

Water and Energy Conservation Plan

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Mission: Provide safe and reliable utility services
in an economically and environmentally
sustainable fashion.

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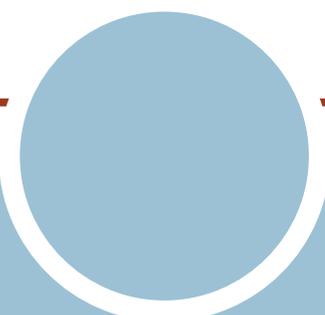
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Executive Summary

The 2022-2027 Water and Energy Conservation Plan focuses on goals and objectives, as ranked by the BPU. There is a noticeable need for conservation efforts from both sides of utility services – the supply (DPU) and the demand (Customers) – to achieve these strategic goals.

In 2013, the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) approved six strategic goals to guide the Department of Public Utilities (DPU). The DPU Senior Management Team (SMT) then developed broad, long-term objectives detailing how the department would meet the strategic goals. Goals are reviewed annually by both BPU and DPU SMT and revised based on achievement(s) of objectives. The DPU strategic goals and objectives were most recently approved on September 15, 2021.

This plan primarily focuses on Goal 5.0 – Achieve Environmental Sustainability, and has a supporting focus on Goal 6.0 – Develop and Strengthen Partnerships with Stakeholders.

Fiscal-year deliverables are established in this plan to make progress toward objectives and overall strategic goals. Deliverables in this plan were developed with suggestions from various community committees, DPU staff, and the BPU.

Strategic objectives for Goal 5.0, in order of highest priority to lowest priority:

1. Be a carbon neutral electric provider by 2040.
2. Provide Class 1A effluent water in Los Alamos County.
3. Reduce natural gas usage by 5% per capita per heating degree day by 2030 and support elimination of natural gas by 2070.
4. Promote electric efficiency through targeted electric conservation programs.
5. Reduce potable water use by 12% per capita per day by 2030.

Strategic objective for Goal 6.0:

1. Communicate with stakeholders to strengthen existing partnerships and identify new potential mutually beneficial partnering opportunities.

Part I

Local Conditions

Water Resources

Electrical Resources

Gas Resources

Supplier Performance in each utility

Part II

Education

Carbon Neutral

Class 1A Effluent

Natural Gas

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Abbreviations

BPU	Board of Public Utilities
DPU	Department of Public Utilities
SMT	Senior Management Team
DOE	Department of Energy
WAPA	Western Area Power Administration
NMOSE	New Mexico Office of the State Engineer
LANL	Los Alamos National Laboratory
ECA	Electric Coordination Agreement
IRP	Integrated Resource Plan
PEEC	Pajarito Environmental Education Center
ESB	Environmental Sustainability Board
LARES	Los Alamos Resiliency, Energy, and Sustainability (Task Force)
USDM	US Drought Monitor
LRWS	Long-Range Water Supply
WWTP	Wastewater Treatment Plant
PNM	Public Service Company of New Mexico
SAIDI	System Average Interruption Duration Index
CFPP	Carbon Free Power Project
GPCD	Gallons Per Capita Per Day
SFR	Single Family Residence
MFR	Multi-Family Residence
AWWA	American Water Works Association
SJGS	San Juan Generating Station
HDD	Heating Degree Day
WRRF	Water Resource Reclamation Facility
UAMPS	Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems



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Part I

Background Information and Data of Los Alamos County and Its Utilities

Introduction

Purpose

The Water and Energy Conservation Plan is being updated to best identify and provide target measures for conservation of critical resources needed for a community to thrive in the high desert of New Mexico. In the face of a changing climate, there is increasing pressure for the Los Alamos DPU to provide reliable and efficient sources for its utilities. A hotter and drier climate will strain grid systems and water supplies. There is also increasing pressure on consumers to conserve and efficiently use these same resources to accommodate a growing community and to ensure resources will last.

The DPU operates the county-owned electric, gas, water, and wastewater systems servicing customers, including residents, businesses, schools, and local government facilities. The DPU has provided the community with these services for more than 50 years. Publicly held, DPU is directly accountable to the citizens of Los Alamos County through the local BPU.

This document serves as an evolving plan to meet the following objectives :

- Support DPU's mission, vision, and long-term strategic goals.
- Develop cost-effective conservation programs to move the community toward defined conservation goals.
- Establish consumption baselines for water, electricity, and gas representative of designated customer classes.
- Adopt appropriate and reasonable conservation goals representative of community desires.
- Develop an implementation plan and measurement metrics of conservation efforts.

The Water and Energy Conservation Plan focuses on the planning period of 2022-2027. However, this document will be reviewed and updated biannually to accommodate successes and unforeseen changes to DPU resource supply and consumer needs.

Compliance

This plan serves two separate compliance requirements. The first is to fulfill a federal regulatory requirement as part of Los Alamos County's section of the joint Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) with the Department of Energy (DOE). This compliance piece requires the development and implementation of a water and energy conservation plan that addresses both the supply-side (DPU) and demand-side (customer) of water and energy conservation efforts, which is then submitted to the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) annually. The second compliance requirement, which is filed with the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE), is conditional pending current projects.

Partners

Los Alamos National Laboratory, Department of Energy

Conservation efforts in this plan are not directed toward the DOE or the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). LANL is a facility that falls under the requirements of DOE, neither of which are under the jurisdiction of DPU. There is a contract to supply DOE with water for LANL and DPU is a partner with DOE in the Electric Coordination Agreement (ECA). Los Alamos County and DOE also have a joint IRP, which guides the ECA. LANL also has a site-wide Water Conservation Program Plan. DPU and LANL will coordinate and communicate conservation efforts and support long-term conservation goals.

Pajarito Environmental Education Center

DPU partners with Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) on educational outreach efforts in a contracted format. PEEC is very involved with the schools in the county, in addition to its own programming at the Nature Center. DPU and PEEC agree on annual task orders that promote evolving conservation foci for the schools and community members.

Los Alamos Environmental Sustainability Board

The Los Alamos Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB) updates the County's Environmental Sustainability Plan. While DPU and the ESB support one another's plans, this Water and Energy Conservation Plan focuses specifically on the commodities provided by DPU. The Environmental Sustainability Plan goes beyond water and energy usage by establishing goals in other areas crucial to creating a more sustainable community.

Public Input

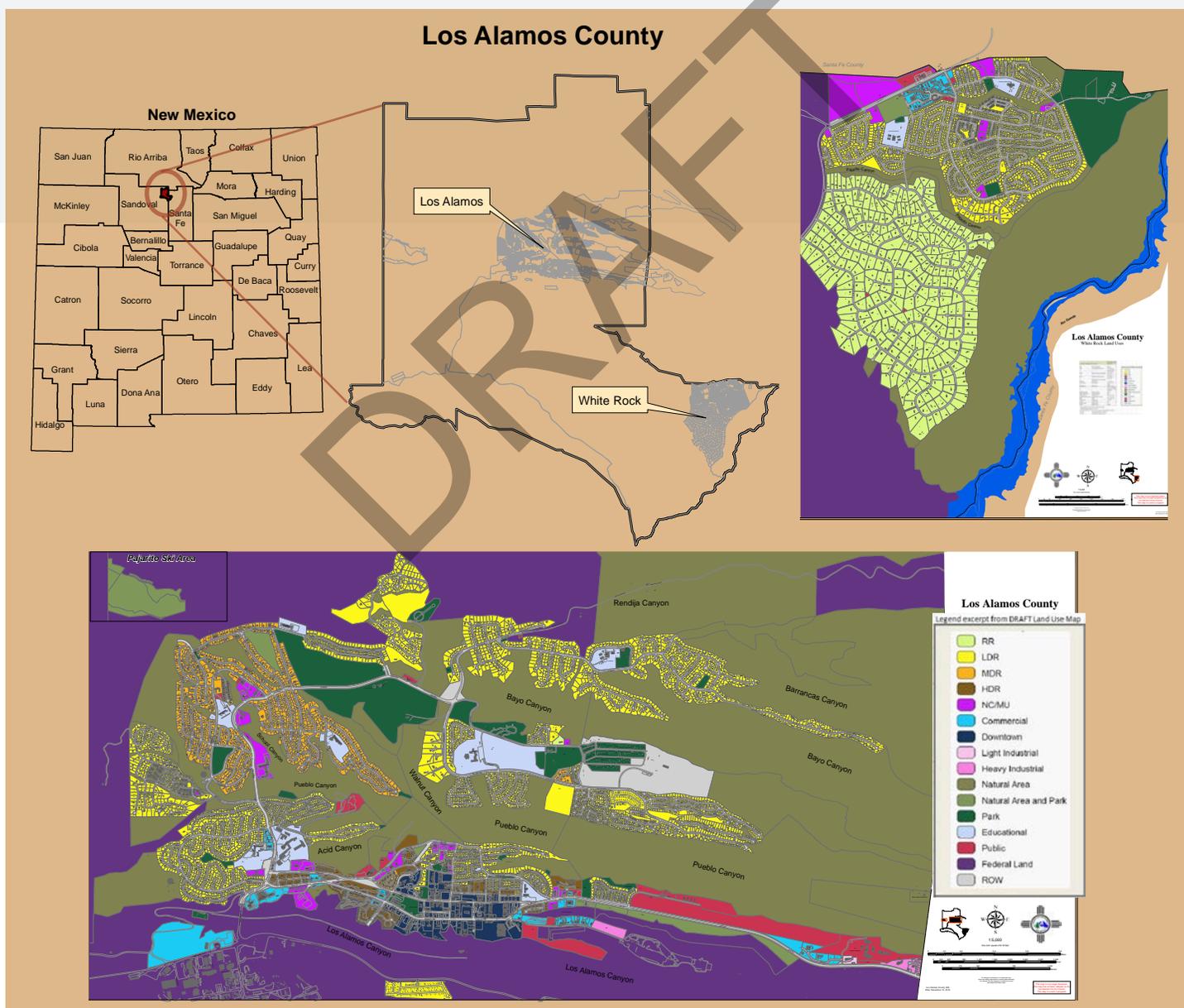
A "Conservation Plan Update Committee" was formed by DPU in early 2020 to begin to address and provide recommendations to the existing Water and Energy Conservation Plan. However, two factors overshadowed the extent of the group's efforts. The first was the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic which slowed the group's first progression as the scope of the pandemic was unknown. The second factor was the formation of the Los Alamos Resiliency, Energy, and Sustainability (LARES) task force by Los Alamos County Council in January 2021. The LARES task force was assembled to address very similar recommendations that the update committee was working toward.

Regarding the suggestions and recommendations from each of these groups, it is important to note: the recommendations from the Plan Update Committee were considered as this committee was specifically formed by the DPU for this very purpose. The LARES Final Report recommendations are not incorporated into this plan update because they go beyond the scope of DPU's responsibilities and reach. However, many of the recommendations will be supported by and potentially partnered with DPU, as efforts align.

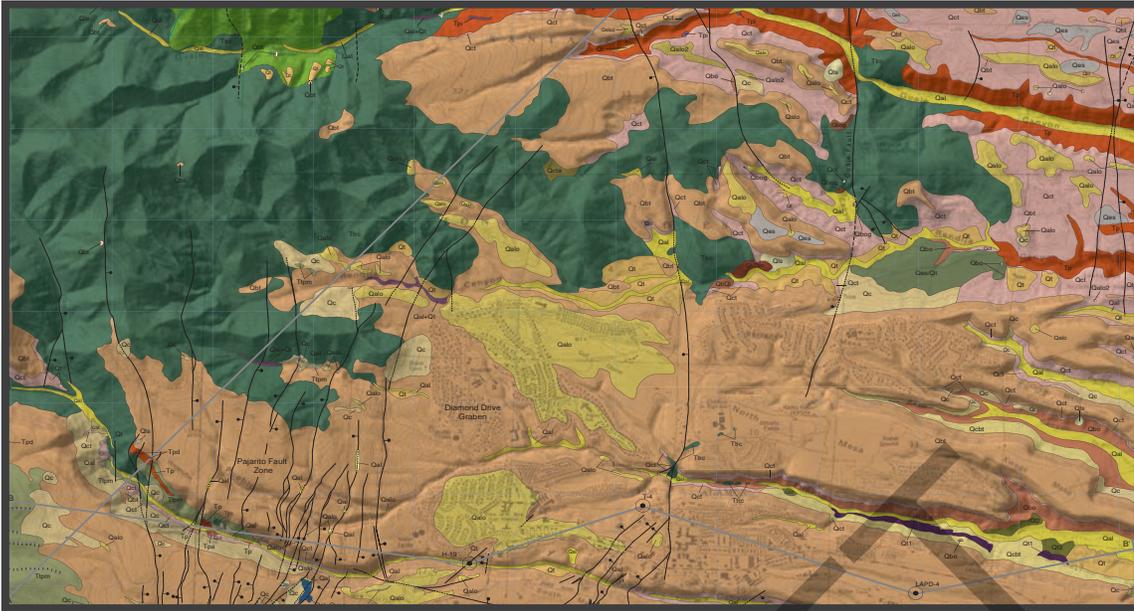
Additional updates to this plan will incorporate suggestions, pending BPU approval, stemming from the "Voice of the Customer" survey created by. This survey is an opportunity for DPU to better understand its customers' perceptions and wants of the DPU.

Local Conditions

Los Alamos County is located in northern New Mexico and comprises the communities of Los Alamos and White Rock. Nestled in a region known as the Pajarito Plateau, the service area ranges in elevation from 6,365 feet in White Rock up to 7,320 feet in the Los Alamos townsite. The population for the county was 19,419 per the 2020 Census. The County is surrounded by various Pueblos including San Ildefonso and Santa Clara, and by protected areas including the Santa Fe National Forest and Bandelier National Monument. Modern-day Los Alamos was incorporated in 1968, after two decades of existing as the Manhattan Project's Site Y. Prior to 1963, no land was privately owned and three federal agencies – the Atomic Energy Commission, the US Forest Service, and the National Park Service – owned and managed all land.



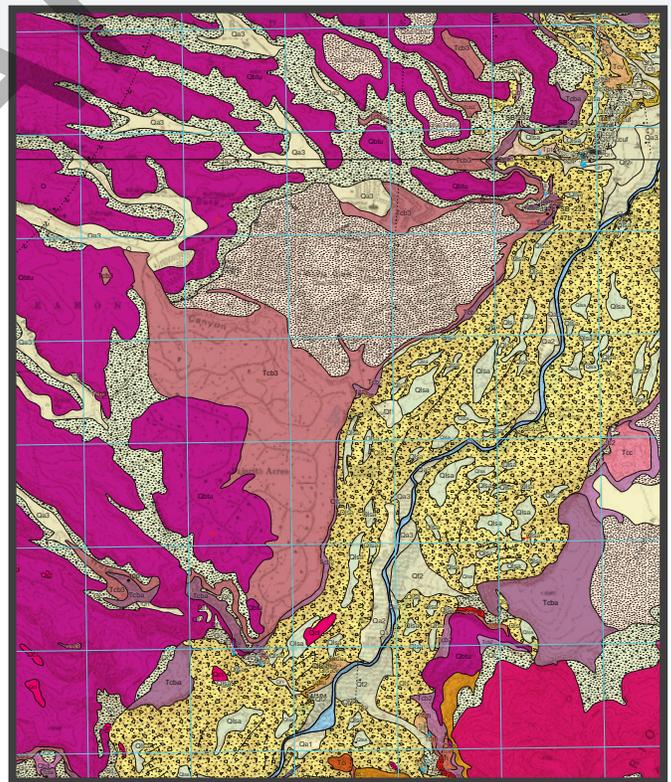
Geographical Considerations



Geologic Map of Los Alamos townsite. Basic interpretation: green designates rhyodacite lava flows; tan designates Bandelier Tuff; yellow, pink, and red designate sedimentary deposits.

Initially chosen for its relative inaccessibility, Los Alamos County is spread across several flat mesas separated by steep canyons. The geology is primarily volcanic, consisting of Upper Bandelier Tuff, basalts, and rhyodacite lava flows, with some areas of sedimentary deposits from alluvial flows and stream deposits as the Rio Grande and previous rivers transformed over time.

The geological deposits impact utility placement. For example, the basalts and certain areas of the Bandelier Tuff are very hard and restrict water well, pipeline (water, gas, or sewer), and buried electricity infrastructure placement. There is an area of White Rock that is unable to be connected to the municipal sewer and gas systems because the geology prevents the infrastructure. Other considerations include areas prone to rockfalls, such as with the rhyodacite (green) flow, and placing utility sources here (maintenance costs, reliability issues, etc.).



Geologic Map of White Rock. Basic interpretation: hot pink designates Bandelier Tuff; dusty pink designates basalts; dotted cream designates interspersed sedimentary deposits with basalts; most other classifications represent sedimentary deposits.

Local Conditions

Demographics and Projections

Population

According to the US Census, the population for Los Alamos County increased by nearly 1,500 people between 2010 and 2020. The current population estimate (as of July 2021) is 19,330 for the county. Because of the geographical limitations of Los Alamos County, population growth is constrained until new housing developments are constructed in White Rock, new apartment buildings are constructed where defunct buildings stand in Los Alamos, or unoccupied homes become available for occupancy (renovated or sold).

Los Alamos is a destination for tourists, and the popularity of vacation rentals, such as Airbnb and VRBO, increases the population of the county by an unknown number as these visitors utilize utility resources.

LANL is the largest employer in the county and in northern New Mexico. Total employment, including students and contract labor, was 13,512 at the end of fiscal year 2021. LANL is planning to hire an additional 2000 employees in fiscal year 2022. Around 40% of these employees live in Los Alamos County.

Population estimates vary depending on the method and predictor. Los Alamos estimates can go off-track quickly depending on the employment goals of LANL. The table below shows population projections from the Geospatial and Population Studies Department at the University of New Mexico. These projections are based on 2010 Census data and migration trends and have not been updated to reflect 2020 Census data. Compare these estimates to the projections in the other table below.

July 2010	July 2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
17,935	18,765	19,164	19,501	19,753	19,941

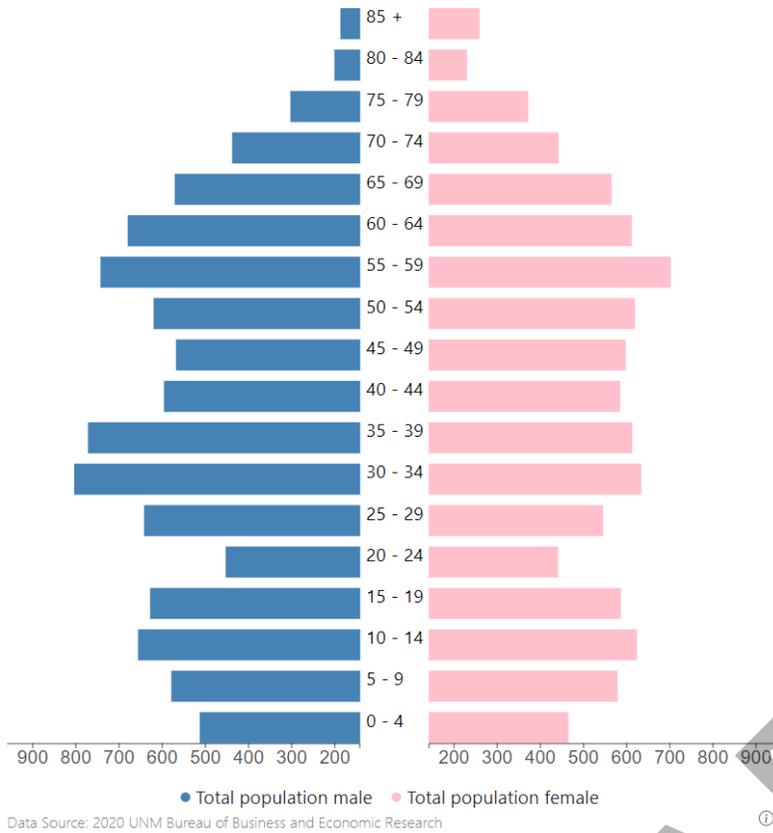
Geospatial and Population Studies Department at the University of New Mexico population projections based on 2010 Census data and migration trends.

The Long-Range Water Supply Plan (LRWS Plan), updated in 2017, has two scenarios for projected water demand based on a different set of population projections. These low- and high-projection cases are based on population estimates prepared for the 2016 update to the State of New Mexico's 16 regional water plans.

Population differences between Los Alamos townsite and White Rock show that Los Alamos is more than twice the size of White Rock. Per the 2020 Census, White Rock has a population of 5,852 while Los Alamos is 13,179.

Year	Population Projection	
	Low	High
2020	17,988	20,000
2030	17,789	20,812
2040	17,123	21,447
2050	16,480	21,874
2060	15,863	22,092

Population projections from LRWS Plan based on estimates for the 2016 version of the State of New Mexico's 16 regional water plans.



Created by the University of New Mexico Bureau of Business & Economic Research, this “population pyramid” is based on 2020 Census Data. The simplest breakdown of this data indicates that Los Alamos County is 24% child-aged (0-19 years), 58% working-aged (20-64 years), and 18% senior-aged (65+ years).

The median household income, in 2020 dollars for the period of 2016-2020, is slightly over \$119,000 for Los Alamos County. The percentage of persons in poverty is 3.3% for the county.

The primary language is English; however, nearly 14% of the population speaks another language (at least 20 different ones) including Spanish and several Asian and Pacific Island Languages.

Housing

Most homes were built before the Energy Policy Act of 1992, which increased the energy efficiency of buildings including the required use of low-flow toilets, urinals, faucets, and showerheads as replacement installations and in new-builds.

US Census Bureau compiles housing data in its Table DP04: Selected Housing Characteristics. The latest dataset available for Los Alamos is the 2019: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

It can be assumed from this information that around 7,000 homes in Los Alamos County were built prior to 1994, when enforcement of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 began. It is unknown how many of these 7,000 homes have done upgrades or retrofits. This provides a potentially large customer base to target with specific conservation efforts like improved appliance efficiency, insulation, and weather stripping.

Landscape preferences vary throughout the county, from extensive lawns to complete xeriscaped yards. Precise numbers of each are unknown but increased water usage during the summer months is indicative of landscape maintenance.

Total Housing Units: 8,384



Pre-1940:
24



1940-1949:
621



1950-1959:
1360



1960-1969:
1570



1970-1979:
1875



1980-1989:
1039



1990-1999:
708



2000-2009:
1064



After 2009:
123

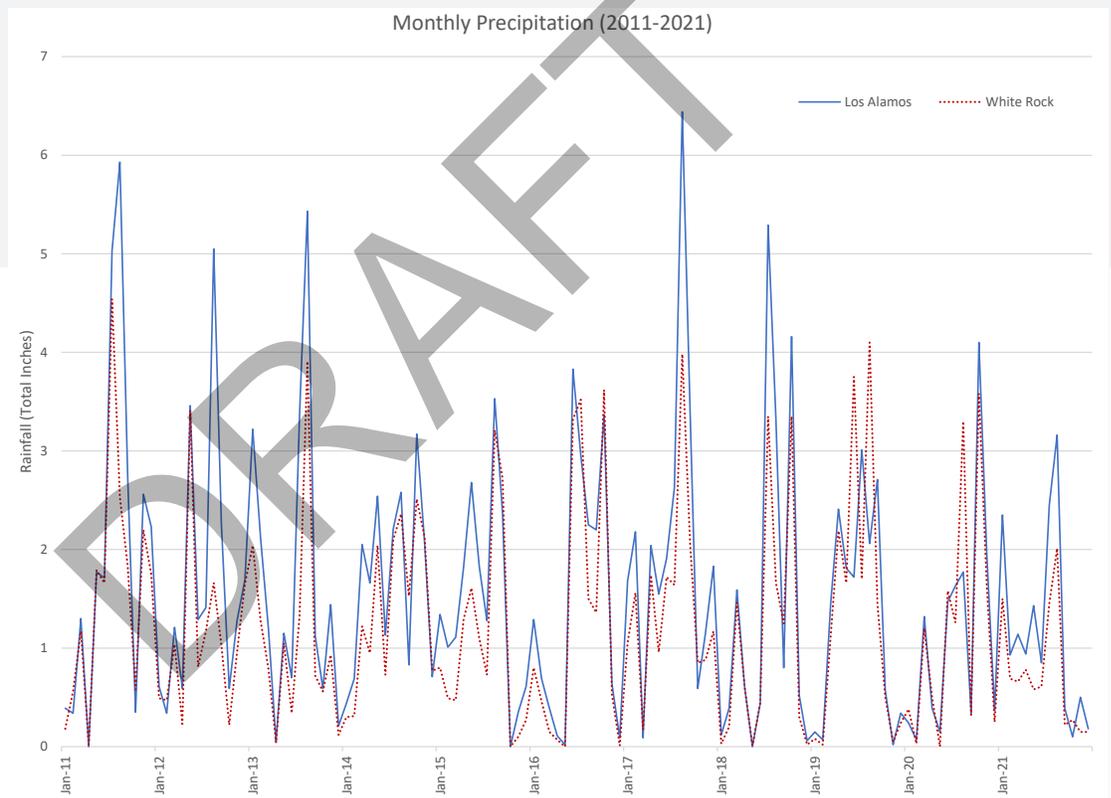
Local Conditions

Climate Trends

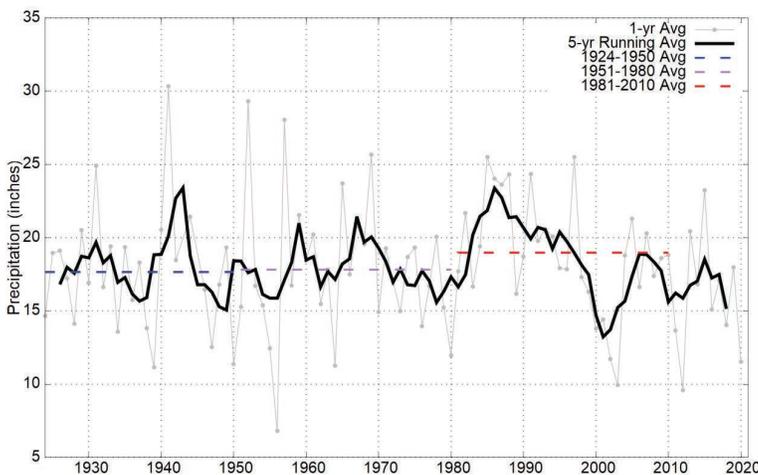
All weather data comes from the LANL Weather Machine, which maintains many weather stations around Los Alamos County. LANL’s meteorologists on staff provided data in the following charts. These charts reveal that Los Alamos and White Rock have their own distinct climate systems.

Los Alamos is at a higher elevation – around 1000 feet higher – and closer to the Jemez Mountains than White Rock. Therefore, Los Alamos has a wetter, cooler climate overall. LANL meteorologists recently released the “Los Alamos Climatology 2021 Update,” which provides climate statistics for the 30-year, 1991-2020 averaging period. More in-depth information regarding the climate of Los Alamos County can be found in their report.

Right: Monthly total precipitation data for Los Alamos (blue solid) and White Rock (red dot) from January 2011 to December 2021. A complete monthly total precipitation chart (1991-2021) can be found in Appendix 2.

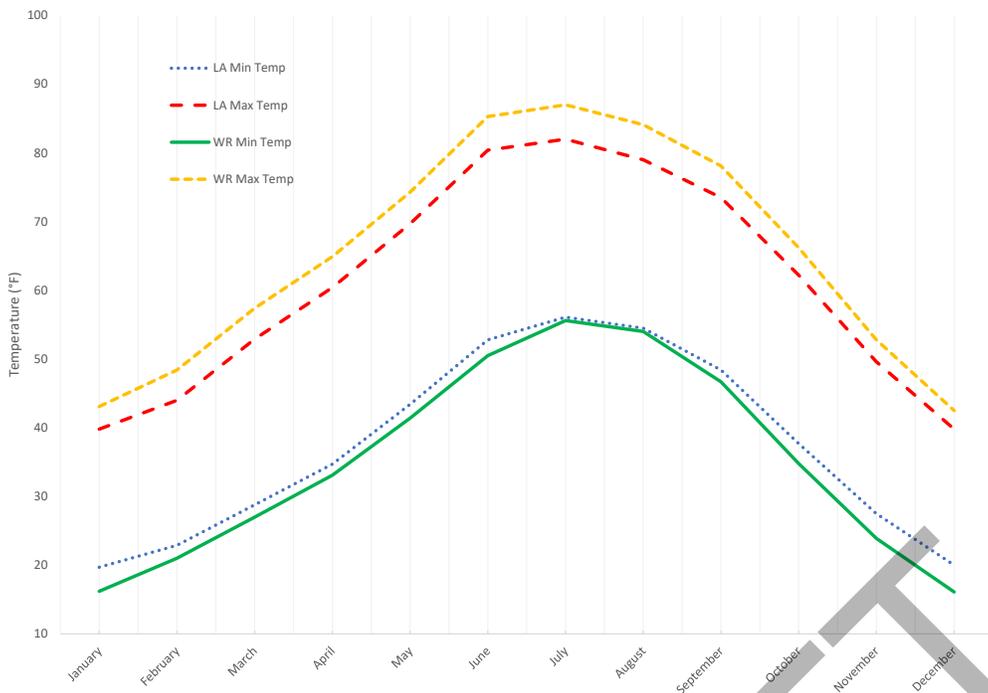


Below: Precipitation history for Los Alamos County (1924-2020) taken from the LANL Climatology 2021 Update, Figure 34.



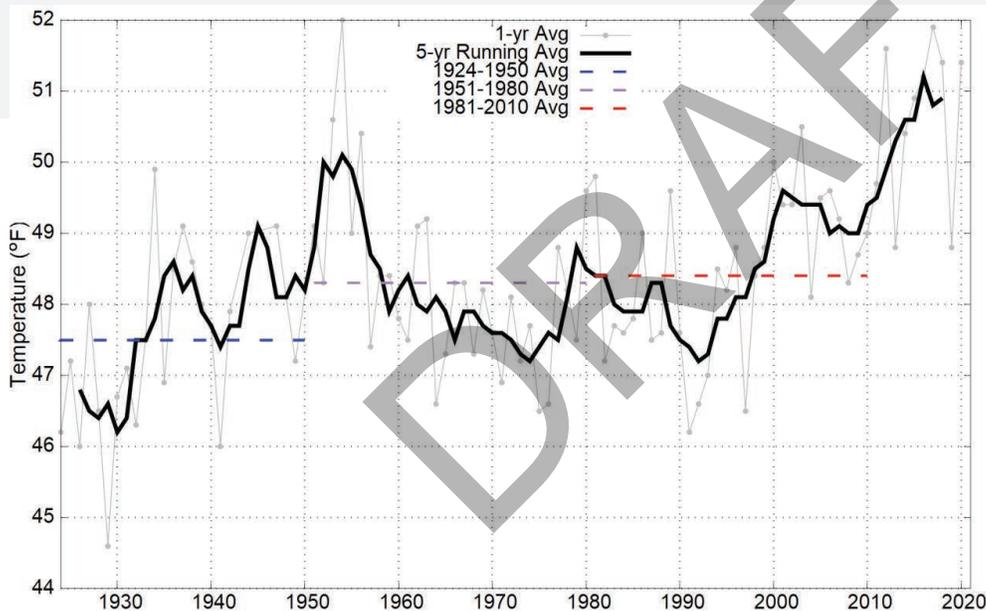
Prior to 2015, more regular cycles of precipitation associated with the monsoon season (July – September) are visible. After 2015, the precipitation cycle appears more erratic for both Los Alamos and White Rock. The area seems to be experiencing longer periods of no precipitation with intense bursts of heavy precipitation.

