

# Conservation Scorecard

# 2020



Celebrating the Gila River



# 2020 Scorecard Director's Message



Welcome to CVNM's 2020 Legislative *Scorecard*! In even-numbered years, New Mexico has short legislative sessions that are primarily focused on the budget and revenue. This year, the budget proposal from the Governor reflected the Lujan Grisham administration's values and priorities that were expressed through her first full year in office.

For the first time in nearly a decade, New Mexico had an opportunity backed by political will to appropriately fund the budgets for agencies that protect our air, land, and water after years of deep cuts to these agencies. CVNM, along with our allies across the state, seized the opportunity this past legislative session to ensure that the budgets for environmental regulators were prioritized by legislative leadership and that the first line of defense for the protection of our air, land, water, and communities was on a path to being properly resourced again. We were successful—and helped shore up additional resources for agencies not only to hire additional expertise, but also fully implement the landmark laws enacted in 2019: the Energy Transition Act and the Outdoor Recreation Division.

Since then, the COVID pandemic and a self-inflicted oil and gas industry price collapse have taken a significant toll on New Mexico's communities and economy. We are now on the cusp of a recession and the legislature met in a special session to make tough choices to balance the budget

through the end of the current fiscal year and in FY 2021. Fortunately, we and our allies were able to convince the legislature to reduce the budgets of the environmental regulators and other conservation agencies by just 4%, which still allows for a slight increase over the funding levels of recent years.

The turbulence of 2020 has drastically reframed the conversation about the role of public policy and lawmakers. As we approach the 2021 session and beyond, New Mexico lawmakers are likely to explore ideas that have not had traction at the Roundhouse before. This makes our 2020 *Conservation Scorecard* a little unique. **It's a snapshot of the moment before the world as we knew it changed profoundly. We are in a moment of great transformation as a state and country.** New Mexico's 2020 primary election outcomes have fundamentally changed the makeup of our state legislature. The widespread social and racial justice action sparked by the murders of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd, and the racial disparity in case rates and deaths from Covid-19 are reshaping the nation. Moving forward, our legislature and the laws that are enacted will look drastically different. And they must, for the sake of our families, communities, and the air, land and water that sustain us.

Thank you for being a Conservation Voter,

Demis Foster

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## About the Scorecard

**Conservation Voters New Mexico's 2020 *Conservation Scorecard* provides objective, nonpartisan information about the conservation voting records of all members during the 54th 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. 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. Some votes, such as those taken on a motion to "table" a bill, are not made public on the Legislature's website. These votes are recorded and shared here as a demonstration of where legislators stand on critical issues.

**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 represent the most critical measures by classifying them as "priority" bills. The priority bills are in orange in the bill description and the data tables. The value of these votes is doubled in the *Scorecard*.

# 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 legislator's votes, it's important to hold them accountable by letting them know what you think about their votes. The *Scorecard* is your key to staying informed on your legislators' votes and getting in touch with them.

If you don't know who your legislators are, visit [www.scorecard.cvnrm.org](http://www.scorecard.cvnrm.org) and click on the "Take Action" tab.

## 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.

The Governor and Lieutenant Governor can always be contacted at the State Capitol. Except during the legislative session, state legislators should be contacted in their home districts, as listed on pages 22 and 23.

## Join Conservation Voters New Mexico today!

We take on tough fights to protect New Mexico and these efforts in the State Capitol and around the state require financial resources. **We can only win with your support.** Please join other New Mexicans in becoming a Conservation Voter today! Membership is easy: just submit the enclosed envelope with your contribution or join online at [www.CVNM.org](http://www.CVNM.org) and click "Donate."

# CVNM's Cycle of Accountability

CVNM's work to report to you about how your legislators voted on key conservation policy during each legislative session is part of our strategic approach to building power for the environment and ensuring New Mexicans' air, land and water is protected. We call this approach the "Cycle of Accountability."



## Scorecard Dedication

Conservation Voters New Mexico (CVNM) is dedicating our 2020 legislative scorecard to the advocates and community leaders that have fought for decades to halt diversion of New Mexico's last free-flowing river—the Gila.

In June 2020, these advocates successfully defeated the fourth dam/diversion attempt over the past 50 years when the Interstate Stream Commission voted against supplying funding to complete an environmental impact statement on the diversion project.

CVNM is eternally grateful for the tenacity, dedication, and fierce activism of those that led this work, made this hard-won victory possible, and continue to fight every day to protect the Gila River. In particular, we are dedicating this issue to conservationist **M.H. "Dutch" Salmon**, who devoted his life's work to protecting



the Gila and rivers of the Southwest. Over the course of his career, Dutch co-founded the Gila Conservation Coalition, and advocated

for the successful defeat of multiple projects that would have forever changed the Gila.

