

Director's Message

Dear Conservation Voter,

I am pleased to share with you our 2006 Conservation Scorecard. By opening up this Scorecard, you've taken an important step towards protecting New Mexico's environment. "Knowing the Score" is a powerful way for you to determine whether your legislator votes in step with your conservation values.

This year, our hats go off to Senator Dede Feldman and Representative "Bobby" Gonzales

for passing one of the country's strongest residential solar incentives, the Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit. With consumer incentives - and thereby a boost for our local and flourishing renewable energy industry - this legislation demonstrates the potential for New Mexico to lead as a "clean energy state". It also proves that, through innovation and leadership, we can build our state's economy while protecting our natural environment for future generations.

But many tough fights remain, as we continue to defend against numerous attacks on New Mexico's water, land, and air. From an attempt to undermine the "Roadless Rule" to mining interests trying to circumvent the Water Quality Control Act (see pg. 7-8), to a handful of legislators opposed to investing in New Mexico's land, wildlife, and clean energy, Conservation Voters New Mexico (CVNM) and our allies fought these and numerous other battles in the 2006 Legislative session. We look forward to passing strong pro-conservation legislation in the 2007 session.

Now that you know the score, **please follow it up with action.** If your legislators have a strong conservation score, call or write to thank them. If they have a poor score, write or call to express your concern. You can find contact information for each legislator in the back of this publication.

The next action you should take is to **join or renew your membership** with Conservation Voters New Mexico, the political voice of New Mexico's conservation community. You can make a donation online at WWW.CVNM.ORG or by filling out the enclosed envelope. Your support is critical for helping us lobby the legislature, hold politicians accountable, and to elect a pro-conservation majority here in the Land of Enchantment.

The greatest power we have as citizens of New Mexico is the power to vote. This election year, New Mexicans face many choices. CVNM urges you to flex your muscle as a "Conservation Voter" by factoring in the conservation record of your legislators and statewide office holders when you vote this November.

So much is at stake in this election year. Now, more than ever, we need elected officials in New Mexico who will fight for sensible conservation policies that protect our water, our land, and our way of life.

I trust you agree, and I look forward to your continued involvement with Conservation Voters New Mexico.

Sandy Buffett

Executive Director, CVNM

Please feel free to call me at (505)992-8683 if you have any questions or would like to become more involved.



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About the Scorecard

Conservation Voters New Mexico's 2006 Legislative Scorecard provides objective, non-partisan information about the conservation voting records of all members of the 47th Legislature of the State of New Mexico. Scorecards are a clear and comprehensive way for voters to see how they are being represented.

The citizens of New Mexico care deeply about protecting the qualities that make our state so special. A recent statewide poll showed that 75% of New Mexicans support dedicating \$20 million of existing oil and gas tax revenues to help conserve open spaces and outdoor recreational opportunities, to help landowners protect habitats on their properties, and to help fund renewable energy programs (Research and Polling, Inc., for National Environmental Trust, 2006).

We believe that New Mexicans want a healthy future for our children and grandchildren. We believe New Mexicans overwhelmingly want our children to benefit from a quality of life at least as good as what we inherited from our parents. Our scorecard helps you see whether your legislators are fighting for a better future for our children, or if they represent special interests that are willing to jeopardize that future for short-term gain.

How Votes were Selected:

Each vote was selected based solely on the environmental values embodied in the legislation. The results of the charts speak for themselves. In preparing this scorecard, we sought input from legislative and environmental leaders; however, responsibility for the decisions reflected in this document rests entirely with CVNM.

There are literally thousands of votes taken during a legislative session in New Mexico. Most of these votes represent overwhelming or unanimous agreement on non-controversial issues or amendments. In many cases, CVNM selected measures that illustrate the key debates and fierce disagreement over conservation policy in the state; however, we also selected some votes that achieved near-unanimity to recognize significant legislative action on important conservation issues.

Wherever possible, the votes included in the scorecard were taken on the floor of the House

or Senate, where every legislator's position can be represented. However, some of the most important actions are taken in legislative committees – on measures that never reach the floor. Where this is the case, CVNM has presented the committee's vote, and it is not factored into the scores for legislators who don't serve on that particular committee.

CVNM selected the most critical votes on each issue. In some cases, a vote on an amendment to a bill was more important - for its potential environmental impact - than passage of the bill itself. If so, this is explained in the vote description.

How to Read the Scorecard:

If a legislator voted in support of the pro-conservation position, their vote is recorded on the chart as a 'plus' (+); votes against the conservation position are indicated with a 'minus' (-). If a legislator was excused from voting, this is noted by an 'e', and the vote does not count positively or negatively towards their final score. If a legislator was not excused from voting but still did not vote, they are recorded as 'absent' (a), and it counts against their score. Where committee votes are included, the positions of legislators who do not serve on that particular committee are recorded as 'not applicable' (n/a).