Average Monthly Temperatures (1991-2021)



Regarding average monthly temperature, an important note is that the maximum summer temperatures for both communities are creeping toward an average of 90°F for a couple of months, when historically only a few days of the year would reach this temperature. And, although Los Alamos is at a higher altitude, White Rock has lower minimum temperatures when the cold air drains off the Jemez Mountains at night.

The US Drought Monitor (USDM) releases drought maps every Thursday. These maps are based on several numeric inputs, index readings, and satellite-based assessments. It's important to remember that the USDM is not a forecast, but it is a tool to use to trigger drought responses and emphasize the need for conservation efforts.

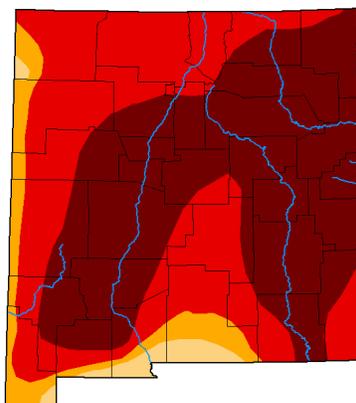


Top: Average monthly temperatures for Los Alamos (minimum temp is blue dot; maximum temp is red big dash) and White Rock (minimum temp is green solid; maximum temp is yellow small dash).

Middle: Temperature history for Los Alamos (1924-2020) taken from the LANL Climatology 2021 Update, Figure 29.

Right: An example of a USDM Map released June 21, 2022. An interesting note regarding this map: New Mexico received rain in the week prior to this map and a majority of the state remains in the worst drought condition category.

U.S. Drought Monitor
New Mexico



June 21, 2022
(Released Thursday, Jun. 23, 2022)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	97.41	80.45	52.17
Last Week 06-14-2022	0.00	100.00	100.00	97.41	80.45	52.17
3 Months Ago 03-20-2022	0.06	99.94	88.91	91.19	38.64	5.53
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2022	0.00	100.00	97.83	75.86	20.91	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-01-2021	10.70	89.30	79.47	48.33	19.12	0.00
One Year Ago 06-22-2021	1.04	98.96	94.11	87.49	63.06	31.84

Intensity:
None (white), D0 Abnormally Dry (yellow), D1 Moderate Drought (orange), D2 Severe Drought (red-orange), D3 Extreme Drought (red), D4 Exceptional Drought (dark red).

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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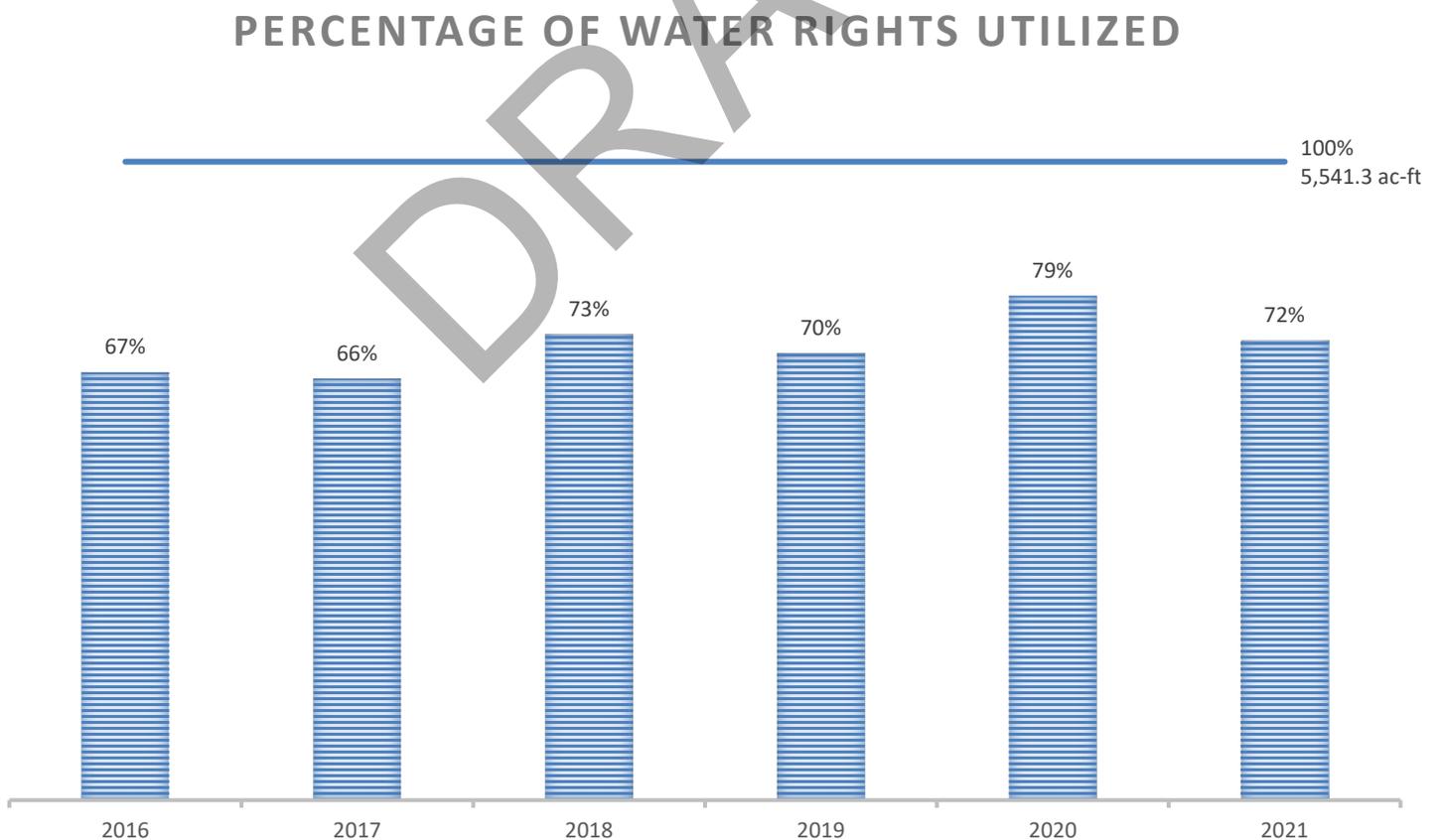


Water Resources and Supply Overview

Water Rights

The DPU provides water service to the users in Los Alamos County, at LANL, and to Bandelier National Monument. DPU began operating the water system in 1998; however, it wasn't until 2001 that ownership and most of the water rights (70%) were transferred from the DOE. The DPU leases the remaining water rights owned by DOE. This agreement was renewed for an additional 10 years in Fiscal Year 2021. Within this agreement, there is no limit to the amount of water that DPU must provide to LANL. LANL's usage has yet to exceed any designated water rights, and it maintains a site-wide Water Conservation Program Plan.

Water rights in use for Los Alamos County total 5,541.3 acre-feet per year and are comprised of a combined right of groundwater and surface water. From the 1960s to the present, total water consumption hovers between 4,000 and 5,000 acre-feet per year.



Water rights usage data is tabulated from each water production well meter.

Demand Projections

Daniel B. Stephens and Associates, Inc., completed an update to the Long-Range Water Supply (LRWS) Plan and it was approved by the BPU in January 2018. The LRWS Plan focuses on long-term water planning, and projects two possible outcomes as part of its demand forecast. This table shows the projected demands with and without LANL usage based on low (decreasing population) and high (increasing population) estimates.

Year	Population Projection		Projected Demand (ac-ft/yr)		Total Projected Demand- includes LANL (ac-ft/yr)	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
2020	17,988	20,000	2,716	3,020	3,634	3,938
2030	17,789	20,812	2,686	3,143	4,191	4,648
2040	17,123	21,447	2,586	3,239	4,091	4,744
2050	16,480	21,874	2,488	3,303	3,993	4,808
2060	15,863	22,092	2,395	3,336	3,900	4,841

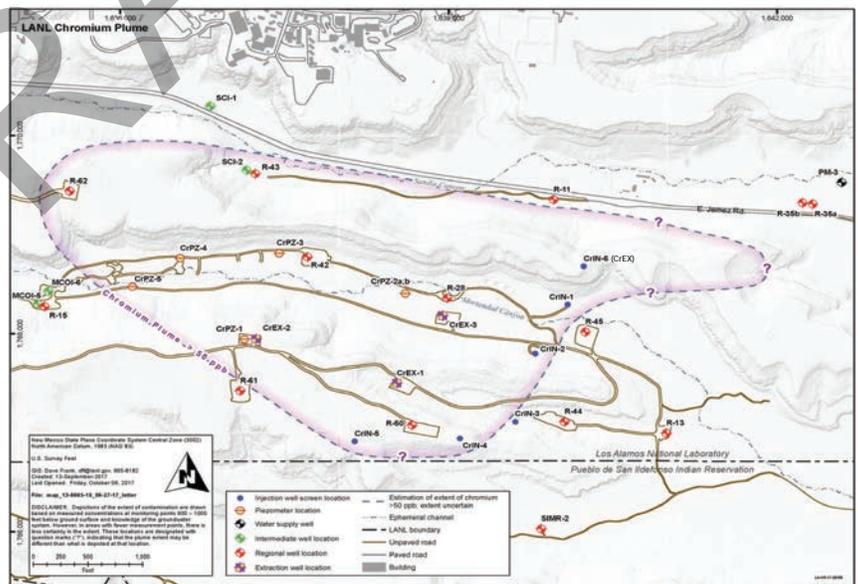
Potential Concerns

Los Alamos County's water rights are junior to several downstream senior water rights holders. With additional growth (population, tourists, and work force) in Los Alamos County and other areas and requirements to sustain endangered species and wetland habitats, there is the potential that protection of the senior water rights could impact long-term allocation of Los Alamos County's water rights, even over the next 40 years. Additional water rights concerns include Rio Grande Offset Requirements and the difficulty in finding willing sellers of water rights, and the potential impact of the Navajo Water Rights Settlement provisions on the San Juan-Chama Project water rights.

The risk of contamination of the current and/or future groundwater supply for Los Alamos County and its service members should be acknowledged. The DPU protects drinking water sources with sound well placement and construction as well as maintaining top-performing system operations and management. The DOE is currently assessing the extent of and remediation measures for a hexavalent chromium plume that is present in the regional aquifer.

The impacts of a changing climate are one of the biggest factors out of the control of DPU and DOE. Increasing temperatures and decreasing precipitation totals will strain existing water resources. Evaporation of surface water sources and lower recharge rates of groundwater resources need to be realized as possible threats to water availability for Los Alamos County.

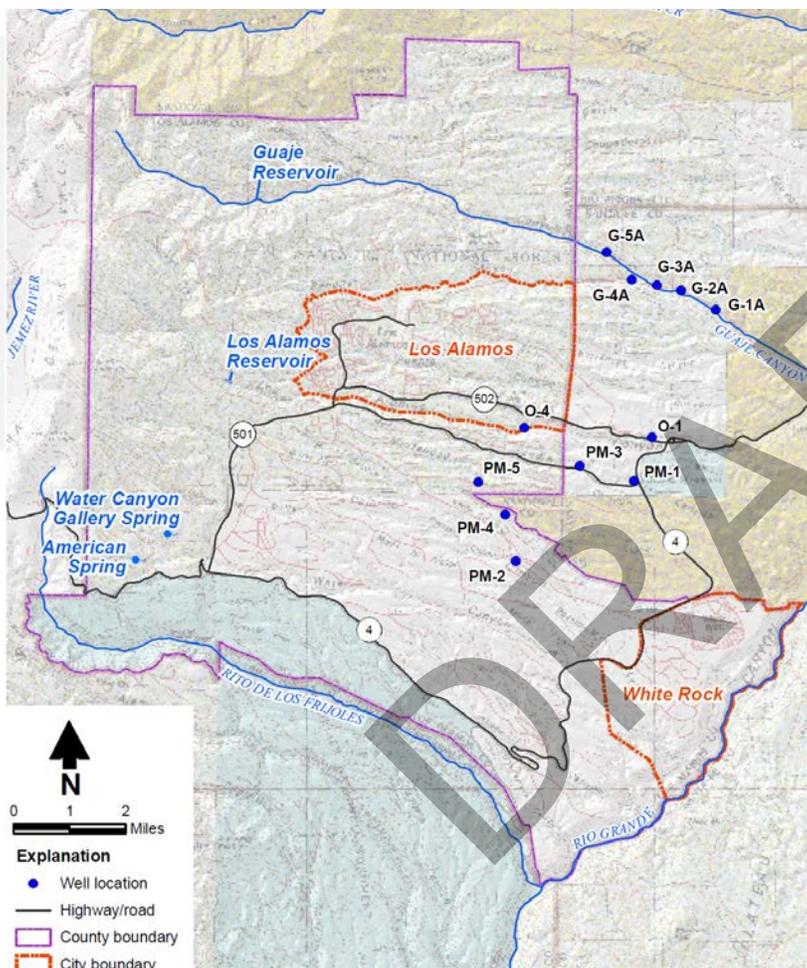
Approximate location of chromium plume. Located southeast of Los Alamos townsite and northwest of White Rock.



"An application for permit to change an existing water right was filed jointly by DOE and the LACWU [DPU] in May 2016, in support of the chromium interim measure project that will run through December 2023...The application requests a change in purpose of use for groundwater to add groundwater remediation and additional groundwater points of diversion to be used for control and future characterization of hexavalent chromium-contaminated groundwater...The projections assume that the water supply remains available in terms of water rights and contamination, and do not take into account the possibility of treating and using contaminated groundwater." -LRWS Plan

Water Resources and Supply Overview

Water Sources



Los Alamos County is currently supplied by 12 active wells that range in depth from 1,519 feet to 3,092 feet. All water is drawn from the regional aquifer beneath the Pajarito Plateau. Currently, groundwater supplies potable water from the Guaje, Pajarito, and Otowi well fields. An additional well has been drilled in the Otowi well field and will be complete in late 2022, pending material availability and supply chain issues. This well, Otowi 2, reaches a depth of 2,520 feet and will be one of DPU's largest water-producing wells, pumping between 1,200-1,300 gallons per minute.

While the County's water rights of 5,541.3 acre-feet include both surface water and groundwater, the DPU supplies its potable water for customers solely from groundwater sources. Surface water sources are primarily used for irrigation purposes and as emergency supplies for wildfires. Surface water sources include: Water Canyon Gallery Spring, Los Alamos Reservoir, Guaje Reservoir, Camp May, and the unused contracted rights in the San Juan-Chama Project.

Points of water diversion, taken from Figure 2-1 in the LRWS Plan.

Los Alamos Reservoir Repair

The Los Alamos Reservoir was severely damaged after the Cerro Grande Fire in 2000 and again by the Las Conchas Fire in 2011. The reservoir has been impacted by siltation and transmission pipeline breaks because of intense and catastrophic flooding events ever since. DPU has been awarded a grant from the River Stewardship Program to help address the erosion in this watershed impacting the stream and reservoir quality and to stabilize the access pipeline and roadway. The project will clear debris and use natural channel design to restore the water channel and floodplain above and below the reservoir. It is expected to begin in the summer of 2023.

San Juan-Chama Project

The San Juan-Chama Project, in the Colorado River Basin, is geographically separate from the current regional aquifer DPU utilizes for potable water. Should DPU decide to implement access to this project, this source water would help to diversify Los Alamos County's water supply. The County is contracted for 1,200 acre-feet of the San Juan-Chama Project with the US Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation. More information about the development of this water right can be found in Section 4.2.1 of the LRWS Plan.

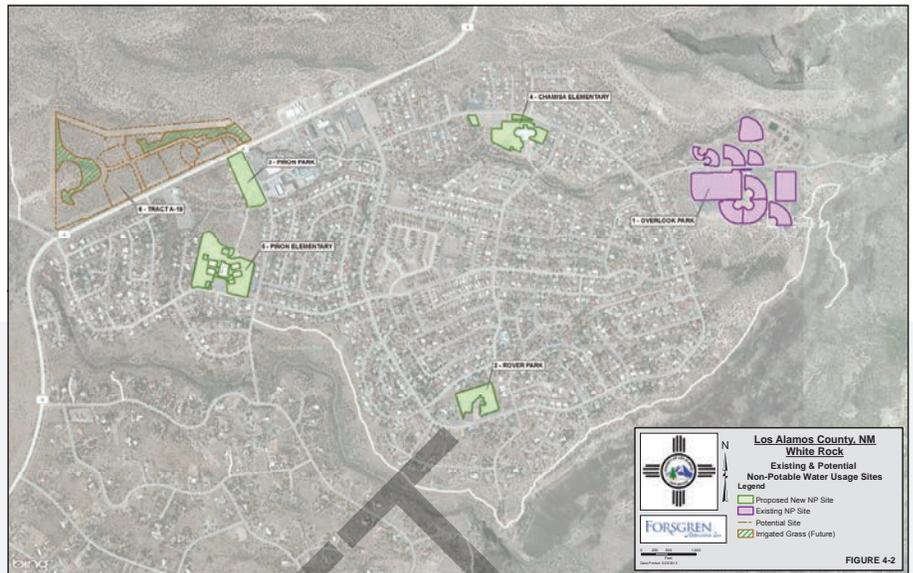
Reclaimed Water

Wastewater is currently treated at the Los Alamos Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and the effluent is used to maintain a wetland downstream of the WWTP and to irrigate four different sites in Los Alamos: North Mesa Soccer Field, North Mesa Ball Fields, and Los Alamos County Golf Course. Effluent from the White Rock WWTP is used to irrigate Overlook Park. Per the Fiscal Year 2021 DPU Annual Report, 116 million gallons of reclaimed water was used to irrigate green spaces throughout the county.

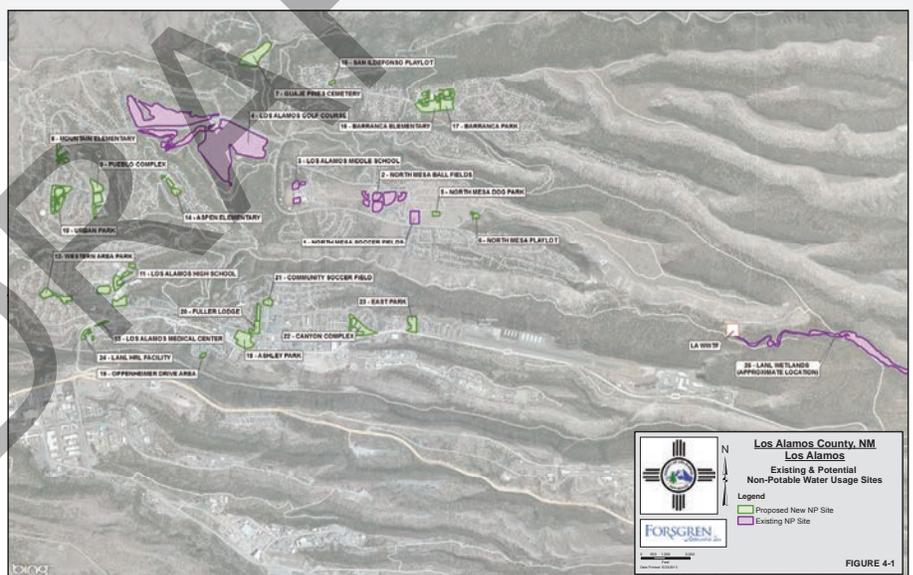
Los Alamos' original golf course began using reclaimed water in 1945 (the first in the nation to do so) and White Rock began irrigating Overlook Park with reclaimed water in 1985. DPU continues to evaluate the expansion of reclaimed water use per the guidance of the Los Alamos County Non-Potable Water System Master Plan, last updated in 2013.

The Non-Potable Water System Master Plan was prepared to optimize the use of effluent and surface water for irrigation purposes. This master plan helps DPU review existing infrastructure, evaluate existing and potential future irrigated sites, develop a realistic demand for system build-out, and recommend system improvements. This resource continues to serve as a planning tool for non-potable projects, and, as such, there is no timeline to update the Non-Potable Water System document.

Expansion of the non-potable system is supported by loan/grant funding from the New Mexico Finance Authority Water Trust Board, which is applied for annually.



Locations of non-potable/reclaimed water irrigation sites in White Rock (top) and Los Alamos townsite (bottom). Figures taken from the Non-Potable Water System Master Plan.

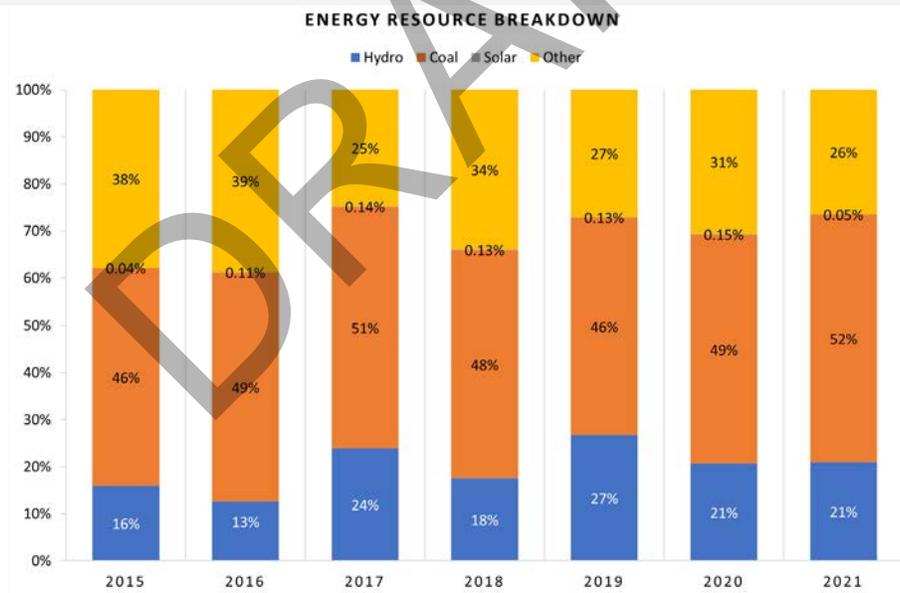


Electrical Resources and Supply Overview

System Components

The DPU and the DOE are joined in an ECA which allows each entity to combine resources for the Los Alamos Power Pool. The Power Pool purchases, sells, and schedules the power requirements for Los Alamos County customers and LANL. The current ECA expires in 2025 and both parties are working on negotiations for a post-2025 ECA.

Los Alamos County owns and operates the electric distribution system in Los Alamos and White Rock, and manages the Power Pool resources 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. However, the County does not own any transmission systems to get the electricity to its customers. The Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) provides the transmission service into Los Alamos County. DOE owns the transmission system within the county that serves both LANL and Los Alamos County. The Power Pool utilizes PNM's network to bring energy to the DOE system, and then the DOE's system feeds the County's switching stations, which distribute power to DPU customers.



County assets of the Power Pool:

- San Juan Generating Station Unit 4 (coal, 36 megawatts)
- Laramie River Station entitlement (coal, 10 megawatts)
- El Vado hydroelectric facility (hydropower, 8 megawatts)
- Abiquiu hydroelectric facility (hydropower, 17 megawatts)
- Los Alamos Western Area Power Administration entitlement (hydropower, 1 megawatt)
- East Jemez Landfill photovoltaic array (solar, 1 megawatt)
- County transmission agreements
- County purchased power contracts
 - UNIPER, 2 agreements (wind and solar, 15-25 megawatts) * note: active as of 2022, and not reflected in above chart

Demand Projections

The Los Alamos County distribution system consists of the townsite substations, which provide power to approximately 7,507 customers and LANL in Los Alamos, and the White Rock substation, which provides power to approximately 2,815 customers.

The IRP provides load forecasts and demand projections based on several inputs of the ECA partners. This plan recognizes that Los Alamos County load and demand projections are driven by population growth and commercial activity. The LANL load is driven by mission change and pace of operation.

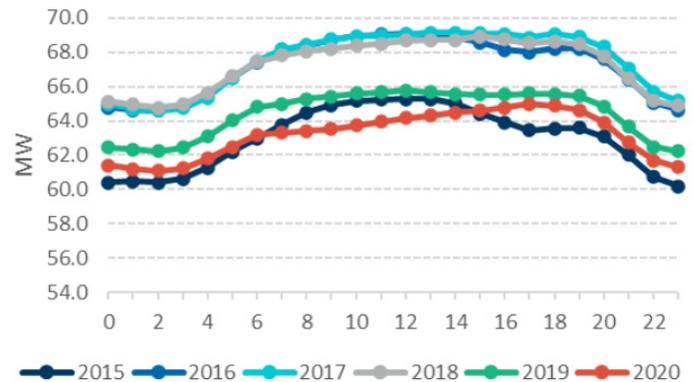
The Power Pool will also need to accommodate additional electrical needs for new housing units in White Rock and apartment complexes in Los Alamos townsite. The pace of electrical vehicle adoption and additional electrification as people switch away from natural gas also need to be considered.

Potential Concerns

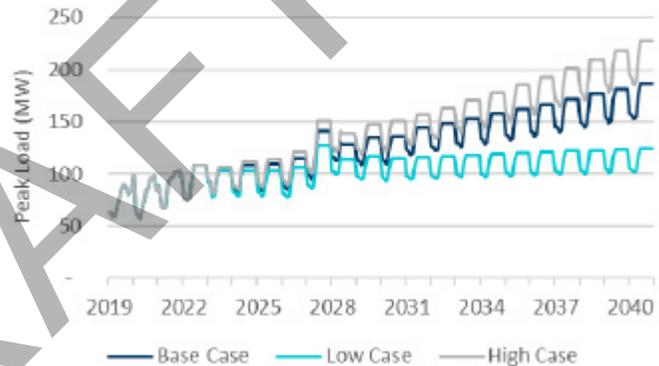
Providing a reliable source of electricity is the overarching concern for both electrical production and electrical distribution. As more and more electrical providers switch to renewable sources, there may be periods where there aren't enough renewable sources to match load. This issue is exacerbated by the slow construction of renewable sources because of material availability and required labor needs. Going forward, production sources need to be balanced: bringing renewable sources online as fossil fuel sources are phased out.

Transmission line concerns affect both production and distribution. Existing transmission lines can only carry so much electricity. As conversions from gas to electric continue, the demand for more electricity will increase, putting strain on existing lines and forcing the need for additional transmission lines from electrical production resources. Sourcing transformers is a concern on the distribution-side of transmission lines. DPU is in the process of replacing transformers and, like most supply-demand issues currently, is having to delay the progress of this project because of the slow pace of the manufacture of transformers.

Another potential concern that can be alleviated with planning is the maintenance, both planned and unforeseen, that takes power production sources offline for a given period of time. While the DPU has a goal response time of 60 minutes, known as SAIDI (System Average Interruption Duration Index), the occasional issue can take longer to resolve.



Los Alamos Power Pool Hourly Demand Summary, 2015-2020.
Taken from the 2022 IRP, Exhibit 48.



Los Alamos Power Pool Peak Load Forecast.
Taken from the 2022 IRP, Exhibit 57.

Electrical Resources and Supply Overview

Renewables

One of the strategic objectives approved by the BPU is for the DPU to become a carbon neutral electric provider by 2040.

Current electric resources utilized by the DPU for the Power Pool and considered renewable/clean energy are the El Vado and Abiquiu hydroelectric facilities, the hydropower provided from the WAPA entitlement, and the East Jemez Landfill photovoltaic array. The energy supplied to Los Alamos County that comes from these renewable resources hovers around 20% annually.

Recently, the DPU entered into two power purchase agreements with Uniper Global Commodities to bring solar and wind energy to Los Alamos County. The first began delivering energy in January 2022. This agreement is for 15 MW of wind and solar energy over 15 years with a subscribed output of 76% renewable energy. The wind portion of this agreement is online, but the solar is delayed due to material shortages. The second agreement is for 25MW and will be delivered from October 2022 to June 2025. Any excess megawatts generated from the first agreement will roll over to be a part of the second agreement. The 25 MW agreement will have a subscription output of 26% renewable energy.

WAPA contracted resources are subject to having an updated conservation plan as well as a current IRP agreement. The IRP agreement, a planning tool to guide the ECA in providing for future resources, was negotiated and extended until the year 2057.

An additional Power Pool resource being pursued, and discussed more thoroughly in Part II, is:

- Carbon Free Power Project (CFPP): a power generation facility that utilizes small modular reactor technology. There is potential to receive up to 8.3 MW from this resource. The facility is scheduled to be operational by 2030 and will be sited at the Idaho National Laboratory.

Non-Renewables

With the goal to become a carbon-neutral provider, the DPU is beginning to phase out its coal-powered resources.

The DPU is a partial owner in the San Juan Generating Station 4 near Farmington, NM. This station was planned to sunset at the end of June 2022. However, with the unavoidable delay in getting replacement renewable resources online and the timing of a power purchase agreement gap (Uniper coming online in October 2022), the BPU proposed to extend the San Juan agreement through the end of September 2022.

The DPU has a life-of-plant entitlement with the Laramie River Station in Wheatland, WY, with plant closure slated for 2040-2042. Opportunities continue to be sought for the DPU to capitalize on its long-term agreement by potentially swapping for renewable resources. In parallel, a negotiation for a hard exit, if an option exists, will be pursued in accordance with the BPU adopted goal.

Gas Resources and Supply Overview

The DPU owns and operates its natural gas distribution system. The regional transmission pipelines are owned and operated by New Mexico Gas Company. There are two sources of supply available for Los Alamos County. From these regional lines, two stations supply Los Alamos townsite and one station supplies White Rock.

Fiscal year 2022 has an average customer base of 7,263 residential units and 430 commercial, municipal, or educational units. These numbers fluctuate for any number of reasons, including households moving, seasonal residents, and businesses changing spaces.

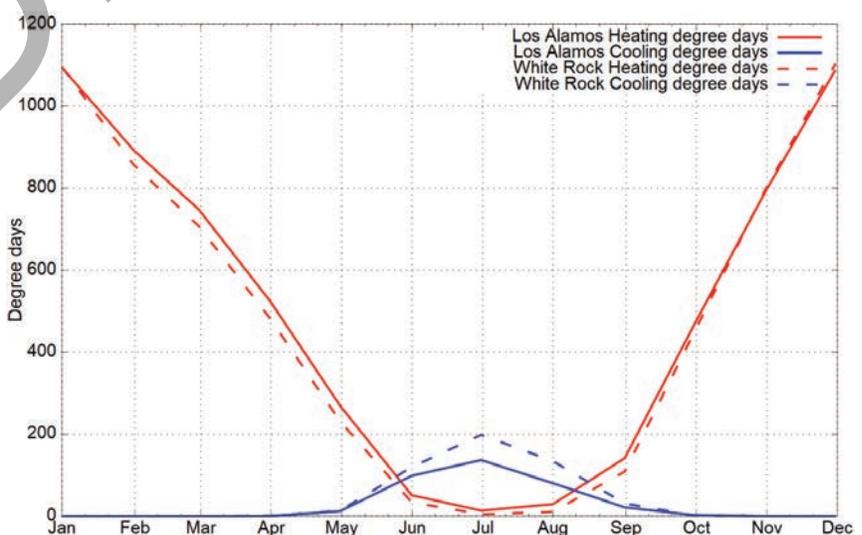
Demand Projections

The DPU has an ultimate goal of eliminating natural gas use by 2070. Demand projections include the reduction of natural gas usage each year. While simple in concept, achieving these reduced projections in practice may be far more challenging. Gas consumption is only predictable at a base level—the amount customers might use to heat water and run appliances. Other uses, primarily heating buildings, are dependent on weather patterns and much less predictable. What may look like a solid success in one year could be followed by failure to meet the reduction in the next due to uncontrollable weather-related circumstances.