We also dedicate this issue to the following individuals and organizations that led the fight to protect the Gila River:

- Allyson Siwik, Gila Resources Information Project
- Donna Stevens, Upper Gila Watershed Alliance
- Gila Conservation Coalition
- Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham
- Lt. Governor Howie Morales
- New Mexico State Legislative Gila Champions (for a full list, visit [scorecard.cvnrm.org](http://scorecard.cvnrm.org))
- New Mexico Wilderness Alliance
- New Mexico Wildlife Federation
- Norm Gaume, Former ISC Director
- Sierra Club Rio Grande Chapter
- Todd Schulke, Center for Biological Diversity
- U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich
- U.S. Senator Tom Udall
- Douglas W. Wolf, Center for Biological Diversity

# Issue Spotlight: New Mexico's Budget Process

It's difficult to overstate what a historic year 2019 was for conservation in New Mexico. The first session of the Lujan Grisham administration represented a tremendously ambitious leap right out of the gate. **The Energy Transition Act** took New Mexico from the middle of the pack in renewable energy adoption to a national leader overnight. The creation of the **Outdoor Recreation Division** represented a concrete first step towards acknowledging the deep relationship New Mexicans have with their public lands. The re-establishment of **administrative penalty authority at the Oil Conservation Division** also laid the groundwork for new rulemaking. However, visionary legislation is only truly effective if the state is able to turn it into real, on-the-ground results for New Mexicans. Bold vision requires strong follow-through and execution, which brings us to our focus for the 2020 legislative session.

**Generally, the budget setting process in New Mexico has not been particularly well understood**, largely because the budget is typically developed in the late summer and early fall when the public's attention isn't as focused on the legislature. The administration submits a budget request to the legislature's budget committee (called the Legislative Finance Committee, or LFC) by September 1st of each year. Once a draft budget is submitted, state agencies present their budget requests to the LFC in public hearings during the fall. During this time, LFC Committee Members ask questions about specifics of the agency requests, express their concerns about what is or is not sufficiently funded, and deliberate. The LFC then begins the process of finalizing a legislative budget proposal. This will act as the "legislative response" to the Governor's budget request. This multi-month process is the foundation of the budget that is voted on during the legislative session, and serves to reconcile any differences between the budgets submitted by the Governor and the legislature.

The official deadline for the Governor to submit the budget request to the legislature is early January prior to the start of the session, **but requests are typically submitted much earlier**. In recent years, the January deadline has served as an

opportunity for the Governor to articulate the policy intentions and values that inform the budget proposal for the upcoming session.

**Once the session begins, the budget proposal turns into a single bill that is given the same number every year:**

**House Bill (HB) 2.** This piece of legislation is where operating budgets for agencies are largely determined. There are other bills that are introduced that focus on different elements of the state's budget, such as capital outlay (infrastructure funding) and special appropriations, but the bulk of the money the state appropriates is in HB 2. Like any policy introduced in the House, HB 2 goes through House committee hearings, most notably House Appropriations and Finance, before being sent to the House floor for approval. After the House floor, the bill moves to the Senate, where the Senate Finance committee takes over. **This is critical to note because it highlights a key component of the power dynamic in the budget process: the Senate deliberates last.** Any changes that the Senate makes to the budget will force HB 2 to go to conference for reconciliation with the House version (and the House must approve changes again on the floor). This means that the Senate typically spends the back half of any given legislative session with the budget, and sometime uses the end of the session as leverage to get changes accepted.

The legislative process to approve a budget in the session can (and frequently does) go right down to the wire, occasionally getting voted for final passage just hours before the end of the legislative session. Once the legislature has passed HB 2, it, along with the other bills dealing with appropriations, goes to the Governor's desk for approval. **The Governor has the ability to make line item vetoes to HB 2, meaning she can strike certain items within the budget that the legislature approves without having to veto the entire document.**

At CVNM, we know how important the budget is to achieving the ambitious vision set out in the policy that passed in 2019 and 2020. We have been building up our budget advocacy work as a result. **We look forward to sharing the outcomes of this work in the coming years.**



# Elected Spotlight: Public Regulation Commission

**State leadership doesn't stop at the Capitol building.** New Mexico has numerous appointed and elected bodies at the state and local level that shape the way our state moves forward, including the Public Regulation Commission (PRC). The PRC is a five-member elected body that is tasked with ensuring fair and reasonable rates for electricity and deciding what kinds of energy power our electricity grid. The PRC keeps big public utilities like Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) and El Paso Electric in check and, with the right commissioners, can be a driving force in how New Mexico addresses climate change.

Implementation of laws that impact our state's energy portfolio, like the Energy Transition Act (ETA), eventually make their way to the PRC. Passed into law in March of 2019, the ETA set a 100% carbon-free energy standard and put New Mexico on a path to directly address the climate crisis. **The bill also established a pathway for an energy transition in the Four Corners area by providing \$40 million in relief to workers and local communities in San Juan County affected by the closure of coal-fired power plants.** This means that our state's largest utility, PNM, is required to develop a plan for energy production that meets the state's new commitment for an economically just and environmentally sound transition away from coal.

