




Michael J. Garcia, Mayor

DATE: May 18, 2026

TO: Governing Body
Finance Committee
Public Works and Utilities Committee

FROM: Jesse Roach, Interim Public Utilities Department Director 

VIA: Andy Hopkins, Budget Officer *Andy Hopkins*
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SUBJECT: New Mexico Special Appropriation Grant Agreement

The New Mexico Office of the State Engineer has generously offered up to two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in legislative appropriations to the City of Santa Fe to reimburse fiscal year 2026 costs associated with critical maintenance and improvements at Nichols Dam. The actual amount will be determined by qualifying expenses through June 30, 2026 that will not be reimbursed through any other funding mechanism. The City of Santa Fe's Public Utilities Department expects to be able to take advantage of nearly \$1,300,000 of this generous offer and recommends approval of the attached NEW MEXICO SPECIAL APPROPRIATION GRANT AGREEMENT for Santa Fe Critical Dam Maintenance and Improvement Project ZJ5134.

Project Ledger information for the Nichols Dam rehabilitation project for internal accounting purposes is included on the next two pages.

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PROJECT MASTER TABLE

Project code: WTR1950508 Title: NICHOLS - OUTLET CONDUIT REHABILITA
Short title: NICHOLS DAM REH

Major Project:
Contact Names:

Status: Active
Workflow Status:
Drawdown frequency: REM
Start date: 07/01/2019 Percent complete: 0
Est completion date: Estimate to complete: 9,978,500.00
Actual completion date:04/11/2027

Comment:

1 Records printed ** End of Report **

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CITY OF SANTA FE
PROJECT MASTER REPORT

Project	Title	Status	Start Date	End Date
WTR1950508	NICHOLS - OUTLET CONDUIT REHABILITA	Active	07/01/19	04/11/27

Expense String	Name	Status	Start Date	End Date
WTR1950508-Design--	nichols outlet conduit rehab	Active	07/01/2019	06/30/2026
WTR1950508-CONSTRUC--	NICHOLS - OUTLET CONDUIT REHAB	Active	07/01/2019	06/30/2026

Funding Source String	Name	Status	Start Date	End Date
WTR1950508-State-NMDFA-	NICHOLS DAM SAFETY REHAB	Active	07/01/2019	04/11/2027
WTR1950508-State-NMFA-	NICHOLS DAM SAFETY REHAB	Active	07/01/2019	04/11/2027
WTR1950508-INTERNAL--	NICHOLS - OUTLET CONDUIT REHAB	Active	07/01/2019	06/30/2026
WTR1950508-LOAN--	NICHOLS DAM SAFETY REHAB	Active	07/01/2019	04/11/2027

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