Potential Concerns

There are few concerns with the gas supply specifically. Locally, freezing isn't an issue, and the risk of earthquakes damaging pipes is of low concern. However, supply issues from regional sources and systems can impact the Los Alamos system. For example, the failure of gas operations during the deep freeze in Texas in February 2021 caused a regional rate spike.

Another concern is related to the long-term elimination goal. As customers phase out natural gas usage in their homes, eventually gas rates will need to increase significantly for those still using natural gas to cover the DPU's cost of gas. This won't be obvious in the beginning, but it will cost the same to operate the natural gas system for 400 customers as it does 8000 customers. The DPU will need to plan for this transition.



Monthly average heating and cooling degree day (1991-2020).
Taken from the LANL Climatology 2021 Update, Figure 5.

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Water demand and consumption is tracked using a variety of metrics. All of the metrics rely on the base data pulled from the utility billing system, Munis.

Leak Detection Surveys

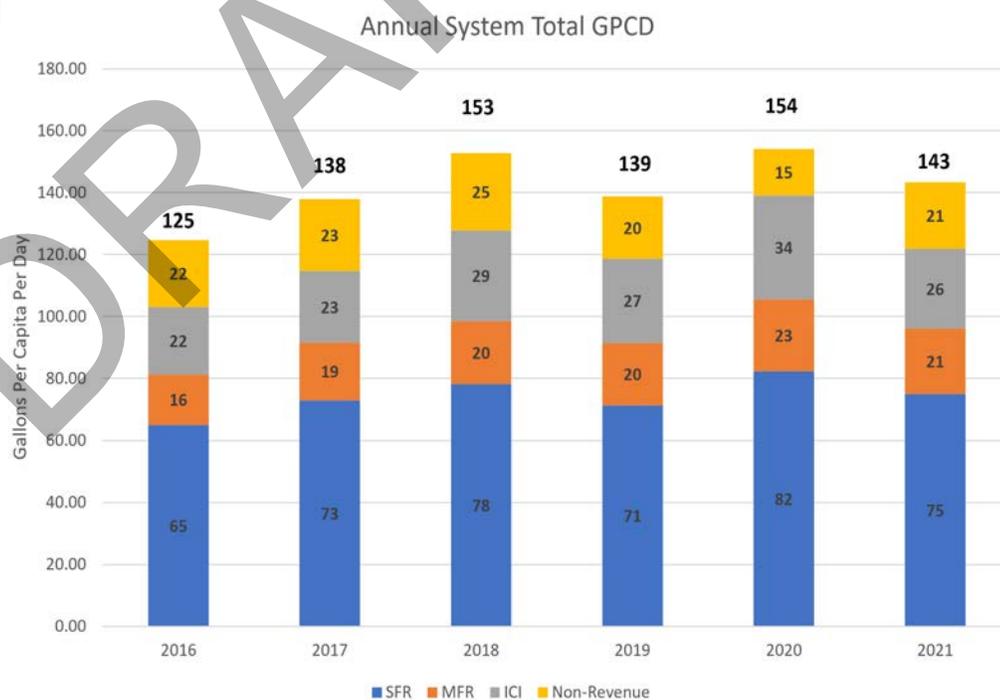
A system leak detection survey is conducted on a 5-year cycle. 20% of the total system is targeted annually. Each year a different part of the system is surveyed, and the leaks are classified into three categories: Class 1-3. Class 1 leaks are deemed hazardous and could result in damage to the utilities. Class 2 leaks display water losses significant enough to be monitored on a regular repair schedule. Class 1 and 2 leaks are repaired immediately. Class 3 leaks are relatively small and are repaired as workloads permit.

Gallons Per Capita Per Day

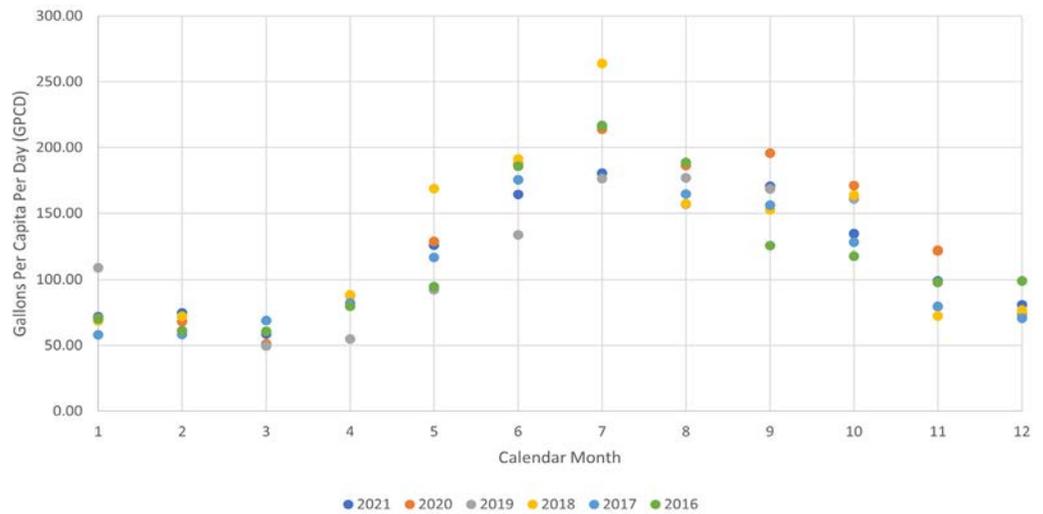
The NMOSE's Gallons Per Capita Per Day (GPCD) is a spreadsheet calculator completed and submitted annually to the NMOSE as a compliance piece for Los Alamos County water rights. This spreadsheet will be used to compare the County's water consumption with other communities in the southwest to help develop water conservation goals.

The GPCD charts in this plan report on the years 2016 to 2021. Household data is pulled from

the 2010 Census. 2020 Census data was not released at the time of the 2021 GPCD update. Average household size for the reporting period is determined, by Census data, to be 2.33 persons. The populations for Single Family Residence (SFR) and Multi-Family Residence (MFR) are calculated using average household size multiplied by the number of connections associated with each customer category. GPCD for each category is formulated by dividing class consumption by class population. All values are auto-calculated in the NMOSE GPCD spreadsheet.



Single Family Residence Monthly GPCD



Lower Left: Los Alamos County total system annual Gallons Per Capita Per Day broken down into customer class and Non-Revenue water.

This page: Charts compiled from the NMOSE GPCD calculator. The top chart graphs the GPCD of Single Family Residences while the middle graphs the GPCD of Multi-Family Residences. The bottom chart graphs all commercial, municipal, and educational facility (referred to as "Industrial, Commercial, Institutional by the calculator) GPCD.

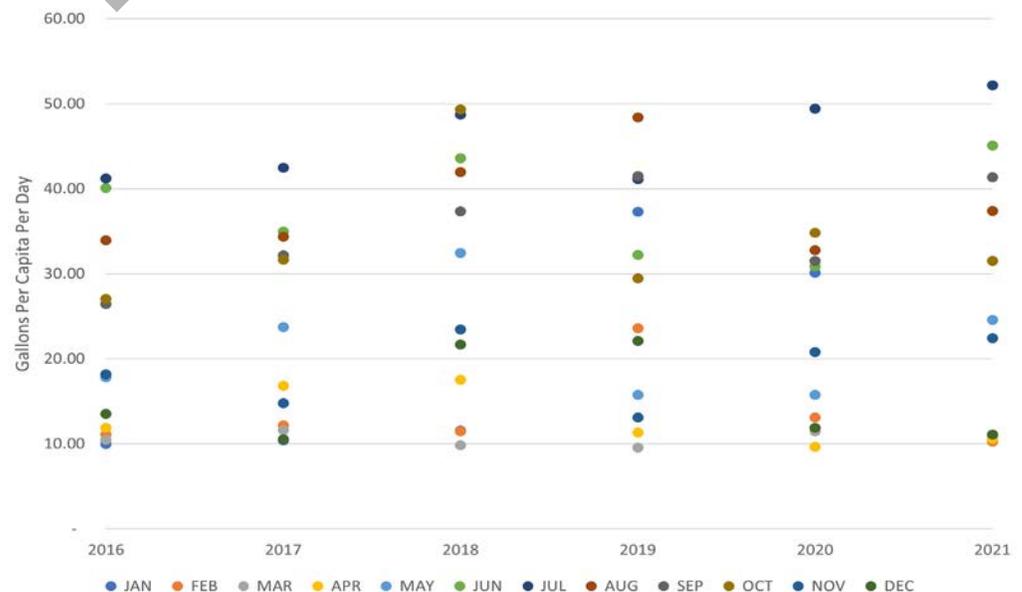
These values are for all of Los Alamos County and are not broken into community. More information on the difference between the two communities can be found in Part II, Goal 5.

Monthly total system GPCD for 2016 - 2021 can be found in Appendix 1 of this plan.

Multi-Family Residence GPCD



Industrial, Commercial, Institutional GPCD



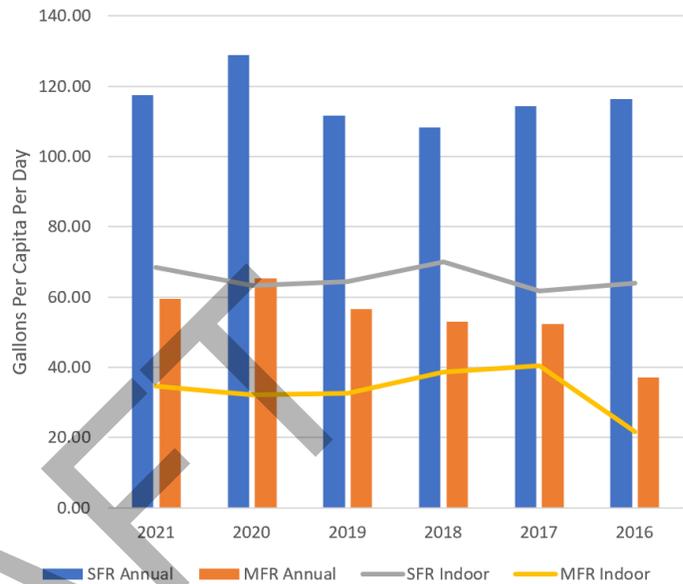
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Indoor GPCD

Using the GPCD calculator, indoor and outdoor water usage can be estimated. Indoor water consumption is calculated by averaging the three months - of the four winter months between December and March - with the lowest water use. Indoor GPCD is graphed with the annual GPCD for these two customer classes.

Outdoor GPCD

While reducing indoor water use is a common water conservation strategy, outdoor water use is a significant percentage of total water usage. This is expanded more in Part II, Goal 5 of the conservation program. Outdoor GPCD is calculated by subtracting the average monthly indoor GPCD from the total monthly GPCD. The charts below provide a detailed monthly breakdown of GPCD during peak water-use months (May to September). It is important to notice the difference in scales between these two charts.



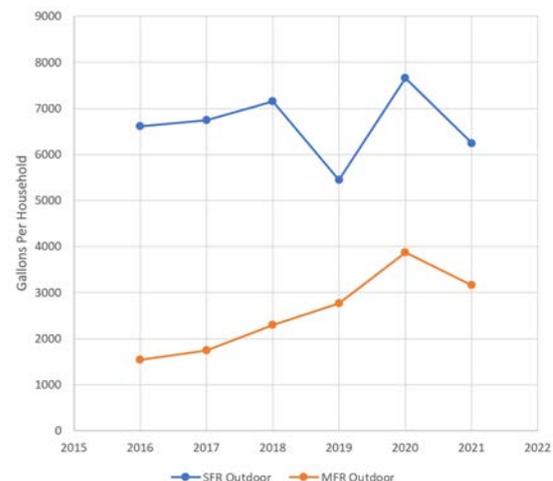
MFR Outdoor GPCD



SFR Outdoor GPCD



Estimated Outdoor Water Use: May - September



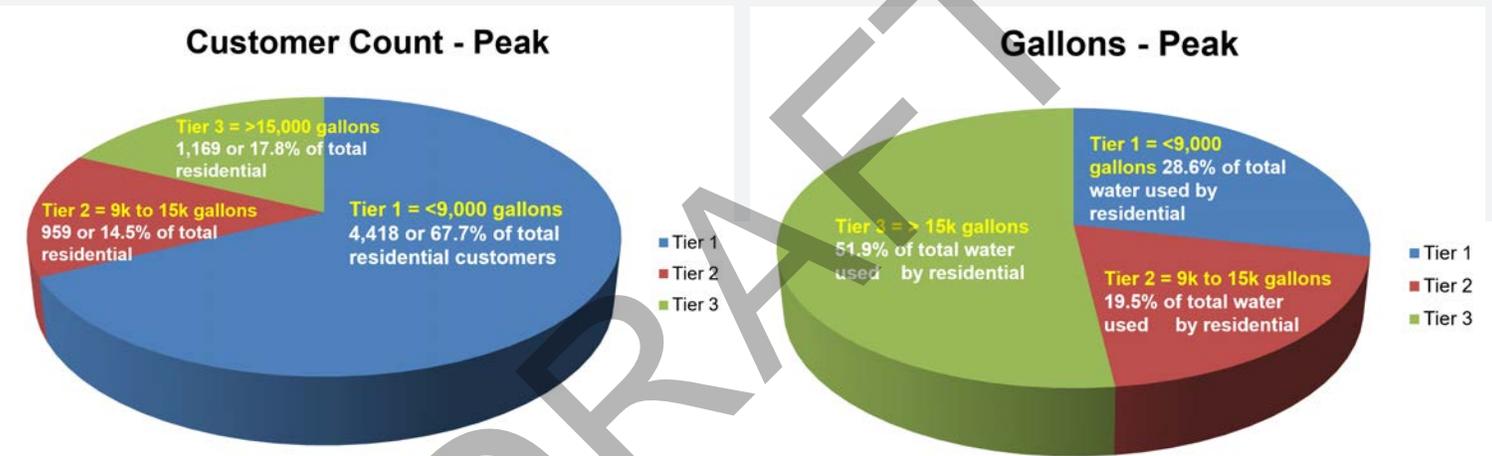
Alternatively this line graph displays outdoor water usage in gallons per household instead of GPCD because outdoor water usage is irrelevant of the number of household occupants.

Outdoor Water Usage

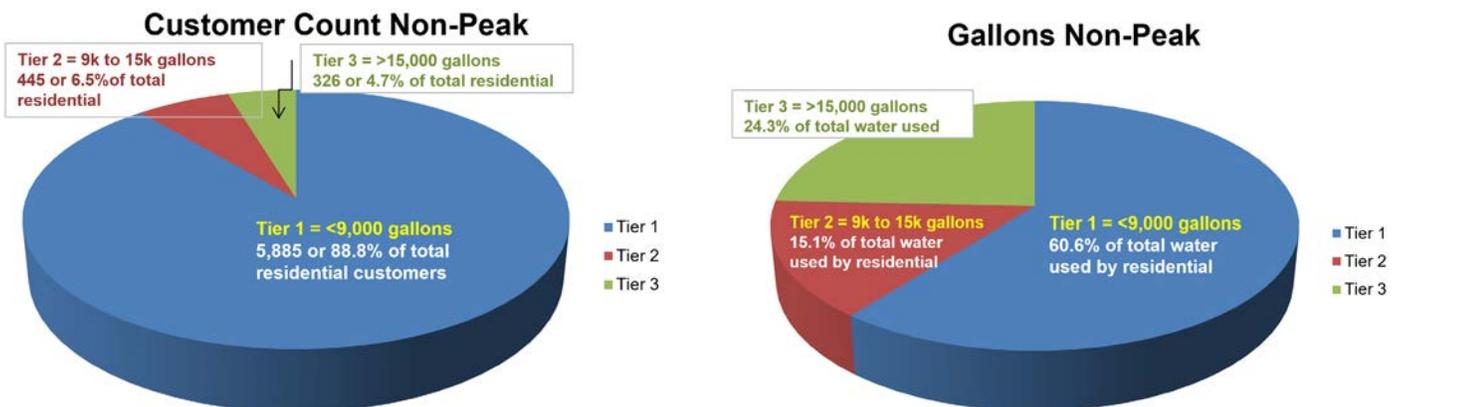
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Los Alamos	8,167	7,138	8,227	7,362	4,963	3,815	4,285	3,833	2,861	3,575	5,914	8,534
White Rock	10,182	13,189	12,246	11,332	6,447	4,410	5,014	2,954	3,565	4,378	8,252	11,078

FY2019-FY2021 average monthly water consumption per household, in gallons, for residential customer class. Note the significant increase of water usage for White Rock during peak water months (May through September).

All customer classes can take advantage of outdoor conservation measures. However, the “residential” customer class is likely to see significant benefits, especially when it comes to outdoor water use. Because there is typically only one meter servicing a household unit, outdoor water use can only be estimated and assumed. The following pie charts are 2019-2021 averages of Residential Water Usage. Peak season is May through September. Non-peak season in October through April. The DPU has a tiered water rate and there is a significant shift in usage between peak and non-peak seasons.



In this dataset, Tier 3 consumers represent 18% of households using 52% of the total water during peak season compared to Tier 3 representing 5% of households using 24% of total water during the non-peak season. Outdoor spaces like lawns and gardens use a lot of water and is a priority target area for reducing potable water consumption.



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Assessing Supplier Performance: Water

Utilities Water Audit

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) Water Audit is a requirement of the NMOSE to standardize a method of auditing water utilities when calculating the percentage of non-revenue water. The AWWA Water Audit tracks water from the point of withdrawal, or treatment, all the way through to the point of delivery to the customer.

Two of the important figures this audit helps to identify, which the DPU can then work to reduce, are apparent losses and real losses. Apparent losses include all types of inaccuracies associated with metering, data handling errors, and theft of water. Real losses are breaks or leaks in the water system on the supplier side on to the point of customer consumption. Below are results from the 2020 and 2021 (inside red box) audits. The Water Audit Data Validity Score (a measure of the reliability of available data provided in the audit) is the same for both years.

***** YOUR WATER AUDIT DATA VALIDITY SCORE IS: 72 out of 100 *****

System Attributes:		2020	2021	
	Apparent Losses:	21.840	20.429	MG/Yr
+	Real Losses:	122.499	106.564	MG/Yr
=	Water Losses:	144.340	126.993	MG/Yr
?	Unavoidable Annual Real Losses (UARL):	46.75	46.74	MG/Yr
	Annual cost of Apparent Losses:	\$126,456	\$122,983	
	Annual cost of Real Losses:	\$709,270	\$641,512	Valued at Customer Retail U Return to Reporting Worksheet to chang
Performance Indicators:				
Financial:	Non-revenue water as percent by volume of Water Supplied:	15.7%	14.9%	
	Non-revenue water as percent by cost of operating system:	5.9%	3.9%	Real Losses valued at Customer
Operational Efficiency:	Apparent Losses per service connection per day:	8.41	7.87	gallons/connection/day
	Real Losses per service connection per day:	47.18	41.06	gallons/connection/day
	Real Losses per length of main per day*:	N/A	N/A	
	Real Losses per service connection per day per psi pressure:	0.73	0.63	gallons/connection/day/psi
	From Above, Real Losses = Current Annual Real Losses (CARL):	122.50	106.56	million gallons/year
?	Infrastructure Leakage Index (ILI) [CARL/UARL]:	2.62	2.28	

* This performance indicator applies for systems with a low service connection density of less than 32 service connections/mile of pipeline

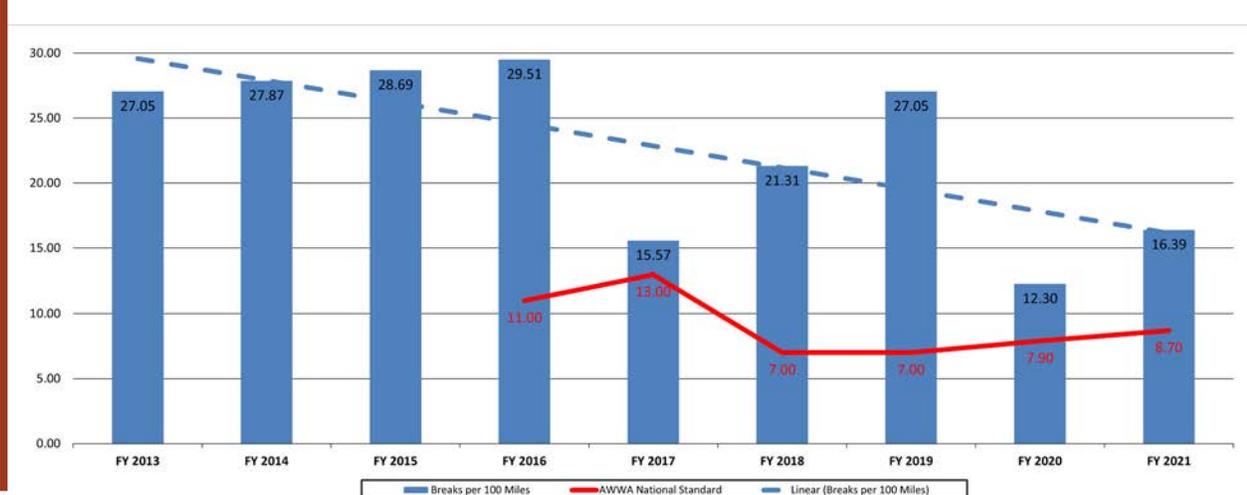
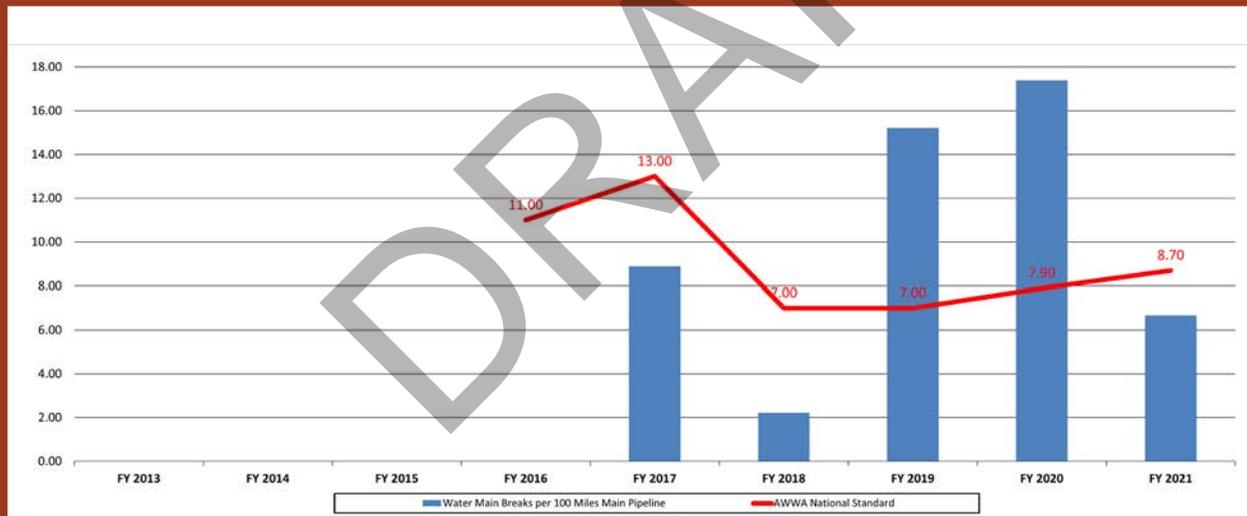
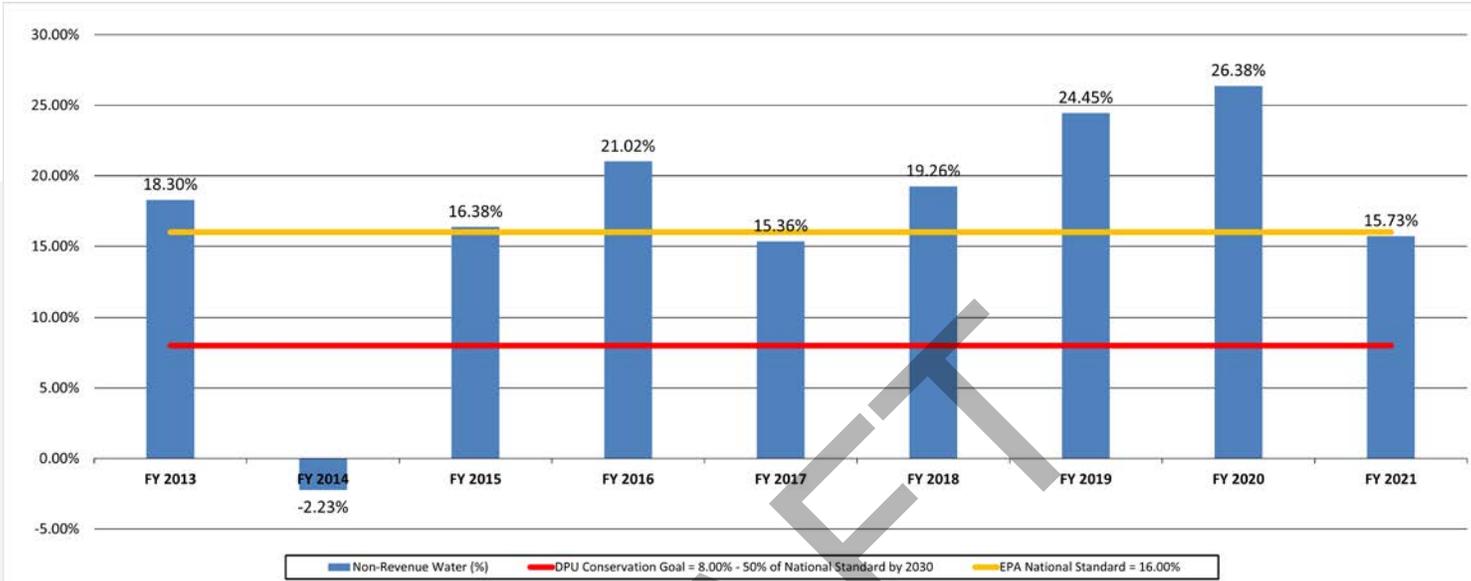
“Apparent Losses” decreased from 2020 to 2021 and this is in part to the installation of the advanced metering system on all water meters, which allow for leaks to be detected sooner and meters to provide more accurate readings. Additional guidance is provided within the AWWA Water Audit to decrease the DPU’s non-revenue water and subsequent cost to the system, presented in the table below.

Audit data collection	Short-term loss control	Long-term loss control	Target-setting	Benchmarking
Refine data collection practices and establish as routine business process	Refine, enhance, or expand ongoing programs based upon economic justification	Conduct detailed planning, budgeting, and launch of comprehensive improvements for metering, billing, or infrastructure management	Establish mid-range (5 year horizon) apparent and real loss reduction goals	Performance Benchmarking -Infrastructure Leak Index is meaningful in comparing real loss standing

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Tracking Non-Revenue Water

Below are examples of internal dashboards used to track water. Note, these dashboards are tracked per fiscal year, while the AWWA audit is tracked per calendar year. The graphs below help show sources of non-revenue water in terms of breaks and leaks in the water production system (middle chart) and in the water distribution system (bottom chart). The system graphs are percentages within 100 miles of pipeline and should not be taken to add up to the non-revenue water percentage.



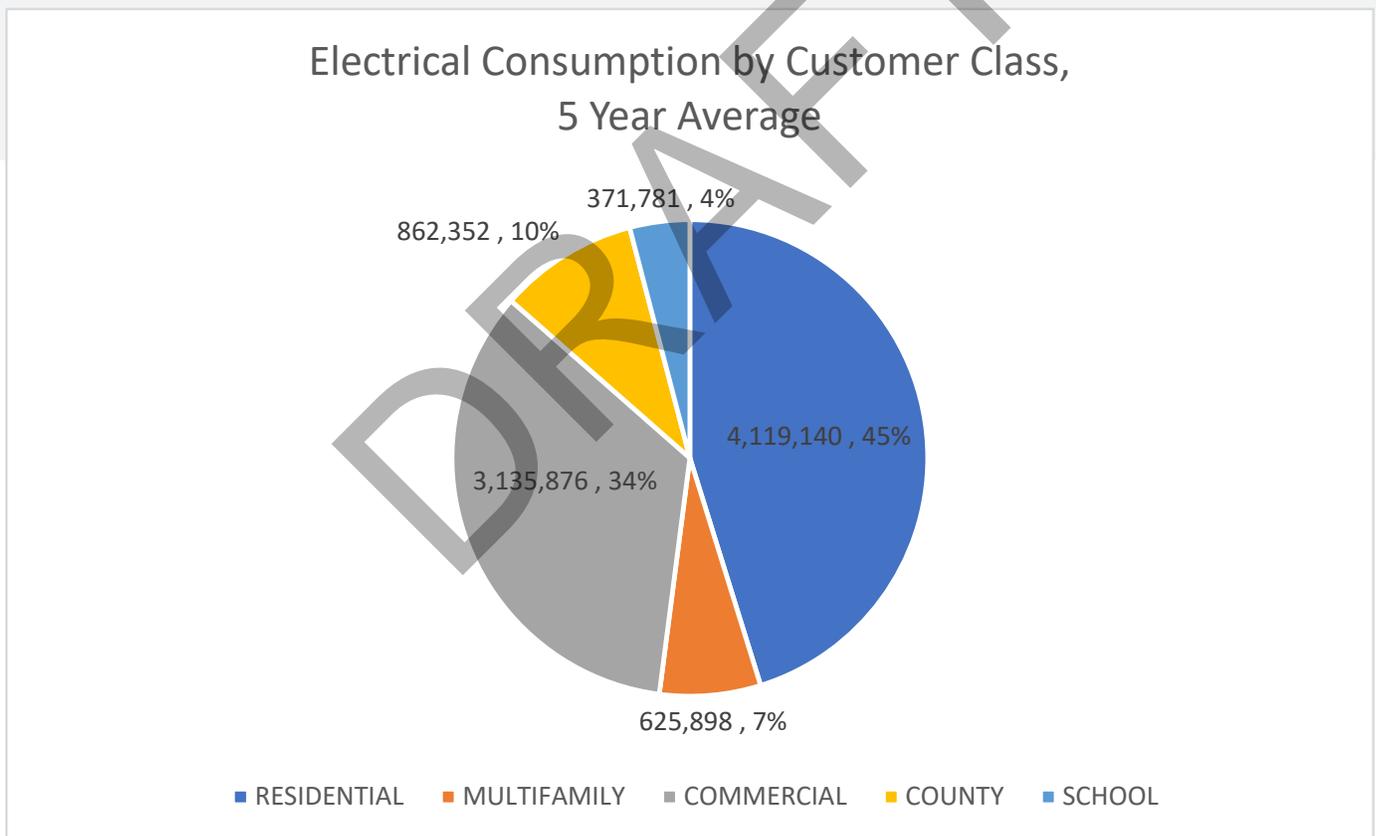
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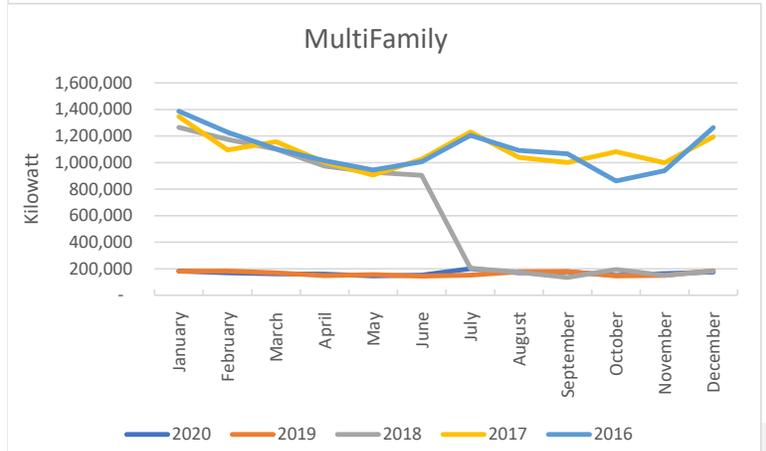
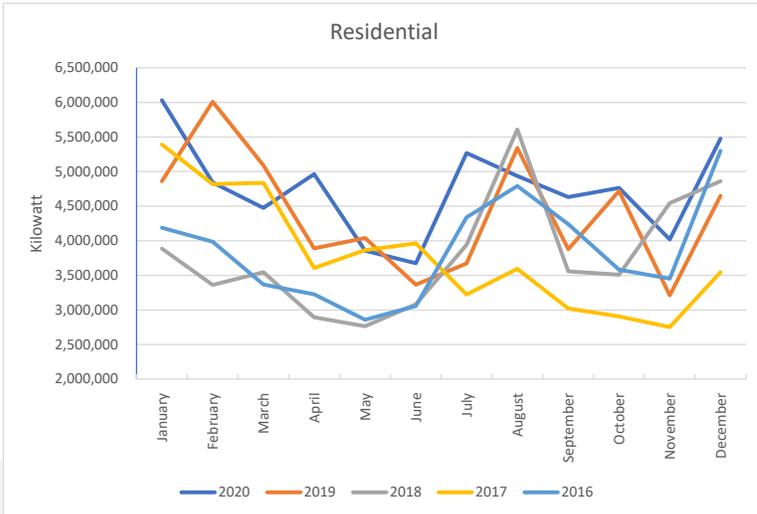
Electrical performance is tracked differently for power supply and electric distribution.