In July 2019, PNM filed the first case under the ETA when it sought to close the coal-fired San Juan Generating Station (SJGS). This was a crucial moment for the PRC to begin implementing the ETA and transition our state to a renewable energy economy. **Unfortunately, the PRC had other plans.** Shortly after the filing, the PRC tried to argue that the ETA would not apply to the abandonment of the San Juan plant. **The PRC decision, led by Santa Fe Commissioner Valerie Espinoza, immediately halted access to \$40 million** for job training and development, severance pay, economic development and assistance to Indigenous people in the area, leaving the burden of this decision to rest on the backs of displaced workers and their families in the Four Corners region.

In late August 2019, two writs were filed before the New Mexico Supreme Court. One asked for several aspects of the ETA to be ruled unconstitutional under the claim that it undermined the PRC's authority to regulate utilities and protect ratepayers. The second asked the Supreme Court to compel the PRC to clarify if they would apply the ETA to the San Juan Generating Station closure case. The Supreme Court denied both writs, leaving issues unaddressed.

In response, the biggest champions of the ETA—Governor Lujan Grisham, Navajo Nation President Nez, Representative Brian Egolf, Senator Jacob Candelaria, Senator Mimi Stewart, and Senator Nathan Small—petitioned the Supreme Court in December 2019 to ask them to direct the PRC to fully



San Juan Generating Station

apply the ETA. **The Court unanimously ruled that the ETA must apply to cases before the PRC, including the San Juan Generating Station abandonment proceeding.**

Unfortunately, even with the court ruling, the PRC continued to stall and waiver on the case. This was most evident when the PRC failed to approve two noncontroversial solar energy projects that were proposed as part of PNM's replacement power plan. The Jicarilla and Arroyo solar projects would have provided 350 MW of solar energy in rural communities, and another 60 MW of battery storage. The projects also received a recommendation of approval by the PRC's own hearing examiner.

The PRC has long been fraught with interpersonal and political dysfunction that has resulted in decisions that go against the best interest of New Mexicans. Although it is an elected body, there is very little oversight of the decisions Commissioners make, and minimal public scrutiny. This creates the opportunity for personality conflicts and individual political aspirations between Commissioners to inform voting decisions with little accountability. **The result is an unusually high number of PRC dockets being decided by the New Mexico Supreme Court after litigation, rather than by the PRC, wasting time and resources.** New Mexico's requirements and qualifications for PRC office eligibility are also lax, resulting in some candidates taking office who do not have the necessary expertise for complex utility and energy decision-making.

New Mexico is currently one of a small handful of states that still elects their utility regulation commission. **It's time to modernize and reform the PRC** to improve its professionalism and efficiency, and ensure that it works for New Mexico ratepayers.

# Quick Hits

## Highlights from the 2020 Session



- After expiring in 2016, this year we saw the re-establishment of the rooftop **solar tax credit** thanks to the persistence and advocacy of Senator Mimi Stewart. SB 29 allows taxpayers to claim 10% of the cost of a rooftop solar installation up to \$6,000. This tax credit had a demonstrable impact on growing rooftop solar jobs, and its reinstatement will help put rooftop solar back in reach for more New Mexicans.
- While the **Agricultural and Natural Resources Trust Act** didn't pass, HB 223 started a robust and bipartisan conversation about funding sources for conservation projects. Although the state has some existing funds for habitat restoration, conservation easement establishment and land acquisition, those funds have been underutilized in recent years. As more state agencies embrace the concept of landscape level planning, they will need more flexible tools to manage habitat and watershed restoration projects, as well as rangeland improvements and easements. New Mexico will also need to ensure that there is equitable access to these funds for communities of color.
- In the "near miss" category, the legislature came within minutes of passing a **tax credit for the purchase of electric vehicles**. Technically, both chambers passed the bill, but with small variations. Time ran out for the chambers to reconcile the differences between the two bills with just a few hours remaining on the last day of the session. Ultimately a Republican filibuster guaranteed that the tax credit wouldn't have enough time for this final step in the process. Look for this one again in the future.
- The successful passage of HB 233 directed EMNRD to develop a roadmap and grant program to **modernize the electrical grid**. While it may not have been the highest profile bill during the session, this has the potential to have a significant impact in the coming years as the state's utilities continue to add renewable energy resources to satisfy the requirements of the Energy Transition Act (ETA) of 2019.
- The conversation about the structure and duties of the **Public Regulation Commission** (PRC) continued in 2020 with the introduction of HB 11, which would have restructured and expanded the PRC staff. The PRC has been plagued by dysfunction in recent years and the complexity of the ETA and its requirements revealed the limitations of the current PRC structure. More will likely need to be done to ensure that it's able to manage the workload effectively.
- **Senator Liz Stefanics** (97% lifetime score) took over the influential Senate Conservation Committee for the 2020 session, as Senator Joseph Cervantes shifted to chair the Senate Judiciary Committee. While the committee wasn't as busy as it will be in the 2021 session (due to the short budget session), Senator Stefanics settled in to the gavel role quickly and comfortably. We're excited to have her leadership chairing this important committee moving forward!



