)

Prohibit & Define Coyote Killing Contest

prohibited contests for the purposes of coyote killing. It would have had no effect on hunting for fur or even trophies.

Conservation Vote: Support

Outcome: SB 253 passed the Senate 27-13, then died in the House Agriculture, Water and Wildlife Committee.

HM 74 (Roch)

Protect State Land from Chicken Listing

represented an attempt to prevent the listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken from listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in order to protect revenues from state trust lands.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: HM 74 passed the House (31-22). Memorials and resolutions do not require action by the Governor.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

HB 188 (Smith/Sapien)

Sand & Gravel Mining Violation Penalties

would have strengthened penalties for violation of county ordinances regulating the mining of sand, gravel and related materials. Currently, these are some of the more poorly-regulated and least-enforced extractive industries.

Conservation Vote: Support

Outcome: HB 188 died in the House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

HB 494/SB 610 (Louis, Shendo)

Community Health Study Fund & Uranium

Mining There is currently no process in place to study the impacts that uranium contamination has had on the quality of health over time. HB 494 and SB 610 began to address this by creating a community health study fund, paid for by fines assessed to companies directly responsible for contamination.

Conservation Vote: Support

Outcome: HB 494 died in the House Health Committee. SB 610 died in the Senate Conservation Committee.

HB 564 (Wooley)

Right to Farm and Operations as Nuisance

would have weakened a citizen's right to legally respond when they have been impacted by the effects of pollution caused by agricultural operations.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: HB 564 passed the House (35-29) and died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

SB 677 (McSorley)

Private Right of Action

afforded landowners or other affected parties a private right of action to pursue enforcement of environmental laws against violators or agencies who are failing to enforce existing law.

Conservation Vote: Support

Outcome: SB 677 died in the Senate Conservation Committee.

SB 467 (Wirth)

Change Interstate Stream Commission

Members would have depoliticized water planning and management in New Mexico by limiting the number of appointments from the Governor's office to the Interstate Stream Commission to four members and by requiring that no single political party have more than four members. Additionally, the bill required professional qualifications of appointees in water resources fields and representation by a variety of water users across the state.

Conservation Vote: Support

Outcome: Passed Senate (28-13) – died on House Calendar.



Conservation 2016

Vote Descriptions

Energy & Climate Change

HB 26/SB 13 (Maestas Barnes/ Stewart)

Solar Market Development Tax Credit

Changes has helped many New Mexicans invest in solar energy, improving the environment and public health by reducing the demand for coal-fired electricity.

Conservation Vote: Support

Outcome: HB 26 died in the House Ways and Means Committee. SB 13 died in the Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee.

HB 107 (Strickler)

Reduced Tax Rate For Certain Oil & Gas

Wells would have given a tax break to operators of oil and gas wells that are late in their production life cycles and produce very small amounts of oil and gas. This was a bail out of the oil and gas industry at the expense of the tax-paying public.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: HB 107 died in the House Ways and Means Committee.

HB 175/SB 104 (D. M. Gallegos/Dodge; C. Sanchez)

Renewable Energy Tax Credit Eligibility

HB 175 and SB 104 would have encouraged an increase in the production of renewable energy. This bill made important changes to and extended the state version of the Production Tax Credit.

CVNM Position: Support

Outcome: HB 175 died in the House Ways and Means Committee. SB 104 died in the Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee.

HB 285/SB 34 (Gentry; Kernan)

Tax Rate Differential For Certain Oil

These bills would have extended a reduction in the severance tax to oil and other liquid hydrocarbons removed from natural gas produced from a recovery project that involved the application of anthropogenic (human produced) carbon dioxide.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: HB 285 passed the House (59-7) but died in the Senate Finance Committee. SB 34 died in the Senate Finance Committee.

Hazardous Waste

SB 76 (Neville)

Lead in Sale of Recycled Metals Act

This bill adds lead and lead-based products (such as lead-acid batteries) to the products regulated by the Recycled Metals Act. It helps to ensure that lead is disposed of in a way that minimizes its environmental impact.

Conservation Vote: Support

Outcome: SB 76 passed the Senate (41-0) and the House (59-0). The bill was signed by the Governor on March 4, 2016.

HM 40/SM 34: (Brown/Garcia Richard; Cisneros)

Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance Storage Facility

These memorials authorize the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance to construct a consolidated interim storage facility for the storage of spent nuclear fuel rods from commercial (for-profit) nuclear power generation plants.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: HM 40 passed the House (50-17). SM 34 passed the Senate (27-10). Memorials and resolutions do not require action by the Governor

Good Government

HJR 8 (Bandy/Ca. Trujillo) **Appointment of PRC Members, CA**

HJR 8 called for a constitutional amendment to replace the elected Public Regulation Commission (PRC) with a commission appointed by the governor, with certain safeguards in place to prevent overly-political appointment.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: HJR 8 was defeated in the House Judiciary Committee (8-3).