Power supply uses internal spreadsheets that calculate demand and losses. Losses are handled financially.

Electric distribution is tracked primarily through Munis and the consumption reports created using its data.

Below is a pie chart showing the 5-year (2016-2020) average of electrical consumption by customer class. This is an example of one of the consumption charts created through Munis.





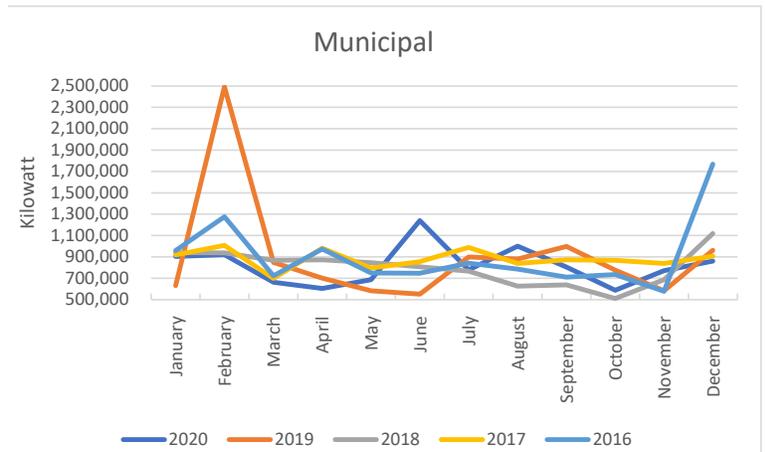
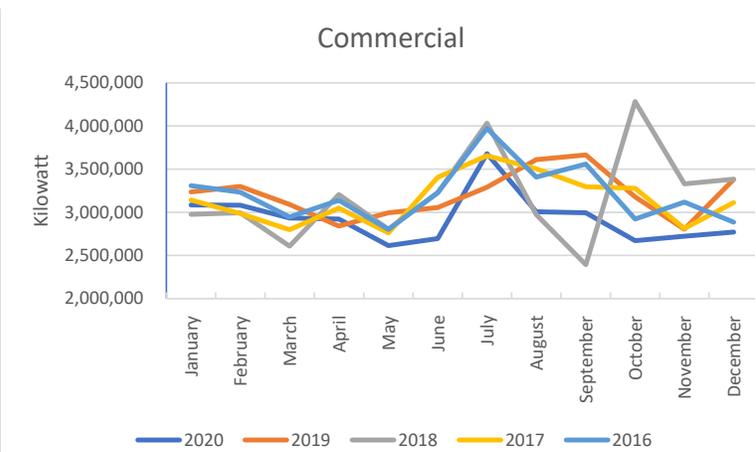
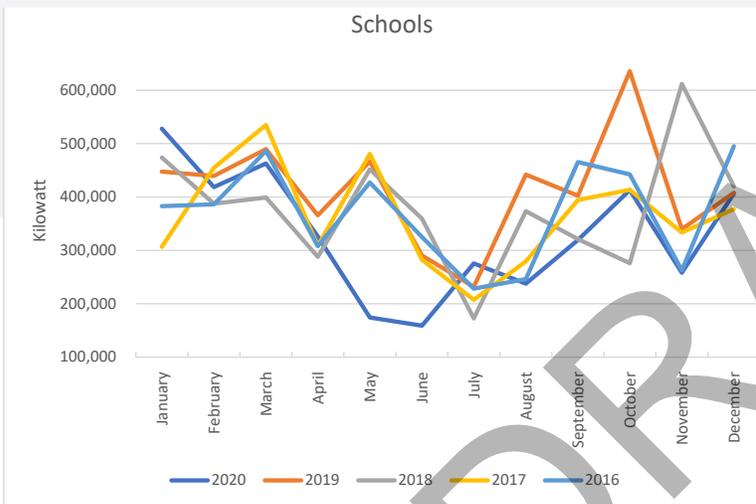
Listed are the consumption charts for each customer class for the last 5 years.

No data collection, tracking, and reporting method is without flaws, but by knowing and understanding the general usage of each customer type, outliers can be identified and determined if it was indeed a change in usage or an issue with data collection and metering.

For example, the DPU switched to the Munis system in July 2018. The Munis system categorizes the definition of "MultiFamily" differently than the previous system. Notice the drop in MultiFamily usage in July 2018 and the uptick in usage for Residential in July 2018 and beyond.

A non-Munis fluctuation is shown with the schools. Electricity usage drops dramatically in March 2020 through June 2020 as the schools were closed due to the COVID19 pandemic.

The Commercial and Municipal spikes in late 2018 and early 2019, respectively, are related to meter reading and billing issues are because of the Munis switch over.

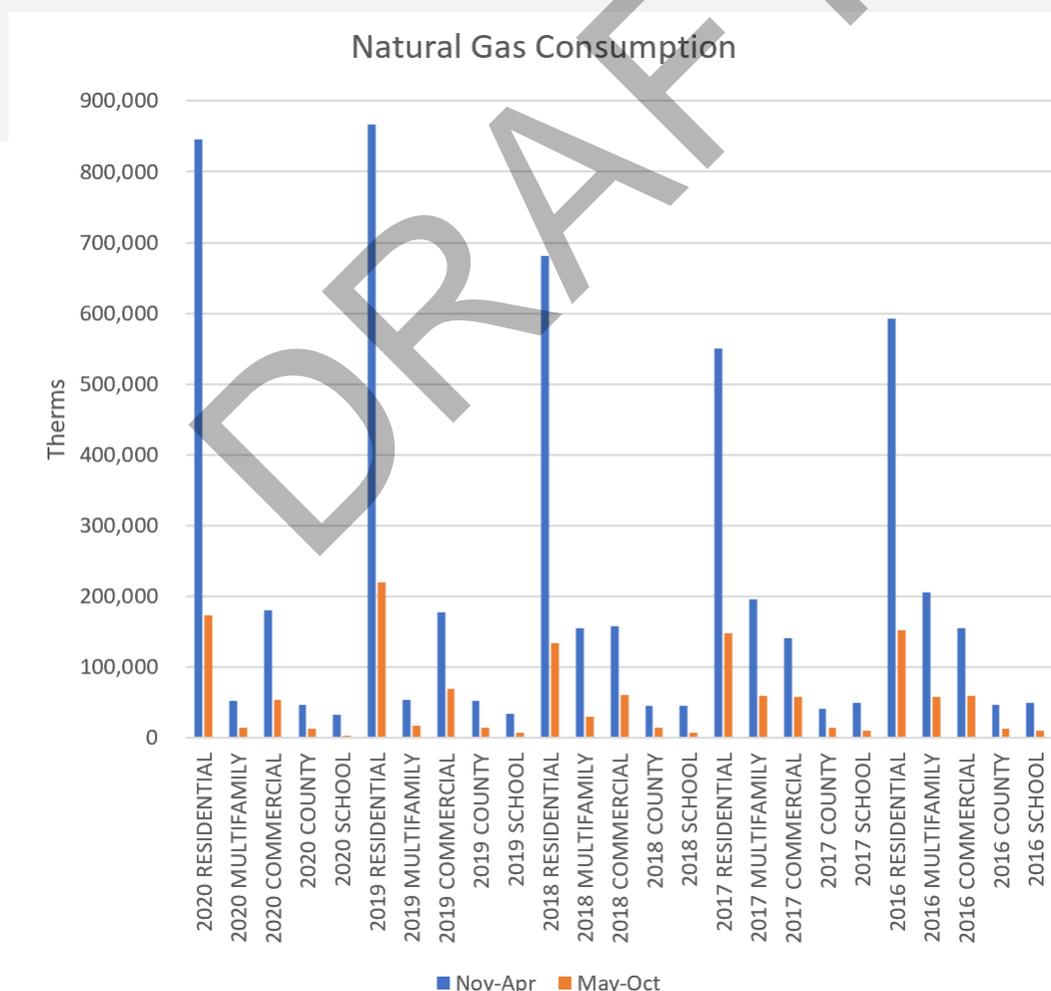


Assessing Supplier Performance: Gas

Gas performance metrics are tracked in the DPU's Gas, Water, Sewer internal gas dashboard in addition to the customer consumption monitored through Munis.

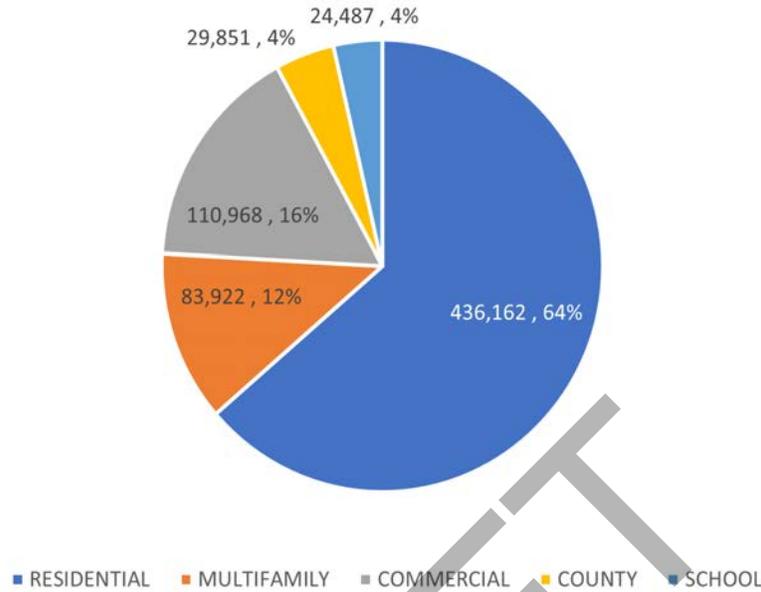
The gas industry requires extensive monitoring and reporting. Some examples include:

- An annual gas report submitted to the US Department of Transportation, which discusses pipe material and length as well as damage to and leaks in the natural gas delivery system.
- An annual greenhouse gas report submitted to the US EPA covering emissions relating to natural gas consumption.



Natural gas consumption by customer class and grouped into months typically needing a heating source (Nov-Apr) and months typically needing low or no heating (May-Oct).

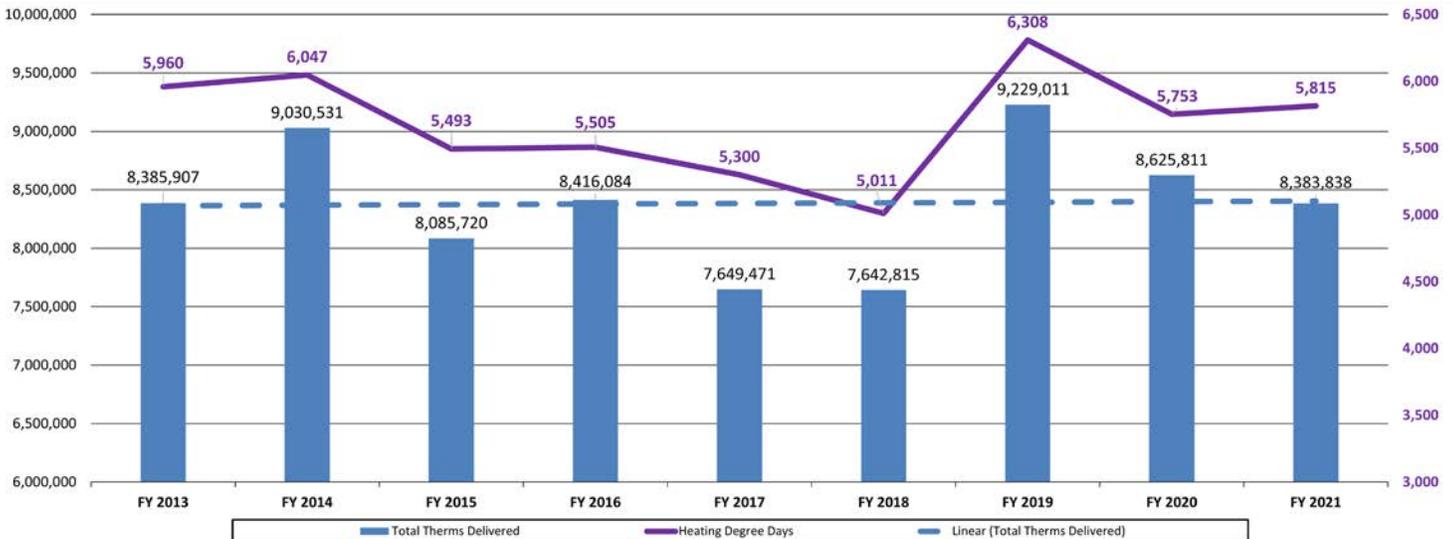
Natural Gas Consumption by Customer Class, 5 Year Average



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Los Alamos	20	17	17	28	69	114	145	149	128	84	48	29	71
White Rock	18	15	15	19	55	117	151	155	123	77	43	25	68

The above pie chart is a 5-year average (2016-2020) of natural gas consumption for each customer class tracked within Munis. Figures are reported in therms and percentage of total. The table is a representation of residential monthly gas consumption between Los Alamos and White Rock. It is a monthly average from FY2019-FY2021.

The complex chart below shows the total therms delivered each Fiscal Year. This chart helps to show that natural gas fluctuates with Heating Degree Days (HDD) and is a good indicator that a significant number of furnaces within Los Alamos remain natural gas fueled.



Therms delivered with heating degree days, taken from DPU internal dashboard.

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Water and Energy Conservation Program

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Water and Energy Conservation Program

Overview

The DPU Water and Energy Conservation Program (WEC Program) is facilitated by a full-time staff member, the Conservation Coordinator, who is responsible for implementing and tracking progress (success/failure) of the components of the WEC Program. The Conservation Coordinator will partner where and when appropriate. This revision focuses on conservation goals over the planning period 2022-2027.

Prioritizing Goals

The priorities of the WEC Program are organized and outlined in this conservation plan, which is a dynamic document driven by the DPU strategic goals and influenced by public input, whether through committees, surveys, or comments from a variety of channels. The BPU reviews strategic goals annually and revises objectives based on emerging technologies, community priorities, and progress within each objective. Because the DPU provides all utilities to Los Alamos County, the WEC Program is slightly different from other conservation plans in that it's broader than a typical water conservation plan or an energy efficiency plan. The BPU decides on five or six utility-specific conservation objectives instead of overexerting resources by choosing too many objectives for each of the provided utilities.

For Los Alamos County to achieve the maximum conservation of utilities, efforts need to come from both the supplier (DPU) and the demand-side (Customer). The following pages focus on each of the strategic goals, ranked from highest to lowest priority, as determined by the BPU. Within each section, projects, programs, and best management practices will be discussed as pertaining to the DPU and to the Customer.

Fiscal Year 2024 strategic goals and objectives were approved by BPU on September 13, 2022.

The strategic objectives (primarily from Goal 5.0 – Achieve Environmental Sustainability) in order of highest priority to lowest priority, as determined by the BPU, are as follows:

1. Provide Class 1A effluent water in Los Alamos County.
2. Promote electric efficiency through targeted electric conservation programs.
3. Be a carbon neutral electric provider by 2040.
4. Reduce natural gas usage by 5% per capita per heating degree day by 2030 and support elimination of natural gas by 2070.
5. Reduce potable water use by 12% from 143 gallons per capita per day (2020 calendar baseline) to 126 gallons per capita per day by 2030.
6. Communicate with stakeholders to strengthen existing partnerships and identify new potential mutually beneficial partnering opportunities (from Goal 6.0 – Develop and strengthen partnerships with stakeholders).

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Actions within each goal have been prioritized based on feedback from an update committee formed in 2020 as well as implementation ability (feasibility and readiness).

Previous Conservation Program

The previous conservation program provided conservation goals for the planning period 2015-2019. Shortly after the plan was adopted, the position of Conservation Coordinator became vacant. The DPU fulfilled much of the conservation initiatives with the education and outreach contract with PEEC. Summaries of utility-specific conservation practices of this previous program will be discussed in each subsequent section.

Current Program Goal Support

Goals within each utility are additionally supported by the following plans, studies, and committees:

Water

Jemez y Sangre Regional Water Plan, 2016 (see updates to selected projects in Appendix 6)
Los Alamos County Long-Range Water Supply Plan, 2017
Los Alamos County Non-Potable Master Plan, 2013
DPU Conservation Plan Update Committee, 2020
Los Alamos County Comprehensive Plan, 2016

Electric

DPU Conservation Plan Update Committee, 2020
Electric Reliability Plan, 2021
Integrated Resource Plan, 2022

Gas

DPU Conservation Plan Update Committee, 2020
Environmental Sustainability Plan, 2017

Evaluation

Measures of success are evaluated annually by the BPU to determine changes in goals. These include:

- compliance pieces (AWWA audit, GPCD spreadsheet, unaccounted for gas, greenhouse emissions)
- cost effective returns (is induction program encouraging changes)
- ability (for example, DPU cannot currently provide rebates/incentives directly)
- budget
- priorities (is there an emerging issue to address sooner)

Quarterly and annual reports are produced to convey projects, programs, etc. to customers.

Note: The WEC Program promotes conservation to the customer primarily through voluntary compliance. There is currently no regulatory enforcement of any practices, aside from rate changes.

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Program Targets

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Education and Outreach	Bill inserts @12/yr				
	Quarterly talks @4/yr				
	New Conservation Ed/Outreach Contract (until 2030)				
	Commercial Efficiency Program				
	APWA Accreditation				
WATER	Reduce non-revenue water				
	White Rock WRRF Const.	WRRF Tours			
Class 1A Effluent	LA filter upgrade				
	2% sewer rate inc.	2% sewer rate inc.	2% sewer rate inc.	2% sewer rate inc.	
Reduce Potable Water Use	Water Rule W-8				
	5% water rate inc.	5% water rate inc.	5% water rate inc.	5% water rate inc.	
	Toilet retro research	Toilet rebate, if feas.			
Non-potable use increase	Xeriscape Program				
	Reservoir Restoration		Non-Potable Water Master Plan projects		
	Bayo Tank Const.				
GAS	Promote gas efficient and gas alternative appliances				
	IRA rebate/incentives for electrification of heating/cooking				
Reduce Gas Use	2%+ gas rate inc.	2%+ gas rate inc.	2%+ gas rate inc.	2%+ gas rate inc.	
	Meter replacement				
ELECTRIC	Electric rate study				
	Investigate power technologies				
Carbon Neutral Provider	SJGS Exit	Solar options		Carbon Free Power Project	
	IRP update		ECA		
	Install EV charging	EV cohort?			
Promote Electric Efficiency	Building energy code update		IRA rebate/incentives for electrification of heating/cooking		
	Promote technologies with demos				
	Smart Energy Provider	Rebate possibility-UAMPS			
	Energy efficiency kits				
	Library program trial				
Evaluation and Compliance	AWWA Audit	AWWA Audit	AWWA Audit	AWWA Audit	AWWA Audit
	GPCD	GPCD	GPCD	GPCD	GPCD
	Gas Leak Survey	Gas Leak Survey	Gas Leak Survey	Gas Leak Survey	Gas Leak Survey
	Strat. Plan	Strat. Plan	Strat. Plan	Strat. Plan	Strat. Plan
	Public Input		Public Input		Public Input

ADDENDUM

Education and Outreach

Overview

In the 2022 Voice of the Customer Survey, conducted between January 4 and February 9, 2022, it was determined that customers gave DPU a poor rating on “helping customers conserve electricity, gas and water.” Education and outreach are critical components in promoting conservation. To avoid redundancy, several education and outreach deliverables are listed here and will apply to each of the goals that follow. This list is not exclusive as education will happen as opportunities present themselves.

DPU’s current Conservation Education and Outreach contract expires in February 2023. Bids are being evaluated for a new contract to begin in February/March 2023.

Public Information

Audience: DPU Customers, 9000
Target timeline: Monthly

Each month, the DPU includes information with the mailed utility bill. Sometimes these are seasonal topics (e.g., gas safety as winter sets in, saving water in the summer months, etc.) and sometimes they are programmatic in nature (enrolling in the new Automated Metering Self Service portal). The Conservation Coordinator has a goal to include a conservation-themed insert each month. Close to 9,000 customers receive a paper bill, and thus, the inserts. All bill inserts are also placed on the DPU’s website for easy viewing and for those that receive electronic billing statements. A social media campaign for Facebook and Twitter is coordinated with each insert topic to provide additional information to our customers. See an example in Appendix 5.

Outreach Events

Audience: Public, 1000/year
Target timeline: Quarterly

The DPU will enhance its presence in the community by attending different events that occur throughout the year to promote relevant programming and outreach efforts. Such events include:

- Earth Day: once a year, April
- Farmer’s Market: every Thursday, May – October
- ChamberFest: once a year, June
- ScienceFest: once a year, July
- Los Alamos Fair and Rodeo: once a year, September
- WinterFest: once a year, December
- Meetings can include Rotary Club, Kiwanis, Habitat for Humanity, etc.

	Attendance	Program Spending
2021	6150	\$34,574
2020	4829	\$37,205
2019	10,647	\$35,760
2018	9311	\$46,565
2017	7505	\$40,257
2016	3900	\$35,720

PEEC programming outcomes (incls water festival)

School Programs

Audience: Youth, 4000/year
Target timeline: School year with some summer activity

Currently, the DPU has a contract with Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) to do educational programs both in school settings and for the public. PEEC does an excellent job of gearing school programs to current DPU projects. The Conservation Coordinator will also engage in the classroom to enhance promoting conservation in the schools.

Program topics include: The Water Cycle, Water-Wise Gardening, Water Infrastructure, Electricity and Magnetism, Energy Sources, and the Water Festival, among many others.

Water ADDENDUM

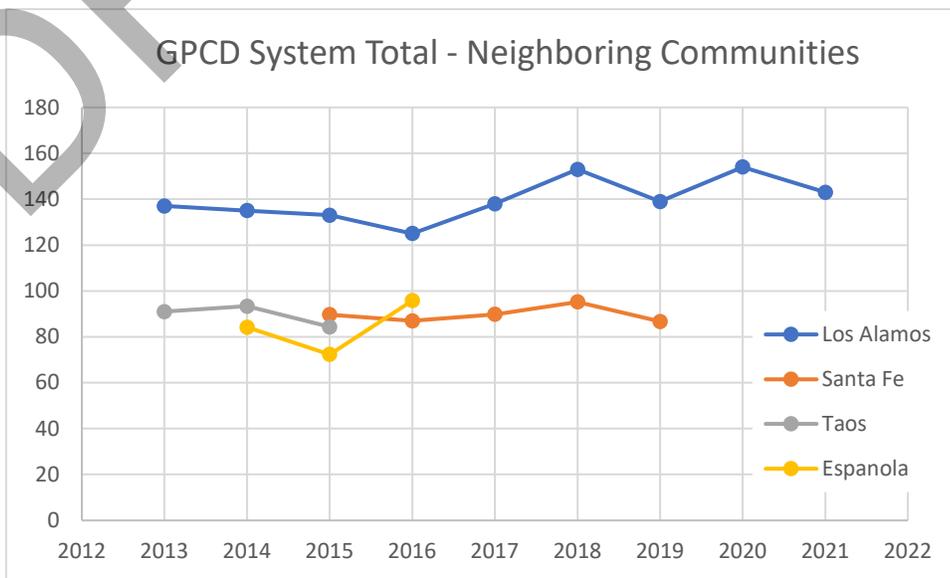
Overview

The 2015-2019 conservation program was guided by the following water-centered goals:

Goal 1. Decrease water consumption by 12% by 2050. This goal was a recommendation from the 2006 edition of the Long-Range Water Supply Plan and was adopted by the BPU.

- a. Priorities to achieve this goal – from public input
 - i. Increase water conservation education and outreach
 - Update: DPU contracted with PEEC to provide student and community education and outreach for a period of 7 years (2016-2023).
 - 2022 Update: Automated meters have been installed for all utilities on almost all customer accounts (unless opted-out) between 2020-2023. These meters provide hourly consumption data to customers via an online portal. Data is available for a three-year period and can be exported by the customer to keep for future reference.
 - ii. Residential irrigation audits and Commercial water audits
 - Update: Conservation Coordinator was trained in water audits and performed a handful for community businesses.
 - 2022 Update: water audits are on hold until current Conservation Coordinator can be appropriately trained. Coordinator can offer to review water consumption trends in metering system in the interim.
 - iii. Improve Water Rule W-8 with enforcement (adopted in 2005)
 - Update: W-8 continues as an encouraged, voluntary program. The program was never enforced.
- b. Other priorities
 - i. System leak detection surveys
 - Update: ongoing at 20% of system evaluated annually.
 - ii. Water rates
 - Update: water rate change in 2017, 2019, and 2022.
- c. Success toward goal up to 2021 plan revision:
 - i. This goal was initially met in in 2014 when comparing diversion data, per the 2017 Long-Range Water Supply Plan (page 68).
 - ii. A more aggressive goal was set for FY2017 with a 2016 baseline.
 - iii. This goal was again revised and adopted in FY2021 with a 2020 baseline to achieve a GPCD of 125.84 by 2030.

Goal 2. Conservation efforts should be focused on single family residential homes and multi-family customer class. This goal was determined by the NMOSE GPCD spreadsheet and using the GPCD methodology will allow the DPU to evaluate consumption against surrounding communities and adjust goals accordingly.



The 2022-2027 conservation program focuses on the following water-centered goals:

1. Provide class 1A effluent water in Los Alamos County.
2. Reduce potable water use by 12% from 143 gallons per capita per day (2020 calendar baseline) to 126 gallons per capita per day by 2030.

ADDENDUM

Goal 1: Provide Class 1A Effluent Water in Los Alamos

Class 1A Effluent is the highest classification of wastewater/reclaimed water.

Per a strategy identified in the Jemez y Sangre Basin Regional Water Plan, Los Alamos County is upgrading its two wastewater treatment plants to operate at the highest classification currently available. This will help protect our existing water sources by more efficiently processing wastewater and reducing trace contaminants from effluent. Because effluent from both plants is used as reclaimed irrigation water, upgrading the filtration and treatment systems would allow flexibility in irrigation schedules and more efficient use of the reclaimed water.

Upgrade Los Alamos Wastewater Treatment Plant

*Audience: DPU
Target timeline: 2023
Funding: \$3.5 million
Water Trust Board Funding, Capital Budget*

Tertiary filtration equipment is being added to the Los Alamos Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), which will upgrade its effluent classification from 1B to 1A. This project is moving along with the hinderance of increased cost of work impacting wastewater’s budget.

White Rock Water Resource Reclamation Facility

*Audience: DPU
Target timeline: 2023
Funding: \$30 million
Clean Water State Revolving Loan*

The existing wastewater treatment plant in White Rock was built in the 1960s and is reaching the end of its lifespan. A new Water Resource Reclamation Facility (WRRF) is in the process of being constructed. This new facility was designed in-house to best serve the White Rock system needs. The WRRF is projected to be operational by 2023; however, supply-chain delays could push this date out.

Sewer Rate Increase

*Audience: all DPU sewer customers
Target timeline: Oct. 2022 — Oct. 2025
10-year investments in wastewater infrastructure: \$49,106,584*

Community	Monthly Bill Based on	
	6000 gal	14,000 gal
LA FY23	\$58.21	\$58.21
LA FY24	\$59.37	\$59.37
LA FY25	\$60.56	\$60.56
LA FY26	\$61.77	\$61.77
Ruidoso	\$79.71	\$111.95
Angel Fire	\$113.29	\$206.01
Santa Fe City	\$44.56	\$90.72

Sewer rate increases are necessary to build cash reserves in the wastewater fund to ensure the department’s ability to meet operational needs, handle system retirement obligations, and meet debt service requirements, and in preparation for unanticipated system failures or external disruptions. The topography of Los Alamos requires a complex wastewater system of pipes, pumps, and 27 lift stations. Santa Fe, comparatively, has four lift stations. See the table to the left for other community rates.

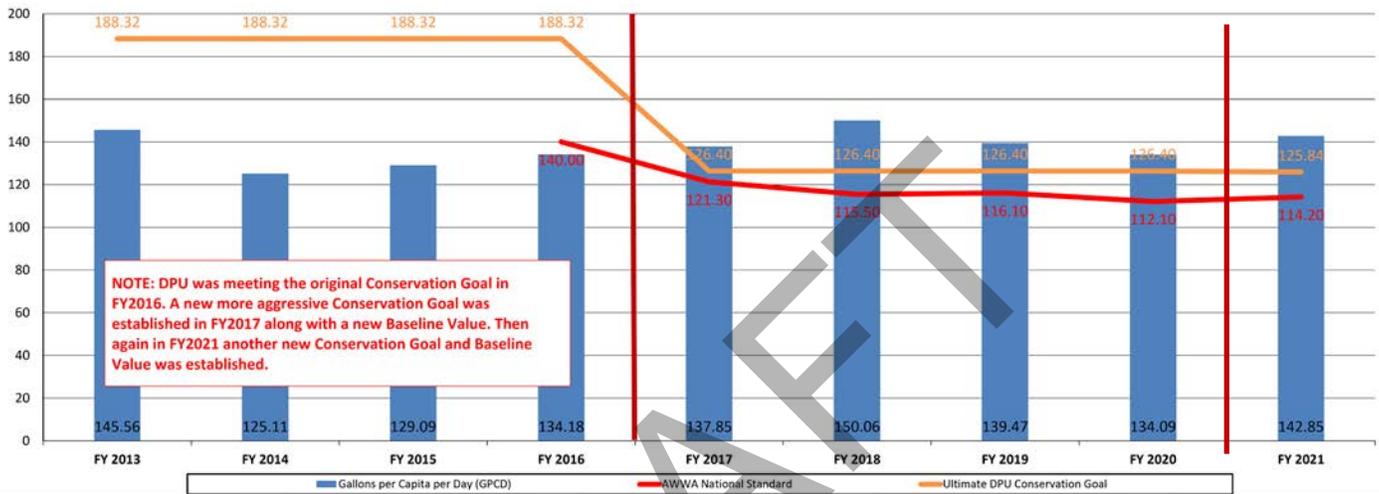
A new sewer rate was approved in February 2022. The rate increase will be at 2% per year for four years affecting the monthly service fee, the flat rate charge for residential customers, and the variable rates for commercial and non-residential customers. This was approved by both BPU and County Council and went into effect on October 1, 2022.