# 2020 Conservation Bill Descriptions

This is a subset of bills scored this session. Priority bill is *orange*. For complete data, visit [www.scorecard.cvnm.org](http://www.scorecard.cvnm.org)

## **HB 9: Community Solar Act**

(Stefanics/Sedillo Lopez; Roybal Caballero/Egolf/A. Romero)

HB 9 provided for the establishment of a phased-in community solar program to facilitate the development and interconnection of community solar facilities. It also created a low-income assistance fund to benefit low-income subscribers. This would have stimulated the growth of the solar industry and expanded the number of New Mexicans who have access to solar energy. **HB 9 passed out of committee but failed in the House 28–36.**

## **HB 11: PRC Reorganization & Transfer Duties**

(Small/L. Trujillo)

HB 11 would have turned existing Public Regulation Commission (PRC) advocacy staff into two entities: a Commissioner Resources Division to supplement PRC commissioners and hearing examiners in their understanding, and a separate Office of PRC Regulatory Affairs housed in the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department that would advocate in the public interest. The bill also included some staff restructuring to provide more continuity for existing PRC staff.

**HB 11 passed the House 36–34, but was tabled and died in the Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee.**

## **HB 173: Gas Taxes, New Funds & Distributions**

(McQueen)

HB 173 imposed new gas and special fuel surtaxes that would have funded the new Clean Infrastructure Fund and a new Low-Income Rebate Fund. These funds would have resourced pro-conservation infrastructure improvements, and rebates to low-income taxpayers for their payment of gas and special fuel surtaxes. **HB 173 was tabled and died in the House Appropriations and Finance Committee.**

## **HB 201: Energy Storage System Tax Credit Changes**

(Akhil)

HB 201 allowed a taxpayer to claim a tax credit for up to 40% of the cost of an energy storage system, up to \$5,000. **HB 201 died in the House Taxation and Revenue Committee.**

## **HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit**

(Woods; J. Trujillo/Cadena/J. Martinez/Matthews)

HB 217 established an income tax credit for the purchase of an electric vehicle, and capped the electric vehicle value at less than \$48,000 MSRP. It also established an income tax credit for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. This bill could have encouraged the sale of affordable electric vehicles and encouraged the development of vehicle charging infrastructure.

HB 217 passed the House 40–27 and passed the Senate 23–13.

**The House failed to concur with the Senate amendments due to filibuster and the bill died.**

## **HB 318: Oil & Gas Tax Changes**

(Strickler/Montoya/Scott/Anderson)

HB 318 created a temporary tax rate differential for oil produced by a qualified recovery project that uses anthropogenic carbon dioxide to displace oil. This legislation would have effectively been a tax cut for the oil and gas industry when they used enhanced recovery methods. **HB 318 was tabled and died in the House Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee.**

## **HM 29: Energy Operating Bonding Amounts**

(McQueen)

HM 29 would have supported future policy and required energy producers to post adequate surety bonds for cleanup from their operations. **HM 29 passed out of committee but died on the House calendar.**

## **SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit**

(Stewart; McQueen)

SB 29 reinstates and extends the tax credit for residential and commercial construction of solar systems and establishes an aggregate cap. This incentivizes installation of solar thermal and photovoltaic systems and utilizing

renewable resources to produce energy. **SB 29 passed the Senate 33–6 and passed the House 51–19. The bill was signed by the Governor on March 3, 2020.**

## **SB 33: Study Funding for Nongame Species Conservation**

(Soules)

SB 33 not only would have facilitated the department's ability to manage threatened and endangered species in need of protection, it may also have identified alternate sources of revenue for the department besides hunting & fishing license fees. **SB 33 died in the Senate Finance Committee.**

## **SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act**

(Stewart)

SB 75 made trafficking of animal species threatened with extinction a misdemeanor and establishes penalties and enforcement guidance. **SB 75 passed the Senate 22–9 and passed the House 42–22. The bill was signed by the Governor on March 9, 2020.**

## **SB 95: Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force**

(Steinborn; McQueen)

SB 95 would have made sure that private nuclear waste facilities, such as the one proposed for Lea & Eddy counties, were reviewed by the state in the same manner as federal facilities. It added a level of safeguards for high-level nuclear waste storage. **SB 95 passed out of committee but failed to pass the Senate 15–25.**

