

Environmental Advocacy Groups Launch Video Ads Urging Full Funding for New Mexico's Energy and Environmental Agencies

CVNM, EDF Action, NRDC Action Fund, and Sierra Club launch video ads urging the New Mexico legislature to restore funding to the Environment Department and Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department.

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Santa Fe, N.M. — Conservation Voters New Mexico, EDF Action, NRDC Action Fund, and Sierra Club - Rio Grande Chapter launched a video ad campaign urging New Mexico legislators to restore funding to the state's Environment Department (NMED) and Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD). The video ad will run on LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, and local news outlets over the coming weeks.

The campaign asks legislators to restore funding to pre-pandemic levels and support the governor's budget recommendations, as these agencies continue to be dramatically underfunded even though the agencies are being required to do more and higher-than-expected revenues are on the horizon.

The Legislative Finance Committee's budget recommendations would maintain the severe cuts and keep the vacancy rates that developed during the previous 10 years. Their current proposal would leave EMNRD's budget 15% lower than it was a decade ago and NMED's budget 25% lower.

Joint statement from Conservation Voters New Mexico, EDF Action, NRDC Action Fund, and Sierra Club Rio Grande Chapter:

"These agencies are critical for safeguarding New Mexicans' health, clean air, drinking water and climate. With the impacts of the climate crisis growing more severe every day, we need these agencies to be fully funded to defend and support New Mexico families and communities — especially those on the frontlines."

Watch the video [here](#).