HJR 9: (Bandy/Tripp)

Convention of States

HJR 9 sought to amend the Constitution of the United States to impose certain restraints on the federal government. By limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, one possibility was that the state may have revoked the federal jurisdiction over public lands, and thus gained control to manage, develop or sell public lands.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: HJR 9 passed the House (36-27), but died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Water

SB 248: (Morales)

Fund Grant County Water Supply From NM Unit

SB 248 would have improved and augmented water supplies to serve 26,000 people in central Grant County. This bill was revenue neutral and met the long-term water supply needs of 90% of Grant County population at a fraction of the cost of the Gila River diversion project.

Conservation Vote: Support

Outcome: SB 248 died in the Senate Finance Committee.

HB 111: (Townsend)

Crop Dusting Tanks as Above Ground

Storage HB 111 would have exempted above ground tanks used to store airplane fuel from environmental protection laws if each tank was less than 10,000 gallons.

Conservation Vote: Oppose

Outcome: HB 111 died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.



About the Scorecard

Conservation Voters New Mexico's 2015-2016 Conservation Scorecard provides objective, non-partisan information about the conservation voting records of all members of the 51st Legislature of the State of New Mexico. Scorecards are a clear and comprehensive way for you to see how you are being represented on issues that matter to you.

Vote Selection

Each vote was selected solely on the basis of the conservation values embodied in the legislation. In preparing this Scorecard, we sought input from legislative and conservation leaders; however, responsibility for the final set of selected votes rests entirely with Conservation Voters New Mexico (CVNM).

Thousands of votes are taken during a legislative session in New Mexico. Many of these votes represent overwhelming agreement on non-controversial issues or amendments. To provide better insight into the various positions of our legislators, CVNM tends to select measures that illustrate the key debates and fierce disagreement over conservation policy in the state.

CVNM selected the most critical votes on each issue. In some cases, a vote on an amendment to a bill or a procedural motion was more important than voting on the bill itself. In others, a procedural motion is the

only public indication of a legislator's position on a measure. In all cases, the actual vote included in the Scorecard is detailed in the vote description.

We encourage you to read the descriptions of each vote to determine how well your legislators represented you on the issues and bills that are most important to you.

CVNM Priority Votes

Let's face it: not all votes are equal. Some votes are more critical than others, either because of the issues at stake or the personal courage required of legislators who take the pro-conservation position. Here, we try to represent the most critical measures by classifying them as "priority" votes, with this symbol: **!**. The value of these priority votes is doubled in the Scorecard.

Recording the Votes

If a legislator voted in support of the pro-conservation position, his or her vote is recorded on the chart as '+'; votes against the conservation position are indicated with '-'. 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 chose not to vote, they are recorded as 'absent' (a). Unexcused absences are calculated in the legislator's score as an anti-conservation vote.

Wherever possible, the votes included in the Scorecard were taken on the floor of the House or Senate, where every legislator's position can be represented. However, some of the most important actions are taken in legislative committees on measures that never reach the floor. In these cases, CVNM has presented the relevant committee votes, and the positions of legislators who do not serve on those particular committees are not indicated.

If the sponsor of a measure does not serve on a committee for which a vote is being scored, their sponsorship is considered representative of their position, and is recorded with a '+' or '-', as appropriate. If a legislator was excused from the vote included in the Scorecard, but previously cast a vote on the measure—in committee, for example—their prior position is recorded in the Scorecard, as long as the vote is substantially the same.

How to Read the Scorecard

Legislator's District Number		2013-14 Score	Lifetime Score	Anti-Conservation Vote				Pro-Conservation Vote			
28	Smith, Joe (R)	79%	86%	e	-	+	+	+	e	+	
34	Martinez, Maria (D)	32%	20%	-	-	+	a	-	+	-	
	Legislator's Party Affiliation			Excused absence. Not calculated in the legislator's score.				Unexcused absence. Calculated in the legislator's score as an anti-conservation vote.			
								Legislator did not cast a vote on this measure.			