## **SB 114: Community Energy Efficiency Development Grant**

(Ortiz y Pino; A. Romero)

SB 114 created the community energy efficiency development block grant fund to provide grants to counties, municipalities, or Indian nations, tribes or pueblos to fund community energy efficiency projects for low-income and underserved communities. **SB 114 died in the Senate Finance Committee.**

## **SB 180: Fees for Used Oil Businesses**

(Stefanics)

SB 180 would have significantly increased the maximum penalties for violations of, and non-compliance with, orders related to violations of the Hazardous Waste Act. **SB 180 died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.**



# Reading the Votes

If a legislator voted in support of the pro-conservation position, his or her vote is recorded on the chart as a ✓; votes against the conservation position are indicated with an X.

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 missed the vote, they are recorded as 'absent', shown as A. An absence counts against a legislator in the calculation of their score because they can be excused. 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. If no vote is displayed, that means the legislator did not cast a vote on the bill. This occurs because a legislator may not sit on the committee that debated and voted on a bill.

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 X, as appropriate.

## Regional Data

To better help Conservation Voters identify how their legislators' votes impact their community, we have grouped legislators into six regions in New Mexico.

For each region, we have highlighted how the legislators that represent that region voted on CVNM's priority legislation and bills that specifically or disproportionately impact that region. In addition, we have highlighted certain legislators whose strong performance stands out and the legislator with the lowest score for each region. In order to display regional data in this Scorecard, we chose to highlight a subset of data on bills and votes in the print version of the Scorecard. For complete data, visit [www.scorecard.cvnm.org](http://www.scorecard.cvnm.org).

### How to Read the Scorecard

Legislator's Party Affiliation

2020 Score

Orange Indicates Priority Bill

Pro-Conservation Vote

Legislator Did Not Cast a Vote on This Measure

Excused Absence (Not Calculated in Score)

#### Key Legislation

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB9	HB1	HB172	HB217	HB318	SB29	SB75	
Joe Smith (R, 23)	79%	86%	E		✓	✓			E	X
Mark Martinez (D, 34)	32%	20%	X			X		A	✓	

Legislator's District Number

Lifetime Score

Bill Topic (See Below)

Anti-Conservation Vote

Unexcused Absence (Calculated as Anti-Conservation)

### Guide to Scorecard Icons:

Effective Government

Energy and Climate Change

Wildlife and Habitat Conservation



# Northeast










At the interface of New Mexico's public lands and agricultural economy, Northeastern New Mexicans are at the frontlines of the state's wildlife policy decisions.

**Senate**

Serving Districts 7, 8

## Key Legislation

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB9 	HB11 	HB173 	HB217 	SB29 	SB33 	SB75 
Pete Campos (D, 8)	100%	77%				✓	✓		✓
Pat Woods (R, 7)	22%	21%		✗		✓	✗	✗	✗








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**House**

Serving Districts 63, 64, 67

## Key Legislation

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB9 	HB11 	HB173 	HB217 	SB29 	SB33 	SB75 
Jack Chatfield (R, 67)	0%	10%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		✗
Randal S. Crowder (R, 64)	0%	21%	✗	✗	E	✗	✗		✗
Martin R. Zamora (R, 63)	0%	5%	✗	✗		✗	✗		✗



# Northwest

## Senate

Serving districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 22, 30



### BEST

#### Shannon D. Pinto

Party: **Democrat**

District: **3**

Current Score: **100%**

Lifetime Score: **100%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 9: Community Solar Act		
HB 11: PRC Organization & Transfer Duties		
HB 173: Gas Taxes, New Funds & Distributions		
HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit		E
HB 318: Oil & Gas Tax Changes		
SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit		✓
SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act		E



### WORST

#### William E. Sharer

Party: **Republican**

District: **1**

Current Score: **0%**

Lifetime Score: **18%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 9: Community Solar Act		
HB 11: PRC Organization & Transfer Duties		X
HB 173: Gas Taxes, New Funds & Distributions		
HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit		X
HB 318: Oil & Gas Tax Changes		
SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit		X
SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act		X

## Key Legislation

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB9	HB11	HB173	HB217	HB318	SB29	SB75
George K. Munoz (D, 4)	67%	49%				✓		✓	E
Steven P. Neville (R, 2)	75%	40%				✓		✓	✓
Shannon D. Pinto (D, 3)	100%	100%				E		✓	E
Clemente Sanchez (D, 30)	60%	68%		X		✓		✓	✓
William E. Sharer (R, 1)	0%	18%		X		X		X	X
Benny Shendo, Jr. (D, 22)	100%	77%		✓		E		✓	✓



Northwest New Mexico is home to two of the largest coal power plants in the Southwest U.S., one of the largest natural gas patches, and widespread abandoned uranium mine waste, making this an area where energy policy in particular tends to loom large.