In this scorecard, not all votes are weighted equally. Some votes are more critical than others, either because of the issues at stake or the personal courage required of legislators who take the pro-conservation position. We have endeavored to represent the relative importance of each vote by doubling the value of some votes. While decisions to weight some bills more heavily are reflective of the positions of CVNM and other conservation advocates, these are inherently subjective decisions. We encourage you to read the vote descriptions and compare them against the scorecard to determine how well your legislator represented you on the issues and bills that are most important to you.

The 2006 scorecard includes each legislator's 2005 and 2006 scores, as well as the average of the two. This provides a more accurate and complete record of the entire 47th NM State Legislature (which includes both the 2005 and 2006 sessions).

Highlights of the 2006 Legislature

As in every even-numbered year, the 2006 Legislature was only 30 days long, and focused largely on budgetary matters. Nonetheless, a great number of bills were addressed that had significant positive or negative impacts on New Mexico's environment and our unique way of life.

Highlights

The most significant conservation success story during the 2006 session was passage of one of the country's strongest solar market incentives. Sponsored by Senator Dede Feldman of Albuquerque's North Valley, the legislation leverages other incentives – such as the federal tax credit and PNM's new incentive program – to provide a tax credit of up to 30% for residential solar electricity and heat projects. This can save consumers up to \$9,000 per project, and will help drive fast-growing solar technology industries in New Mexico. With initiatives like these, our state can realize our potential as a national leader on clean energy technologies and production.

Another highlight of the 2006 session was the unique and growing coalition supporting the Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Act. Although the bill was defeated this year in the House Taxation and Revenue Committee (see Lowlights), we can take pride in the broad and diverse set

of organizations and people who got behind the measure and really pushed for it. From hunters and anglers groups to renewable energy industries to several Pueblos and local governments, the coalition developed from conservation organizations and local and statewide land trusts to also include the NM Cattlegrowers, the NM Farm and Livestock Bureau and other new allies. The coalition that emerged from the 2006 session is stronger than ever, and working diligently during the interim to ensure the Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Act becomes law in 2007.

As always, bills were introduced that sacrificed the quality of our air, land and water resources. Once again, the tireless work of conservation groups, volunteer advocates and the public, paid off – none of these measures became law. Although we will continue our efforts to enact legislation that will protect New Mexico's special qualities in perpetuity, it is nonetheless a tremendous achievement to successfully defend our natural environment from every single attack.

Lowlights

Although no significant rollbacks of environmental protections passed the 2006 Legislature, it is important to note that many pieces of

critically important conservation legislation failed to make much progress either. We recognize that a 30-day session has limitations, but important work remains undone, and we hope that the Legislature will return to this unfinished business in 2007.

The two most significant measures that were defeated were:

• Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Act (LWCE) – New Mexico is one of few states in the west that doesn't have a dedicated stream of revenue for land and wildlife conservation projects. As a result, we lose out on federal and other matching funds that are estimated at about \$20 million per year for New Mexico. LWCE would dedicate a small percentage of existing oil and gas

Lowlights of the 2006 Legislature

revenues to conservation and clean energy projects.

• Surface Owners' Protection Act (SOPA) - In New Mexico, ranchers, farmers and homeowners ("surface owners") often do not own the sub-surface mineral rights to the oil and gas underneath their land. As a result, there is increasing conflict between surface owners and some oil and gas companies over drilling, property access, damages, lost income, etc. SOPA begins to restore the balance between these important interests by requiring notification, written agreements and compensation for damages.

In 2006, there was the usual array of anti-conservation legislation. Many of these measures are discussed in the Bill Descriptions section of the scorecard.

By the Numbers: The Legislature

Number of State Legislators: **112** (70 Representatives and 42 Senators)

Number of Days in the 2006 Legislative Session: **30**

By the Numbers:

The Scorecard

Average 2006 Conservation Score for the House: **65**% Average 2006 Conservation Score for the Senate: **56**% Number of Perfect Scores (100%) in the House: **10** Number of Perfect Scores (100%) in the Senate: **7**

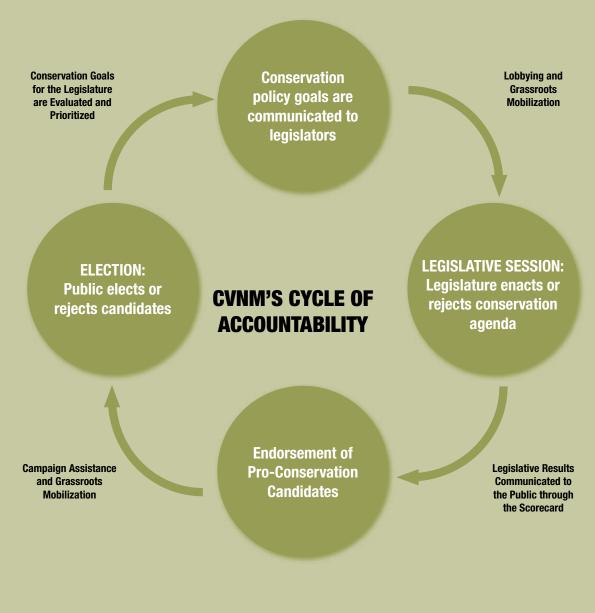
Average 2006 Conservation Score for House Democrats: **65**% Average 2006 Conservation Score for House Republicans: **52**% Average 2006 Conservation Score for Senate Democrats: **80**% Average 2006 Conservation Score for Senate Republicans: **25**%

NOTE: These numbers are calculated for the 2006 session only. The combined scores for each legislator for both the 2005 and 2006 sessions (the 47th Legislature) are included in the scorecard. The combined scores tend to smooth out year-to-year anomalies in individual voting records, as well as the votes selected to be scored.



