

LEGISLATIVE **2007** SCORECARD



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Director's Message

Dear Fellow New Mexican,

We New Mexicans recognize how lucky we are to live in the Land of Enchantment. Breathtaking landscapes, blue skies and abundant wildlife enrich our lives. We breathe cleaner air than other parts of the country. Outdoor recreational opportunities abound, so we can spend quality time with our family and friends, whether it's bird watching in the Bosque, hiking in the Jemez, or fishing in the Valle Vidal.

We know we are lucky. But New Mexicans also recognize that we want to keep our land enchanting – for ourselves, and for our children and grandchildren.

Our **Conservation Voters New Mexico (CVNM) Legislative Scorecard provides the information you need** to determine whether your legislators are fighting to protect our air, land and water, or whether the votes they cast are threatening our Land of Enchantment.

CVNM is your voice at the Roundhouse - holding legislators accountable for their environmental votes and working to elect a pro-conservation majority. As a supporter of CVNM, you are helping to ensure that elected officials recognize the increasing political strength of the environmental community when they vote "yea" or "nay" on an environmental bill.

Here's the great news: this year's legislature passed the most pro-conservation bills in recent memory, enacting at least 23 bills that protect our air, land and water!

What a difference an election can make. In 2006, CVNM helped elect four new pro-conservation legislators, giving the environmental community several new "friends" in the Roundhouse.

But tough battles remain and we need your help. **Please tell your legislators that you "Know the Score"**. If they have a strong conservation score, call or write to thank them. If they have a poor score, write or call to express your concern as a constituent and a conservation voter.

Finally, please consider making a donation or increasing your support to CVNM to help us flex the muscle of the conservation community at the ballot box. We are already preparing for the 2008 State Senate elections and meeting with folks around the state to identify the next generation of conservation-minded leaders. Your support is critical to help us hold legislators accountable and to realize a pro-conservation majority here in New Mexico.

Thanks for being a Conservation Voter!

Sincerely,



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About the Scorecard

Conservation Voters New Mexico's 2007 Legislative Scorecard provides objective, non-partisan information about the conservation voting records of all members of the 48th Legislature of the State of New Mexico. Scorecards are a clear and comprehensive way for voters to see how they are being represented.

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



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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 or a procedural motion 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 chose not to vote, they are recorded as 'absent' (a).

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Unexcused absences count against legislators' scores because they demonstrate that the bills did not appear to be important enough to the legislators for them to cast votes on, despite their significance to the conservation community. If an absence from a floor vote is necessary, a legislator can easily be excused by the presiding officer, and excused absences do not count against their scores. That being said, however, voters can assess the scores and determine how important any unexcused absences were – and hopefully encourage their legislators to cast votes on every conservation-related measure.

Where committee votes are included, the positions of legislators who do not serve on that particular

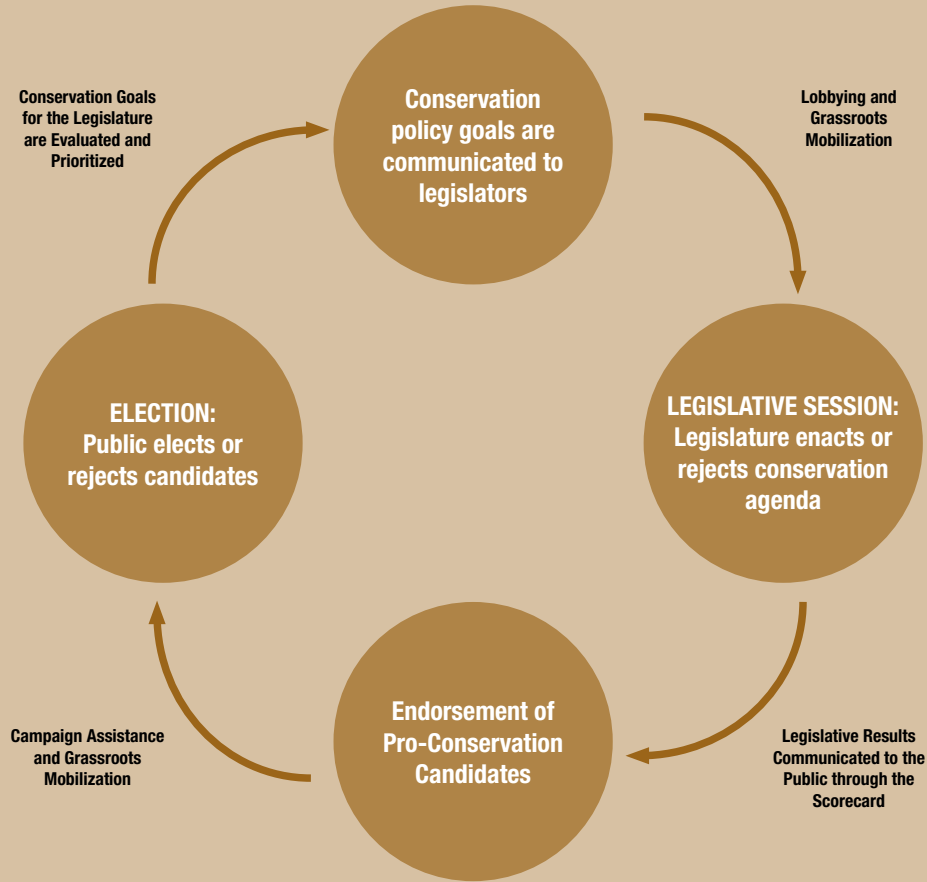
committee are recorded as 'not applicable' (n/a).