ADDENDUM

Goal 2: Reduce Potable Water Use to 126 GPCD

The full objective is to reduce potable water use by 12% from 143 gallons per capita per day (2020 calendar baseline) to 126 gallons per capita per day by 2030. The DPU Update Committee of 2020 recommended “reducing water use by at least a third.”

The Jemez y Sangre Basin Regional Water Plan identifies Los Alamos as having a GPCD between 200-300 and assumes a future GPCD reduction to 150 gpcd. The DPU GPCD calculations reflect values much lower and the BPU strives to meet the 12% reduction (adapted to the changing population) as recommended in the Long-Range Water Supply Plan to ensure accommodating future demands.



Gallons Per Capita Per Day (GPCD) for Los Alamos County, taken from an internal dashboard.

The chart above shows nearly a decade of total GPCD for the Los Alamos County water system. The orange line tracks the DPU’s conservation goal over this time. The 2020 baseline GPCD is 143.00. By 2030, GPCD will need to be 125.84 or less to meet the goal. This table lists achievable benchmarks for each year.

The figure below is from the study completed for the Long-Range Water Supply Plan. The conservation savings are from the 2016 GPCD baseline and population predictions. While a little out of date, with the LRWS plan last updated in 2017, the figure provides a good picture of the differences in savings between GPCDs.

BASELINE GPCD: 143.00		Total Savings (Gal/Yr) from 2020
2021	141.28	11,850,353
2022	139.57	23,700,706
2023	137.85	35,551,058
2024	136.14	47,401,411
2025	134.42	59,251,764
2026	132.70	71,102,117
2027	130.99	82,952,470
2028	129.27	94,802,822
2029	127.56	106,653,175
2030	125.84	118,503,528

Per Capita Water Use (gpcd)	Reduction from 2014 Per Capita Use (%)	Annual Conservation Savings	
		Low Population Projection (acre-feet) a	High Population Projection (acre-feet) a
130	4	89	124
120	11	267	371
110	19	444	619
100	26	622	866
90 ^b	33	800	1,114

^a Annual water conservation savings that would be achieved based on reductions from the 2014 per capita value of 135 gallons per day in 2060.

^b This value is equivalent to the City of Santa Fe’s per capita demand in 2015.

LRWS Plan projections of potential water conservation savings (taken from Table 5-10, LRWS Plan).

ADDENDUM

Reduce Potable Water Use

Promoting Conservation of Water

Estimated savings from current GPCD to reach 2030 goal:
11,850,000 gallons a year.

Water Rate Increase

Audience: all DPU water customers
Target timeline: Oct. 2022 — Sept. 2025

Recent inflation and supply chain issues have necessitated rate increases for water. These rates will help ensure that there is sufficient water to meet customer water demand. This demand includes the increasing load at LANL and new housing developments throughout the county. The rates also contribute to repair and replacement of aging infrastructure to reduce leaks and main breaks, ensure appropriate infrastructure to support fire suppression, and maintain safe, quality drinking water that meets all standards.

Monthly Consumption	Consumption May - September (Peak Season) Commodity Rate per 1,000 Gallons over 9,000 gal to		
	9,000 gal or less	15,000 gal	over 15,000 gal
Single Family Residential	Current	\$6.02	\$6.40
	After 10/31/2022	\$6.50	\$7.15
	After 09/30/2023	\$6.83	\$7.51
	After 09/30/2024	\$7.17	\$7.89
	After 09/30/2025	\$7.53	\$8.28
Multi Family Residential	Current	\$6.02	\$6.33
	After 10/31/2022	\$6.50	\$6.50
	After 09/30/2023	\$6.83	\$6.83
	After 09/30/2024	\$7.17	\$7.17
	After 09/30/2025	\$7.53	\$7.53

This rate increase includes cost-of-service adjustments. Specifically, rates will increase after each "peak" season (end of September). DPU's tiered water rate structure encourages water conservation during the peak season by increasing the water rate for usage above 9,000 gallons for single-family residences, the class using the largest amount of water at this Tier 2 rate in peak season (see page 027 for graphs).

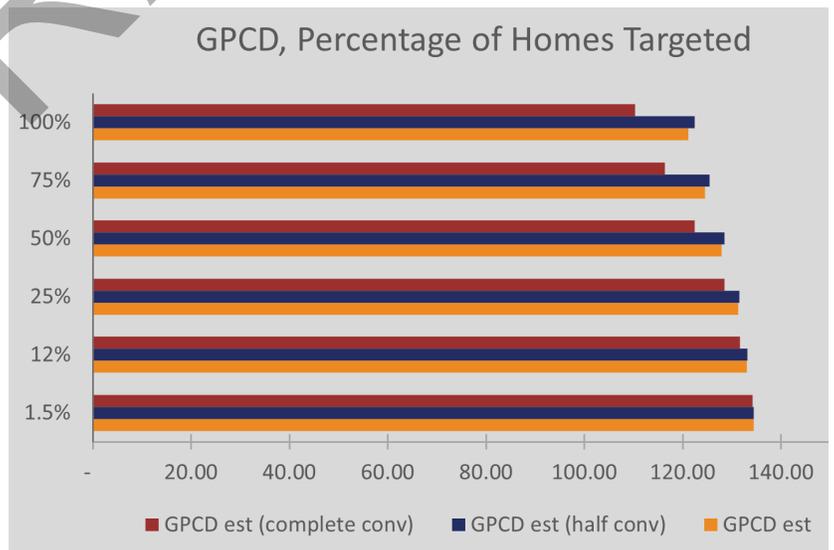
Promote Xeriscaping

Audience: primarily SFR homeowners
Target timeline: Spring 2023
Saving potential: 1.2-2.5 million gal/yr

Outdoor water usage is discussed on pages 026-027 of this plan. There are an estimated 5,369 single-family homes (per GPCD calculator). The graph to the right shows the change in GPCD if both front and back yards (complete), or just one yard (half), are converted to Xeriscapes/native-scapes.

This program would be partnered with the Los Alamos Master Gardeners and their Demonstration Garden and with PEEC and their garden space at the Nature Center. Additional partners could include the local nursery and landscaping companies. A webpage and resources will be available for homeowners to utilize.

GPCD, Percentage of Homes Targeted



Toilet Retrofits

Audience: pre-1994 constructed homes
Target timeline: Summer 2023 — 2025
Saving potential: 1.4 million gal/yr

Taking the housing information provided on page 013 of this plan, it is unknown how many of the estimated 7,000 homes have a water-efficient toilet. Calculations to the right show GPCD reductions based on a percentage of the pre-1994 homes. A toilet retrofit program would be explored in phases.

- Phase 1: research/estimate retrofit potential by surveying pre-1994 homeowners
- Phase 2: explore grants to provide rebate options
- Phase 3: implement program and incorporate Fix-A-Leak educational materials

ADDENDUM

Reduce Potable Water Use

Tools and Incentives to Conserve Water

Water Rule W-8

*Audience: DPU customers, primarily homeowners
Target timeline: ongoing*

The Water Rule W-8 is a voluntary program that encourages customers to conserve outdoor water use by implementing the following best management practices:

- Between May and September, odd and even addresses can use irrigation water on designated days of the week before 10am and after 5pm.
- Water waste and irrigation water runoff should be eliminated.
- Sources of water leaks should be repaired.

Water Audits: Residential and Commercial

*Audience: DPU customers, 25/yr
Target timeline: mid-2023 – 2024*

Water audits look at consumption data from utility bills, leaks from faucets and toilets, and water use habits. The DPU formerly completed commercial water conservation audits and irrigation audits for utility customers. It was determined not to be an efficient use of the coordinator's time at that period. Customers are encouraged to enroll in the new Automated Metering Self Service portal as an excellent way to self-audit. This program will send alerts when water consumption is above normal usage levels.

Commercial customers can also access the Automated Metering Self Service Portal. Additional efforts are planned to target non-residential customer classes as part of a Commercial Efficiency Program. This set of workshops will provide these customers information and resources to reduce consumption and increase efficiency of their properties.

LANL is one of the largest water customers for water-use processes; however, LANL is not under the jurisdiction of the DPU. LANL implements its own site-wide sustainability plan, which includes water-efficient measures.

The public school system is another large user and has expressed interest in working with DPU to reduce its consumption and improve water efficiency. The school could use reclaimed water for irrigation at a reduced rate.

An evaluation process is under way to partner with the Parks department to assess the irrigation of public parks and open spaces. This will allow the County to lead by example when encouraging other customers to reevaluate their own water and irrigation needs.

Water Efficiency Kits

*Audience: 500 households
Target timeline: ongoing*

Water Efficiency Kits are advertised to new residents. The items inside this kit are a small sampling of conservation tools that can go a long way in saving water and money in homes and small businesses. These kits are free and contain such items as a low-flow faucet adapter, a water leak detector, a toilet tank saver, and a drip calculator.

Direct Rebates

*Audience: all DPU customers
Target timeline: TBD*

The DPU, as a public entity, cannot currently offer any direct rebates on water conservation efforts that will reduce a customer's usage. This is subject to change with the recent NM constitutional amendment and customers will be notified of any rebates. Until then, the DPU shares federal rebate programs and will seek offering rebates as grant funds allow.

ADDENDUM

Reduce Potable Water Use

Increasing Non-Potable Water Estimated expansion of non-potable water: ~9 million gallons.

Non-Potable Water Master Plan

*Audience: DPU
Current non-residential irrigated acres: 200
Target timeline: 2013 — ongoing*

The Non-Potable Water System Master Plan was prepared in 2013 to optimize the use of effluent and surface water for non-residential irrigation purposes. This Master Plan helps DPU review existing infrastructure, evaluate existing and potential future irrigated sites, develop a realistic demand for system build-out, and recommend system improvements. DPU has been and continues to reference the Master Plan for non-potable projects. Increasing the availability of non-potable, reclaimed water will decrease potable water use in non-residential irrigation, a large source of water consumption.

Los Alamos Canyon Restoration

*Water supply potential: 8 million gallons
Target timeline: Summer 2023
Cost: \$800,000
River Stewardship Program, Capital Budget*

The Los Alamos Reservoir was formerly a source of irrigation water and reserve water in the event of wildfire. Coincidentally, this water source and its transmission lines were severely damaged by major flooding events and siltation following the build-up of hydrophobic soils resulting from two wildfires in 2000 and 2011.

The DPU will be repairing the Los Alamos Canyon watershed using natural channel design. Repairs completed in this manner will allow for a more natural healing that will stand up long-term over manufactured, hard-wall type repairs. Once completed, the Los Alamos Reservoir will again be a viable source of non-potable water.

A recommendation of the LRWSP is to bring this reservoir back online to protect groundwater supplies in times of extreme drought. This project is also listed as a strategy in the Jemez y Sangre Regional Water Plan.

Non-Potable Water Tank Storage

*Water supply potential: 1 million gallons
Target timeline: Fall 2023
Cost: \$2,929,880
Water Trust Board, Clean Water State Revolving Fund*

One of the upcoming capital projects in the Non-Potable Master Plan is the Bayo Tank Project which will construct an additional storage tank and make improvements to the existing tank. Storage will increase from 190,000 gallons to 1,000,000 gallons. This will allow a full day's discharge to be captured from the WWTP, increasing the amount of water that can be delivered to the community for irrigation.

Non-Revenue Water

*Target timeline: 2030
Water supply potential: reduce non-revenue water by
half of EPA National Standard (16.00%)*

Per the AWWA audit results discussed on page 029, the DPU will work with the offered guidance to reduce its non-revenue water by half by 2030. This starts with an audit of the automated data collection system and works up through an Infrastructure Leak Index.

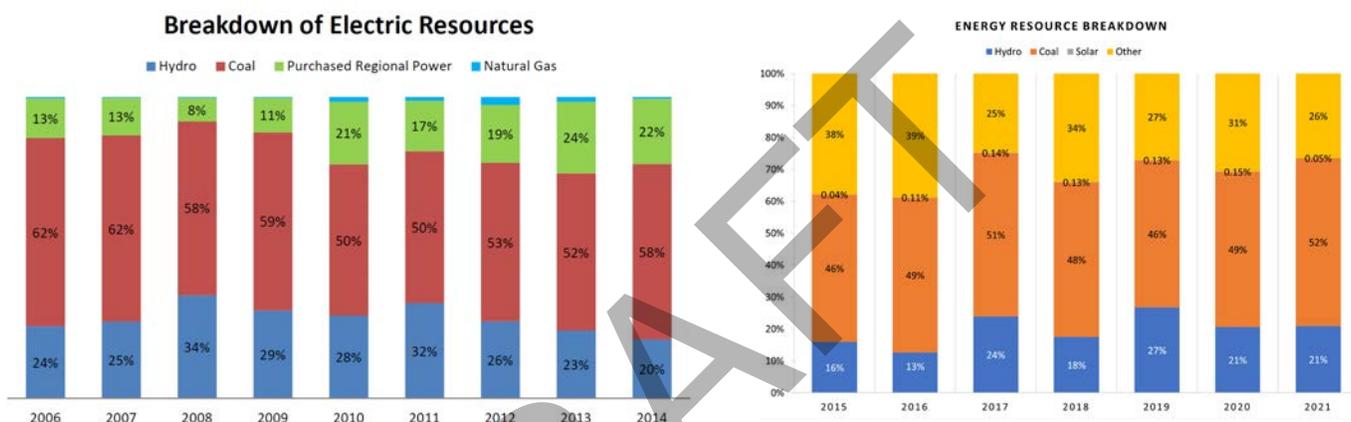
Electricity ADDENDUM

Overview

The 2015-2019 conservation program was guided by the following electric-centered goal:

a. Reduce CO2 emissions for each kilowatt of electricity produced.

- Update: emissions have not been calculated and tracked since 2015, but it can be surmised that overall CO2 emissions have decreased. The DPU has increased its power generated from wind and solar while phasing out one of its two coal-powered generating stations. A complete greenhouse gas study will be completed by the end of 2024, which will provide a better understanding of where this emission goal is trending.



b. Additional electric priorities and initiatives

- i. LA Green. A program that allows customers to pay a small surcharge for energy consumption to be used for “green” initiatives in the form of purchased Renewable Energy Credits (RECs).
 - 2015 Update: Los Alamos County owns considerable renewable and carbon neutral generation capacity and no longer needs to purchase RECs. Funds are used to offset additional operating costs on these generating resources.
 - 2022 Update: The DPU is using this funding source to fund energy efficiency technology demonstrations.
- ii. Loss Evaluated Transformers: replace 1000 old transformers in 10-15 years
 - 2022 Update: supply chain has significantly delayed this ongoing project.
- iii. Energy Audit
 - Update: Energy audits found to be an inefficient use of time and are on hold.

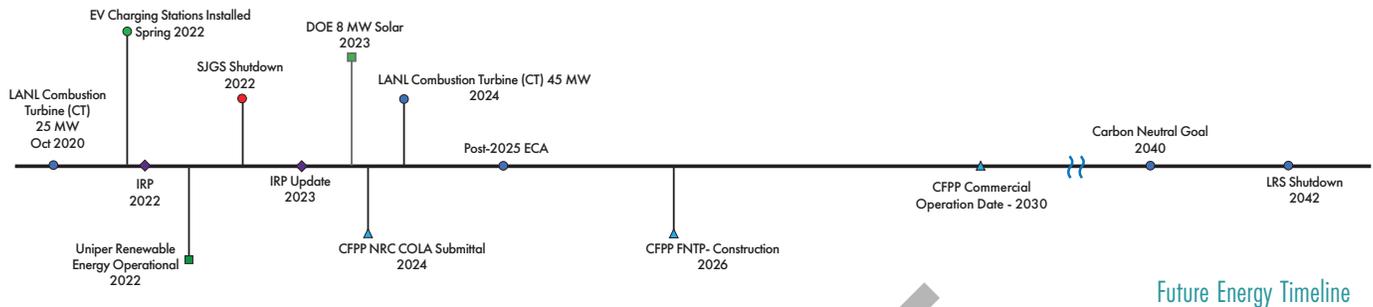
The 2022-2027 conservation program focuses on the following electricity-centered goals:

1. Be a carbon neutral electric provider by 2040.
2. Promote electrical efficiency through targeted conservation programs.

ADDENDUM

Goal 1: Be a Carbon Neutral Electric Provider by 2040

A “Carbon Neutral Electric Provider” means the DPU will be matching the electricity demand with a carbon free supply on an annual basis. This goal is predominately DPU-supplier focused.



Balancing Resources

Carbon resources: ~46 megawatts
 Oncoming renewables and carbon-neutral: ~27-39 megawatts

Exit the Coal-Powered Generating Stations

Audience: DPU
 Target timeline: Sept. 30, 2022; 2042
 Megawatts provided: 46, fossil fuel energy

The San Juan Generating Station (SJGS) is a coal-powered facility located in Farmington, NM. The DPU is a partial owner in the SJGS #4 and receives a significant portion of its electrical needs from this resource. An amendment was approved to extend the agreement beyond the original closing date of June 30, 2022, to fill an energy gap created by the delay of new generation resources throughout the west. The new closing date is September 30, 2022. The DPU is working to replace this resource with the clean energy sources listed in this section.

The other coal-sourced generation station is the Laramie River Station in Wyoming. It is slated for closure 2040-2042. The DPU power production team is beginning discussions to trade or possibly exit this agreement early.

Carbon Free Power Project

Audience: DPU
 Target timeline: online by 2030
 Megawatts provided: 6.0-8.3, carbon-free energy

The Carbon Free Power Project (CFPP) is a NuScale Power small modular reactor plant being constructed at the Idaho National Laboratory. CFPP is being spearheaded by Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS), of which the DPU is a member. The DPU is currently subscribed for 2 MW based on a money threshold of \$1.2 million. The amount subscribed changes with market fluctuation and could be supplied with 8.3 MW when fully subscribed. This project is the first of its kind in the United States. More information can be found at <https://www.cfppllc.com/>.

ADDENDUM

Be a Carbon Neutral Electric Provider

Tools and Incentives to Achieve Neutrality

Legislation

Audience: DPU
Target timeline: as-needed

Energy Transition Act (SB 489)

The Energy Transition Act, passed in March 2019, is New Mexico legislation that will make New Mexico a leader in renewable energy. The Energy Transition Act “sets a statewide renewable energy standard of 50 percent by 2030 for New Mexico investor-owned utilities and rural electric cooperatives and a goal of 80 percent by 2040, in addition to setting zero-carbon resources standards for investor-owned utilities by 2045 and rural electric cooperatives by 2050.” As SB 489 currently stands, this does not apply, but the DPU was one of the first in New Mexico to set a carbon neutral goal.

Industrial Revenue Bond Act (HB50)

Passed in 2020, this legislation makes transmission line projects eligible for Industrial Revenue Bonds available through cities and municipalities. The bond act will jump start critical transmission line construction, unlocking access to additional renewable energy resources.

Energy Grid Modernization Roadmap (HB233)

This piece of legislation, passed in 2020, directs the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department to develop a strategic plan for energy grid modernization and to create competitive grant programs to implement such projects. This bill will ultimately encourage utilities to propose grid improvements for reliable and up-to-date systems to meet growing renewable energy demands.

The DPU’s Electric Production team contributed to the advisory group in 2020 for this legislation and continues to participate in New Mexico Public Regulation Commission’s grid modernization webinars.

Smart Energy Provider

Audience: DPU
Target timeline: Dec 2022 — Nov 2023

The DPU will be reviewing the application requirements for designation as a “Smart Energy Provider” from the American Public Power Association. A Smart Energy Provider is a designation “for utilities that show commitment to and proficiency in energy efficiency, distributed generation, renewable energy, and environmental initiatives.” Should DPU decide it’s qualified, applications will open in December 2022 and close in April 2023. Designations will be awarded in October or November of 2023 and will last two years, after which, the DPU would need to reapply to ensure maintenance of Smart Energy Provider best practices.

Investigate Emergent Power Technologies

Audience: DPU
Target timeline: 2022-2027+
Megawatts provided: 15-25, renewable

The DPU will investigate power options as resources and technologies develop. As resources and demands evolve, keeping a diverse energy portfolio is important as is providing a reasonable rate to customers.

Solar Resources **ADDENDUM**

Photovoltaics/ Distributed Generation

Audience: DPU and Customers
Target timeline: 2040
Megawatts provided: 6 (initial goal)

Per the Fiscal Year 2021 DPU final report, there are approximately 3 megawatts of solar power installed on customers' roofs. The DPU will work with customers to promote education about and installation of additional solar panels while balancing this power load to the Power Pool grid. Distributed generation is programmed to supply 30% of the County's peak daily load locally.

The DPU is also interested in having a Hosting Capacity Analysis completed to understand the potential of distributed generation on the existing system and what upgrades would be required.

This study will also support the exploration of other solar installations such as panels on parking lot shelters and solarized building materials.

Legislation

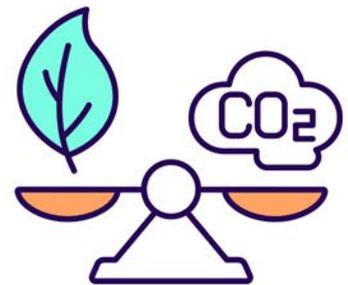
Audience: all utility users
Target timeline: ongoing — 2027

Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit (Senate Bill 29) 2020-2027

Enacted on March 1, 2020, this piece of legislation provides a tax credit of 10% for small solar systems, including on-grid and off-grid PV systems and solar thermal systems. There is an annual funding cap of \$8 million issued on a first-come first-served basis. Customers are encouraged to submit an application to the NM Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department as soon as their system is fully connected and operational.

Community Solar Act (SB0084) 2022-2024

This program supports the development of community solar facilities which allows "equal access to the economic and environmental benefits of solar energy generation regardless of the physical attributes or ownership of an individual's home or business" and ensures that at least 30% of projects be allocated for low-income subscribers. DPU has evaluated this, but the DPU can acquire utility-scale resources directly and community solar as an additional utility service isn't being pursued currently.



Transformer Upgrades

Audience: DPU
Target timeline: ongoing
Cost: \$45,000/refurbished transformer

As Los Alamos County electrifies and works to provide more carbon-free power sources, the grid system will need to be updated. Larger commercial transformers are specified and evaluated to run with minimal power loss over the life of the transformer. The replacement program is an ongoing effort to replace dangerous live-front transformers with safer dead-front versions. The original goal was to replace 1000 transformers by 2025-2030. However, supply chain issues have essentially halted this project. Transformers have increased in cost significantly and a small stock is kept on hand to immediately replace failed transformers instead of targeting aged ones on a list. The DPU will also need to prioritize transformer upgrades to accommodate the increasing electrical loading.

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Goal 2: Promote Electrical Efficiency through Targeted Conservation Programs

The Water and Energy Conservation Coordinator will be responsible for the targeted conservation program. Los Alamos County supports Energy Conservation in County activities with the adoption of Index No. 0330, "Energy Conservation Policy" (found in Appendix 7).

Initiatives

Promote Energy Efficient Technologies with Demonstrations

Audience: all DPU customers

Target timeline: 2023-2025

The technologies being promoted as replacements to natural gas appliances are also highly energy efficient in comparison to conventional appliances. Other efficient technologies could include solar power and battery storage, lighting improvements, and programmable thermostats and controllers. The possibility of waiving permitting fees for efficiency improvements is also a recommendation of the DPU Update Committee of 2020.

The DPU is discussing different options to best demonstrate some of these technologies with a debut by 2023.

Customers could receive direct mailings with information on efficient technologies. For example, homes built before a certain year can be assumed to have a gas furnace and could be provided information on more efficient alternatives.

EV Charging

Audience: DPU, visitors

Target timeline: Spring 2023

Cost: \$286,000, capital project

The DPU is currently mid-project of installing two DC fast chargers in county-owned parking lots. While these and existing chargers are targeted at visitors, the DPU will investigate the options — ranging from encouraging to providing — for charging access for residents, especially the growing number of multifamily units.

An application has been submitted to be a part of a working Clean Energy to Communities peer-learning pilot cohort. This cohort will explore "accelerating the deployment of equitable, grid-friendly EV charging infrastructure" with other neighborhoods across the country.

Commercial Efficiency Series

Audience: all non-residential customers, ~800 meters

Target timeline: starting 2023

Because residential customers make up the majority of DPU's customer base, a lot of programming is targeted at this class. However, in reviewing the 5-year average electrical consumption by class (see page 030), residential customers are a small percentage of the consumers. A program is in development for the commercial, education, and other classes. This program will be guided by the ENERGY STAR and WaterSense resources pertaining to these customers. A certification award will be considered for customers who achieve a set reduction in energy and/or water. Many of the buildings these customers occupy are older and could potentially have outdated and unmaintained fixtures and appliances. For example, weatherstripping gaps can save 5-10% on energy bills.

LANL implements its own efficiency plan, but the DPU could partner to exchange program ideas and spread initiatives across the county.

ADDENDUM

Electrical Efficiency in Targeted Conservation Programs

Tools and Incentives to Promote Efficiency

Rebates and Incentives

Audience: all utility users
Target timeline: ongoing — Dec. 1, 2032

The DPU cannot directly offer rebates, but customers can take advantage of the following:

Inflation Reduction Act (HR 5376)

2022-2032

Part of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) is to reduce America's emissions. Per Rewiring America's *Go Electric Guide*, the IRA strategically **offers discounts and incentives** "to make the transition to clean energy and a decarbonized life easy and financially smart." This act will encourage the adoption of EVs and solar generation, as well as updating or converting appliances, among many other techniques. The programming in this act will also support weatherization, rewiring structures, and updating electrical panels to help with electrification. Programs are to begin in 2023 and last for 10 years. Extensive programming around the IRA will happen in early 2023 to assist customers in taking full advantage of the incentives.

UAMPS

A possible rebate program is being investigated with UAMPS, which would provide rebates for appliances with improved efficiency. Should this program become a reality, customers will be informed with a hybrid discussion with the PEEC partners, bill inserts, and a webpage.

Updated Building Energy Codes

Audience: builders and renovators
Target timeline: ongoing

Adopted in August 2020 by the State of New Mexico's Regulation and Licensing Department, the 2018 iteration of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) will reduce emissions from and increase efficiency of residential and commercial buildings. According to energycodes.gov, it is estimated that residential customers could see cost savings of nearly \$400 annually (per 1000 ft²). Commercial customers could see \$138 in annual savings with a simple payback of 4.6 years.

The 2021 IECC has been released and could be adopted by the state in early 2023. Estimated total energy cost savings for the 2021 IECC compared to the 2018 IECC for this climate zone are 12.6%.

Efficiency Kits and Audits

Audience: DPU electricity customers
Target timeline: ongoing, 500 kits

Free Energy Efficiency Kits are available from the DPU and can be picked up at the Pajarito Environmental Education Center or at the Customer Care Center. These kits contain child safety outlet caps, which also help keep drafts out, switch and outlet foam sealers, rope caulk for sealing small gaps, an LED nightlight, an LED bulb, and a furnace filter whistle that alerts customers when it's time to change the filter to maintain efficiency. The items inside this kit are a small sampling of conservation tools that can go a long way in saving energy and money in homes.

Until efficiency audits become available, customers are encouraged to do DIY audits using any one of the online calculators, tracing down and sealing drafts, and evaluating behavior. Commercial customers can utilize the ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, which helps track consumption and provides recommendations for improvements.

Gas ADDENDUM

Overview

The 2015-2019 conservation program was guided by the following gas-centered goal:

Goal 1: Improve natural gas efficiencies relative to the 2006-2011 baseline beginning in 2014. Initially this goal translated to a 3% reduction by 2030.

- a. Priorities to assist this goal – from public input
 - i. Incentives for high efficiency washing machines and refrigerators
 - Update: Never explored further. Restriction on public entities providing rebates has been a major hinderance.
 - ii. Enhanced home energy audits
 - Update: Energy audits found to be an inefficient use of time and are on hold.
 - iii. Neighborhood audit program
 - Update: never explored further.
 - Current program will consider curating resources for improving efficiencies of a range of home types. This can be accomplished because a majority of the homes were built in blocks when the town was under government control.
 - iv. Increase energy conservation education and outreach
 - Update: PEEC continues to hold annual water festival for 4th graders with around 250 students benefiting each year.
 - A Home Efficiency Expo was held in 2016 in conjunction with tours of energy efficient homes. Both were well attended (220 people and 81 people, respectively).

The 2022-2027 conservation program focuses on the following gas-centered goal:
 1. Reduce natural gas usage by 5% per capita per heating degree day by 2030 using a 2020 calendar year-end baseline and support elimination of natural gas usage by 2070.



Graph charting Los Alamos County therms per capita per heating degree day. A “heating degree day” (HDD) essentially means a day when the temperature outside warrants using a heating source to get the inside temperature to 65°F. For example, if the outside temperature is 40°F, it takes 25 degrees to reach 65°F thus the day has a 25HDD. See the chart “Monthly average heating and cooling degree days” in Gas Overview section.

ADDENDUM

Goal 1: Reduce Natural Gas Usage by 5% by 2030 and Support Elimination by 2070

The full objective is to reduce natural gas usage by 5% per capita per heating degree day by 2030 using a 2020 calendar year-end baseline and support elimination of natural gas usage by 2070. The DPU Update Committee of 2020 recommended the goal to “eliminate use of natural gas.”

Planning for Cost Adjustments

Audience: DPU
Cost: TBD
Target timeline: Ongoing, 2070 DEADLINE

As customers are encouraged to switch, the DPU will need to develop a plan to offset the cost for the remaining customers and determine a phase-out course of action. The overall cost of operating the gas delivery system will remain the same, no matter the number of customers; however, the total cost divided among 4,000 customers will be noticeable versus the cost divided among the current approximate 8,000 customers.

Reducing Unaccounted-for Gas

Replace Meters For Accuracy

Audience: DPU
Benefits: DPU Customer
Target timeline: Ongoing, 375/year

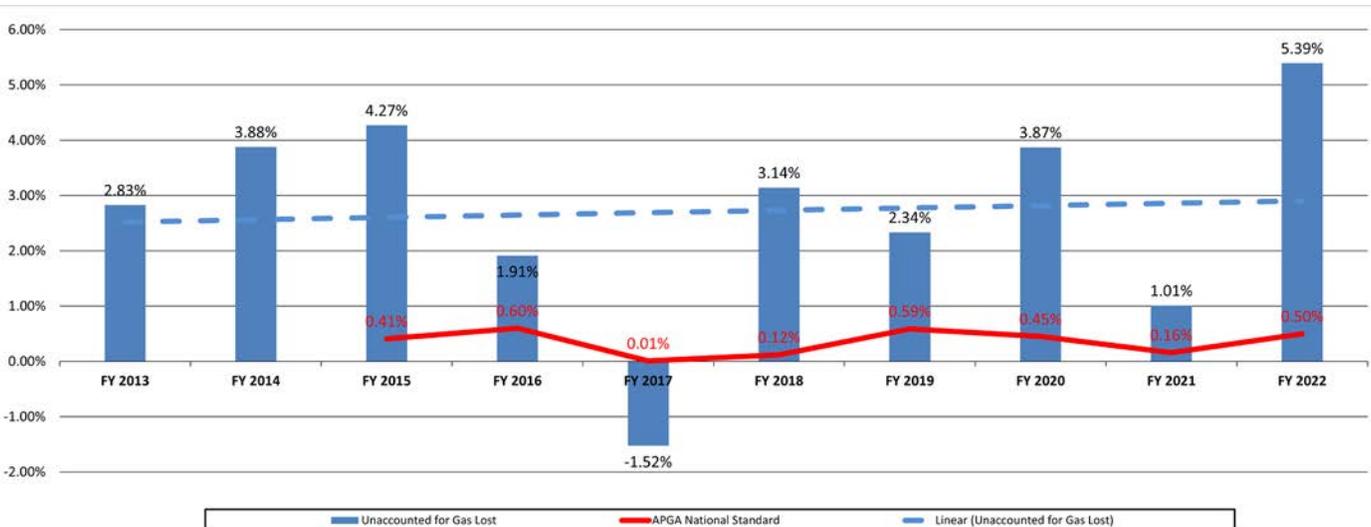
The DPU will continue replacing gas meters to provide more accurate readings. Meter technology is continually evolving, and the newest meters are very accurate but have shorter battery spans. A new meter change-out goal will be revised for Fiscal Year 2023, increasing the number of meter change outs to 375 per year. All isolated gas risers were replaced between Fiscal Year 2010 and Fiscal Year 2016.