One unfortunate lowlight, however, was a 59-1 House Floor vote to pass a bill designed to undercut the Roadless Rule in our National Forests. The Roadless Rule requires that certain pristine wilderness areas should be protected against further road construction. The bill would have undermined that rule. Perhaps House members did not fully understand the intent of the legislation, although it seemed quite transparent. Kudos to Rep. Peter Wirth, who was the lone State Representative to oppose this attempt to undermine the Roadless Rule.

"I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use our natural resources, but I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob by wasteful use, the generations that come after us." - Theodore Roosevelt, US President



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It is important to remember that scores provide only one component of each legislator's conservation record. Factors such as leadership in committee, in caucus, and on the floor, as well as vision and determination, also play a crucial role. These other factors are certainly considered by CVNM when making endorsements.

Vote Descriptions

✓ = Pro Conservation Bill X = Anti-Conservation Bill

✓ HB 23 (Rep. Wirth)

Compliance Order Non-Compliance Penalties.

Any law is only as strong as the ability to enforce it. Previously, the Environment Department had little recourse against polluters who violated the Air Quality Act and failed to abide by compliance orders issued by the Department. HB 23 authorized the Environment Department to assess civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per day for non-compliance, and pursue suspension or revocation of the permit for failure to pay the penalties or comply with the order. Unfortunately, HB 23 was weakened by an amendment on the Senate Floor (see below), but it PASSED both chambers and was signed by the Governor.

Conservation Vote: YES

X Senate Floor Amendment to HB 23

Compliance Order Non-Compliance Penalties.

This amendment, offered by Sen. Adair, weakened the bill by requiring court action – a costly and burdensome additional step – for assessment of civil penalties. While presumably intended to protect against abuses by the Environment Department, this amendment will, in fact, cost taxpayers considerably more, while providing no additional protection – since alleged polluters who wished to challenge the Department always had recourse in the courts. Amendment PASSED, the House concurred, and the amended bill was signed by the Governor.

Conservation Vote: NO

Votes on this amendment are weighted 2x by CVNM

X HB 82 (Rep. Taylor)

Navajo Nation Electric Generation Tax Credit.

New Mexico has made great strides as a leader in producing clean, renewable energy. HB 82 represented a baffling step backwards, by providing a \$60 million tax credit for a conventional coal-fired power plant on the Navajo Nation. Although the Navajo Nation is in need of economic development projects, these efforts cannot and need not come at the expense of the environment or public health. CVNM attempted unsuccessfully to amend the

legislation to make the tax credit contingent on the use of cleaner coal technology. HB 82 was rolled into the tax omnibus bill, which included many other tax-related measures. The only stand-alone vote on HB 82 was held in House Business and Industry Committee, which is the vote included here. The tax omnibus bill went to Conference Committee; the report passed the House, but DIED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: NO

Votes on this bill are weighted 2x by CVNM

X HB 144 (Rep. Hanosh)

Oil and Gas Produced Water Tax Credits

HB 144 provides a tax credit of \$1,000 per acre-foot of water (to a maximum of \$400,000 per year) produced during oil and gas operations and delivered to the Pecos River to meet our compact delivery obligations to Texas. In the ongoing drought, any measures that help provide more water sound like a good idea. But this is an annual tax credit, meaning the state pays each year for each acre-foot of water. The cost of water rights purchase along the Pecos ranges from \$1,250 to \$2,500 per acre-foot. Taxpayers are better off paying twice as much to own the water rights forever, as opposed to 'leasing' them year-to-year for half the price. Moreover, HB 144 turns the principle of 'polluter pays' on its head – by compensating oil and gas producers for cleaning up the water that they polluted in the first place. HB 144 was rolled into the tax omnibus bill, which included many other tax-related measures. The only stand-alone vote on HB 144 was held in House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee, which is the vote included here. The tax omnibus bill went to Conference Committee; the report passed the House, but DIED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: NO

X HB 314 (Rep. Heaton)

Uniform Environmental Covenants Act.