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**.

This year, we have also subtracted a small percentage from a legislator's score for sponsoring an anti-conservation (bad) bill. It is important for New Mexicans to know which legislators are sponsoring measures that threaten our air, land and water – and the future of our children.

CVNM recognizes that no single session perfectly captures the conservation voting record of an elected official. To better evaluate the voting history of legislators who also served in prior Legislatures, we have included a column containing their cumulative scores from 2005 and 2006. For more information, our previous scorecards are also available on our web site at: www.cvnm.org.

CVNM Cycle of Accountability



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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.



2007 Legislature: Highlights and Lowlights

The 2007 legislative session was a long-overdue success for New Mexico's air, land, water and wildlife. More than 20 pro-conservation measures were enacted, all of which will help protect our wonderful state for future generations. At the same time, Conservation Voters New Mexico and our allies were successful in defeating every bill that jeopardized the health of our environment and communities.

But that brief summary doesn't tell the whole story... Like other sessions, 2007 featured some impressive 'highlights' and disappointing 'lowlights'.

Highlights

The most significant feat of the 2007 legislative session was the successful passage of a series of clean energy measures, championed by the Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy, conservation allies, and Governor Richardson. The bills included:

- **Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards (SB418)** – this bill increases the existing requirement for renewable energy to 15% of a utility company's energy portfolio by 2015, and 20% by 2020;
- **Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (HB188)** – this measure will help to alleviate the lack of transmission capacity for renewable energy – which hinders new production of wind and solar energy in New Mexico;
- **Solar Collector Construction Standards (HB610)** – this bill will change building codes to ensure that new house construction contains the basic features necessary to install solar; and
- **Solar Rights Act Definitions & Installations (SB1031)** – this measure prevents building codes and covenants from banning the installation of solar infrastructure.

Another major success was the enactment of a series of tax measures to promote clean energy and protect open space. The tax packages included:

- expanded incentives for renewable energy production, as well as making tax credits refundable for solar, and transferable for wind and biomass production;
- gross receipts tax exemption for sale or installation of solar energy systems;
- incentives for production of biodiesel;
- credits for meeting "green building" standards of energy efficiency;
- a measure to make tax credits for donation of land for open space or agricultural protection 'transferable' so that more landowners can take advantage of the credits;
- credits for equipment to manufacture clean energy products; and
- incentives to encourage that new coal production in New Mexico meets stringent mercury and greenhouse gas emission standards.

After several years of hard work, a diverse coalition was successful in passing the **Surface Owners' Protection Act (HB827)**, sponsored by Rep. Andy Nunez. With the enactment of HB827, oil and gas producers must provide notice to landowners of their plans for drilling on the property and must negotiate access and compensation provisions with the surface owner.



The conservation agenda in 2007 succeeded because of the commitment of the Governor's office, the Lieutenant Governor and our conservation champions in the Legislature; the tireless work of our allies in the advocacy community; and the efforts of members of the public who took the time to phone or visit their legislators about important environmental issues.

A powerful new force was the class of conservation 'freshmen' that CVNM helped elect in November 2006 – an outstanding group of legislators whose work proved pivotal on so many critical bills this year.

Lowlights

With the 'highs', of course, came some 'lows'. Most of the disappointment involved important measures that failed to pass, especially:

Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Act (HB433/SB309): would have provided a modest, dedicated stream of funding for land and wildlife protection and clean energy investment. The Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Act (LWCE) was advocated by a broad coalition of conservation groups, agricultural organizations, tribal and governmental entities, faith-based groups, and clean energy industries. Even though the budget included a one-time appropriation of \$3 million to fund these projects, the failure to pass this bill means that New Mexico remains one of very few states that can't adequately leverage federal and private funds for conservation and clean energy initiatives.

NM Environmental Health Act (HB888/SB880): unfortunately, many polluting facilities are concentrated in poor and minority neighborhoods and communities. This bill would have helped ensure that all communities, regardless of their ethnic, socioeconomic or cultural makeup, are treated equally in decisions about where to locate pollution-causing industrial projects. The Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice and the NM Environmental Law Center worked hard with the sponsors – Rep. Miguel Garcia and Sen. Linda Lopez – and we applaud their efforts.

CVNM is also disappointed that no major water policy reforms passed the Legislature. Even fairly modest proposals, such as making the State Engineer's water supply recommendations for new subdivisions binding (SB693) or putting criteria into the 40-year water plans for entities acquiring water rights for future use (HB1234/SB1118), couldn't make it through. We continue to be concerned

that major water reforms are needed to protect our water resources for future generations, and that the Legislature and Executive seem to lack the political will to make the necessary changes.

Although CVNM ensured that 100% of anti-conservation bills were defeated, a few memorials squeaked through, including one (HM24) that protests the new federal standards for arsenic levels in drinking water. Arsenic is simply too dangerous, and this memorial – passed 34-30 by the House of Representatives – encourages taking unnecessary risks with the health of New Mexicans.



Administrative Accountability Act (HB685)

HB685, introduced by Rep. Dan Silva, was one of the more dangerous measures to appear in the 2007 session, and it was listed as a priority for passage by many of our state's industry groups.

A product of a national right-wing think tank - the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) - the Administrative Accountability Act is designed to hinder any state regulation of business and industry – jeopardizing the health and safety of all New Mexicans. Areas impacted would have included nursing homes, restaurants, oil and gas producers, foster homes, meat packers, truckers, and more.

