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About the Series:

The Livability in the Land of Enchantment Speaker Series brings local and national speakers to venues across town once a month. Free public talks focus on making Santa Fe more affordable, sustainable, and vibrant, and are followed by a social hour with food, drinks, and community building.

Do We Have Enough Water to Support New Housing?

Tonight's Speakers:

Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury

Jesse Roach P.E. Ph.D., Director of City of Santa Fe Water

Andrew Erdmann, State Water Planning Program Manager, New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission

Tonight's Moderator:

City Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

Learn More about Santa Fe Water:

Save Water Santa Fe | <https://savewatersantafe.com/>

This site includes information on rebates, water conservation plans, landscaping, the Eye on Water app to monitor your water use, and much more!

Want to get involved in advocating for more affordable housing? Please fill out this form: <https://tinyurl.com/39xp4kyr>



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Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury

Born and raised in New Mexico, Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury leads with determination and compassion. She has dedicated her career to finding solutions to water issues, poverty, and climate change — representing New Mexico in the Legislature and now in Congress. She is a champion of efforts to address hunger, food, and water insecurity, conservation and climate change, and economic development and recovery. Rep. Stansbury worked in communities across the state as a STEM educator, researcher on land and water issues, and served as a staffer in the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the White House Office of Management and Budget. As the Congresswoman from New Mexico's First Congressional District, she is working hard to lift up the voices of our communities and tackle our biggest challenges— from economic development, to food and water security, to climate change. Congresswoman Stansbury serves New Mexicans on the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

Jesse Roach P.E. Ph.D.

Jesse Roach is Director of City of Santa Fe Water, a position he has held since July 2019. During his tenure Jesse has pushed to more aggressively tell the remarkable story of the past, present, and likely future of water development and use in Santa Fe. He has pushed for data-driven decision making, led development of a Water Resources Indicator to guide seasonal conservation policy, led a strategic planning effort, led development of a long range water resources planning process, and provided leadership in support of new water resources development. Jesse grew up in Santa Fe and holds Bachelor and Master's degrees in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Stanford, and a Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in Hydrology and Water Resources. He worked at Sandia National Labs from 2006 to 2014 as a senior member of the technical staff focused on building system level simulation models, and as a Senior Water Resources Engineer at Tetra Tech Inc. from 2014 to 2019.



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Andrew Erdmann

Andrew Erdmann is the manager of the State Water Planning Program at the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission and has over 15 years of experience working with water management including work for the US Forest Service, The NM Office of the State Engineer, the City of Santa Fe's Water Division, and now the NM Interstate Stream Commission. Recently, New Mexico's water planning program has been working on a 50-Year Water Plan to prepare for increasing aridity and projected reductions of up to 30% in annual surface water. Andrew attended the University of New Mexico and studied Water Resource Management and Community & Regional Planning.

City Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

Carol is serving in her second term on the Santa Fe City Council. Her maternal roots span generations in the Mora Valley of New Mexico. She has degrees from Colorado College, the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in Austin, and the University of New Mexico Law School.

For over thirty years, Carol has worked as a public policy consultant on water, environment, and sustainability issues. She has been active in the Santa Fe community serving on many non-profit boards.

Carol and her husband, Peter, raised two children in Santa Fe and practice law together at The Wirth Law Firm, PC.

Her City Committee Assignments include Chair, Finance Committee; Chair, Water Conservation Committee; Vice Chair, Buckman Direct Diversion Board; Member of Public Works, and Public Utilities Committee and Governing Body Parliamentarian



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About Homewise:

The Homewise mission is to help create successful homeowners and strengthen neighborhoods so that individuals and families can improve their long-term financial wellbeing and quality of life. Since 1986, Homewise has been helping people achieve their homeownership goals. We do this by focusing on our customers and placing their long-term financial wellbeing as the highest priority. We share in our customers' challenges and successes, using those experiences to build a better way to buy a home. We believe that strong homeowners help build healthy, vibrant communities.

<https://homewise.org>

Thank You to Councilors Jamie Cassutt and Carol Romero-Wirth for their collaboration on this series.

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Councilor Jamie Cassutt
Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth
Councilor Renee Villareal
Planning Commissioner Gurushabad Mirando
Planning Commissioner Jessica Eaton Lawrence
Planning Commissioner Phil Lucero

Livability Series Partners:

Santa Fe Housing Action Coalition, MASS Design Group, Women's International Study Center, Friends of Architecture Santa Fe, Urban Land Institute, Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce, Santa Fe Art Institute, Lifelink, Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the City of Santa Office of Affordable Housing.



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How Our Cities Became Parking Lots
with Henry Grabar,
Author of *Paved Paradise: How Parking Explains the World*

October 4th, 2023 | 6-8pm

Registration link: <https://homewise.org/livability-speaker-series/>