Leaks and Lost Gas

Audience: DPU
Target timeline: Ongoing

Per compliance, gas leaks are addressed and fixed as found and are reported annually to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, known as PHMSA. The report includes size, material, age, and mileage of pipes as well as services, leaks, and causes occurring in the fiscal year.

Unaccounted for gas is reported on the PHMSA report and is also tracked on an internal dashboard.



Unaccounted For Gas Loss (%).

ADDENDUM

Reduce Natural Gas Usage and Support Elimination

Promote Alternatives to Gas

Funding for new technology demonstrations is provided by the "LA Green" program funds. This is a funding source that customers can opt-in on their utility bill to ensure that DPU is providing some electricity from green sources. This fund is no longer needed because DPU has reliable sources of clean energy. The BPU approved using the remaining money in this fund on projects contributing toward DPU conservation objectives.

In addition to demonstration units, resources will be published in monthly bill inserts, social media, and as a webpage. Talks will be organized when possible.

Induction Cooktop Technology

The DPU has two projects under way to provide customers the opportunity to try induction cooking technology before committing to full units. Induction cooking technology uses electromagnets to heat an induction-compliant cooking vessel. These units heat cookware faster than conventional electric cooktops. They also eliminate the indoor air pollution and open flame danger of gas stoves.

The first project is a loaner program with portable induction cooktops. These single burner units will be available to residents of Los Alamos County for a period of two weeks and will include instructions and cookware. This project will begin in July 2022 and will start with six induction cooktop kits.

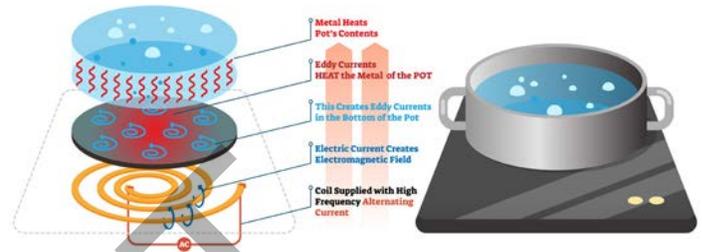
The second project is to install a full induction stove unit at the White Rock Municipal Complex. DPU staff will document the installation of this unit to better provide customers information on this process. Cooking classes will be taught using this stove and customers will have an opportunity to test the difference between an induction unit and their existing stoves at home. The project will be installed in the winter of 2022-2023.

Heat Pumps

The DPU is actively working to find locations to demonstrate a heat pump dryer, a heat pump hot water heater, and other heat pump-driven technology. The desired locations will be similar to the location for the induction stove: accessible and interactive (where appropriate) by the public. The DPU wants to provide opportunities for public interaction to best encourage adoption of heat pump technologies.

Audience: DPU Customers
Target timeline: 2022-2025+

INDUCTION



Audience: DPU Customers, goal of 1000
Est. Cost: \$750 (loaners); \$4000 (stove)
Target timeline: July 2022+

Audience: DPU Customers, goal of 500
Est. Cost: \$5000-\$7000
Target timeline: 2023

ADDENDUM

Reduce Natural Gas Usage and Support Elimination

Tools and Incentives to Conserve Gas

Energy Audits

Audience: DPU Customers
Target timeline: 2022 – 2025+

Energy audits allow customers to see consumption history and sources of energy leaks within their home. These audits result in recommendations for conservation practices to reduce energy loss and consumption. Currently, the DPU is not offering comprehensive energy audits as it was determined to be an inefficient use of the previous coordinator's time. Options are being evaluated to provide this service in the future with partner organizations. The current coordinator will review energy usage with any customer (commercial, residential, other) to look for trends and provide surface recommendations.

Resources on weatherization and DIY audits, such as the ENERGY STAR Home Energy Yardstick, are available for customers.

Customers are also encouraged to access Automated Metering Self Service Portal to see nearly real-time consumption data and self-audit. This system has already helped with detecting leaks, saving customers money, alleviating dangerous gas situations, and reducing unnecessary waste of natural resources.

Gas Rate Increase

Audience: all DPU gas customers
Target timeline: Oct. 2022 – Oct. 2025

Large increases to costs due to inflation and supply chain shortages have negatively impacted current gas fund balances. The proposed adjustments are intended to generate revenues needed not only for current operations but also to build cash reserves necessary for future infrastructure needs. Gas rates will increase every year for four years, unless deemed not needed. This rate is a "pass-through" rate structure and includes the monthly service fee and the consumption rate. The consumption rate is complex, but more simply put DPU's actual cost to purchase the natural gas commodity is passed directly to the customer in the variable portion of the commodity rate, which is calculated monthly. Large meters and large gas consumers are going to see this gate rate increase the most. Customers are provided with conservation measures to reduce gas consumption and help lower their bills.

Rebates

Audience: all DPU gas customers
Target timeline: 2023 – 2033

The DPU, as a public entity, cannot currently offer any direct rebates on gas conservation efforts that will reduce a customer's usage. This is subject to change with the recent NM constitutional amendment and customers will be notified of any rebates. Until then, the DPU shares federal rebate programs and will seek offering rebates as grant funds allow. DPU is investigating a possible rebate program with UAMPS.

The Inflation Reduction Act is promising some extensive rebates and incentives to encourage customers to electrify their systems over the next 10 years. Programs are anticipated to begin in 2023. Resources and guidance will be provided to the DPU customers as program information becomes available.

ADDENDUM

Additional Goal: Develop and Strengthen Partnerships with Stakeholders

DOE/LANL

The DPU and the DOE are joined in an ECA which allows each entity to combine resources for the Los Alamos Power Pool. The Power Pool purchases, sells, and schedules the power required for Los Alamos County customers and LANL. The current ECA expires in 2025 and both parties are working on negotiations for a post-2025 ECA. The IRP is a tool that assists the ECA partners in planning for future resources.

Sustainability Manager

The County recently hired a sustainability manager, per a recommendation of the LARES Task Force. The first task for this position will be to manage a contract for the greenhouse gas study and subsequent climate action plan. A partnership with the sustainability manager will guide the DPU in implementing LARES recommendations that the BPU have found in-line with DPU goals.

The LARES Task Force, appointed in 2021 by Los Alamos County Council to create recommendations to reduce carbon footprints and enhance sustainability, released a final report in 2022. With each recommendation in the plan, LARES includes a strategy for completion and potential costs. The sustainability manager will be responsible for implementing these recommendations.

An additional and tied partnership will be with the ESB. The ESB was established to advise the County Council on environmental sustainability issues and related policies, programs, and services. Several of the points in the Los Alamos County Sustainability Plan overlap with the DPU Goals and Objectives; however, the Sustainability Plan focuses on creating a more sustainable community while the DPU Conservation Plan specifically relates to the supplier and customer of utilities.

Reclaim Water Users

The DPU will continue to work with the current users of reclaimed water for irrigation to ensure this valuable resource is not being wasted by broken or misaligned sprinklers, or by over watering. The primary consumers of this water source are the County Parks Division and Golf Course. The public schools and LANL are additional, large-scale potential users as the reclaimed/non-potable water system is expanded. The pipeline network is not in place to accommodate residential users of the county system.

Library of Things

In November of 2022, the DPU agreed to a trial period of loaner items through the public library. This program will begin with loaning two of the very popular induction cooktop units and four of the new Kill A Watt power meters with instructions on interpreting the meter results. The library is working on expanding by loaning items beyond media (books, CDs, etc.) and the DPU can reach out to additional audiences.

ADDENDUM

Partnerships with Stakeholders

Memberships

Alliance for Water Efficiency

In July 2008, the DPU became a charter member of the Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE), which provides comprehensive information about water efficient products, practices, and programs. Additional services include the development of conservation codes and standards, coordination with green building initiatives, training for conservation professionals, and general water use education.

New Mexico Water Conservation Alliance

The DPU continues to be a member of the New Mexico Water Conservation Alliance (NMWCA), a non-profit dedicated to water conservation issues. Many communities from around the state meet regularly to discuss issues, exchange information, provide education, and work toward a water-secure future for New Mexico.

WateReuse

In April 2021, the DPU joined the New Mexico chapter of WateReuse. The WateReuse Association is solely dedicated to advancing laws, policy, funding, and public acceptance of recycled water. WateReuse is focused on “aiding and accelerating the natural process of cleaning the water to make it suitable for its intended purpose, from irrigation to industrial uses to drinking.”

Energy Star Promotional Partner

The DPU became a promotional partner with the Environmental Protection Agency’s Energy Star Program in 2008. This partnership provides a unique opportunity to leverage ENERGY STAR™ and receive free energy efficiency updates designed for customer education.

Alliance to Save Energy Member

In 2008, the DPU became a member of the Alliance to Save Energy, which is well known for its national Energy Hog campaign. The bipartisan non-profit is a coalition of business, government, environmental, and consumer leaders advocating to advance federal energy efficiency policy.

Voice of Customer Survey Feedback

*Audience: DPU Customers
Target timeline: Dec 2022 — Nov 2023*

The “Voice of the Customer Survey” is specifically designed to help the DPU understand the customer perception of the utility and the services provided. The 2022 Voice of the Customer Survey revealed that customers gave the DPU a poor rating on “helping customers conserve electricity, gas, and water.” This aligns with the absence of a dedicated Conservation Coordinator from 2016-2021 and only opens up room for improvement until the next survey.

Appendix 1

Public Input: Recommendations from DPU Update Committee

GOALS

1. Eliminate use of natural gas.
2. Find ways to accommodate a massive increase in residential and local solar.
3. Reduce water use by at least 1/3.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EDUCATION AND PROMOTION:

1. Customer use of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) data

The installation of smart meters will eventually allow customer access to AMI data. This could revolutionize individual utility use as customers learn how much they use with various activities. But to be effective, the AMI data presentation must be simple and easily understood. This means there is a need to ensure people have adequate education on how the AMI system works, and some assistance with figuring out what it means. The county should provide interpretation: how is this supposed to work and how does the individual customer make changes?

Advantages: Knowledgeable customers will modify behavior to increase conservation.

Drawbacks: Cost of presentation software and customer access. Some county labor involved with interpretation.

2. Promote "Conservation Will Happen and Will Mean Increased Unit Costs"

If people understand that conservation is inevitable, and that it will mean unit costs will increase, it will inoculate people against a commonly known issue while encouraging a modest race to save both resources and money. Of course, unit costs will probably go up anyway, maybe even more without conservation. See appendix "Cost of Conservation" for further explanation.

Advantages: No cost. Is honest. Provokes conservation on all fronts.

Drawbacks: Will probably open brief heated debate on conservation.

3. Add "Residential Avg Usage" to Electricity, Gas and Water on Utility Bills

Allows each customer to know how their usage compares to residences of similar size. Usage at all single-family homes would be averaged and compared, while duplex- and apartment-style units would have their own comparisons. (Albuquerque does this on their water bills) See appendix "Residential Average Usage" for further explanation.

Advantages: Lets above-average users know they can do better.

Drawbacks: Some programming and data processing time.

4. Encourage Programmable Thermostats and Controllers

Should be installed in new construction. County could supply information about energy and cost savings from using these relatively simple and low-cost devices.

Advantages: Decreases usage when appropriate. Saves money and resources.

Drawbacks: Very minor cost increase for device, compensated by savings.

5. Publish Standards on Thermostat/Controller Settings and Energy Savings

Explain how devices are used (all features, etc.) and how do they maximize efficiency? Use ASME standards and area-specific input from the New Mexico Technical Resource Manual to indicate proper settings and explain results. Compare new/suggested measures with previous/baseline measures.

Advantages: Sets baseline to encourage use of improved controllers.

Drawbacks: Some research and writing.

6. General Energy Efficiency Education

Provide information in monthly bill statements or monthly mailings on energy efficiency. Since not everyone gets a bill in

Public Input: Recommendations from DPU Update Committee (continued)

the mail, there should also be online media information feeds.

Advantages: Educated customers generally conserve.

Drawbacks: Some county time and possibly printing costs.

RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MAY INVOLVE REBATES:

7. Pursue Grants for Appliance Rebates and Publicize Existing Local State and Federal Rebates and Tax Breaks

Typically affected appliances are water heaters, furnaces, ranges, washers, dryers, refrigerators, lighting fixtures, evaporative coolers, air conditioners, heat pumps, and smart thermostats. Information could be part of one of the current DPU bill inserts.

Advantages: Replacing older inefficient appliances with newer highly efficient versions should reduce consumption.

Drawbacks: Some investment of time and resources from county staff.

8. Reduce Outdoor Water Use with Xeriscaping Education, Rebates and/or Incentives

With a warming climate, water use on residential landscapes will only increase, and it is already the highest seasonal water use for most residences. Smart plantings and removal of unused turf can greatly reduce the amount of water use. Also, the storage of rainwater and snow melt on the residential property can improve plantings and reduce wear and tear on stormwater runoff infrastructure. This is the biggest bang for the effort--as water use clearly increases during hot months .

Advantages: The county already contracts with an education center, and education is low cost treatment. Easy changes through rebates (removing turf rebate) can result in large water savings almost immediately.

Drawbacks: Rebates or incentives cost money, but only using education can be a slow process

RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT COUNTY SERVICES:

9. Coordinate and support efforts with Los Alamos Public Schools (LAPS)

LAPS is generally cooperative and certainly wants to save money. There are indications they could save at least 10% on water bills by altering their schedule, and there are probably many other ways to cut utility use and save money.

Advantages: Utilities conserved, LAPS saves money

Drawbacks: Time and effort from both county and LAPS.

10. Free delivery of tumbled glass or mulch when replacing turf

Remove a common obstacle to xeriscape conversion (homeowner doesn't have access to an appropriate truck). Same thing could be accomplished with a loaner truck.

Advantages: Saves water.

Drawbacks: Labor cost if delivered, truck cost if a loaner.

11. Accommodate Purchase-power-only Hybrid Solar

It is now possible to set up residential solar systems that use modest battery backup and do not feed back into the grid, only using county electricity when the battery system is depleted. This solves the county's problem of trying to use the unpredictable electricity produced.

Advantages: Less load on county electrical system without need to adjust grid.

Drawbacks: Some revenue loss, some code and rate complications.

12. Eliminate Most Street Lights

Some (not all) research indicates that streetlights only increase safety at main intersections. This is a complex issue full of wild claims on both sides, but it's certain that removing streetlights saves a lot of energy and improves the night sky.

Advantages: Cuts costs, eliminates substantial CO₂, improves night.

Drawbacks: Makes some people feel less safe.

RECOMMENDATIONS INVOLVING CONSTRUCTION:

13. Solar-ready roofs and siting for new construction

Public Input: Recommendations from DPU Update Committee (continued)

Encourage or require new structures to have solar-friendly attributes

Reducing roof penetrations and shading on south-facing areas, aligning structure for southern exposure, installing conduit for future solar infrastructure, enabling passive solar design features such as summer-shaded south facing windows. It is much less expensive to include these features during initial design and construction than add them in the future and can provide long-term energy benefits.

Advantages: Reduce cost of future improvements and improve efficiency.

Drawbacks: Additional construction cost. Perception of government overreach. Restriction of architectural design freedom.

14. Stop issuing natural gas hookups to new construction

Natural gas is primarily used for heating homes and water, and secondarily for stoves. Most homes will probably develop greater electricity capabilities (solar, etc.) and incorporate more energy-saving design. La Senda Unit B used this approach and potentially be a pilot program.

Advantages: Reduces greenhouse gasses.

Drawbacks: May initially be more expensive to heat. Some folks are very attached to gas stoves despite their inefficiency.

RECOMMENDATIONS INVOLVING BILLING OR FEES:

15. No property assessment increase for building improvements that increase water, gas or electric efficiency

Stop charging people indefinite tax for conserving. Already in effect for solar installations.

Advantages: Removes a roadblock to conservation.

Drawbacks: Very minor revenue deferral. Possible legal issues?

16. Waive building permit fees for improvements that cut water use or energy consumption

Window replacements, solar hot water, rain collection systems, etc.

Advantages: Removes a roadblock to conservation improvements.

Drawbacks: Possible increase in staff work, loss of some revenue.

17. Eliminate fees to set up off-grid solar

The county has difficulty using the solar power produced by small home systems. Much goes to waste since it is not delivered to the grid at a time that it can be used. Off-grid solar does not create this problem while it conserves resources. If these homes never use county electricity, and are self-sufficient, then the county does not need to plan on providing it and can reduce the amount of power that is purchased.

Advantages: solar electricity does not go to waste. County doesn't need to try to store this solar energy in County-owned batteries. County does not need to purchase as much electricity. Roof-top solar does not input to the County's electrical infrastructure, and therefore does not 'tax' the infrastructure

Drawbacks: New County Building Codes may be needed to assure that solar owners build to safe standards. Adds a County Building inspection. County loses some homes as customers

18. Granular Tiered Water Rates

Use small, easily understood tiered water rates that start quickly. For example, first 100 Gallons is 50 cents, second 100 gallons 51 cents, etc. When costs increase slightly for every unit used the system is easily understood and immediately effective. Plus, there is no low "dead zone" where consumers feel they have implicit permission to use the amount in the lowest tier.

Advantages: Easy to understand and implement. Initial rate would be lower. No additional cost. Avoids "Implied Permission."

Drawbacks: Some up-front programming cost.

19. Eliminate Service Charge for Water Usage

Remove "In for A Penny" tendency to use water while rewarding the most stringent conservation. The service charge gives the impression that first few thousand gallons of use only increases cost slightly. If all usage is a direct cost, even more conservation is encouraged.

Public Input: Recommendations from DPU Update Committee (continued)

Advantages: Maximizes cost advantage of conservation

Drawbacks: Requires slight adjustment to rates to be value neutral

20. Convert Electric and Gas Services Charges to Minimum Charges

Remove a regressive tax. Virtually everyone uses enough gas and electricity to surpass current service charges. A direct usage-to-cost relationship simplifies understanding of conservation advantages while simultaneously benefiting lowest income bracket.

Advantages: Simplifies rate and saves money for super conservers

Drawbacks: Requires slight adjustment to rates to be value neutral

Appendix:

Cost of Conservation

Most people who consider conservation issues understand that conserving utilities will inevitably lead to higher unit costs, such as price per thousand gallons of water. Further, many otherwise uninterested folks have noticed this effect over the years.

So far, it has not been openly acknowledged or promoted, perhaps because there is a suspicion that it would lead to resistance toward conserving.

However, if it becomes a "meme" it would probably have the opposite effect. Presented as "conservation will happen" and therefore "unit prices will go up" it should provoke a modest Race To The Bottom. Meaning, it would encourage people to cut back on their use to avoid paying more for their utilities. Even more interesting, it means the more aggressive conserver may end up saving quite a bit as time goes by.

It has several advantages, not the least being that it's true. Conservation will happen whether we like it or not. And it will lead to higher unit costs.

Probably it would be best to avoid any heavy-handed or over serious approach. An even-tempered statement that 'this is inevitable' should be enough.

It could also be pointed out that this does not mean the average bill would necessarily go up. Using water as an example, if we all used half as much water, the infrastructure would be less strained, water treatment would be cheaper, the cost of pumping would probably go to less than half due to the longer recharge period in the wells, and it probably would mean far less need to sink new wells. While the cost advantages are muzzy at best, it is in fact possible that under the 1/2-use scenario we would all pay a little less on our water bill.

Finally, it should also be noted that unit prices will probably go up anyway, with or without conservation. And there are scenarios where gas, electricity or water prices would go up even faster without conservation.

The cost of taking this approach would be nearly zero. Basically, zero compared to current methodologies, since it's normal to include flyers in the utility bills -- it would just be additional content.

Residential Average Usage

People naturally compare themselves to their neighbors. If you are the high water/electricity user, and you know it, you are more likely to make changes to reduce your usage. This information works best with an education plan, promoting conservation throughout the community. It effectively and privately guides residents into conforming and conservation.

It's easy data to compile since the county already collects it. It's easy to put this data on utility bills, next to the 'actual' usage from the past year (using two columns in the graph). The county can easily watch the yearly average usage, as this number will decrease from year to year if residents are conserving.

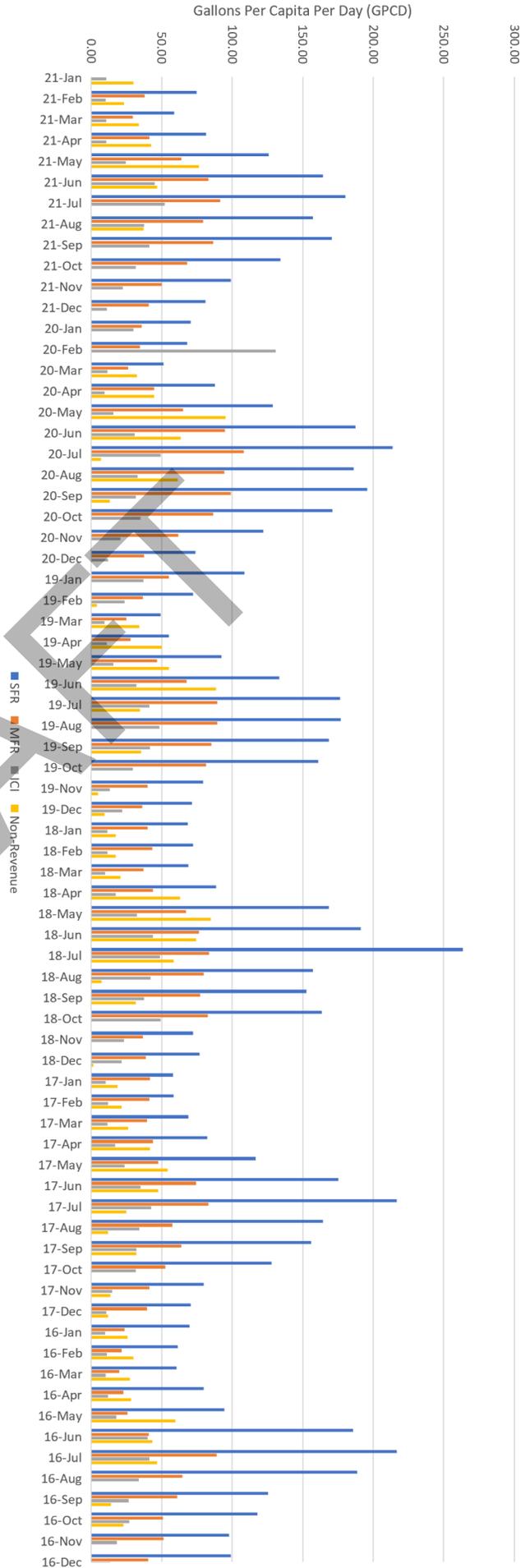
A new routine will need to be written for the Utilities to calculate the information. This may need funds to accomplish, if the county does not have a programmer on staff to write the script. The statements need a new format to add the average data to the graphs.

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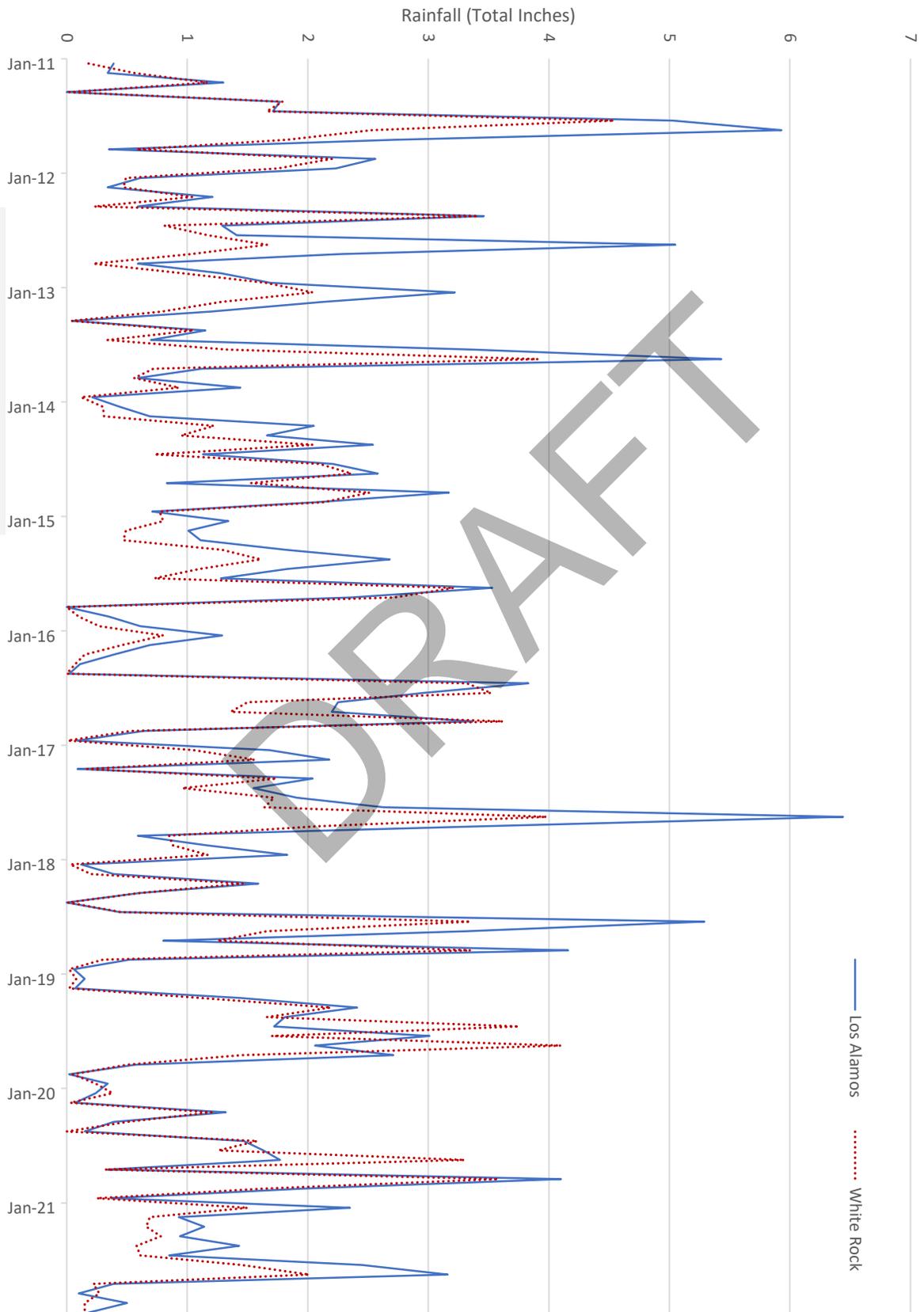
Additional Graphs and Enlarged Figures

Monthly Gallons Per Capita Per Day
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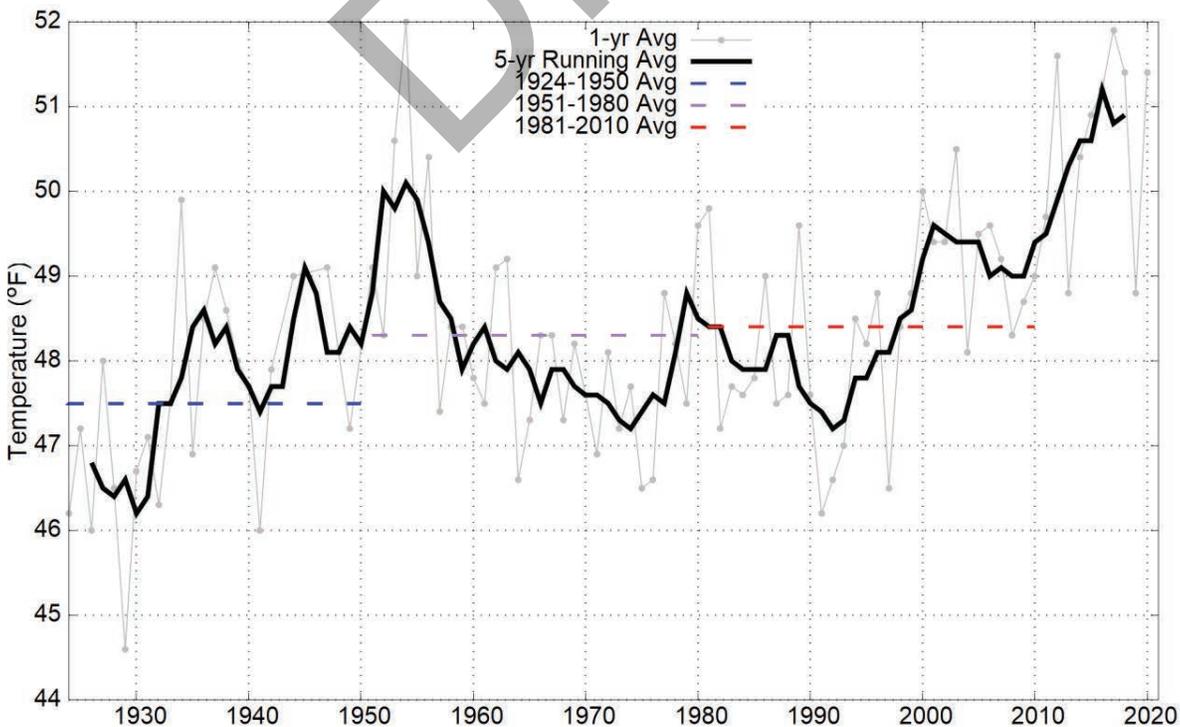
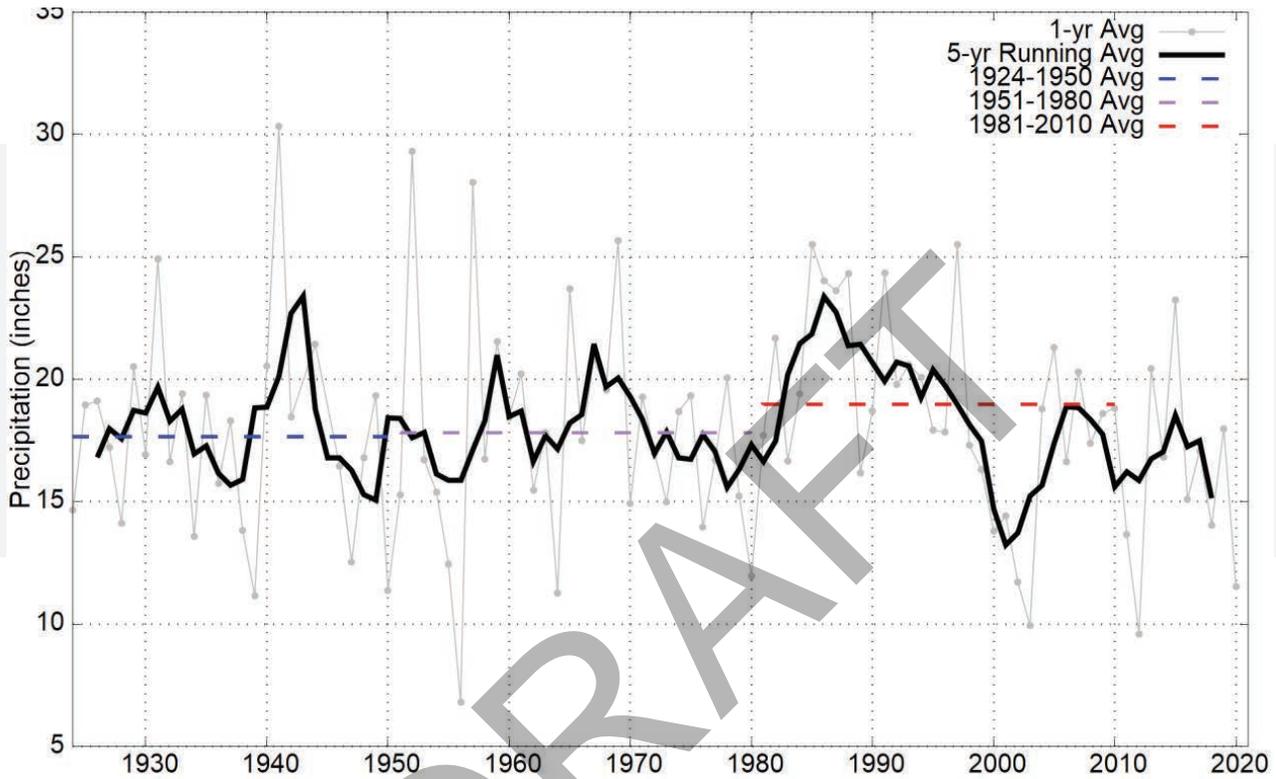