Thanks to the combined efforts of a number of different advocacy organizations – including CVNM, the League of Young Voters, the Southwest Organizing Project, SAGE Council, the NM Environmental Law Center, Amigos Bravos and others – HB685 died in the House of Representatives. But de-regulation is a powerful new trend, and CVNM expects more assaults on our public health, safety and welfare in future legislative sessions.

Conservation Vote Descriptions

✓=Pro-Conservation Bill
 ✗=Anti-Conservation Bill

Toxics

✓ HB 318 (Wirth): Power Plant Mercury Emission Controls

HB 318 authorizes the Environmental Improvement Board to require use of the best available technologies to control mercury emissions from new power plants. PASSED both chambers and signed into law.

Conservation Vote: YES

✓ HB 386 (Stewart): Oil and Gas Operation Emissions Standards

HB 386 allows New Mexico to set regulations for emissions from oil and gas operations that are at least as stringent as, or more stringent than, federal standards. Passed the House, but DEFEATED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: YES

✗ SB 845 (Asbill): "Above Ground Storage Tank" Definition

SB 845 exempts tanks used by crop-dusting and crop-spraying services from regulations under the Hazardous Waste and Ground Water Protection Acts. Passed both chambers, but POCKET-VETOED by the Governor.

Conservation Vote: NO

✗ SJM 10 (Ulibarri): Nuclear Energy & Uranium Resources

SJM 10 expresses strong support for the uranium mining and nuclear energy industries - both of which severely jeopardize human and environmental health. DEFEATED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: NO

Energy

✗ HB 178 (T Taylor) and SB 431 (Altamirano): Navajo Nation Electric Facility Tax Credits

These bills provide an \$85 million tax credit for Desert Rock – a dirty coal plant on the Navajo Nation. HB 178 was DEFEATED in the House and SB 431 was DEFEATED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: NO

Votes are weighted 2x by CVNM

✓ HB 431 (T Garcia): Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting & Fee

HB 431 establishes a registry to report and track greenhouse gas emissions and reductions, and authorizes user fees to fund the system. Passed the House, but DEFEATED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: YES

✓ HB 827 (Nunez): Surface Owners Protection Act

HB 827 helps protect landowners from irresponsible oil and gas producers who own the mineral rights beneath the surface of the property. PASSED both chambers and signed into law.

Conservation Vote: YES

✗ SB 220 (Altamirano): Eliminate Coal Surtax

SB 220 eliminates the surtax on coal, providing a *de facto* \$6.9 million subsidy to a thriving resource extraction industry. Passed both chambers, but POCKET-VETOED by the Governor.

Conservation Vote: NO

✓ SB 418 (M Sanchez): Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards

SB 418 increases the existing standard so that utility companies must include at least 15% renewable energy in their portfolio by 2015, and 20% by 2020. PASSED both chambers and signed into law.

Conservation Vote: YES

Votes are weighted 2x by CVNM

✓ SB 489 (Ortiz y Pino): Require Biodiesel in Motor Vehicle Fuel

SB 489 promotes alternative vehicle fuels by requiring at least a 5% biodiesel component in diesel fuel by 2012. PASSED both chambers and signed into law.

Conservation Vote: YES

Land & Wildlife

✓ HB 433 (Vigil) and SB 309 (M Sanchez): Land, Wildlife & Clean Energy Act

These bills establish a permanent, dedicated funding source for clean energy and land and wildlife conservation projects. Both bills were DEFEATED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: YES

Votes are weighted 2x by CVNM

✗ HM 28 (Tripp): Address Threat by Grey Wolves

HM 28 perpetuates the myth that Mexican grey wolves pose significant threats to humans. DEFEATED in the House.

Conservation Vote: NO

✗ SB 1079 (Komadina): Release of Wolves in NM

SB 1079 undermines recovery programs for endangered species, by imposing unconstitutional penalties on anyone associated with reintroduction of a Mexican grey wolf guilty of an 'offense'. DEFEATED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: NO



✓ **SJM 54 (Lopez): Study Need for Agricultural Districts**

SJM 54 requests a study of the need to protect agricultural resources in New Mexico by creating agricultural districts, using conservation easements, limiting eminent domain or implementing other measures. DEFEATED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: YES

Health & Environment

✗ **HB 685 (Silva): Administrative Accountability Act**

HB 685 dramatically curtails the ability of state agencies to promulgate rules, conduct effective inspections, enforce rules and regulations, and perform many other activities that protect public health and welfare. DEFEATED in the House.

Conservation Vote: NO

Votes are weighted 2x by CVNM

✓ **HB 888 (MP Garcia) and SB 880 (Lopez): NM Environmental Health Act**

These bills help ensure that all communities, regardless of their ethnic, socioeconomic or cultural makeup, are treated equally in decisions about where to locate polluting facilities. HB 888 was DEFEATED in the House, and SB 880 was DEFEATED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: YES

Votes are weighted 2x by CVNM

Water

✓ **HB 859 (Trujillo): Cesspool Elimination Assistance Act**

HB 859 helps address the water contamination threats posed by cesspools by providing assistance to low-income homeowners in cleaning up cesspools and replacing them with onsite liquid waste disposal. Passed the House, but DEFEATED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: YES

✓ **SB 693 (M Sanchez): State Engineer Permits for Subdivisions**

SB 693 strengthens evaluation of water availability for new subdivisions by requiring county commissions to adhere to the state engineer's recommendations. Passed the Senate, but DEFEATED in the House.

Conservation Vote: YES

Votes are weighted 2x by CVNM

✓ **SB 1169 (Carraro): Declaration of Water from Deep Aquifers**

SB 1169 improves water resource management by extending the jurisdiction of the State Engineer to water more than 2,500 feet below the surface. DEFEATED in the Senate.