2015-2016 SENATE SCORECARD

2015

2016

District	Senator	2015-2016	LIFETIME	Energy & Climate Change				Hazardous Waste		Good Govt.	Water		Energy & Climate Change				Water		Government
				SB 13	SB 104	SB 34	HB 285	SB 76	SM 34	HJR 9	SB 248	HB 111	HB 445	SB 94	SB 391	SB 421	SB 455/SB 542	HB 87	SB 219
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39	Barela, Ted (R)	33%	33%					+	-	-									
19	Beffort, Sue Wilson (R)	67%	42%					+	-					-	+				
40	Brandt, Craig (R)	43%	35%					+	-					+	-				
33	Burt, William (R)	50%	34%					+	-					+	+				
8	Campos, Pete (D)	83%	70%					+	a					+	+				
26	Candelaria, Jacob (D)	91%	88%					+	+	+				+	+				
31	Cervantes, Joseph (D)	80%	76%	+	+			+	-		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
6	Cisneros, Carlos (D)	83%	78%					+	-					+	+				
36	Cotter, Lee (R)	10%	6%			-	-	+	a					-	-				
39	Griego, Phil (D)	n/a	50%										e	+	+	+	+	e	
34	Griggs, Ron (R)	33%	33%					a	-					+	+				
27	Ingle, Stuart (R)	17%	23%					+	-	-				-	+	-			
15	Ivey-Soto, Daniel (D)	89%	75%					+	+	-				+	+				
42	Kernan, Gay (R)	57%	28%			-		+	-					+	+				
41	Leavell, Carroll (R)	33%	24%					+	-					-	+				
11	Lopez, Linda (D)	80%	83%					+	a	-				+	+				
5	Martinez, Richard (D)	65%	62%	+	+			+	-		+	-	+	+	+	e	+	-	
16	McSorley, Cisco (D)	100%	99%					+	+					+	+				
21	Moore, Mark (R)	25%	19%			-	-	+	-	-				+	-				
28	Morales, Howie (D)	100%	77%					+	+		+			+	+				
4	Munoz, George (D)	67%	50%					+	-					+	+				
2	Neville, Steven (R)	67%	35%					+	-					+	+				
13	O'Neill, Bill (D)	86%	93%					+	a					+	+				
12	Ortiz y Pino, Gerald (D)	90%	88%					+	-	e				+	+				
14	Padilla, Michael (D)	86%	75%			-	e	+	+					+	+				
38	Papen, Mary Kay (D)	50%	45%			-	-	+	-					+	+				
20	Payne, William (R)	30%	25%	+	+			+	-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	
3	Pinto, John (D)	83%	71%					+	-					+	+				
32	Pirtle, Cliff (R)	20%	16%					+	-	-				+	-				
24	Rodriguez, Nancy (D)	100%	90%					+	+					+	+				
23	Rue, Sander (R)	54%	33%			-	-	+	-	-				-	+		+		
10	Ryan, John (R)	45%	34%	+	+			+	-		-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	
30	Sanchez, Clemente (D)	77%	66%		+	-	-	+	-	+				+	+				
29	Sanchez, Michael (D)	100%	95%					+	+	+				+	+				
9	Sapien, John (D)	63%	65%			-	-	+	a					+	+				
1	Sharer, William (R)	10%	17%	-	+	-	-	+	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
22	Shendo, Jr., Benny (D)	59%	57%			-	-	+	-				+	+	+	+	e	-	
35	Smith, John Arthur (D)	67%	40%					+	-					+	+				
37	Soules, Bill (D)	100%	97%	+	+			+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
17	Stewart, Mimi (D)	100%	99%	+	+			+	+		+	+		+	+				
18	Torraco, Lisa (R)	67%	46%					+	-					+	+				
25	Wirth, Peter (D)	100%	99%	+	+			+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
7	Woods, Pat (R)	35%	31%	+	e			+	-		-	-	r	-	+	-	+	-	