Monthly Precipitation (2011-2021)

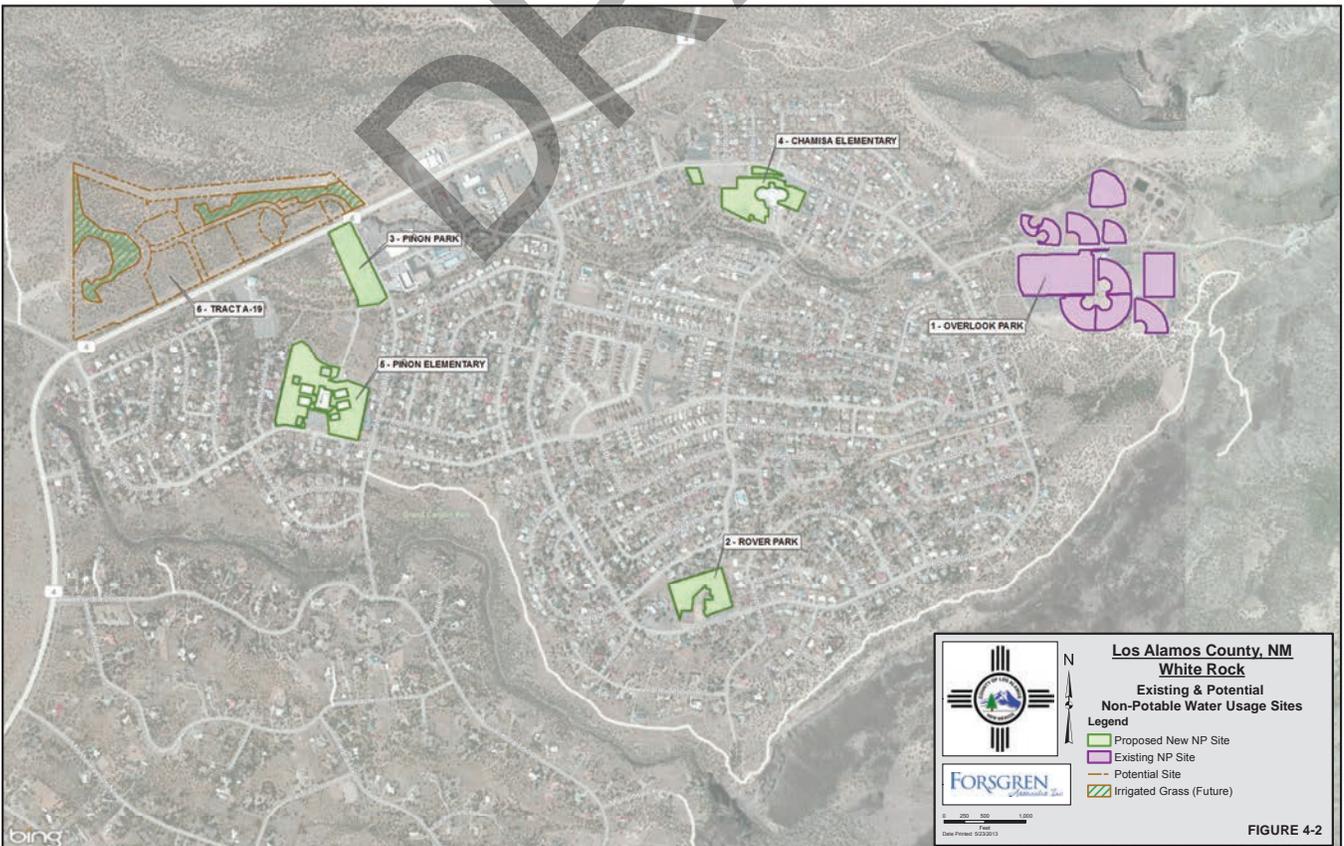
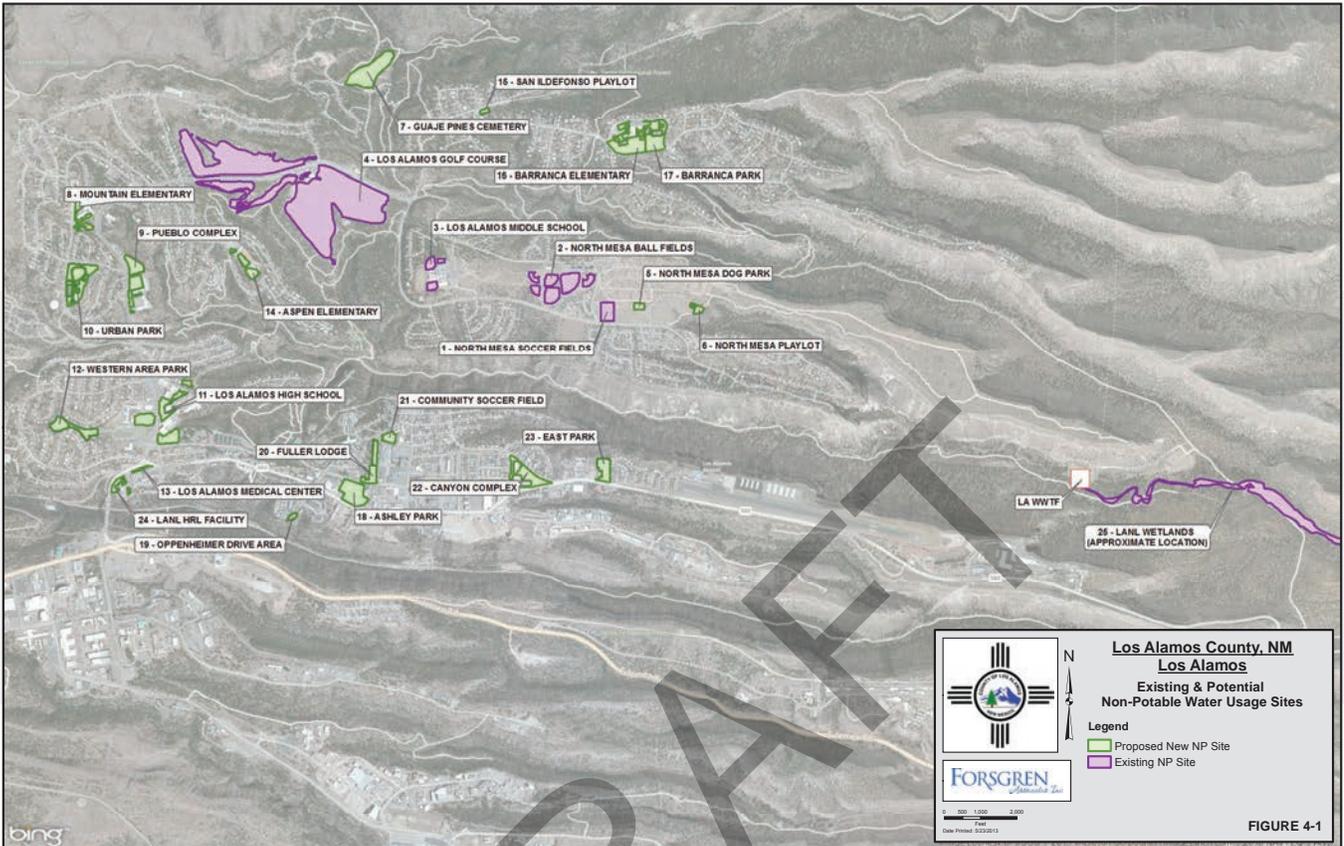
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Additional Graphs and Enlarged Figures

Figures from LANL Climatology 2021 Update. Precipitation (top), page 014, and Temperature (bottom), page 015.



Appendix 2



Appendix 3

NMOSE GPCD Calculator



NMOSE GPCD CALCULATOR

Gallons per Capita - v2.05

Release Date: August 2015

This spreadsheet-based GPCD calculator is designed to help quantify and track water uses associated with water distribution systems. The spreadsheet contains several separate worksheets. Sheets can be accessed using the tabs towards the bottom of the screen, or by clicking the buttons on the left below. Descriptions of each sheet are also given below.

It should be noted that all the recorded data should be from actual metered results and should not include any estimates.

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Please begin by providing the following information, then proceed through each sheet:

NAME OF CITY OR UTILITY:

REPORTING YEARS: Enter the most recent reporting year: Data can be entered back to:

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: E-MAIL: TELEPHONE: Ext.:

SELECT THE REPORTING UNITS FOR VOLUME DATA: For unit converter click here:

Instructions &	This sheet
Census Data	Census data and the portal to get the data from the Census website
Single-Family	Single-Family residential gallons and population
Multi-Family	Multi-Family residential gallons and population
ICI & Other Metered	Other data including Commercial, Industrial and Institutional [1.3] and Other metered [1.4] categories
Reuse	Data related to water reuse projects
Total Diverted	Total Production and Diverted Water
Reported Data	The calculated data graphical review of most common performance indicators
Annual Performance	The calculated data graphical review of annual performance indicators
Monthly Performance	The calculated data graphical review of monthly performance indicators
Definitions	Use this sheet to understand terms used in the audit process

All parties reserve the right to validate the data recorded in this document. This does not bind the OSE or the Utility to the results. It is a tool used for planning purposes.

questions or comments regarding the software please contact us at: waternm@state.nm.us

Appendix 3

Census Information Data Table 2.1

Info

Click here to access the Census Web site

OR

Click here for instructions on how to find the data on the Census website

2021 TO 2015

Use the most recent census data

Return to Instructions

DATA

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DP-1	Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics		2010
Subject			
Relationship	In group quarters	Total	94
Housing Occupancy	Total housing units	Total	8,354
	Occupied housing units		7,663
	Vacant housing units		691
Households by Type	Average household size	Total	2.33

Formula: Household Size = Total Population / Total Number of Housing Units

Vacancy Rate % 8.3%

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TABLE 3.1 SFR BILLED WATER CONSUMPTION (Gallons (US))

Year	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2021	23,051,000	22,983,000	21,515,000	29,041,000	44,704,000	54,329,000	86,371,000	53,567,000	61,629,000	49,371,000	29,712,000	29,805,000
2020	25,692,000	20,738,000	19,530,000	30,979,000	46,989,000	59,493,000	78,325,000	63,429,000	60,678,000	62,813,000	38,778,000	27,045,000
2019	33,266,000	26,027,000	17,811,000	19,277,000	33,496,000	44,107,000	67,492,000	64,650,000	49,808,000	68,814,000	22,941,000	23,280,000
2018	24,722,000	22,095,000	24,714,000	30,672,000	59,533,000	62,401,000	6,446,000	57,337,000	46,781,000	49,859,000	37,647,000	26,709,000
2017	21,101,000	19,222,000	24,322,000	25,231,000	41,896,000	61,019,000	68,531,000	58,596,000	53,589,000	43,947,000	25,937,000	25,435,000
2016	21,332,000	20,026,000	21,942,000	28,105,000	34,213,000	64,952,000	67,322,000	68,344,000	43,345,000	41,870,000	30,902,000	34,704,000
2015	18,404,000	14,878,000	16,134,000	22,075,000	30,609,000	55,658,000	51,319,000	40,413,000	48,407,000	50,710,000	23,677,000	27,277,000

TABLE 3.2 NUMBER OF SFR CONNECTIONS (Monthly)

Total Connections

You have chosen to enter Total Connections, enter the monthly values below, or enter annual values in table 3.8 Check message above Table 3.3 to see if additional data is required.

Year	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2021	4,888	5,144	5,515	5,532	5,359	5,168	5,531	5,159	5,626	5,523	4,734	5,540
2020	5,472	5,118	5,699	5,485	5,494	4,999	5,509	5,156	4,876	5,523	4,987	5,517
2019	4,657	5,738	5,443	5,444	5,447	5,152	4,939	5,477	4,657	5,472	4,561	4,943
2018	4,561	5,489	5,407	5,390	5,326	5,130	3,852	5,488	4,828	4,657	7,890	5,248
2017	4,461	5,489	5,327	4,824	5,399	5,413	4,811	5,366	5,343	5,185	5,087	5,416
2016	4,658	5,447	5,442	5,470	5,444	5,438	4,738	5,447	5,378	5,358	4,955	5,289
2015	5,017	4,999	5,407	5,354	5,038	5,355	5,063	5,271	5,033	5,350	4,534	5,294

TABLE 3.3 INACTIVE (ZERO USE) SFR CONNECTIONS (Monthly)

You have entered Total Connections in Table 3.2; enter the number of inactive (zero use) connections below. If values are not entered, an adjustment will be made based on vacancy rates reported in the Census data.

Year	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2021												
2020												
2019												
2018												
2017												
2016												
2015												

TABLE 3.4 SFR POPULATION (Monthly)

Formula = (No. of Connections - No. of Zero Use Accounts) * Ave. Household Size

Year	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2021	10,365	10,963	11,827	11,865	11,462	11,019	11,863	10,998	12,084	11,845	10,008	11,885
2020	11,726	10,901	12,254	11,755	11,775	10,575	11,812	10,989	10,336	11,843	10,595	11,831
2019	9,856	12,375	11,688	11,690	11,697	11,010	10,513	11,767	9,856	11,755	9,633	10,523
2018	11,607	10,934	11,574	11,535	11,386	10,882	7,951	11,763	10,225	9,827	17,360	11,204
2017	11,710	11,776	11,398	10,226	11,566	11,599	10,196	11,489	11,435	11,067	10,839	11,606
2016	9,840	11,679	11,667	11,732	11,672	11,858	10,027	11,679	11,518	11,471	10,532	11,311
2015	10,698	10,656	11,607	11,484	10,747	11,486	10,806	11,290	10,736	11,474	9,573	11,344

TABLE 3.5 SFR GPCD CALCULATION (Monthly)

Formula = Billed Water Consumption (SFR only) / Calculated Population (SFR only)

Year	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2021	71.74	74.87	58.68	81.59	125.81	164.36	180.47	157.11	170.52	134.45	98.96	80.89
2020	70.68	67.94	51.41	87.85	128.72	187.52	213.90	186.19	195.69	171.08	122.00	73.74
2019	108.88	72.23	49.43	54.97	92.38	133.54	176.40	176.96	168.45	160.85	79.39	71.37
2018	68.71	72.17	68.88	88.64	168.67	191.14	26.15	157.23	152.50	163.67	72.29	76.90
2017	58.13	58.30	68.83	82.24	116.85	175.36	216.82	164.52	156.21	128.09	79.76	70.70
2016	69.93	61.24	60.67	79.85	94.56	185.72	216.59	188.78	125.44	117.74	97.80	98.98
2015	55.49	49.86	44.84	64.08	91.87	161.52	153.20	115.47	150.30	142.56	82.44	77.57

COMMENTS:

ANNUAL DATA

TABLE 3.6

ANNUAL CONSUMPTION

2021	488,289,000
2020	534,489,000
2019	449,769,000
2018	448,916,000
2017	468,826,000
2016	477,057,000
2015	389,561,000

TABLE 3.7

ANNUAL CALCULATION

2021	534,489,000
2020	449,769,000
2019	448,916,000
2018	468,826,000
2017	477,057,000
2016	389,561,000

TABLE 3.8

AVG. ANNUAL CONNECTIONS

2021	5,310
2020	5,318
2019	5,161
2018	5,312
2017	5,260
2016	5,255
2015	5,143

TABLE 3.9

AVG CONN. CALCULATION

2021	5,310
2020	5,318
2019	5,161
2018	5,312
2017	5,260
2016	5,255
2015	5,143

TABLE 3.10

CALCULATED GROWTH RATE

2021	-0.15%
2020	3.05%
2019	-2.85%
2018	0.99%
2017	0.09%
2016	2.19%

TABLE 3.11

NO. VACANT SFR CONNECTIONS

2021	439
2020	440
2019	427
2018	439
2017	435
2016	435
2015	425

TABLE 3.12

SIZE OF HOUSEHOLD

2021	2.33
2020	2.33
2019	2.33
2018	2.33
2017	2.33
2016	2.33
2015	2.33

TABLE 3.13

SFR POPULATION

2021	11,349
2020	11,366
2019	11,030
2018	11,354
2017	11,242
2016	11,232
2015	10,992

TABLE 3.14

ANNUAL SFR GPCD

2021	117.39
2020	128.84
2019	111.72
2018	108.32
2017	114.25
2016	116.36
2015	99.59

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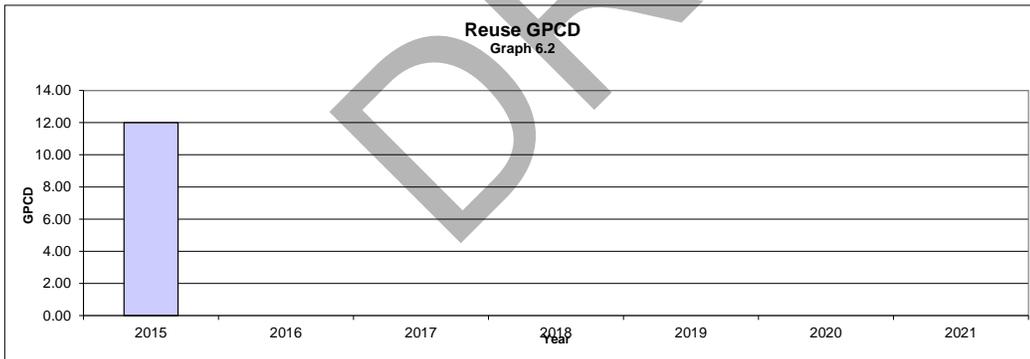
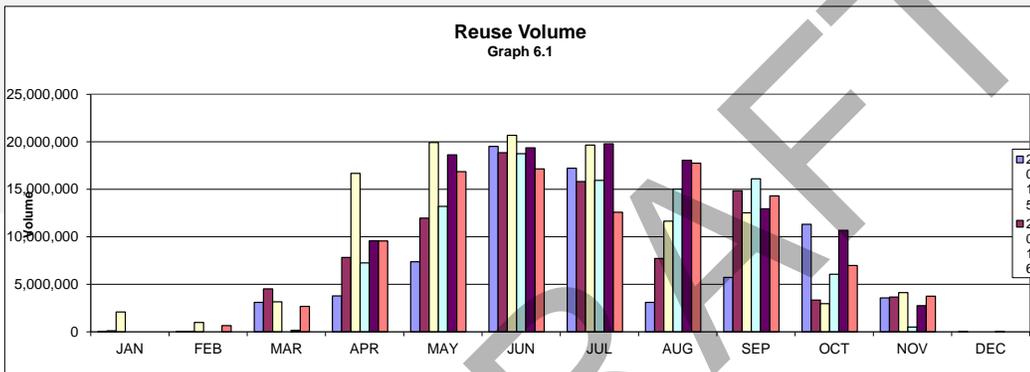
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Year	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2021	0	659,806	2,685,604	9,572,099	16,864,298	17,154,189	12,589,285	17,753,447	14,306,548	6,979,030	3,745,044	0
2020	0	0	158,030	9,585,767	18,637,523	19,375,844	19,800,444	18,055,444	12,950,770	10,681,570	2,753,536	2,740
2019	0	0	0	7,255,359	13,208,681	18,747,870	15,949,582	15,023,910	16,113,086	6,057,093	497,979	0
2018	2,083,164	985,278	3,155,615	16,677,017	19,927,309	20,682,187	19,665,932	11,649,607	12,530,167	2,965,837	4,127,865	0
2017	104,253	91	4,514,917	7,824,055	11,968,411	18,855,466	15,814,165	7,729,965	14,860,284	3,346,195	3,664,157	0
2016	806	8,354	3,097,391	3,788,420	7,380,421	19,528,481	17,224,228	3,095,964	5,733,467	11,322,306	3,576,394	79
2015	0	0	2,311,815	10,895,334	5,531,325	14,973,057	2,916,420	12,186,453	16,723,354	6,133,506	0	77

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TABLE 6.2 REUSE ANNUAL DIVERSIONS	TABLE 6.3 REUSE GPCD
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2021 TO 2015														
TABLE 7.1														
TOTAL WATER DIVERTED (Monthly) (Gallons (US))														
Year	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
2021	73,126,163	64,467,149	72,039,181	85,991,658	136,692,116	138,643,972	129,966,482	133,134,069	125,684,832	90,377,271	72,110,779	66,698,497		
2020	67,401,950	62,914,565	69,410,979	85,475,833	141,942,322	146,229,622	154,420,672	154,372,810	127,979,713	115,992,409	74,356,386	74,325,330		
2019	70,473,755	62,897,063	64,818,312	74,593,227	101,156,217	140,633,414	143,625,950	137,673,036	128,481,675	85,749,242	69,837,534	70,241,727		
2018	69,036,758	60,505,310	66,999,126	101,119,506	159,786,139	165,186,443	162,518,990	129,189,843	121,269,403	86,986,823	73,342,136	70,664,136		
2017	69,336,000	60,153,000	70,690,000	82,063,000	113,586,000	143,975,000	148,734,000	121,019,000	122,771,425	85,161,000	74,000,000	69,876,653		
2016	76,266,000	77,689,000	73,348,000	78,145,000	110,585,000	150,103,000	164,760,000	105,829,000	107,358,000	106,728,000	78,084,000	72,039,000		
2015	68,453,500	57,912,300	69,273,500	83,021,700	94,454,200	124,076,300	105,430,500	115,114,400	123,296,600	98,968,300	76,643,800	76,019,000		
TABLE 7.2														
IMPORTED WATER (Monthly)(Gallons (US))														
Year	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TABLE 7.3														
EXPORTED WATER (Monthly) (Gallons (US))														
Year	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
2021	21,112,700	18,411,100	19,950,700	20,344,529	23,727,100	20,144,000	23,172,900	23,370,500	24,712,200	18,391,900	23,965,700	22,221,900		
2020	20,406,100	22,229,600	20,068,800	16,865,200	20,368,900	19,521,100	22,977,900	21,203,500	26,372,800	27,992,200	21,102,400	35,208,600		
2019	21,646,200	17,362,400	18,404,100	18,172,800	20,256,000	21,564,900	29,475,500	30,079,600	24,763,500	19,371,000	31,045,600	23,388,700		
2018	20,572,860	16,372,840	18,598,020	18,810,720	22,828,000	24,832,730	27,057,100	28,402,800	24,508,400	22,007,000	27,628,200	23,585,000		
2017	24,867,700	17,430,940	17,984,950	17,208,200	19,855,950	25,054,470	27,270,000	26,115,100	23,745,100	26,430,000	25,385,700	24,122,880		
2016	25,133,820	27,368,200	20,431,210	17,601,790	18,697,580	20,181,160	26,313,280	28,034,800	28,499,990	24,974,070	29,726,740	19,692,900		
2015	26,171,490	17,246,620	18,442,090	17,205,510	17,378,210	17,004,930	31,891,120	14,443,150	26,247,120	28,905,780	25,658,300	24,953,020		
TABLE 7.4														
TOTAL WATER SUPPLY (Monthly) (Gallons (US))														
Year	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
2021	52,013,463	46,056,049	52,088,481	65,647,129	112,965,016	118,499,972	106,793,582	109,763,569	100,972,632	71,985,371	48,145,079	44,476,597		
2020	46,995,850	40,684,965	49,342,179	68,610,633	121,573,422	126,708,522	131,442,772	133,168,310	101,606,913	88,000,209	53,253,986	39,116,730		
2019	48,827,555	45,534,663	46,414,212	56,420,427	80,900,217	119,068,514	114,150,450	107,593,436	103,718,175	66,377,442	38,791,934	46,853,027		
2018	48,463,898	44,132,470	48,411,106	82,308,786	136,958,139	140,359,719	135,461,890	100,787,043	96,761,003	64,979,823	45,713,936	47,069,136		
2017	44,468,300	42,722,060	52,705,050	64,854,800	93,730,050	118,320,530	121,464,000	94,903,900	99,026,325	58,731,000	48,614,300	45,753,773		
2016	51,132,180	50,320,800	52,916,790	60,543,210	91,887,420	129,921,840	138,446,720	77,794,200	78,858,010	81,753,930	48,357,260	52,346,100		
2015	42,282,010	40,665,680	50,831,410	65,816,190	77,075,990	107,071,370	73,539,380	100,671,250	97,049,480	70,062,520	50,985,500	51,065,980		
TABLE 7.5														
SYSTEM TOTAL GPCD (Monthly)														
Year	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
2021	94	93	95	123	205	222	194	199	189	131	90	81		
2020	85	82	89	129	220	237	238	241	190	160	100	71		
2019	91	94	87	109	151	230	213	201	200	124	75	88		
2018	88	89	88	154	249	263	246	183	182	118	86	85		
2017	82	87	97	123	172	225	223	174	188	108	92	84		
2016	82	89	85	100	148	216	222	125	131	131	80	84		
2015	80	85	96	128	146	209	139	190	189	132	100	96		
COMMENTS:														

ANNUAL DATA	
TABLE 7.6	TABLE 7.7
ANNUAL TOTAL DIVERTED	ANNUAL TOTAL DIVERTED CALC
	1,188,932,169
	1,274,822,591
	1,150,181,152
	1,266,604,613
	1,161,365,078
	1,200,934,000
	1,092,664,100
TABLE 7.8	TABLE 7.9
ANNUAL TOTAL IMPORTED	ANNUAL TOTAL IMPORT CALC
	N/A
TABLE 7.10	TABLE 7.11
ANNUAL TOTAL EXPORTED	ANNUAL TOTAL EXPORT CALC
	259,525,229
	274,317,100
	275,531,100
	275,203,670
	275,470,990
	286,655,540
	265,547,340
TABLE 7.12	TABLE 7.13
ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY	TOTAL POP. EST.
929,406,940	17,764
1,000,505,491	17,791
874,650,052	17,268
991,400,943	17,769
885,894,088	17,593
914,278,460	20,087
827,116,760	17,073
TABLE 7.14	
Year	SYSTEM TOTAL GPCD
2021	143.35
2020	154.08
2019	138.77
2018	152.86
2017	137.96
2016	124.70
2015	132.73

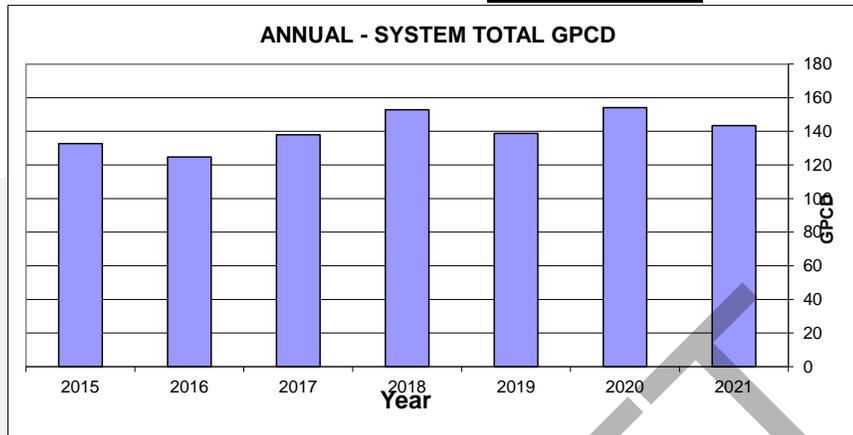
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8. SUMMARY GPCD REPORTED DATA

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2021	To: 2015

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Year	SYSTEM GPCD
2021	143.35
2020	154.08
2019	138.77
2018	152.86
2017	137.96
2016	124.70
2015	132.73

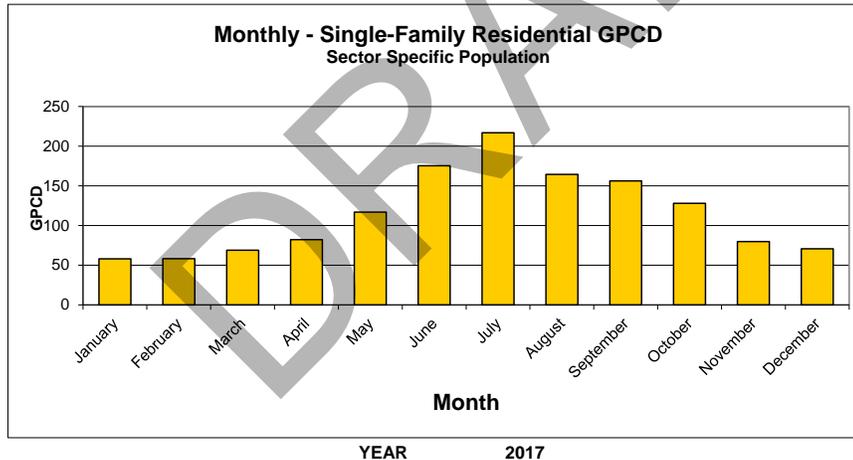


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Month	SFR GPCD
January	58.13
February	58.30
March	68.83
April	82.24
May	116.85
June	175.36
July	216.82
August	164.52
September	156.21
October	128.09
November	79.76
December	70.70

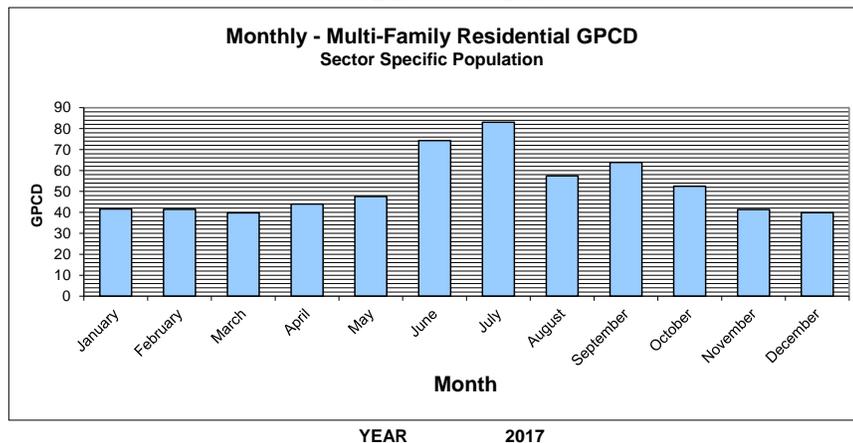
Year	2017
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Peak/Ave	1.89
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Month	MFR GPCD
January	41.63
February	41.45
March	39.76
April	43.96
May	47.62
June	74.27
July	83.02
August	57.42
September	63.87
October	52.48
November	41.40
December	39.81