Conservation Vote: YES

Ethics

✓ **SB 800 (Feldman): Campaign Reporting Requirements**

SB 800 reduces special interest influence in politics by limiting campaign contributions and requiring reporting for expenditures made by third parties on behalf of candidates. DEFEATED in the Senate on a vote to concur with House amendments. House members' votes are scored on the bill itself; Senators' votes are scored on the motion to concur with the House amendments.

Conservation Vote: YES



How to Read the Scorecard

Legislator's District Number	Legislator's Name (Party)	2007 Score	2005/06 Score	Anti-Conservation Vote			Pro-Conservation Vote			
28	Smith, Joe (D)	86%	57%	e	-	+	+	+	e	+
34	Martinez, Maria (R)	20%	57%		-	+	a	-	+	-

e: Excused absence. Not calculated in the legislator's score.
 a: Unexcused absence. Calculated in the legislator's score as an anti-conservation vote.

New Mexico House and Senate District Maps available online now at www.CVNM.org

2007 Legislative Scorecard

Senate District	Senator	Score		Toxics			Land & Wildlife			
		2007 Score	2005/06 Score	HB318	HB386	SB845	SJM10	SB309	SB1079	SJM54
33	Adair, Rod (R)	23%	32%	-	n/a	-	-	n/a	n/a	-
28	Altamirano, Ben (D)	48%	72%	+	n/a	a	-	n/a	e	+
34	Asbill, Vernon (R)	37%	39%	-	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
19	Beffort, Sue Wilson (R)	21%	61%	+	n/a	-	n/a	-	n/a	-
18	Boitano, Mark (R)	10%	27%	e	e	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
8	Campos, Pete (D)	85%	86%	e	n/a	-	n/a	+	n/a	+
23	Carraro, Joseph (R)	33%	33%	-	n/a	-	n/a	e	n/a	+
6	Cisneros, Carlos (D)	50%	77%	+	n/a	-	n/a	+	n/a	a
21	Cravens, Kent (R)	18%	41%	-	n/a	-	-	n/a	n/a	-
40	Duran, Dianna (R)	36%	30%	-	-	-	-	n/a	n/a	-
13	Feldman, Dede (D)	92%	100%	+	n/a	-	+	n/a	n/a	+



2007 Senate Scorecard

Energy						Health & Env.	Water		Ethics	Bad Bill Sponsor
			x2	x2		x2	x2			
HB431	HB827	SB220	SB418	SB431	SB489	SB880	SB693	SB1169	SB800	
n/a	+	-	a	n/a	-	n/a	+	-	-	
n/a	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-5%
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Senate District	Senator	Score		Toxics			Land & Wildlife			
		2007 Score	2005/06 Score					x2		
				HB318	HB386	SB845	SJM10	SB309	SB1079	SJM54
36	Garcia, Mary Jane (D)	83%	93%	+	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	+
39	Griego, Phil (D)	58%	87%	+	e	a	-	n/a	-	e
25	Grubestic, John (D)	85%	95%	+	n/a	-	+	n/a	n/a	+
7	Harden, Clinton, Jr. (R)	33%	47%	+	n/a	-	-	n/a	-	-
27	Ingle, Stuart (R)	50%	44%	+	-	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
32	Jennings, Timothy (D)	36%	60%	+	n/a	-	n/a	-	n/a	-
42	Kernan, Gay (R)	42%	39%	-	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
9	Komadina, Steve (R)	33%	40%	-	n/a	-	-	n/a	n/a	-
41	Leavell, Carroll (R)	31%	34%	-	n/a	a	n/a	-	n/a	-
11	Lopez, Linda (D)	60%	87%	+	n/a	-	+	n/a	n/a	+
22	Lovejoy, Lynda (D)	58%	n/a **	+	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	+
5	Martinez, Richard (D)	75%	77%	+	n/a	-	-	n/a	e	+
16	McSorley, Cisco (D)	92%	100%	+	n/a	-	e	n/a	n/a	+
31	Nava, Cynthia (D)	85%	92%	+	+	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	e
2	Neville, Steven (R)	25%	44%	-	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
12	Ortiz y Pino, Gerald (D)	92%	92%	+	+	a	n/a	n/a	n/a	e
38	Papen Mary Kay (D)	67%	66%	+	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
20	Payne, William (R)	24%	24%	-	n/a	-	-	n/a	e	-
3	Pinto, John (D)	75%	71%	+	n/a	e	+	n/a	-	+
4	Rainaldi, Lidio (D)	91%	79%	+	n/a	e	n/a	n/a	n/a	+
37	Rawson, Leonard Lee (R)	29%	21%	-	n/a	-	n/a	-	n/a	-
17	Robinson, Shannon (D)	50%	35%	e	-	a	n/a	n/a	n/a	+
24	Rodriguez, Nancy (D)	44%	83%	+	n/a	a	n/a	e	n/a	+
10	Ryan, John (R)	33%	37%	-	n/a	-	-	n/a	-	+
26	Sanchez, Bernadette (D)	69%	71%	+	n/a	-	n/a	+	n/a	+
29	Sanchez, Michael (D)	83%	100%	+	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	+
1	Sharer, William (R)	22%	39%	-	n/a	-	-	n/a	-	-
35	Smith, John Arthur (D)	42%	43%	+	n/a	-	n/a	e	n/a	-
15	Snyder, H. Diane (R)	25%	44%	-	-	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
14	Taylor, James (D)	63%	80%	+	e	e	-	n/a	e	+
30	Ulibarri, David (D)	70%	n/a **	+	n/a	a	n/a	n/a	n/a	+

n/a ** - appointed after the 2006 session

2007 Senate Scorecard

Energy						Health & Env.	Water		Ethics	Bad Bill
			x2	x2		x2	x2			
HB431	HB827	SB220	SB418	SB431	SB489	SB880	SB693	SB1169	SB800	Sponsor
n/a	+	+	+	n/a	+	n/a	+	-	+	
+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	
n/a	+	+	+	n/a	+	n/a	+	-	+	
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n/a	+	+	+	n/a	a	n/a	a	-	-	
-	+	-	e	n/a	-	n/a	+	-	-	
e	a	-	a	+	+	+	+	-	+	
n/a	+	-	+	n/a	+	n/a	+	-	+	-5%