Redevelopment of 'brownfields' – formerly polluted lands that haven't been cleaned up completely – is an important tool for infill and revitalization. HB 314 was intended to encourage brownfields redevelopment by authorizing placement of a covenant on the land that would prevent its future use in ways that

would jeopardize human health. The bill, however, was crafted in a way that provided an end-run around the Water Quality Control Act. Instead of permitting environmental covenants only when the land and groundwater could not be completely remediated, it created the possibility that covenants would be used as the means to demonstrate that there was no risk to human health, and therefore didn't need to be completely remediated. Passed House, but DEFEATED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: NO

Votes on this bill are weighted 2x by CVNM

✓ HB 462 (Rep. B. Lujan), and✓ SB 495 (Sen. Papen)

Tax Increment for Development Act.

One of the major barriers to infill and redevelopment projects is the lack of up-front capital. HB 462 and SB 495 authorized Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts, where – subject to voter approval – increases in tax receipts from redevelopment are used to repay bonds that fund the development in the first place. HB 462 died in the Senate; SB 495 PASSED both chambers and was signed by the Governor.

Conservation Vote: YES

✓ HJM 44 (Rep. Ruiz)

Commitment to Healthy Communities.

Too often, polluting industries are concentrated in poorer communities and communities of color. HJM 44 calls on the Health and Environment Departments to study the impacts of their agencies on environmental health and recommend changes that will more fully involve minority and low-income communities in decision-making processes. Passed House, but DEFEATED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: YES

X SB 242 (Sen. Carraro)

Department of Transportation Expenditures Cap.

SB242 caps public transit spending by the Department of Transportation at \$50,000 per year, unless the funds are eligible for federal reimbursement. By any standard of measurement, New Mexico spends less than almost any other state on public transportation. Such an extreme cap hinders our ability to pursue sustainable public transit systems. Passed

Senate, but DEFEATED in the House.

Conservation Vote: NO

✓ SB 269 (Sen. Feldman)

Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit.

SB 269 leverages other incentives like the federal solar tax credit and PNM's new solar credit program to provide up to a 30% tax incentive for residential solar electricity and heat projects, to a maximum of \$9,000 per project. PASSED both chambers and signed by the Governor.

Conservation Vote: YES

X Senate Floor Amendment to SB 317

NM Renewable Energy Transmission Authority

The original bill establishes the Renewable Energy Transmission Authority, which would promote the development of renewable energy in New Mexico by facilitating its storage and transfer. The amendment, sponsored by Sen. Payne, gutted the bill by preventing the Authority from taking any substantive action without specific legislative approval. Amendment PASSED, but the bill was DEFEATED in the House.

Conservation Vote: NO

Votes on this amendment are weighted 2x by CVNM

✓ SB 395 (Sen. M. Sanchez)

Unlawful Trophy Animal Disposition Penalties.

SB 395 begins to address the issue of trophy poaching by authorizing the Game Commission to designate trophy animals and impose civil penalties for illegally taking a trophy animal. PASSED both chambers; SB 395 was pocket-vetoed, but its companion, HB 536, was signed by the Governor.

Conservation Vote: YES

✓ SB 407 (Sen. M. Sanchez)

Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Act.

SB 407 establishes a permanent, dedicated funding source for clean energy and land and wildlife conservation projects, which will allow us to leverage our bonding capacity and millions of dollars in matching funds for these types of projects. Senate Finance Committee stripped the funding from the bill, leaving only the enabling legislation. The weakened bill

passed the Senate, but was DEFEATED in the House.

Conservation Vote: YES

Votes on this bill are weighted 2x by CVNM

✓ SJM 36 (Sen. Campos and Sen. Beffort)

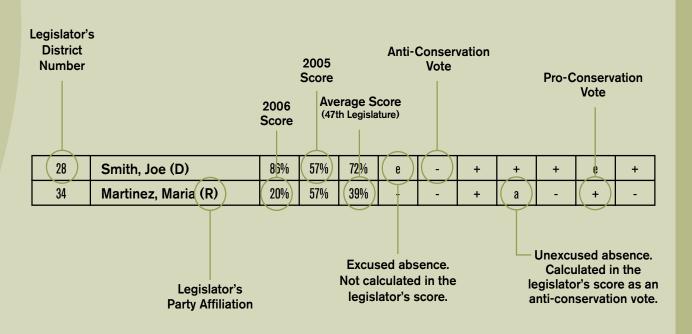
Engineer Evaluation of Groundwater Transfers.

Given the conflict between continued growth and limited water supplies, the issue of water exports between basins has becoming increasingly contentious. SJM 36 resolves that transfers of water from closed groundwater basins must be consistent with regional water plans, and be supported by evidence of need and lack of in-basin alternatives. Passed the Senate, but was DEFEATED in the House.