**House**

Serving districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 65, 69



**BEST**

### D. Wonda Johnson

Party: **Democrat**

District: **5**

Current Score: **100%**

Lifetime Score: **97%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 9: Community Solar Act		✓
HB 11: PRC Organization & Transfer Duties		✓
HB 173: Gas Taxes, New Funds & Distributions		
HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit		✓
HB 318: Oil & Gas Tax Changes		
SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit		✓
SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act		✓



**WORST**

### James R.J. Strickler

Party: **Republican**

District: **2**

Current Score: **0%**

Lifetime Score: **13%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 9: Community Solar Act		✗
HB 11: PRC Organization & Transfer Duties		✗
HB 173: Gas Taxes, New Funds & Distributions		✗
HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit		✗
HB 318: Oil & Gas Tax Changes		✗
SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit		✗
SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act		✗

## Key Legislation

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB9	HB11	HB173	HB217	HB318	SB29	SB75
Eliseo Lee Alcon (D, 6)	67%	83%	✗	✓		✓		✓	✓
Anthony Allison (D, 4)	71%	73%	✓	✗	✗	✓		✓	✓
Paul C. Bandy (R, 3)	14%	25%	✗	✗	✗	✗		✗	✓
Harry Garcia (D, 69)	50%	87%	✗	✓	✗	✓		✓	E
D. Wonda Johnson (D, 5)	100%	97%	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
Derrick J. Lente (D, 65)	67%	90%	✓	✗		✓		✓	✗
Patricia A. Lundstrom (D, 9)	33%	64%	✗	✗	✗	E		✓	✓
Rod Montoya (R, 1)	9%	9%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
James R.J. Strickler (R, 2)	0%	13%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗












Serving districts 5, 6, 24, 25, 39



Lifetime Score: **97%**

## Key Legislation

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB9 	HB11 	HB217 	SB29 	SB33 	SB75 	SB95 
Roberto “Bobby” Gonzales (D, 6)	75%	77%			✓	✓		✓	✗
Richard C. Martinez (D, 5)	80%	63%			E	E	✓	✓	✗
Nancy Rodriguez (D, 24)	100%	88%			✓	✓		✓	✓
Elizabeth “Liz” Stefanics (D, 39)	100%	97%	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peter Wirth (D, 25)	100%	99%			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Home to a high concentration of progressive climate focused voters, Santa Fe decision-makers tend to reflect this by prioritizing clean air, clean water and a proactive approach towards dealing with climate change.



## House

Serving districts 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 70



### BEST

#### Linda M. Trujillo

Party: **Democrat**

District: **48**

Current Score: **100%**

Lifetime Score: **100%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 9: Community Solar Act		✓
HB 11: PRC Organization & Transfer Duties		✓
HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit		✓
SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit		✓
SB 33: Study Funding for Nongame Species Conservation		
SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act		E
SB 95: Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force		

## Key Legislation

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB9	HB11	HB217	SB29	SB33	SB75	SB95
Daniel R. Barrone (D, 42)	60%	60%	✗	✓	✓	✓		E	
Christine Chandler (D, 43)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Brian F. Egolf (D, 47)	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Susan K. Herrera (D, 41)	83%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗	
Matthew McQueen (D, 50)	92%	96%	✓	✗	✓	✓		✓	✓
Andrea A. Romero (D, 46)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Tomás E. Salazar (D, 70)	57%	81%	✗	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Joseph L. Sanchez (D, 40)	43%	68%	✗	✗	✓	✓		✓	
Jim R. Trujillo (D, 45)	75%	72%	✗	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Linda M. Trujillo (D, 48)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓		E	



## Senate

Serving districts 28, 31, 35, 36, 37, 38



### BEST

#### Jeff Steinborn

Party: **Democrat**

District: **36**

Current Score: **100%**

Lifetime Score: **99%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 9: Community Solar Act		
HB 11: PRC Organization & Transfer Duties		
HB 173: Gas Taxes, New Funds & Distributions		
HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit		✓
SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit		✓
SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act		✓
SB 114: Community Energy Efficiency Development Grant		



### WORST

#### John Arthur Smith

Party: **Democrat**

District: **35**

Current Score: **50%**

Lifetime Score: **47%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 9: Community Solar Act		
HB 11: PRC Organization & Transfer Duties		
HB 173: Gas Taxes, New Funds & Distributions		
HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit		✓
SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit		E
SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act		E
SB 114: Community Energy Efficiency Development Grant		

## Key Legislation

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB9	HB11	HB173	HB217	SB29	SB75	SB114
Joseph Cervantes (D, 31)	100%	84%				✓	✓	✓	✓
Mary Kay Papen (D, 38)	60%	58%		✗		✓	✓	✓	
Gabriel Ramos (D, 28)	75%	79%				✓	✓	✓	
John Arthur Smith (D, 35)	50%	47%				✓	E	E	
William P. Soules (D, 37)	100%	94%				✓	✓	✓	✓
Jeff Steinborn (D, 36)	100%	99%				✓	✓	✓	



Southwest New Mexico is a busy place for conservation, with the entirety of New Mexico's copper mining industry and the last wild, free-flowing stretch of the Gila River all in Grant County.