2007 Legislative Scorecard

House District	Representative	Score		Toxics			Land & Wildlife	
		2007 Score	2005/06 Score				x2	
				HB318	HB386	SB845	HB433	HM28
29	Anderson, Thomas (R)	10%	29%	-	-	-	-	-
24	Arnold-Jones, Janice (R)	20%	29%	-	+	-	-	n/a
3	Bandy, Paul (R)	15%	n/a **	-	a	-	-	-
8	Barela, Elias (D)	100%	n/a **	+	+	+	+	n/a
7	Barreras, Andrew (D)	79%	n/a **	+	+	+	+	n/a
4	Begaye, Ray (D)	50%	63%	a	e	e	+	n/a
20	Berry, Richard (R)	23%	n/a **	-	e	e	-	n/a
62	Bratton, Donald (R)	6%	29%	-	e	e	-	-
63	Campos, José (D)	76%	77%	+	+	-	+	n/a
52	Cervantes, Joseph (D)	73%	68%	+	+	-	+	n/a
18	Chasey, Gail (D)	67%	83%	+	+	-	+	n/a
12	Chavez, Ernest (D)	73%	77%	+	+	-	+	n/a
53	Cote, Nathan (D)	71%	n/a **	e	+	+	a	n/a
64	Crook, Anna (R)	33%	38%	-	a	-	-	n/a
59	Espinoza, Nora (R)	14%	n/a **	e	-	-	-	n/a
58	Ezell, Candy Spence (R)	10%	37%	-	-	-	-	-
57	Foley, Daniel (R)	13%	25%	-	-	a	-	n/a
30	Fox-Young, Justine (R)	6%	29%	-	-	-	-	n/a
34	Garcia, Mary Helen (D)	57%	77%	e	+	a	+	n/a
14	Garcia, Miguel (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+
68	Garcia, Thomas (D)	89%	n/a **	+	+	-	+	+
66	Gardner, Keith (R)	27%	37%	-	-	-	-	n/a
42	Gonzales, Roberto "Bobby" (D)	92%	77%	+	+	e	+	n/a
54	Gray, William (R)	16%	n/a **	-	-	-	-	-
33	Gutierrez, Joni Marie (D)	100%	100%	+	e	e	+	+
28	Hall, Jimmie (R)	38%	45%	e	-	-	-	n/a
38	Hamilton, Dianne Miller (R)	21%	45%	e	-	-	-	n/a
6	Hanosh, George (D)	75%	85%	+	+	-	+	n/a
5	Harrison, Irvin (D)	64%	75%	-	a	-	+	n/a
55	Heaton, John (D)	73%	70%	+	e	e	+	n/a
39	Herrera, Manuel (D)	67%	77%	+	+	-	+	n/a
32	Irwin, Dona (D)	73%	62%	+	+	-	+	n/a
50	King, Rhonda (D)	75%	69%	e	e	e	+	n/a
27	Larranaga, Larry (R)	46%	34%	-	e	e	-	n/a
35	Lujan, Antonio (D)	100%	100%	e	e	e	+	+
46	Lujan, Ben (D)	85%	92%	+	+	-	+	n/a

n/a ** - elected in November 2006

2007 House Scorecard

Energy						Health & Environment		Water		Ethics	Bad Bill Sponsor
x2				x2		x2	x2		x2		
HB178	HB431	HB827	SB220	SB418	SB489	HB685	HB888	HB859	SB693	SB800	
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2007 Legislative Scorecard