Conservation Vote: YES



How to read the Scorecard



Scorecard

NFW	MEXI	COS	STATE	SENATE

District	Senator	2006 Score	2005 Score	Total - 47th Legislature	Amend: HB 23 (2x)	SB 242	SB 269	Amend: SB 317 (2x)	SB 407 (2x)	SB 495	SJM 36
33	Adair, Rod (R)	20%	43%	32%	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
28	Altamirano, Ben (D)	86%	57%	72%	е	-	+	+	+	е	+
34	Asbill, Vernon (R)	20%	57%	39%	1	-	+	-	1	+	-
19	Beffort, Sue Wilson (R)	50%	71%	61%	е	-	+	-	е	+	+
18	Boitano, Mark (R)	10%	43%	27%	ı	-	+	-	ı	-	a
8	Campos, Pete (D)	100%	71%	86%	е	е	+	+	+	+	+
23	Carraro, Joseph (R)	22%	43%	33%	ı	-	+	-	ı	е	+
6	Cisneros, Carlos (D)	83%	71%	77%	+	-	е	+	е	е	+
21	Cravens, Kent (R)	25%	57%	41%	е	-	+	-	ı	+	-
40	Duran, Dianna (R)	10%	50%	30%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
13	Feldman, Dede (D)	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
30	Fidel, Joseph (D)	78%	71%	75%	е	-	+	+	+	+	+
36	Garcia, Mary Jane (D)	100%	86%	93%	+	+	е	+	е	е	+
39	Griego, Phil (D)	88%	86%	87%	+	-	е	+	+	е	+
25	Grubesic, John (D)	90%	100%	95%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
7	Harden, Clinton (R)	50%	43%	47%	-	е	е	+	-	+	+
27	Ingle, Stuart (R)	30%	57%	44%	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
32	Jennings, Timothy (D)	63%	57%	60%	е	-	+	+	-	+	+
42	Kernan, Gay (R)	20%	57%	39%	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
9	Komadina, Steve (R)	22%	57%	40%	-	-	е	-	-	+	+
41	Leavell, Carroll (R)	25%	43%	34%	е	-	+	-	-	+	a
11	Lopez, Linda (D)	90%	83%	87%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
5	Martinez, Richard (D)	70%	83%	77%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
16	McSorley, Cisco (D)	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
31	Nava, Cynthia (D)	100%	83%	92%	+	+	+	+	е	+	+
2	Neville, Steven (R)	30%	57%	44%	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
12	Ortiz y Pino, Gerald (D)	100%	83%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
38	Papen, Mary Kay (D)	60%	71%	66%	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
20	Payne, William (R)	14%	33%	24%	-	-	+	-	е	е	-
3	Pinto, John (D)	67%	75%	71%	е	-	+	е	+	+	a

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District	Senator	2006 Score	2005 Score	Total - 47th Legislature	Amend: HB 23 (2x)	SB 242	SB 269	Amend: SB 317 (2x)	SB 407 (2x)	SB 495	SJM 36
4	Rainaldi, Lidio (D)	90%	67%	79%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
37	Rawson, Leonard Lee (R)	13%	29%	21%	е	ı	+	ı	ı	ı	-
17	Robinson, Shannon (D)	29%	40%	35%	е	ı	е	1	+	1	a
24	Rodriguez, Nancy (D)	n/a *	83%	83%	е	е	е	е	е	е	е
10	Ryan, John (R)	40%	33%	37%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-
26	Sanchez, Bernadette (D)	70%	71%	71%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
29	Sanchez, Michael (D)	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
1	Sharer, William (R)	20%	57%	39%	-	-	+	-	-	+	a
35	Smith, John Arthur (D)	29%	57%	43%	е	-	е	-	-	+	+
15	Snyder, H. Diane (R)	30%	57%	44%	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
14	Taylor, James (D)	89%	71%	80%	+	е	+	+	+	-	+
22	Tsosie, Leonard (D)	57%	60%	59%	е	-	е	-	+	+	+

^{*} Due to the predominance of excused absences during conservation votes for personal reasons, these legislators were not scored this year.