Peak/Ave	1.59
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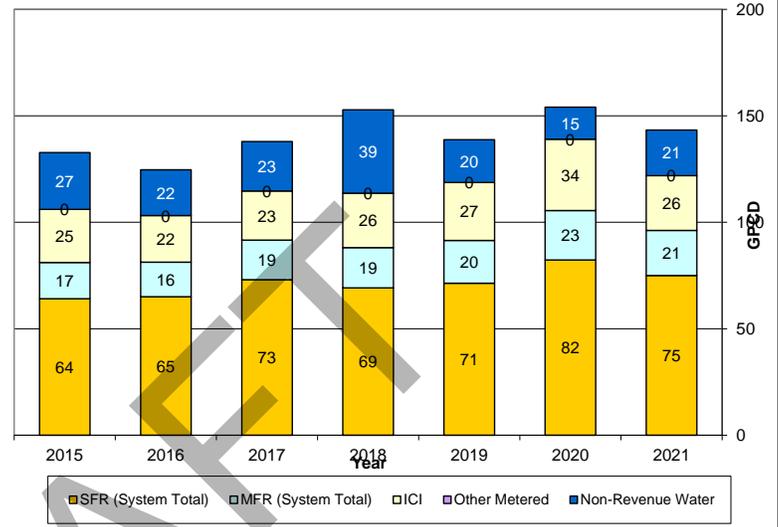
9. System Total Annual Reporting Performance

Overall Annual GPCD (based on Total Population)

Year	SFR (System Total)	MFR (System Total)	ICI	Other Metered	Non-Revenue Water	Total Supplied	Non-Revenue Volume (Million Gallons (US))
2021	75.00	21.15	25.75	N/A	21.44	#REF!	#REF!
2020	82.31	23.22	33.52	N/A	15.03	154.08	97.63
2019	71.36	20.13	27.18	N/A	20.10	138.77	126.69
2018	69.22	18.85	25.63	N/A	39.16	152.86	254.00
2017	73.01	18.62	23.05	N/A	23.28	137.96	149.52
2016	65.07	16.20	21.87	N/A	21.56	124.70	158.08
2015	64.12	17.00	24.96	N/A	26.65	144.72	166.06

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Annual Analysis of GPCD - Viewer (based on Total Population)



10. Monthly Reporting Performance

Choose Year for Monthly Analysis

2017

Choose Sector

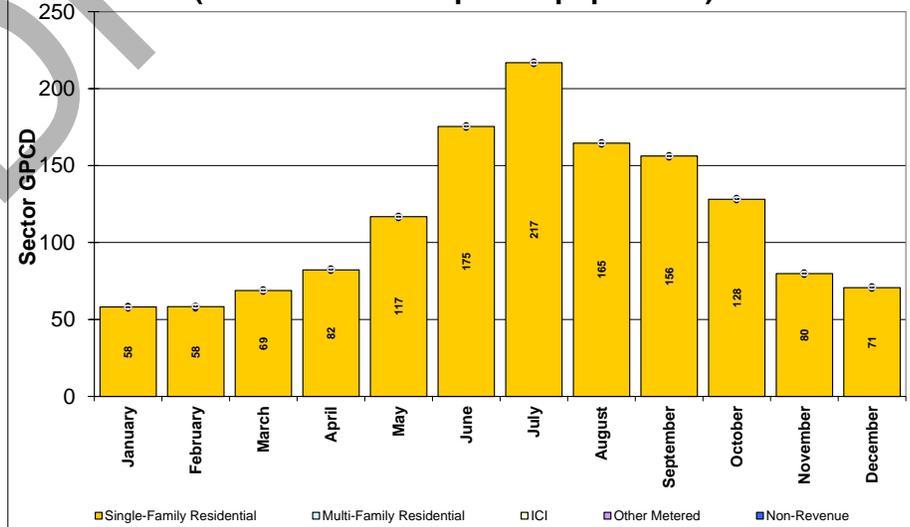
Single-Family Residential

Monthly GPCD

Month	Single-Family Residential	Multi-Family Residential	ICI	Other Metered	Non-Revenue
JAN	58.13	41.63	10.40	0.00	18.67
FEB	58.30	41.45	12.17	0.00	21.56
MAR	68.83	39.76	11.63	0.00	26.28
APR	82.24	43.96	16.83	0.00	41.87
MAY	116.85	47.62	23.73	0.00	54.15
JUN	175.36	74.27	34.99	0.00	47.54
JUL	216.82	83.02	42.47	0.00	24.92
AUG	164.52	57.42	34.35	0.00	12.15
SEP	156.21	63.87	32.19	0.00	32.13
OCT	128.09	52.48	31.65	0.00	24.36
NOV	79.76	41.40	14.77	0.00	13.69
DEC	70.70	39.81	10.54	0.00	11.99

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Monthly Analysis of GPCD - Viewer (based on sector-specific population)



Appendix 4

AWWA Audit

AWWA Free Water Audit Software v5.0

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This spreadsheet-based water audit tool is designed to help quantify and track water losses associated with water distribution systems and identify areas for improved efficiency and cost recovery. It provides a "top-down" summary water audit format, and is not meant to take the place of a full-scale, comprehensive water audit format.

Auditors are strongly encouraged to refer to the most current edition of AWWA M36 Manual for Water Audits for detailed guidance on the water auditing process and targeting loss reduction levels

The spreadsheet contains several separate worksheets. Sheets can be accessed using the tabs towards the bottom of the screen, or by clicking the buttons below.

Please begin by providing the following information

Name of Contact Person:

Email Address:

Telephone (incl Ext.):

Name of City / Utility:

City/Town/Municipality:

State / Province:

Country:

Year:

Start Date: Enter MM/YYYY numeric format

End Date: Enter MM/YYYY numeric format

Audit Preparation Date:

Volume Reporting Units:

PWSID / Other ID:

The following guidance will help you complete the Audit

All audit data are entered on the [Reporting Worksheet](#)

- Value can be entered by user
- Value calculated based on input data
- These cells contain recommended default values

Use of Option (Radio) Buttons: Pcnt: Value:

Select the default percentage by choosing the option button on the left

To enter a value, choose this button and enter a value in the cell to the right

The following worksheets are available by clicking the buttons below or selecting the tabs along the bottom of the page

Instructions

The current sheet. Enter contact information and basic audit details (year, units etc)

Reporting Worksheet

Enter the required data on this worksheet to calculate the water balance and data grading

Comments

Enter comments to explain how values were calculated or to document data sources

Performance Indicators

Review the performance indicators to evaluate the results of the audit

Water Balance

The values entered in the Reporting Worksheet are used to populate the Water Balance

Dashboard

A graphical summary of the water balance and Non-Revenue Water components

Grading Matrix

Presents the possible grading options for each input component of the audit

Service Connection Diagram

Diagrams depicting possible customer service connection line configurations

Definitions

Use this sheet to understand the terms used in the audit process

Loss Control Planning

Use this sheet to interpret the results of the audit validity score and performance indicators

Example Audits

Reporting Worksheet and Performance Indicators examples are shown for two validated audits

Acknowledgements

Acknowledgements for the AWWA Free Water Audit Software v5.0

If you have questions or comments regarding the software please contact us via email at: wlc@awwa.org

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AWWA Free Water Audit Software: Reporting Worksheet

Water Audit Report for: **Los Alamos County (NM3500115)**

Reporting Year: **2021** | 1/2020 - 12/2020

Please enter data in the white cells below. Where available, metered values should be used; if metered values are unavailable please estimate a value. Indicate your confidence in the accuracy of the input data by grading each component (n/a or 1-10) using the drop-down list to the left of the input cell. Hover the mouse over the cell to obtain a description of the grades

All volumes to be entered as: MILLION GALLONS (US) PER YEAR

To select the correct data grading for each input, determine the highest grade where the utility meets or exceeds all criteria for that grade and all grades below it.

WATER SUPPLIED

<----- Enter grading in column 'E' and 'J' ----->

Volume from own sources:	<input type="text" value="7"/>	<input type="text" value="1,189.000"/>	MG/Yr
Water imported:	<input type="text" value="n/a"/>	<input type="text" value="0.000"/>	MG/Yr
Water exported:	<input type="text" value="8"/>	<input type="text" value="260.000"/>	MG/Yr

WATER SUPPLIED: 929.000 MG/Yr

AUTHORIZED CONSUMPTION

Billed metered:	<input type="text" value="8"/>	<input type="text" value="790.395"/>	MG/Yr
Billed unmetered:	<input type="text" value="n/a"/>	<input type="text" value="0.000"/>	MG/Yr
Unbilled metered:	<input type="text" value="n/a"/>	<input type="text" value="0.000"/>	MG/Yr
Unbilled unmetered:	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="11.613"/>	MG/Yr

Default option selected for Unbilled unmetered - a grading of 5 is applied but not displayed

AUTHORIZED CONSUMPTION: 802.008 MG/Yr

WATER LOSSES (Water Supplied - Authorized Consumption)

126.993 MG/Yr

Apparent Losses

Unauthorized consumption:	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="2.323"/>	MG/Yr
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Default option selected for unauthorized consumption - a grading of 5 is applied but not displayed

Customer metering inaccuracies:	<input type="text" value="7"/>	<input type="text" value="16.131"/>	MG/Yr
Systematic data handling errors:	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="1.976"/>	MG/Yr

Default option selected for Systematic data handling errors - a grading of 5 is applied but not displayed

Apparent Losses: 20.429 MG/Yr

Real Losses (Current Annual Real Losses or CARL)

Real Losses = Water Losses - Apparent Losses: 106.564 MG/Yr

WATER LOSSES: 126.993 MG/Yr

NON-REVENUE WATER

NON-REVENUE WATER: 138.605 MG/Yr

= Water Losses + Unbilled Metered + Unbilled Unmetered

SYSTEM DATA

Length of mains:	<input type="text" value="8"/>	<input type="text" value="167.0"/>	miles
Number of active AND inactive service connections:	<input type="text" value="7"/>	<input type="text" value="7,111"/>	
Service connection density:	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="43"/>	conn./mile main

Are customer meters typically located at the curbside or property line? (length of service line, beyond the property boundary, that is the responsibility of the utility)

Average length of customer service line: (length of service line, beyond the property boundary, that is the responsibility of the utility)

Average length of customer service line has been set to zero and a data grading score of 10 has been applied

Average operating pressure: psi

COST DATA

Total annual cost of operating water system:	<input type="text" value="10"/>	<input type="text" value="\$21,424,928"/>	\$/Year
Customer retail unit cost (applied to Apparent Losses):	<input type="text" value="9"/>	<input type="text" value="\$6.02"/>	\$/1000 gallons (US)
Variable production cost (applied to Real Losses):	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="\$461.38"/>	\$/Million gallons <input type="checkbox"/> Use Customer Retail Unit Cost to value real losses

WATER AUDIT DATA VALIDITY SCORE:

*** YOUR SCORE IS: 72 out of 100 ***

A weighted scale for the components of consumption and water loss is included in the calculation of the Water Audit Data Validity Score

PRIORITY AREAS FOR ATTENTION:

Based on the information provided, audit accuracy can be improved by addressing the following components:

- 1: Volume from own sources
- 2: Variable production cost (applied to Real Losses)
- 3: Unauthorized consumption

Master Meter and Supply Error Adjustments

Pcnt:	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MG/Yr
Value:	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MG/Yr

Enter negative % or value for under-registration
Enter positive % or value for over-registration

Click here: for help using option buttons below

Pcnt:	<input type="text" value="1.25%"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MG/Yr
Value:	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MG/Yr

Use buttons to select percentage of water supplied OR value

Pcnt:	<input type="text" value="0.25%"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MG/Yr
Value:	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MG/Yr

Pcnt:	<input type="text" value="2.00%"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MG/Yr
Value:	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MG/Yr

Pcnt:	<input type="text" value="0.25%"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MG/Yr
Value:	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MG/Yr

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AWWA Free Water Audit Software:
System Attributes and Performance Indicators
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Water Audit Report for: Los Alamos County (NM3500115)

Reporting Year: 2021 | 1/2020 - 12/2020

*** YOUR WATER AUDIT DATA VALIDITY SCORE IS: 72 out of 100 ***

System Attributes:

	Apparent Losses:	20.429	MG/Yr
	+ Real Losses:	106.564	MG/Yr
	= Water Losses:	126.993	MG/Yr
? Unavoidable Annual Real Losses (UARL): 46.74 MG/Yr			
	Annual cost of Apparent Losses:	\$122,983	
	Annual cost of Real Losses:	\$641,512	Valued at Customer Retail Unit Cost
			Return to Reporting Worksheet to change this assumption

Performance Indicators:

Financial:	{	Non-revenue water as percent by volume of Water Supplied:	14.9%	
		Non-revenue water as percent by cost of operating system:	3.9%	Real Losses valued at Customer Retail Unit Cost
Operational Efficiency:	{	Apparent Losses per service connection per day:	7.87	gallons/connection/day
		Real Losses per service connection per day:	41.06	gallons/connection/day
		Real Losses per length of main per day*:	N/A	
		Real Losses per service connection per day per psi pressure:	0.63	gallons/connection/day/psi
		From Above, Real Losses = Current Annual Real Losses (CARL):	106.56	million gallons/year
		? Infrastructure Leakage Index (ILI) [CARL/UARL]:	2.28	

* This performance indicator applies for systems with a low service connection density of less than 32 service connections/mile of pipeline

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Use this worksheet to add comments or notes to explain how an input value was calculated, or to document the sources of the information used.

General Comment:	
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Audit Item	Comment
Volume from own sources:	Total Water Produced for all for 2021 divided by 1,000,000
Vol. from own sources: Master meter error adjustment:	Additional meter accuracy data for production wells is needed to improve this value. Calculation only includes 2 of 12 production wells. Source: PureOps - Los Alamos County - Meter Testing Report 17.04 - C.PDF PureOps tested 21 meters in 2016, three of which were production wells (Otowil 1 and 4 and Pajarito 2). The Otowil Well 1 was highly inaccurate (only registering 29.8% of the flow) and therefore replaced. In order to not include an extreme outlier value, the remaining two values were averaged. (Value of all three = 76.9% vs. valueofjusttwo = 100.4%)
Water imported:	None (Los Alamos County has a contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for 1,200 acre-feet of water per year from the San Juan-Chama Project, but this water has not been brought online).
Water imported: master meter error adjustment:	Not applicable
Water exported:	Put the LANL water sale as exported water.
Water exported: master meter error adjustment:	Not applicable
Billed metered:	Total water sales, Kgal: total number added 12 months up and divided by 1,000
Billed unmetered:	None
Unbilled metered:	None
Unbilled unmetered:	Calculated
Unauthorized consumption:	
Customer metering inaccuracies:	No data (no customer meter testing was conducted in 2021).
Systematic data handling errors:	
Length of mains:	122 miles of water main pipeline + 45 miles of transmission main = 167
Number of active AND inactive service connections:	Average of 12 months of billed locations: total units / locations
Average length of customer service line:	Answer yes to question regarding whether customer meters are located at the curb. From email from James Alarid to Amy Ewing on October 9, 2017: "the vast majority are at the curb."
Average operating pressure:	From email from James Alarid to Amy Ewing: "Average system operating pressure is 65 psi."
Total annual cost of operating water system:	Total cost for Water Production + total cost for Water Distribution - Less: Interdept Water
Customer retail unit cost (applied to Apparent Losses):	Los Alamos County Water Rate
Variable production cost (applied to Real Losses):	Total Water Production Electric Bill divided by Volume from own sources.

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AWWA Free Water Audit Software: <u>Water Balance</u>		WAS v5.0	
		American Water Works Association.	
Water Audit Report for: Los Alamos County (NM3500115)			
Reporting Year: 2021		1/2020 - 12/2020	
Data Validity Score: 72			
Own Sources (Adjusted for known errors) 1,189.000	Water Exported 260.000	Billed Water Exported	
	Water Supplied 929.000	Authorized Consumption 802.008	Billed Authorized Consumption 790.395
Unbilled Authorized Consumption 11.613			Billed Unmetered Consumption 0.000
	Water Losses 126.993	Apparent Losses 20.429	Unbilled Metered Consumption 0.000
Unbilled Unmetered Consumption 11.613			
Water Imported 0.000	Real Losses 106.564	Unauthorized Consumption 2.323	
		Customer Metering Inaccuracies 16.131	
		Systematic Data Handling Errors 1.976	
		Leakage on Transmission and/or Distribution Mains <i>Not broken down</i>	
		Leakage and Overflows at Utility's Storage Tanks <i>Not broken down</i>	
		Leakage on Service Connections <i>Not broken down</i>	

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AWWA Free Water Audit Software: Determining Water Loss Standing

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Water Audit Report for:
 Reporting Year:
 Data Validity Score:

Water Loss Control Planning Guide

Functional Focus Area	Water Audit Data Validity Level / Score				
	Level I (0-25)	Level II (26-50)	Level III (51-70)	Level IV (71-90)	Level V (91-100)
Audit Data Collection	Launch auditing and loss control team; address production metering deficiencies	Analyze business process for customer metering and billing functions and water supply operations. Identify data gaps.	Establish/revise policies and procedures for data collection	Refine data collection practices and establish as routine business process	Annual water audit is a reliable gauge of year-to-year water efficiency standing
Short-term loss control	Research information on leak detection programs. Begin flowcharting analysis of customer billing system	Conduct loss assessment investigations on a sample portion of the system: customer meter testing, leak survey, unauthorized consumption, etc.	Establish ongoing mechanisms for customer meter accuracy testing, active leakage control and infrastructure monitoring	Refine, enhance or expand ongoing programs based upon economic justification	Stay abreast of improvements in metering, meter reading, billing, leakage management and infrastructure rehabilitation
Long-term loss control		Begin to assess long-term needs requiring large expenditure: customer meter replacement, water main replacement program, new customer billing system or Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) system.	Begin to assemble economic business case for long-term needs based upon improved data becoming available through the water audit process.	Conduct detailed planning, budgeting and launch of comprehensive improvements for metering, billing or infrastructure management	Continue incremental improvements in short-term and long-term loss control interventions
Target-setting			Establish long-term apparent and real loss reduction goals (+10 year horizon)	Establish mid-range (5 year horizon) apparent and real loss reduction goals	Evaluate and refine loss control goals on a yearly basis
Benchmarking			Preliminary Comparisons - can begin to rely upon the Infrastructure Leakage Index (ILI) for performance comparisons for real losses (see below table)	Performance Benchmarking - ILI is meaningful in comparing real loss standing	Identify Best Practices/ Best in class - the ILI is very reliable as a real loss performance indicator for best in class service

For validity scores of 50 or below, the shaded blocks should not be focus areas until better data validity is achieved.

Once data have been entered into the Reporting Worksheet, the performance indicators are automatically calculated. How does a water utility operator know how well his or her system is performing? The AWWA Water Loss Control Committee provided the following table to assist water utilities in gauging an approximate Infrastructure Leakage Index (ILI) that is appropriate for their water system and local conditions. The lower the amount of leakage and real losses that exist in the system, then the lower the ILI value will be.

Note: this table offers an approximate guideline for leakage reduction target-setting. The best means of setting such targets include performing an economic assessment of various loss control methods. However, this table is useful if such an assessment is not possible.

General Guidelines for Setting a Target ILI (without doing a full economic analysis of leakage control options)

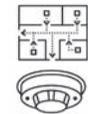
Target ILI Range	Financial Considerations	Operational Considerations	Water Resources Considerations
1.0 - 3.0	Water resources are costly to develop or purchase; ability to increase revenues via water rates is greatly limited because of regulation or low ratepayer affordability.	Operating with system leakage above this level would require expansion of existing infrastructure and/or additional water resources to meet the demand.	Available resources are greatly limited and are very difficult and/or environmentally unsound to develop.
>3.0 - 5.0	Water resources can be developed or purchased at reasonable expense; periodic water rate increases can be feasibly imposed and are tolerated by the customer population.	Existing water supply infrastructure capability is sufficient to meet long-term demand as long as reasonable leakage management controls are in place.	Water resources are believed to be sufficient to meet long-term needs, but demand management interventions (leakage management, water conservation) are included in the long-term plan.
>5.0 - 8.0	Cost to purchase or obtain/treat water is low, as are rates charged to customers.	Superior reliability, capacity and integrity of the water supply infrastructure make it relatively immune to supply shortages.	Water resources are plentiful, reliable, and easily extracted.
Greater than 8.0	Although operational and financial considerations may allow a long-term ILI greater than 8.0, such a level of leakage is not an effective utilization of water as a resource. Setting a target level greater than 8.0 - other than as an incremental goal to a smaller long-term target - is discouraged.		
Less than 1.0	If the calculated Infrastructure Leakage Index (ILI) value for your system is 1.0 or less, two possibilities exist. a) you are maintaining your leakage at low levels in a class with the top worldwide performers in leakage control. b) A portion of your data may be flawed, causing your losses to be greatly understated. This is likely if you calculate a low ILI value but do not employ extensive leakage control practices in your operations. In such cases it is beneficial to validate the data by performing field measurements to confirm the accuracy of production and customer meters, or to identify any other potential sources of error in the data.		

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Public Information Campaign Example

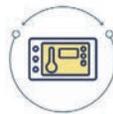
Bill Insert and Facebook posts for November 2022



Test fire plans
Pruebe sus planes contra incendios



Move clocks back
Retrase los relojes



Change HVAC schedule
Cambie el horario del termostato



Update irrigation schedule
Actualice sus horarios de riego



Save \$ with these Natural Gas Conservation Tips:

- » Prepare a week's worth of meals to maximize residual oven and stove heat.
- » Lower water heater temperature to 120F.
- » Use cold water to wash laundry.
- » Cover bare floors with rugs or carpets.
- » Open window curtains to let the winter sun and heat in during the day (be sure to close them at night).
- » Set a thermostat schedule: 68F when home and 62F at night or when away.
- » Change HVAC filters monthly during peak usage. A dirty system works harder.
- » Clean heating vents and move furniture or drapes if covering vents.
- » Fireplaces: keep damper closed UNLESS a fire is going. 8% of heat loss is straight up the chimney.
- » Put your ceiling fan in clockwise to distribute heat.
- » Replace lighter curtains with thicker drapes during colder months.
- » Seal air leaks around doors, windows, behind outlets, around plumbing (through floors and cabinets).
- » Insulate (properly)! Start with hot water pipes and water heaters, move to the attic, then look at crawlspaces/basements.
- » Replace with more efficient gas appliances.

Ahorre \$ con estos consejos de conservación de gas natural:

- » Prepare comidas para toda la semana a fin de maximizar el calor residual del horno y la estufa.
- » Reduzca la temperatura del calentador de agua a 120 °F (50 °C).
- » Lave su ropa con agua fría.
- » Cubra los pisos expuestos con alfombras o tapetes.
- » Abra las cortinas para dejar entrar el sol y calor del día durante el verano (recuerde cerrarlas por la noche).
- » Programe un horario en su termostato: 68 °F (20 °C) cuando esté en casa y 62 °F (17 °C) por las noches o cuando salga.
- » Cambie los filtros de su sistema de calefacción y aire acondicionado cada mes durante los períodos de más uso. Un sistema sucio consume más energía.
- » Limpie los respiraderos de la calefacción y mueva los muebles o las persianas que los cubran.
- » Chimeneas: mantenga el regulador cerrado A MENOS que tenga un fuego encendido. El 8% del calor perdido sale directamente por la chimenea.
- » Ajuste la rotación de su ventilador de techo a favor de las agujas del reloj para distribuir el calor.
- » Reemplace las cortinas ligeras con otras más gruesas durante los meses más fríos.
- » Selle las fugas de aire alrededor de puertas y ventanas, detrás de tomacorrientes, alrededor de tuberías (a través de pisos y gabinetes).
- » ¡Aplique aislamiento (correctamente)! Comience con las tuberías de agua caliente y los calentadores de agua, continúe con el ático y luego vea el sótano o el espacio debajo de la casa.
- » Reemplace los aparatos a gas con modelos más eficientes.

Tankless Natural Gas	Natural Gas	Electric Resistance
1171	1244	1590
Full-Fuel-Cycle Energy Consumption*: 8.6 MMBtu annually	Full-Fuel-Cycle Energy Consumption*: 26.64 MMBtu annually	Full-Fuel-Cycle Energy Consumption*: 49.8 MMBtu annually
CO2 Emissions*: 1.1 tons annually	CO2 Emissions*: 1.5 tons annually	CO2 Emissions*: 3.3 tons annually

* on average

Source: American Gas Association: Efficient Natural Gas

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Appendix 6

Jemez y Sangre Regional Water Plan Project Updates

Reference Appendix 8-A of the Regional plan, pages 1 and 2 for correlated project worksheets.

JYS ID	Project Name	Project Description	Cost	Funding Source	Schedule / Status
1	Otowi Well #2 (Pajarito Well #6)	Construction – construction of the new well house, electric gear, site improvements and equipping with pump/motor.	Design \$240,000 Construction \$3,700,000	Design DPU CIP Construction -DWSRL	Ongoing, Completion Spring 2023
9	Otowi Well #2 (Pajarito Well #6)	Design & Environmental – design build for the permitting, drilling and development of the new well.	\$4,500,000	DPU CIP	Complete July 2019
10	Ski Basin Water Supply (aka. Jemez Mountain Fire Protection Project, aka. Camp May Waterline Project)	Install a new 500,000 gallon tank, four booster stations and 23,000 feet of 8" waterline along West Jemez Road and Camp May Road to convey potable water to the Pajarito Ski Lodge area for domestic use, fire protection and snow making.	\$11,000 (estimated)	\$2 million – County \$9 million Grant/private	April 2013 Legislature approved special appropriations Grant for \$375,000 October 3, 2014 Grant agreement executed \$375,000 September 2, 2015 RFP Issued Design/Environmental docs. December 2, 2015 Design/Environmental Contract Executed March 1, 2018 USFS NEPA Scoping Meeting – Public Meeting UNM/LA June 6, 2018 Design/Environmental Contract Complete/End April 11, 2019 LAC Easement Request to LANL #1 March 1, 2022 USFS Decision Notice FONSI Issued March 25, 2022 DOE FONSI Issued April 4, 2022 LAC Easement Request to LANL #2 Construction start – Dependent on funding
12	White Rock WRRF (aka. White Rock Wastewater Treatment Plant)	Design - The project will completely replace the existing trickling filter plant which was constructed in 1965. The new reclamation facility will include a new headworks, oxidation ditch, secondary clarifiers, ultra-violet disinfection, filtration and sludge digesters.	Design - 2.3 million	CWSRL	Complete 2020
15	New Bay Non-Potable Water Tank	The project will construct a new 833,000 gallon steel storage tank adjacent to the existing Bayo Booster Station. The new tank will allow expansion of non-potable water use in Los Alamos.	Phase I - \$590,000 Phase II - \$3,200,000	Phase I WTB Grant – 60% WTB Loan – 40% Phase II WTB Grant – 60% WTB Loan – 40%	Phase I ongoing, completion January 2023. Phase II Construction Summer & Fall 2023

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JYS ID	Project Name	Project Description	Cost	Funding Source	Schedule / Status
17	White Rock WRRF (aka. White Rock Wastewater Treatment Plant)	Construction - The project will completely replace the existing trickling filter plant which was constructed in 1965. The new reclamation facility will include a new headworks, oxidation ditch, secondary clarifiers, ultra-violet disinfection, filtration and sludge digesters.	Construction - \$27.7 million	CWSRL	Construction Completion Fall 2023.
19	Canyon Road Sewer	Replace failing sections of vitrified clay sewer lines beneath and crossing Canyon Road	\$385,000	DPU CIP	Completed August 2022
22	Aspen School Area Phase I (aka. 33 rd & 34 th Street utility Up-grade Projects)	The project will replace aged and failing water-lines in the 33 rd and 34 th Streets in the vicinity of Aspen School.	\$1,000,000	DPU CIP	Construction summer 2023, Completion Fall 2023
23 & 27	Los Alamos Wastewater Treatment Plant Filtration Process	Install a new filtration process and building to filter effluent. Filtering the effluent will improve the water quality increasing the effluent classification to Class 1A – the highest achievable. Class 1A effluent can be used in more applications and locations.	Design - \$200,000 Construction \$3,400,000	Design - CIP Construction WTB Grant \$1,460,000 WTB Loan	Ongoing, completion summer 2023
28	Barranca Mesa Tank No. 2 Re-painting	The project will repaint the interior and exterior of the existing elevated 200,000 gallon water tank. Some structural and safety improvements will be completed as part of the project.	\$1,300,000	ARPA - \$1,100,000 DWSRL - \$565,000	Construction Summer 2023, Completion Fall 2023.

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Appendix 7

Los Alamos County Energy Conservation Policy



INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE GUIDELINE

Index No. 0330

Effective: May 15, 2013

ENERGY CONSERVATION POLICY

I. Purpose

County Council adopted an Environmental Sustainability Initiative that states:

"By incorporating a value of environmental sustainability into County activities there is an opportunity to lead by example, control costs, inspire community and staff, and preserve the environment for future generations."

Adopting a policy that creates a uniform energy conservation approach will help Los Alamos County reduce electricity and natural gas usage, thereby enabling the County to seize these opportunities.

II. Responsibility

All County Department Directors are responsible for the administration and enforcement of this policy for their Department. All employees are responsible for adherence to the policy. Specific departmental needs will dictate actual application of the policy.

III. Procedure

A. It is the responsibility of all County employees to be proper stewards of County resources, which includes our consumption of energy in the course of fulfilling our mission. Adopting a uniform energy conservation approach will help control costs and spread awareness about the need for protecting our finite resources. The following areas and practices are examples where employees should be mindful of how we consume energy in the course of completing our work. The list is not meant to be exhaustive but rather reflects examples of common energy consumption areas found in the work of the County.

B. Office Equipment and Appliances:

1. Computers and peripherals should be turned off at night and on weekends when not in use.
2. During operating hours display properties and power options for computers should be set as follows:
 - a. Monitors automatically shut off after 10 minutes of inactivity.
 - b. CPU to activate sleep mode after 30 minutes of inactivity.
3. No dual monitors shall be permitted in County facilities, unless deemed necessary for efficiently accomplishing tasks.
4. No office desktop printers shall be permitted in County facilities, unless required for the frequent printing of confidential documents.
5. No personal office refrigerators or cooking devices (i.e. microwaves, hot plates etc.) shall be permitted in County facilities.

C. Lighting

1. Lights in all building areas and workspaces will not be turned on unless needed.
2. Lights in all building areas and workspaces will be turned off when not in use.
3. During daylight hours all exterior lights will be off.
4. Exterior lighting will be used only when the building or facilities are occupied, unless the lighting is for security purposes.
5. Nighttime security lighting will be minimized to a level that is adequate to reasonably protect the building and facilities.

D. Heating and Cooling

1. Doors and windows at city facilities shall be kept closed when utilizing heating or cooling.
2. In accordance with the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) recommended standards for thermal comfort, during working hours occupied facilities shall have their thermostat set between 68 and 75 degrees during the heating season and between 73 and 79 degrees during the cooling season.
3. Night-time settings for heating and cooling should be utilized in all applicable facilities.
4. No portable space heaters shall be permitted in properly climate controlled areas.


HARRY BURGESS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DATE

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Sources Referenced

- Bureau of Business & Economic Research Population Pyramid
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- Census Housing Data
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- Energycodes.gov
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- Energy Grid Modernization Roadmap
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