**House**

Serving districts 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 49, 52, 53



**BEST**

**Joanne J. Ferrary**

Party: **Democrat**

District: **37**

Current Score: **100%**

Lifetime Score: **100%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 9: Community Solar Act		✓
HB 11: PRC Organization & Transfer Duties		✓
HB 173: Gas Taxes, New Funds & Distributions		
HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit		✓
SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit		✓
SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act		✓
SB 114: Community Energy Efficiency Development Grant		



**WORST**

**Gail Armstrong**

Party: **Republican**

District: **49**

Current Score: **14%**

Lifetime Score: **37%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 9: Community Solar Act		✗
HB 11: PRC Organization & Transfer Duties		✗
HB 173: Gas Taxes, New Funds & Distributions		✗
HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit		✗
SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit		✓
SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act		✗
SB 114: Community Energy Efficiency Development Grant		

## Key Legislation

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB9	HB11	HB173	HB217	SB29	SB75	SB114
Gail Armstrong (R, 49)	14%	37%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	
Micaela Lara Cadena (D, 33)	75%	88%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rebecca Dow (R, 38)	17%	38%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	
Joanne J. Ferrary (D, 37)	100%	100%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Doreen Y. Gallegos (D, 52)	100%	83%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Raymundo Lara (D, 34)	67%	81%	✗	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Willie D. Madrid (D, 53)	17%	70%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	
Rodolpho "Rudy" S. Martinez (D, 39)	67%	84%	A	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	
Angelica Rubio (D, 35)	100%	100%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Nathan P. Small (D, 36)	89%	98%	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	E	
Candie G. Sweetser (D, 32)	27%	63%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	





# Southeast

## Senate

Serving Districts 27, 32, 33, 34, 41, 42



### WORST

#### Cliff R. Pirtle

Party: **Republican**

District: **32**

Current Score: **0%**

Lifetime Score: **34%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 9: Community Solar Act		
HB 11: PRC Organization & Transfer Duties		
HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit		X
HB 318: Oil & Gas Tax Changes		
HM 29: Energy Operating Bonding Amounts		
SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit		X
SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act		E
SB 95: Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force		X

## Key Legislation

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB9	HB11	HB217	HB318	HM29	SB29	SB75	SB95
William F. Burt (R, 33)	25%	32%			X			✓	X	X
Gregg Fulfer (R, 41)	25%	17%		X	E			✓	X	X
Ron Griggs (R, 34)	17%	34%			E			✓	X	X
Stuart Ingle (R, 27)	25%	26%			X			✓	X	X
Gay G. Kernan (R, 42)	25%	35%			X			✓	X	X
Cliff R. Pirtle (R, 32)	0%	34%			X			X	E	X



Eddy and Lea counties are home to the Permian Basin, one of the most productive oil fields on the planet. Common sense policy that holds the oil and gas industry accountable is particularly important here.



## House

Serving districts 51, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 61, 62, 66



### WORST

#### Rachel A. Black

Party: **Republican**

District: **51**

Current Score: **0%**

Lifetime Score: **0%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 9: Community Solar Act		<b>X</b>
HB 11: PRC Organization & Transfer Duties		<b>X</b>
HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit		<b>X</b>
HB 318: Oil & Gas Tax Changes		
HM 29: Energy Operating Bonding Amounts		
SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit		<b>X</b>
SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act		<b>X</b>
SB 95: Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force		

## Key Legislation

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB9	HB11	HB217	HB318	HM29	SB29	SB75	SB95
Phelps Anderson (R, 66)	10%	16%	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Rachel A. Black (R, 51)	0%	0%	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Cathrynn N. Brown (R, 55)	0%	18%	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Zachary J. Cook (R, 56)	0%	18%	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Candy Spence Ezzell (R, 58)	0%	17%	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
David M. Gallegos (R, 61)	0%	14%	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Greg Nibert (R, 59)	0%	12%	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Larry R. Scott (R, 62)	0%	12%	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
James G. Townsend (R, 54)	0%	10%	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	



# Albuquerque/Central

## Senate

Serving Districts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 29, 40



### BEST

#### Bill Tallman

Party: **Democrat**

District: **18**

Current Score: **100%**

Lifetime Score: **95%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 9: Community Solar Act		
HB 11: PRC Organization & Transfer Duties		✓
HB 201: Energy Storage System Tax Credit Changes		
HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit		✓
SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit		✓
SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act		✓
SB 95: Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force		✓