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NEW MEXICO STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District	Representative	2006 Score	2005 Score	Total- 47th Legislature	HB 23	HB 314 (2x)	HB 462	HJM 44	SB 269	SB 395	HBIC: HB 82 (2x)	HAGC: HB144
29	Anderson, Thomas (R)	57%	0%	29%	+	-	+	+	+	-	n/a	n/a
24	Arnold-Jones, Janice (R)	57%	0%	29%	+	-	-	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
68	Balderas, Hector (D)	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	е	е	n/a
4	Begaye, Ray (D)	50%	75%	63%	+	a	+	+	+	a	n/a	-
37	Boykin, William "Ed" (R)	57%	33%	45%	+	-	+	+	+	a	n/a	n/a
62	Bratton, Donald (R)	57%	0%	29%	+	-	+	+	+	-	n/a	n/a
63	Campos, Jose (D)	71%	83%	77%	+	a	+	+	+	+	е	n/a
52	Cervantes, Joseph (D)	86%	50%	68%	е	+	+	+	+	+	n/a	-
18	Chasey, Gail (D)	86%	80%	83%	+	+	+	+	a	+	n/a	n/a
12	Chavez, Ernest (D)	71%	83%	77%	+	-	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
2	Cheney, Richard (R)	25%	17%	21%	+	-	+	a	-	-	n/a	-
7	Cordova, Kandy (D)	43%	83%	63%	-	-	+	+	+	a	n/a	n/a
64	Crook, Anna (R)	43%	33%	38%	+	-	+	a	+	a	n/a	n/a
58	Ezzell, Candace Spence (R)	57%	17%	37%	+	a	+	+	+	1	n/a	n/a
57	Foley, Daniel (R)	33%	17%	25%	a	ı	+	е	+	1	n/a	n/a
30	Fox-Young, Justine (R)	57%	0%	29%	+	a	+	+	+	1	n/a	n/a
34	Garcia, Mary Helen (D)	71%	83%	77%	+	1	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
14	Garcia, Miguel (D)	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
66	Gardner, Keith (R)	57%	17%	37%	+	-	+	+	+	-	n/a	n/a
42	Gonzales, Roberto (D)	71%	83%	77%	+	-	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
33	Gutierrez, Joni (D)	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
28	Hall, Jimmie (R)	57%	33%	45%	+	-	+	a	+	+	n/a	n/a
38	Hamilton, Dianne Miller (R)	57%	33%	45%	+	-	a	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
6	Hanosh, George (D)	86%	83%	85%	+	+	a	+	+	+	е	n/a
5	Harrison, Irvin (D)	67%	83%	75%	+	-	е	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
55	Heaton, John (D)	57%	83%	70%	+	-	+	+	+	a	n/a	n/a
39	Herrera, Manuel (D)	71%	83%	77%	+	-	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
20	Hobbs, Ted (R)	56%	33%	45%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	n/a
32	Irwin, Dona (D)	44%	80%	62%	+	-	a	+	+	+	-	n/a
50	King, Rhonda (D)	71%	67%	69%	+	-	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
27	Larranaga, Larry (R)	50%	17%	34%	+	-	+	е	a	+	n/a	n/a
35	Lujan, Antonio (D)	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
46	Lujan, Ben (D)	100%	83%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
8	Luna, Fred (D)	n/a *	n/a *	n/a *	+	е	+	е	е	е	-	n/a
9	Lundstrom, Patricia (D)	57%	80%	69%	+	-	+	+	a	+	n/a	n/a

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Scorecard

NEW MEXICO STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District	Representative	2006 Score	2005 Score	Total- 47th Legislature	HB 23	НВ 314 (2х)	HB 462	HJM 44	SB 269	SB 395	HBIC: HB 82 (2x)	HAGC: HB144
65	Madalena, James Roger (D)	n/a *	n/a *	n/a *	е	a	е	+	е	е	n/a	n/a
53	Marquardt, Terry (R)	56%	33%	45%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	n/a
69	Martinez, W. Ken (D)	57%	83%	70%	+	-	+	+	+	a	n/a	n/a
22	McCoy, Kathy (R)	71%	50%	61%	+	1	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
11	Miera, Rick (D)	86%	100%	93%	+	+	+	a	+	+	n/a	n/a
67	Moore, Brian (R)	57%	50%	54%	+	-	+	a	+	+	n/a	n/a
36	Nunez, Andy (D)	83%	50%	67%	+	е	+	+	+	+	n/a	-
26	Park, AI (D)	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
25	Picraux, Danice (D)	100%	100%	100%	+	+	е	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
44	Powdrell-Culbert, Jane (R)	33%	0%	17%	a	-	+	+	+	a	1	n/a
20	Rehm, William (R) †	57%	n/a †	57%	+	е	+	+	+	1	ı	n/a
41	Rodella, Debbie (D)	50%	83%	67%	+	-	е	+	+	+	1	n/a
16	Ruiz, Harriet (D)	57%	100%	79%	+	-	+	+	+	a	n/a	n/a
10	Saavedra, Henry "Kiki" (D)	60%	80%	70%	е	1	+	е	+	+	n/a	n/a
40	Salazar, Nick (D)	57%	80%	69%	a	-	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
17	Sandoval, Edward (D)	67%	80%	74%	+	1	+	е	+	+	n/a	n/a
13	Silva, Daniel (D)	71%	83%	77%	+	1	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
19	Stapleton, Sheryl Williams (D)	71%	50%	61%	+	-	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
54	Stell, Joe (D)	63%	33%	48%	+	-	+	+	+	+	n/a	-
21	Stewart, Mimi (D)	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
60	Swisstack, Thomas (D)	57%	83%	70%	+	-	+	a	+	+	n/a	n/a
1	Taylor, Thomas (R)	33%	17%	25%	+	-	+	a	+	a	-	n/a
3	Townsend, Sandra (R)	50%	40%	45%	+	1	+	+	+	a	n/a	-
49	Tripp, Don (R)	63%	17%	40%	+	ı	+	+	+	+	n/a	-
45	Trujillo, Jim (D)	56%	83%	70%	+	ı	+	+	+	+	ı	n/a
48	Varela, Luciano "Lucky" (D)	100%	83%	92%	е	+	+	е	+	+	n/a	n/a
51	Vaughn, Gloria (R)	71%	33%	52%	+	ı	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
70	Vigil, Richard (D)	50%	83%	67%	+	-	е	+	+	+	-	n/a
43	Wallace, Jeannette (R)	60%	67%	64%	е	-	+	е	+	+	n/a	n/a
61	Whitaker, Don (D)	43%	50%	47%	a	-	+	a	+	+	n/a	n/a
56	Williams, W.C. "Dub" (R)	n/a *	67%	67%	е	-	+	е	е	е	n/a	n/a
59	Wilson, Avon (R)	n/a *	33%	33%	е	е	е	е	е	е	n/a	n/a
47	Wirth, Peter (D)	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a
23	Youngberg, Eric (R)	33%	17%	25%	a	-	a	е	+	+	n/a	n/a
15	Zanetti, Teresa (R)	57%	17%	37%	+	-	+	a	+	+	n/a	n/a

