

**Draft Process/Schedule^a for Preparation and Promulgation of
Gallinas River District-Specific Regulations
For Implementation of Active Water Resources Management in the
Gallinas River Water Master District
2007/08 Activities**

District-Specific AWRM Regulations (DSR) for the Gallinas River are being prepared using a four-phased process with public involvement at each phase of preparation. The first draft will be release to the major groups of basin stakeholders as the First Public Review Draft. An initial meeting with each entity will be held to introduce them to the DSR. Follow-up meetings to get their feedback, and to explain which aspects of the feedback we incorporated and why, will subsequently be held. A Second Public Review Draft will be released to the and at least one fully public meetings will be held. Comments received from the first and second phases will be utilized to prepare the Proposed Regulations, which initiates the formal process for promulgation and is the third phase. The formal public review process begins by releasing the proposed regulations to the public and placing them on file for one month at the Santa Fe Office and all District Offices, followed by two weekly notices published in local newspapers, and ends with a Public Hearing. During the fourth phase, additional meetings may be held. All public input will be reviewed and considered. The final version of the regulations will then be prepared, and formally adopted by the State Engineer in the fourth phase.

Timeline (approximate)

January – April 2007	Preparation of Internal Review Draft by legal team
May-June 2007	Peer review by entire Gallinas team
6/15/2007	Peer review completed
6/15 thru 6/30/07	Revise Internal Review Draft based on team comments to create First Public Review Draft (internal task)
6/30/07	First Public Review Draft completed
July 2007	Hold series of individual meetings with major stakeholders or stakeholder groups (City of Las Vegas; Storrie Project; Gallinas Canal and Storage Co.; Acequias) to introduce and explain GRDSR; hand out DSR
Mid-August 2007	Hold series of second individual meetings with major stakeholders to receive comments
9/14/07	Deadline to receive written comments from major stakeholders
Mid-October	Incorporate comments, prepare Second Public Review Draft (internal task)

Mid- to late Oct.	Hold series of third individual meetings with major stakeholders to explain which comments we have/have not incorporated and why
Early 11/07	Full public meeting
End of 11/07	Close pre-promulgation comment period
End of 12/07	Prepare Proposed Regulations
1/7/2008	Begin Formal Promulgation process by placing on file with Santa Fe and District Offices with findings of fact, and distribute to interested persons in accordance with the requirements of NMSA 72-2-8D.
2/7/08	<p>Begin Publication</p> <p>Publish notice and synopsis of proposed regulations with information about the date and time of the Public Hearing in five newspapers of general circulation for two consecutive weeks</p> <p>Publish answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on website</p>
3/13/08	<p>Public Hearing; end comment period</p> <p>Public Hearing will continue until all persons who wish to make oral comments have been heard.</p> <p>Close the hearing record and end the comment period. Written comments on the GRSR must be received by delivery or email by 5:00 pm.</p>
Subsequently	The State Engineer may hold meetings with commentators to discuss how objections might be resolved. This process is intentionally left unscheduled to allow for the reasonable conclusion that all objections will have been resolved, or that all reasonable attempts to resolve them will already have been made.
3/21/08	Final Promulgation

^a This schedule is subject to change. Notices of changes that affect hearing dates or comment deadlines will be sent to persons who register at gallinas.comments@state.nm.us, c/o Christy Pittman, Office of the State Engineer, P.O. Box 25105, Santa Fe, NM 87504, requesting to be notified at the address they provide of such changes. Changes to the schedule also will be posted at www.ose.state.nm.us. Go to “[Water Information](#)>[Active Water Resource Management](#)>[Priority Basins](#)>[Gallinas](#)”.