House District	Representative	Score		Toxics			Land & Wildlife	
		2007 Score	2005/06 Score	HB318	HB386	SB845	x2 HB433	HM28
9	Lundstrom, Patricia (D)	50%	69%	+	a	e	+	n/a
65	Madalena, James Roger (D)	89%	n/a *	e	+	-	+	+
16	Maestas, Antonio "Moe" (D)	86%	n/a **	+	+	+	+	n/a
69	Martinez, W. Ken (D)	93%	70%	+	+	-	+	n/a
22	McCoy, Kathy (R)	69%	61%	-	e	e	+	n/a
11	Miera, Rick (D)	100%	93%	e	+	+	+	n/a
67	Moore, Brian (R)	15%	54%	-	e	e	-	n/a
36	Nunez, Andrew (D)	57%	67%	+	+	-	-	n/a
26	Park, Al (D)	73%	100%	+	+	-	+	n/a
25	Picraux, Danice (D)	75%	100%	+	e	e	+	n/a
44	Powdrell-Culbert, Jane (R)	7%	17%	e	e	-	-	n/a
20	Rehm, William (R)	33%	57%	-	-	-	-	n/a
41	Rodella, Debbie (D)	65%	67%	+	+	-	-	n/a
10	Saavedra, Henry "Kiki" (D)	67%	70%	+	e	e	+	n/a
40	Salazar, Nick (D)	92%	69%	+	e	e	+	n/a
17	Sandoval, Edward (D)	64%	74%	+	+	e	+	n/a
13	Silva, Daniel (D)	68%	77%	+	+	-	+	n/a
19	Stapleton, Sheryl Williams (D)	79%	61%	e	+	-	+	n/a
37	Steinborn, Jeff (D)	95%	n/a **	+	+	-	+	+
21	Stewart, Mimi (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	n/a
2	Strickler, James (R)	0%	n/a **	-	-	-	-	-
60	Swisstack, Thomas (D)	69%	70%	e	+	-	+	n/a
1	Taylor, Thomas (R)	13%	25%	-	-	-	-	n/a
49	Tripp, Don (R)	34%	40%	-	e	e	a	n/a
45	Trujillo, Jim (D)	82%	70%	+	+	-	+	+
61	Tyler, Shirley (R)	27%	n/a **	-	-	-	-	n/a
48	Varela, Luciano "Lucky" (D)	92%	92%	+	e	e	+	n/a
51	Vaughn, Gloria (R)	24%	52%	-	-	-	-	n/a
70	Vigil, Richard (D)	56%	67%	e	a	-	+	n/a
43	Wallace, Jeannette (R)	42%	64%	-	e	e	-	n/a
56	Williams, W.C. "Dub" (R)	36%	67%	e	+	-	-	n/a
47	Wirth, Peter (D)	100%	100%	+	e	e	+	+
23	Youngberg, Eric (R)	21%	25%	e	-	-	+	n/a
15	Zanetti, Teresa (R)	14%	37%	e	-	a	-	n/a

n/a ** - elected in November 2006

n/a * - due to predominance of excused absences for personal reasons, these legislators were not scored in 2005 and 2006

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Energy						Health & Environment		Water		Ethics	Bad Bill
x2				x2		x2	x2		x2		
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Governor Bill Richardson — Grade A

Continuing to build on his conservation legacy, Governor Bill Richardson demonstrated once again that he places a high priority on safeguarding New Mexico's environment.

Several bills featured in his 2007 legislative agenda were important for the environmental community, and our efforts to protect our air, land, water and wildlife.

Conservation Victories

As a result of the intensity brought by the Governor, his staff, and energy and environmental advocates in the Roundhouse, one of the first bills to be enacted was the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards (SB 418). This measure increases the existing standard so that utility companies must have 15% renewable energy in their portfolios by 2015, and 20% by 2020. It also sets a renewable energy standard for rural electric co-operatives in the state. With SB 418, New Mexico is firmly established among the country's clean energy leaders.

Another accomplishment for the Governor and his staff was their successful effort to help negotiate a bill that would protect private landowners from irresponsible oil and gas production by companies who own the mineral rights beneath the surface of the property. Thanks in part to the active engagement of the Governor's office, the Surface Owners' Protection Act (HB 827) finally passed in 2007, after several years of painstaking work by a diverse group of agricultural and conservation advocates.

In addition to increasing the renewable energy standard, an impressive package of clean energy policies was enacted – a result of the importance



that Governor Richardson places on making New Mexico the 'Clean Energy State'. He sent a clear message: our state's economy and environment will benefit from a new energy future – one that he is actively building during his tenure.

Good Intentions

For the second year in a row, Governor Richardson championed the Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Act (HB 433/SB 309). However, the Legislature failed to pass this landmark, long-overdue bill that would provide a dedicated source of revenue for conservation projects around the state. On the bright side, the 2007/2008 budget does include a modest \$3 million for land and wildlife conservation and clean energy projects. But given the huge, pressing need to protect working farms and ranches, and open spaces from encroaching development, this legislative loss – amidst many other gains – was admittedly a disappointment for the conservation community. We look forward to a redoubled effort by the Governor and his staff to work in earnest with

the Legislature on securing ongoing revenue for conservation.

Standing Ground

In addition to his strong leadership in pushing an aggressive clean energy agenda, Governor Richardson's courage and principle were demonstrated when exercising his veto power. The first veto requested by conservation and public interest advocates in 2007 was a bill (SB 363) that would have removed the requirement for candidates to electronically file their campaign reports. Currently, any citizen with access to the internet can view campaign donations, including those from polluting industries. In this time of increasing distrust between the public and elected officials, we should be aiming for more disclosure, not less. Fortunately, Governor Richardson shared this perspective and vetoed SB 363, ensuring that the public will continue to have timely access to campaign reports.

Conservation advocates locally and nationally were alarmed to see an appropriation in the legislative budget for \$945,000 for "Gila basin

water development”, a clear effort to secure funds for a diversion project on the last free-flowing river in New Mexico. After a swift, strong grassroots effort opposing the appropriation, Governor Richardson line-item-vetoed the money, explaining that the language did not contain the ‘proper balance’.

Two other critical vetoes exercised by Governor Richardson on behalf of New Mexico’s environment were SB 845, which would have exempted crop-dusting businesses from the Hazardous Waste and Ground Water Protection Acts, and SB 220, which would have eliminated the surtax on coal, providing a *de facto* \$6.9 million subsidy to a thriving, dirty industry. Both bills were pocket-vetoed by the Governor.

Engaging Allies

Once again, this Administration worked closely and effectively with

advocates from the conservation community. Several agencies – particularly the Environment Department and the Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department – actively reached out and collaborated with community and grassroots efforts, both in pushing for good policy and fighting anti-conservation measures.

