

COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA BRIEFING

Meeting Date: June 25, 2026

Agenda Number: 12

Presenter: Paul Varela

Corroborator: Joseph Miano

Agenda Title: Approval of Fiscal Year 2028-2032 Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Plan

1. Summary of Agenda Item

The Department is seeking Commission guidance on priorities, areas of emphasis, and desired changes in the Capital Project Plan. The Department will incorporate information garnered from this agenda item, and executive branch guidance received from the Governor's Office into the development of the fiscal year 2028-2032 capital and budget request.

2. Background Information

This agenda item is being brought forward as the Department must update its 5-year capital plan and submit a 2028-2032 capital request by July 1, 2026 to the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department will need to incorporate any modifications or additions by the Commission on the appropriate forms prior to the July 1st deadline.

3. Strategic Plan References and Possible Impacts of Agenda Item

Objective 2 of the Administration Program portion of the Strategic Plan is to "Maintain financial and procurement accountability and integrity." This request is consistent with that strategy and objective and is also required by state statute and rule.

4. Considerations Regarding Duplications and/or Conflicts with Existing Rules or Statutes

None

5. Description and Summary of Public Involvement Process and Results

This presentation will provide an opportunity for the public to provide input to the Commission related to the fiscal year 2028 capital budget request. Any public comments received by the Department will be summarized to the Commission during the presentation.

6. Suggested Motion

The Department respectfully suggests the following motion unless Commission discretion indicates a different course of action:

"Move to approve the FY28-FY32 Capital Plan as presented by the Department."

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(Dollars in Thousands)

Priority Rank	Project Name	Descriptions/Notes	Total Request Amount	State GF	BIRF	GPF	BGE	HMF	Sikes	OHV	When do we spend?
FY28 - 1	Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Management Projects	To complete necessary landscape fish and wildlife habitat restoration throughout the State, including riparian, wetland, forest, and rangeland enhancement to prevent catastrophic wildfires, improve watershed health, and enhance wildlife habitat. To include maintenance, development, and operation of State Game Commission owned properties. Conservation actions including habitat manipulations, acquisition, and conservation easements to improve riparian and instream aquatic species status.	\$ 2,500.0						\$ 2,500.0		FY28-31
FY28 - 2	Santa Fe Headquarters Building Expansion	To complete necessary renovations and expansion for the Santa Fe main office. Add additional square footage for increased staff. Add a new commission meeting room for public meetings to accommodate up to 250 people.	\$ 10,000.0			\$ 10,000.0					FY28-31
FY28 - 3	Dam Improvements	Upgrades to Bear Canyon Dam in Grant County, NM to meet Office of State Engineer Dam Safety Bureau dam safety rules and to design upgrades to Eagles Nest Dam, in Colfax, NM to meet the same regulatory requirements.	\$ 25,000.0	\$ 25,000.0							FY28-31
FY28 - 4	Hatcheries Improvements	Update and improve infrastructure at six hatcheries including visitors centers and raceway covers.	\$ 2,500.0		\$ 500.0	\$ 2,000.0					FY28-31
Subtotal:			\$ 40,000.0	\$ 25,000.0	\$ 500.0	\$ 12,000.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.0	\$ -	

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FY29 - 1	Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Management Projects	To complete necessary landscape fish and wildlife habitat restoration throughout the State, including riparian, wetland, forest, and rangeland enhancement to prevent catastrophic wildfires, improve watershed health, and enhance wildlife habitat. To include maintenance, development, and operation of State Game Commission owned properties. Conservation actions including habitat manipulations, acquisition, and conservation easements to improve riparian and instream aquatic species status.	\$ 6,500.0				\$ 2,500.0	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 2,000.0		FY29-32
FY29 - 2	Hatcheries Improvements	Update and improve infrastructure at six hatcheries including visitors centers and raceway covers.	\$ 2,000.0			\$ 2,000.0					FY29-32
FY29 - 3	Off-highway vehicle recreational development and improvement projects	To develop and improve off-highway vehicle recreational opportunities throughout the State, including in counties, cities, and public lands to prevent and mitigate unsustainable user-created trails, designate and sign legal routes, develop OHV safety training sites, and develop and improve trailheads. Conservation actions include maintenance, development, and operation of designated OHV recreation areas, trail designation, mapping, and rerouting.	\$ 500.0							\$ 500.0	FY29-32
Subtotal:			\$ 9,000.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 2,500.0	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 500.0	
FY30 - 1	Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Management Projects	To complete necessary landscape fish and wildlife habitat restoration throughout the State, including riparian, wetland, forest, and rangeland enhancement to prevent catastrophic wildfires, improve watershed health, and enhance wildlife habitat. To include maintenance, development, and operation of State Game Commission owned properties. Conservation actions including habitat manipulations, acquisition, and conservation easements to improve riparian and instream aquatic species status.	\$ 2,000.0						\$ 2,000.0		FY30-33

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FY30 - 2	Hatcheries Improvements	Initiate renovations at Los Ojos and Lisboa Springs Hatcheries including water infiltrators, visitor's center, and raceway replacement.	\$ 10,500.0		\$ 500.0	\$ 10,000.0					FY30-33
Subtotal:			\$ 12,500.0	\$ -	\$ 500.0	\$ 10,000.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.0	\$ -	
FY31 - 1	Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Management Projects	To complete necessary landscape fish and wildlife habitat restoration throughout the State, including riparian, wetland, forest, and rangeland enhancement to prevent catastrophic wildfires, improve watershed health, and enhance wildlife habitat. To include maintenance, development, and operation of State Game Commission owned properties. Conservation actions including habitat manipulations, acquisition, and conservation easements to improve riparian and instream aquatic species status.	\$ 4,500.0				\$ 2,500.0	\$ -	\$ 2,000.0		FY31-34
Subtotal:			\$ 4,500.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.0	\$ -	\$ 2,000.0	\$ -	
FY32 - 1	Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Management Projects	To complete necessary landscape fish and wildlife habitat restoration throughout the State, including riparian, wetland, forest, and rangeland enhancement to prevent catastrophic wildfires, improve watershed health, and enhance wildlife habitat. To include maintenance, development, and operation of State Game Commission owned properties. Conservation actions including habitat manipulations, acquisition, and conservation easements to improve riparian and instream aquatic species status.	\$ 2,000.0						\$ 2,000.0		FY32-35
FY32 - 3	Hatcheries Improvements	Update and improve infrastructure at six hatcheries including visitors centers and raceway covers.	\$ 500.0		\$ 500.0						FY32-35
Subtotal:			\$ 2,500.0	\$ -	\$ 500.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.0	\$ -	
Totals:			\$ 68,500.0	\$ 25,000.0	\$ 1,500.0	\$ 24,000.0	\$ 5,000.0	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 10,500.0	\$ 500.0	

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