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To: <u>Austin, Carmelita, EMNRD</u>
Cc: <u>Amy Erickson; Quantina Martine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Notice of Public Meeting -- Proposed Rule Amendments, Natural Heritage Conservation Act,

19.1.3 NMAC

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Hi Carmen,

We have reviewed the rule amendments and we have one small comment regarding the water criteria.

I also added a comment to "Degree of water quality and quantity benefit" ranking criteria, see attached and below.

Based on comments made at the July 28th NLPC meeting regarding acequia rights and considering the goal of acequias and the MRGCD to keep transferable water rights in their service areas, perhaps number 4 should include a line about protecting transferable water rights (pre-1907 water rights)...."including the protection of transferable (pre-1907) water rights.

Adding this clarification would more clearly differentiate a ranking of level 4 from a ranking of 3.

Thank you, Cecilia

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