This level of engagement has become a hallmark of Governor Richardson’s administration, and may be unprecedented in New Mexico. His leadership has fostered a climate, both inside and outside the Legislature, where environmental measures can thrive. This contributed to the remarkable achievement of 23 pro-conservation bills being enacted.

Bravo, Governor Richardson!

Lieutenant Governor Diane Denish

The Lieutenant Governor does not often play a direct role in conservation policy, except when casting tie-breaking votes in the Senate. However, it is apparent that protecting New Mexico’s environment is a personal priority for Lt. Governor Denish.



Although there were not many occasions on which she was called upon to cast tie-breaking votes on conservation-related issues, the Lieutenant Governor and her staff were frequently engaged behind the scenes in efforts to advance strong policy and to fight measures that would jeopardize our air, land and water. She took brave and unpopular stances in defense of our environment – simply because it was the right thing to do.

Lt. Gov. Denish publicly expressed her support for protecting the Gila – New Mexico’s last wild river. She fought for the Environmental Health Act, which would ensure justice in environmental decision-making for all New Mexico citizens and communities. She pushed hard for good environmental bills to pass the Senate Floor in the waning minutes of the session. She and her staff sought out the best, most comprehensive information possible about bills that might impact our state’s future.

In short, Lieutenant Governor Denish proved her commitment to conservation through her thoughtfulness, diligence and fearlessness. New Mexicans should be proud.



Conservation Champions

These legislators have earned CVNM's highest honors for scoring 100% on conservation measures during the 2007 legislative session!

CVNM's 100% Club



Rep. Elias Barela



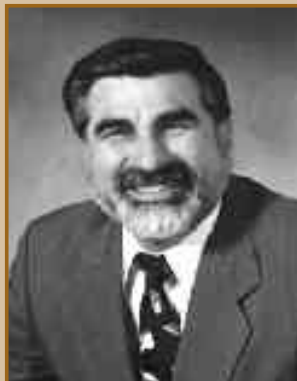
Rep. Miguel Garcia



Rep. Joni Gutierrez



Rep. Antonio Lujan



Rep. Rick Miera



Rep. Mimi Stewart



Rep. Peter Wirth

Conservation Allies: These legislators were solid allies in defending New Mexico's environment, earning scores between 90% and 100% during the 2007 session.

Rep. Jeff Steinborn (95%)

Rep. Ken Martinez, *Majority Leader* (93%)

Rep. Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales (92%)

Rep. Nick Salazar (92%)

Rep. Lucky Varela (92%)

Sen. Dede Feldman (92%)

Sen. Cisco McSorley (92%)

Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino (92%)

Sen. Lidio Rainaldi (91%)

Most Improved:

These legislators buckled down and succeeded in improving their conservation score by more than 10% from 2005/2006 to 2007!

- Rep. Roberto “Bobby” Gonzales (77% to 92%)**
- Rep. Dona Irwin (62% to 73%)**
- Rep. Larry Larranaga (34% to 46%)**
- Rep. W. Ken Martinez, *Majority Leader* (70% to 93%)**
- Rep. Nick Salazar (69% to 92%)**
- Rep. Sheryl Williams Stapleton, *Majority Whip* (61% to 79%)**
- Rep. Jim Trujillo (70% to 82%)**
- Sen. Lidio Rainaldi (79% to 91%)**
- Sen. Shannon Robinson (35% to 50%)**



Representative Kathy McCoy

CVNM-endorsed Rep. Kathy McCoy once again proved her mettle by earning the highest score among the Republican caucuses in either chamber.

By the Numbers:



House

Average 2007 Conservation Score for the House:	56%
Number of Perfect Scores (100%) in the House:	7
Average 2007 Conservation Score for House Democrats:	78%
Average 2007 Conservation Score for House Republicans:	23%

Senate

Average 2007 Conservation Score for the Senate:	52%
Number of Perfect Scores (100%) in the Senate:	0
Average 2007 Conservation Score for Senate Democrats:	69%
Average 2007 Conservation Score for Senate Republicans:	29%

Most Valuable Freshmen:

Conservation Voters New Mexico worked hard during the 2006 cycle to elect a new class of pro-conservation freshmen, and we are extremely proud of the results. Here are a few of the newly-elected Representatives that CVNM endorsed, and a little insight into their records on conservation issues.



Rep. Elias Barela – 100%

All New Mexicans should be thrilled by the achievements of newly-elected Representative Elias Barela of House District 8 in Valencia County. Working diligently throughout the session, he tackled challenging issues with passion and resolve. An insightful and articulate defender of New Mexico's natural resources, he proved his commitment to protecting our state for future generations. Thank you, Rep. Barela!



Rep. Jeff Steinborn – 95%

Elected to replace a Representative who averaged a 45% conservation score over the past two legislative sessions, Rep. Steinborn of Las Cruces proved to be a fierce champion of New Mexico's air, land, water and wildlife. He served with distinction on House Energy and Natural Resources Committee – a tough assignment that requires courage and conviction, two qualities that Rep. Steinborn clearly possesses. Thank you, Rep. Steinborn!



Rep. Antonio "Moe" Maestas – 86%

The only thing that prevented Rep. Maestas from earning a perfect 100% score in his first session was an unexcused absence on a critically-important water bill (HB 693). However, this freshman Representative from the west side of Albuquerque showed clear and consistent support for New Mexico's environment – advocating strongly for the protection of the qualities that make our state so special. He never once cast an anti-conservation vote, which augurs well for him, and for our environment. Thank you, Rep. Maestas!



Conservation OFFENDERS:

These legislators were notable for their consistently anti-conservation positions, with none scoring higher than 10% during the 2007 session.

