PHTA 2020 Legislative Recap: New Mexico

New Mexico adjourned sine die on February 20, 2020. PHTA was monitoring several climate and drought related measures in New Mexico this past session. Below are highlighted measures we have monitored throughout the session, as well as a detailed summary.

**SB 19: Drought Restrictions.** This measure authorizes the New Mexico finance authority to make loans or grants from the water project fund for certain water projects. Specifically, this measure authorizes the New Mexico finance authority to make loans or grants from the water project fund to the qualifying entities for the following qualifying water projects on terms and conditions established by the water trust board and the New Mexico finance authority. This measure has largely to do with funding for improving municipal water projects including flood prevention, dam construction, wastewater and sewage management, water storage, conveyance, and delivery. This measure should significantly improve the aforementioned water infrastructure in the localities listed in this bill. This measure will be especially beneficial for domestic water consumers. This measure has been signed by Governor Martinez (D) on March 6. This measure will take effect May 20, 2020.

Votes:
- Passed Senate Committee on Conservation: 8-0
- Passed Senate Chamber: 39-0
- House Committee on Appropriations and Finance.: 14-0
- House Chamber: 68-0

**SB 153: FAILED. Energy Efficiency Standards.** This measure appropriates $2,000,000 to the department of finance and administration for the New Mexico mortgage finance authority to provide a residential energy conservation program. This measure appropriates $2,000,000 to the New Mexico mortgage finance authority to provide for a residential energy conservation program to increase the energy efficiency and reduce energy expenditures of homes occupied by low-income persons in New Mexico. This measure failed upon adjournment on February 20. This measure is ineligible for any further consideration in the 2020 Legislative Session.