^{*}Due to the predominance of excused absences during conservation votes for personal reasons, these legislators were not scored this year.

Governor Bill Richardson

Bill Richardson is the most pro-conservation Governor this state has seen in a very long time. Despite the short session, the Governor weighed in behind a strong conservation agenda for the 2006 Legislature. His "State of the State" address included three energy and environment initiatives: the Land, Wildlife, and Clean Energy Act, the solar tax credit, and the creation of the Renewable Energy Transmission Authority.

Unfortunately, the 2006 Legislature proved to be less conservation-minded, and two out of three of these important measures ultimately failed. However, the experience of most conservation advocates at the Roundhouse was that the Governor and his staff were



Lieutenant Governor Diane Denish

The Lt. Governor does not traditionally play a direct role in conservation policy, unless it is a specific personal priority. However, when a Senate Floor



vote is tied, the Lieutenant Governor casts the all-important deciding vote. This happened twice during the 2006 legislative session.

Lieutenant Governor Denish courageously cast two deciding votes on the Senate Floor to pass critical pieces of legislation: the Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Act (SB 407) and Compliance Order Non-Compliance Penalties (HB 23). Both bills are included in our scorecard as a reflection of their importance; although SB 407 was defeated in the House, HB 23 passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor.

Without the Lieutenant Governor's support, HB 23 would not have become law. Her demonstrated commitment to conservation will result in better air quality for every New Mexican.

enthusiastic and persistent in their support of key policies (and CVNM priorities) like the Solar Tax Credit (HB 295/SB 269), the Surface Owners Protection Act (HB 437/SB 631), and the Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Act (HB 188/SB 407).

This commitment was exemplified by the vigorous efforts of the Governor's Energy and Environment staff. If the true measure of an Administration's enthusiasm for a particular issue can be measured by the caliber of staff to whom that issue is assigned, then New Mexicans can be confident of Governor Richardson's dedication to conservation issues.

In addition to promoting a strong conservation agenda, the Governor also proved his mettle by boldly exercising his veto authority on two anti-conservation measures. One was an appropriation for salt cedar control that had been stripped of proper oversight or requisite compliance with the state's Non-Native Phreatophyte Management Plan. The other veto was language in an appropriation aimed at undercutting the already-established strong public support for maintenance of Roadless Areas in our national forests.

Although it was a disappointing session for conservation, it was not for lack of effort on the part of Governor Richardson or his staff. CVNM and our allies look forward to working with the Governor in 2007 to complete unfinished business and protect New Mexico for future generations.



Conservation Champions

Honor Roll:

These outstanding legislators earned a perfect (100%) conservation record for the 2006 legislative session – *congratulations to our Honor Roll!*

Rep. Hector Balderas

Rep. Joni Gutierrez

Rep. Ben Lujan, Speaker of the House

Rep. Danice Picraux

Rep. Lucky Varela

Sen. Pete Campos

Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, Senate Majority Whip

Sen. Cynthia Nava

Sen. Michael Sanchez, Senate Majority Leader

Rep. Miguel Garcia

Rep. Antonio Lujan

Rep. Al Park

Rep. Mimi Stewart

Rep. Peter Wirth

Sen. Dede Feldman

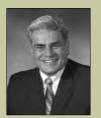
Sen. Cisco McSorley

Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino

2006 Conservation Sponsors:



Sen. Michael Sanchez



Rep. W. Ken Martinez



Rep. Andy Nunez



Sen. Cisco McSorley



Sen. Dede Feldman



Rep. Roberto Gonzales

Sen. Michael Sanchez and Rep. Ken Martinez Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Act (HB 188/SB 407)

Senator Sanchez and Representative Martinez sponsored two of the most challenging pieces of conservation legislation – bills that dedicate \$10 million of existing oil and gas revenues to land and wildlife conservation and clean energy projects. Although the concept is very popular with the public, fellow legislators are reluctant to give up their power over this money by dedicating it to specific types of projects.

Sen. Sanchez and Rep. Martinez recognized that by not having a dedicated stream of revenue for conservation and clean energy projects, New Mexico is losing out on millions of dollars of matching funds each year. Their personal commitment to conservation and clean energy was evident in their fight to persuade their colleagues, and we are confident that they will prevail in 2007.