- Rep. James Strickler (0%)
- Rep. Donald Bratton (6%)
- Rep. Justine Fox-Young (6%)
- Rep. Jane Powdrell-Culbert (7%)
- Rep. Thomas Anderson (10%)
- Rep. Candy Spence Ezzell (10%)
- Sen. Mark Boitano (10%)



Profiles in Courage:

The Fight against Desert Rock Coal Plant



Arguably the toughest conservation fight of the session was against an \$85 million tax credit for Sithe Global Inc., a New York-based multinational corporation, to construct a dirty coal plant called “Desert Rock” on the Navajo Nation.

The purpose of corporate subsidies is to incubate new, innovative businesses and cutting-edge technologies for economic development. The lucrative coal industry and a multinational corporation shouldn’t receive taxpayer money unless they are using clean, advanced technologies to protect human health and the environment. Unfortunately, the proposed Desert Rock plant does not meet these criteria.

The Bills

HB 178, sponsored by Rep. Tom Taylor (R – Farmington), and SB 431, sponsored by Sen. Ben

Altamirano (D – Silver City) were introduced early in the session – but the opposition was fierce and immediate from conservation groups and Navajo advocates.

After lengthy testimony from both sides, HB 178 was initially tabled (effectively defeated) by the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee on a 7 to 6 vote on January 29, 2007. However, on February 16, Rep. Joni Gutierrez (D – Mesilla) made a surprise motion to remove the bill from the table for reconsideration. With the Republicans on the committee supporting her motion, it passed by a single vote, and HB 178 was once again placed on the committee’s agenda.

On February 28, Rep. Steinborn moved to permanently table HB 178 and the committee passed the motion on a party line vote (7 – 6); this time, Rep. Gutierrez voted with

her Democratic colleagues.

Meanwhile, the Senate version of the bill, SB 431, was in Senate Conservation Committee, awaiting action. On February 18, the committee heard passionate testimony from Navajo advocates and engaged in a thorough and extensive debate. With the exception of Sen. Altamirano, the bill’s sponsor,

the Democratic members of the committee opposed the bill – at the urging of Senator Pinto, the senior committee member who represents the district where the plant would be located. With Republican Senator John Ryan excused from the committee, all motions on the bill failed on 4 to 4 votes.

On February 22, with the entire committee present, the bill was brought up for consideration again, and the bill passed on a 5 to 4 vote with Senator Ryan’s “yes” vote making the difference. From Senate Conservation Committee, SB 431 moved on to Senate Finance Committee, where it languished until the end of the session and was never heard by the committee.

The Heroes of the Desert Rock Fight



Sen. John Pinto

Senator John Pinto (D – Tohatchi)

Senator Pinto has represented his constituents for more than 30 years. On SB 431, he faced a bitter conflict between many of his New Mexico constituents, who have been actively fighting against Desert Rock, and the leadership of the Navajo Nation, who support the coal plant and lobbied heavily for the tax credit.

Senator Pinto was courageous in defending the health of his constituents and communities by actively opposing SB 431 and challenging his Senate colleagues to do the same. Despite enormous pressure from the leadership of the Navajo Nation and the Sithe Global corporation, Senator Pinto stood firm and proud in his personal fight against the damaging project. His integrity, seniority and passion carried the day with his colleagues, and Senator Pinto was successful in keeping the bill from moving through the Senate.

Representative Ray Begaye (D – Shiprock)

On the House side, opponents of the tax credit did not benefit from a legislator from the Navajo community serving on House Energy and Natural Resources Committee. However,



Rep. Ray Begaye

Rep. Begaye, the House member who represents the district of the proposed power plant, worked incredibly hard with members of the committee – particularly Rep. Peter Wirth (D – Santa Fe) – to defeat HB 178.

Like Sen. Pinto, Rep. Begaye faced tremendous pressure from Sithe Global and the leadership of the Navajo Nation to back off on opposing the bill. But he could not be deterred, because he knew the company should and could be employing cleaner, more advanced technologies. He worked tirelessly on every nuance, every angle and every opportunity to hold the company to a cleaner emissions standard. Rather than bowing to external pressure, he stood his ground in defense of his people.

Elouise Brown, Activist

Behind every great legislator, there are great advocates and great constituents. Elouise Brown is remarkable in so many ways.

Traveling hundreds of miles each way, Elouise made literally dozens of trips to Santa Fe from her home on the Navajo Nation. Eventually, she couldn't continue the lengthy trips, and stayed in Santa Fe for long stretches of time away from her family. She organized other Navajo activists,



Elouise Brown

elders, and youth, many of whom made the exhausting trip a dozen or more times during the session – and often stayed for days at a time.

During the session, she experienced many personal challenges and losses – but she would not let them interfere with her struggle against a tax credit for a coal plant that would jeopardize the health of her people and sacred site of her homeland.

Her passion and dedication were evident, and Elouise and her fellow Navajo activists made a compelling case that persuaded many legislators and carried critical votes. Without their efforts, and the support they provided to Senator Pinto and Representative Begaye, the tax credit would likely have passed.

Although the state tax credit is dead, the fight against the coal plant continues – led by Elouise and others. We support them and wish them success. They're fighting for all of us.

To Senator Pinto, Representative Begaye and Elouise Brown:

For your courage, passion and hard work, New Mexicans owe you a debt of gratitude.

Know the Score, Take Action

It's not too late to say 'thanks!' (or 'no thanks'...). Tell your legislators that you 'know the score'.

One of the best ways to influence the voting 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 disappointment, be direct, cour-

teous 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. Due to mass volume, 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 the next page.



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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.

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