Government	Wildlife & Habitat Conservation	Environmental Justice						
SB 219	HB 291	SB 483	SB 253	HB 188	SB 610	HB 564	SB 677	SB 467
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				HB 26	HB 107	HB 175	HB 285	SB 76	HM 40	HJR 8/18	HJR 9		HB 111	HB 366	HB 445	SB 94			
29	Adkins, David (R)	14%	20%				-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-		
6	Alcon, Eliseo Lee (D)	90%	76%				-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
17	Armstrong, Deborah (D)	89%	86%				-	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
8	Baldonado, Alonzo (R)	12%	16%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-		
3	Bandy, Paul (R)	10%	29%				-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-		
55	Brown, Cathrynn (R)	5%	15%				-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
18	Chasey, Gail (D)	100%	94%				e	+	e	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
4	Clahchischilliage, Sharon (R)	12%	14%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-		
56	Cook, Zachary (R)	6%	18%				e	+	-	e	-	-	-	-	a	-	e		
53	Crowder, Randal (R)	10%	13%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-		
20	Dines, Jim (R)	10%	12%				-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-		
63	Dodge, George (D)	47%	50%			+	-	+	-		+	-	+	+	+	+	-		
47	Egolf, Brian (D)	93%	98%	+	+	e	-	a	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
59	Espinoza, Nora (R)	6%	19%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
58	Ezzell, Candy Spence (R)	5%	20%				-	a	-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-		
7	Fajardo, Kelly (R)	17%	12%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	+	+	-		
61	Gallegos, David (R)	8%	16%	-	-	+	-	+	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
52	Gallegos, Doreen (D)	82%	67%				-	+	+		+	a	+	+	+	+	-		
43	Garcia Richard, Stephanie (D)	94%	85%				+	+	-		+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
14	Garcia, Miguel (D)	100%	96%				+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
30	Gentry, Nate (R)	29%	19%	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	
34	Gomez, Bealquin (D)	62%	61%				-	+	-		+	+	+	+	+	+	-		
42	Gonzales, Roberto "Bobby" (D)	70%	73%				-	+	-		+	+	+	+	+	+	-		
28	Hall, Jimmie (R)	6%	28%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
38	Hamilton, Dianne Miller (R)	n/a	30%				e	e	e		e	e	-	e	e	e	-		
57	Harper, Jason (R)	13%	15%				-	e	-		-	-	-	-	+	+	-		
51	Herrell, Yvette (R)	10%	13%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-		
32	Irwin, Dona (D)	32%	38%				-	+	-		+	-	e	+	+	+	-		
24	James, Conrad (R)	17%	24%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	-	+	-		
5	Johnson, D. Wonda (D)	100%	100%				+	+	+		e	+	+	+	+	+	+		
27	Larrañaga, Larry (R)	6%	26%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
21	Lechuga-Tena, Idalia (D)	90%	90%	+	+	+	-	+	+		+	+							
60	Lewis, Tim (R)	11%	21%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-		
53	Little, Rick, (R)	17%	28%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	+	+	-		
26	Louis, Georgene (D)	100%	100%				+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		

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				HB 26	HB 107	HB 175	HB 285	SB 76	HM 40	HJR 8/18	HJR 9		HB 111	HB 366	HB 445	SB 94				SB 391	HB 87
9	Lundstrom, Patricia (D)	67%	64%				-	+	-		e	+	+	+	+	+	-				
65	Madalena, James Roger (D)	100%	78%				+	+	+		e	+	+	e	+	+	e				
16	Maestas, Antonio “Moe” (D)	95%	83%				-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
15	Maestas-Barnes, Sarah (R)	36%	38%	+	-	+	e	+	-		-	-	-	+	-	+	e	-			
21	Maez, Stephanie (D)	100%	100%										+	+	+	+	+	+			
11	Martinez, Javier (D)	96%	95%	+	+	+	-	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			
69	Martinez, W. Ken (D)	89%	84%				-	e	-	e	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
33	McCamley, Bill (D)	80%	74%				-	e	a		+	+	+	+	+	a	-				
37	McMillan, Terry (R)	15%	14%				-	e	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	a	-				
50	McQueen, Matthew (D)	92%	91%	+	+	+	-	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+			
1	Montoya, Rod (R)	6%	10%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
36	Nunez, Andy (R)	9%	25%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-				
23	Pacheco, Paul (R)	37%	28%				-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-				
44	Powdrell-Culbert, Jane (R)	11%	17%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-				
31	Rehm, William “Bill” (R)	6%	29%				-	e	-		-	-	-	-	+	a	-				
67	Roch, Dennis (R)	28%	24%				-	+	-		-	-	-	+	+	+	-				
41	Rodella, Debbie (D)	89%	70%				-	+	-		+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
10	Romero, G. Andres (D)	94%	90%				-	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
13	Roybal Caballero, Patricia (D)	100%	100%				+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
12	Ruiloba, Patricio (D)	75%	67%				-	+	-		e	+	+	+	-	+	-				
40	Salazar, Nick (D)	60%	65%				-	+	-		e	+	e	e	e	e	e				
70	Salazar, Tomás (D)	93%	77%				-	+	+		+	+	+	e	+	+	+				
62	Scott, Larry (R)	13%	14%	-	-	+	-	+	-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-			
22	Smith, James (R)	24%	21%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	+	+	-				
19	Stapleton, Sheryl Williams (D)	80%	72%				-	a	-		+	+	e	+	+	+	+				
35	Steinborn, Jeff (D)	100%	98%	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			
2	Strickler, James (R)	8%	14%	-	-	+	-	+	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
54	Townsend, James (R)	13%	14%	-	-	+	-	+	-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-			
49	Tripp, Don (R)	11%	28%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-				
46	Trujillo, Carl (D)	72%	62%				-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
25	Trujillo, Christine (D)	94%	87%				-	+	+		e	+	+	+	+	+	+				
45	Trujillo, Jim (D)	82%	65%				-	a	-		+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
48	Varela, Luciano “Lucky” (D)	80%	87%				-	+	+		+	+	e	e	e	e	e				
66	Wooley, Bob (R)	10%	21%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	+	a	-				
68	Youngblood, Monica (R)	0%	4%				-	e	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
39	Zimmerman, John (R)	11%	14%				-	+	-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-				

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