Rep. Andy Nunez and Sen. Cisco McSorley Surface Owners' Protection Act (HB 437/SB 631)

Rep. Nunez has been fighting for more than two years to protect the rights of landowners against irresponsible oil and gas drillers. He understands the need to provide a basic level of protection to landowners whose property contains subsurface rights owned or leased by oil and gas companies, such as notification and compensation for damages inflicted by drilling.

During the 2005 session, his bill came close to passing, but opposition from the oil and gas industry was fierce. Despite their continuing opposition, Rep. Nunez returned in 2006 to carry on the fight. This time, Sen. McSorley sponsored a companion measure in the Senate.

Unfortunately, the bills didn't make it, but we are confident that Rep. Nunez's commitment to this issue, along with Sen. McSorley's unwavering conservation ethic, will ensure the measure passes next time.

Conservation Champions

Sen. Dede Feldman and Rep. Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales Solar Market Development Income Tax Credit (HB 295/SB 269)

In the biggest conservation victory of the 2006 Legislature, the Coalition for Clean, Affordable Energy and fellow advocates, including CVNM, worked with Sen. Feldman and Rep. Gonzales to pass one of the strongest solar tax credits in the country.

Sen. Feldman's enduring efforts to bring solar incentives to fruition have been a lesson in persistence for legislators and advocates alike. Recognizing the pitfalls of relying on the inclusion of the solar tax credit in the tax omnibus bill, Sen. Feldman worked with Rep. Gonzales to ensure passage of the Solar Market Incentive as a standalone measure. As it turned out, the tax omnibus bill failed to pass – so without the sponsors' dogged determination, the solar tax credit would not have been enacted.

Thanks and congratulations to Sen. Feldman and Rep. Gonzales!

CVNM 2006 CONSERVATION STAR PETER WIRTH



As a legislator, Rep. Peter Wirth is a rare combination. He is a brilliant attorney, so he understands the conservation impacts of proposed legislation better than many advocates. He is tireless, so he researches, analyzes

and prepares policies and arguments better than many other legislators. He is open and affable to allies and opponents alike, earning great respect from advocates, legislators and the public. He is tenacious, and so succeeds where others often fail. And he has a deep and abiding commitment to conservation.

All of this in a legislator who is serving only his first term for his district in Santa Fe. When Rep. Max Coll retired from that seat in 2004, the environmental community mourned the loss of a truly great conservation champion. We are extremely gratified to see Rep. Wirth carry on this distinguished tradition, and we look forward to working with him to achieve conservation victories for New Mexico.



Know the Score, Take Action

It's not too late to say 'thanks'! (or 'no thanks')

Tell your legislators you 'know the score'.

One of the best ways to influence the voting record of your elected officials is to communicate regularly with them. If your legislators scored well, it's important to thank and support them. If your legislators got a low score, it's important to hold them accountable by letting them know what you think about their votes.

If you don't know who your legislators are, visit **www.cvnm.org** and click on the "Find your legislator" button.

Support Pro-Conservation Candidates

Use the scorecard to make informed decisions about which candidates deserve your vote in the primary

and general elections. For information on Conservation Voters New Mexico's endorsements, please visit our web site at: www.cvnm.org.

Become a Conservation Voters New Mexico member today!

We take on the tough fights to protect New Mexico's natural heritage, but these tough fights in the Roundhouse and around the state require financial resources and we can only win with your support. Join other New Mexicans by becoming a CVNM member today. Membership is easy – just send in the attached envelope with your membership contribution or join online at www.cvnm.org and click "Support CVNM".

Communicate with the Governor and your Legislators

Whether you're congratulating your legislators on their score or expressing your disappoint-

ment, be direct, courteous and polite. The most important part of your communication is letting them know that you are paying close attention to how they vote or, in the case of the Governor, what actions he takes on environmental legislation.

Phoning or sending a letter through regular mail remains by far the most effective way to communicate with your legislators. E-mail is generally the least effective method to communicate your views and is discouraged.

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



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Every conservation vote cast today is a vote cast for our children's future.



Conservation Voters New Mexico

Protecting New Mexico, One Vote at a Time

Conservation Voters New Mexico, a nonpartisan, non-profit 501c(4) organization, works to protect New Mexico's natural environment and our cherished way of life. Our mission is to make sensible conservation policies a top priority for elected officials, political candidates, and voters across the state. We do this by:

- Educating legislators and the public on critical conservation issues;
- Lobbying on behalf of pro-conservation legislation;
- Holding legislators accountable for decisions that impact the environment; and
- Endorsing and electing pro-conservation candidates to public office.

Our Principles and Values:

At Conservation Voters New Mexico, we value responsible stewardship of our water, our land and our natural resources. We believe that ecological health and social equity among New Mexico's diverse and culturally rich communities protects our cherished quality of life. We are dedicated to ensuring democratic accountability and access for all New Mexicans to participate in the political process. We support policies and lawmakers that promote long-term ecological and economic sustainability. This is our responsibility to future generations.