### WORST

#### Gregory A. Baca

Party: **Republican**

District: **29**

Current Score: **0%**








Lifetime Score: **36%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 9: Community Solar Act		
HB 11: PRC Organization & Transfer Duties		
HB 201: Energy Storage System Tax Credit Changes		
HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit		✗
SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit		✗
SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act		✗
SB 95: Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force		✗



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## Key Legislation

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB9 	HB11 	HB201 	HB217 	SB29 	SB75 	SB95 
Gregory A. Baca (R, 29)	0%	36%				X	X	X	X
Craig W. Brandt (R, 40)	0%	36%				X	X	X	X
Jacob R. Candelaria (D, 26)	67%	81%				✓	✓	E	X
Candace Gould (R, 10)	50%	69%				X	✓	✓	X
Daniel A. Ivey-Soto (D, 15)	100%	87%				✓	✓	E	✓
Linda M. Lopez (D, 11)	67%	84%				X	✓	E	✓
Mark Moores (R, 21)	0%	31%				X	X	E	X
Bill B. O'Neill (D, 13)	100%	97%				✓	E	E	✓
Gerald Ortiz y Pino (D, 12)	100%	93%				✓	✓	✓	✓
Michael Padilla (D, 14)	75%	85%		✓		E	✓	✓	X
William H. Payne (R, 20)	17%	28%				X	✓	E	X
Sander Rue (R, 23)	50%	51%				X	✓	✓	X
John M. Sapien (D, 9)	100%	73%				✓	✓	E	E
Antoinette Sedillo Lopez (D, 16)	100%	100%	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Mimi Stewart (D, 17)	100%	98%				✓	✓	✓	✓
Bill Tallman (D, 18)	100%	95%		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
James P. White (R, 19)	50%	43%				X	✓	✓	X



# Albuquerque/Central

## House

Serving Districts 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30,



### BEST

**Karen C. Bash**

Party: **Democrat**

District: **68**

Current Score: **100%**

Lifetime Score: **100%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 9: Community Solar Act		✓
HB 11: PRC Organization & Transfer Duties		✓
HB 201: Energy Storage System Tax Credit Changes		
HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit		✓
SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit		✓
SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act		✓
SB 95: Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force		



### WORST

**Alonzo Baldonado**

Party: **Republican**

District: **8**

Current Score: **0%**

Lifetime Score: **18%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 9: Community Solar Act		✗
HB 11: PRC Organization & Transfer Duties		✗
HB 201: Energy Storage System Tax Credit Changes		
HB 217: Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit		✗
SB 29: Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit		✗
SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act		✗
SB 95: Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force		










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31, 44, 57, 60, 68

## Key Legislation

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB9 	HB11 	HB201 	HB217 	SB29 	SB75 	SB95 
Abbas Akhil (D, 20)	100%	96%	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Deborah A. Armstrong (D, 17)	83%	94%	✓	✓		✓	✓	A	
Alonzo Baldonado (R, 8)	0%	18%	X	X		X	X	X	
Karen C. Bash (D, 68)	100%	100%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Gail Chasey (D, 18)	100%	95%	E	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Daymon Ely (D, 23)	100%	98%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Kelly K. Fajardo (R, 7)	33%	29%	X	X		X	✓	✓	
Natalie Figueroa (D, 30)	100%	100%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Miguel P. Garcia (D, 14)	83%	96%	✓	X		✓	✓	✓	
Joy Garratt (D, 29)	83%	95%	✓	✓		A	✓	✓	
Jason C. Harper (R, 57)	20%	23%	E	X		X	X	✓	
Dayan Hochman-Vigil (D, 15)	100%	89%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Tim D. Lewis (R, 60)	0%	23%	X	X		X	X	X	
Georgene Louis (D, 26)	100%	97%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Antonio "Moe" Maestas (D, 16)	71%	87%	X	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Javier Martínez (D, 11)	100%	98%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Marian Matthews (D, 27)	100%	100%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert (R, 44)	17%	17%	X	X		X	✓	X	
William "Bill" R. Rehm (R, 31)	0%	28%	X	X		X	X	A	
G. Andrés Romero (D, 10)	83%	97%	✓	X		✓	✓	✓	
Patricia Roybal Caballero (D, 13)	86%	96%	✓	✓		A	✓	✓	
Patricio Ruiloba (D, 12)	33%	70%	X	X		X	✓	✓	
Debra M. Sariñana (D, 21)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gregg Schmedes (R, 22)	33%	35%	X	X		X	✓	✓	
Melanie A. Stansbury (D, 28)	90%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sheryl Williams Stapleton (D, 19)	80%	78%	A	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson (D, 24)	100%	98%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Christine Trujillo (D, 25)	83%	94%	A	✓		✓	✓	✓	

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