



AMIGOS BRAVOS 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

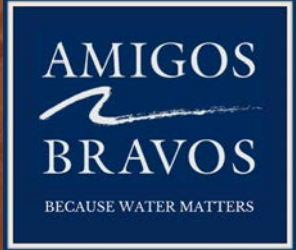


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Our mission

To protect and restore the waters of New Mexico.

Front cover painting titled, "The Hour I Walked Into" by Taos artist, Jeff Cochran.

Above photo credit: Geraint Smith.

From the Executive Director



Our past fiscal year (FY23) was another busy year for Amigos Bravos, much of which can be attributed to the United States Supreme Court. You may wonder what in the world the Supreme Court has to do with the mission of a watershed protection

non-profit organization in New Mexico – as it turns out, a whole lot.

In a very controversial decision known as the “Sackett vs. EPA” (or “Sackett”) decision, the U.S. Supreme Court drastically reduced federal protections for American rivers and waterways. Under Sackett, only waters that are “relatively permanent, continuously flowing or standing” and only wetlands that have a “continuous surface connection” to these waters, are now deemed to have protection under the federal Clean Water Act. While this decision has profound consequences across the country, the situation in New Mexico is even more dire. Because we are in an arid state, a huge majority of our waters don't flow continuously and therefore now not eligible for protection under the Clean Water Act.

Indeed, it is estimated that up to 96% of New Mexico's streams and rivers lost protection, as well as over 88% of New Mexico's wetlands – a terrible situation to be sure. In anticipation of this decision, Amigos Bravos has been working with the NM Environment Department and other allies to begin to develop a state surface water permitting program, in which the state could take control over regulating discharges to our waters. For more information about our response to

the Sackett decision's impacts, **please visit nmwaters.org.**

In the summer and fall of 2023, Amigos Bravos has focused a lot of resources on this effort. In the Fall of 2023, we led coalitions to meet with the Governor's office, to communicate with legislators, and to coordinate extensively with the NM Environment Department. We drafted regulatory language that would provide interim protections from dredge and fill impacts while the state permitting programs are being developed and we identified funding needs to push for in the FY2024 legislative session.

Update: in early 2024 the legislature appropriated approximately \$7.6 million to the Environment Department to develop a state surface water permitting program – a big and important victory!

In addition to our work to mitigate the impact of the Sackett decision on New Mexico, we continued our many other projects around the state. We continue to build our capacity to engage in important water issues everywhere in New Mexico, and in late FY23 we hired an Albuquerque based policy specialist to focus on impacts of mining, oil & gas and other extractive industries on our watersheds.

As always, we appreciate our members and supporters for enabling us to do this important work.

For the Rio,

Joe Zupan
Executive Director



**RESTORING
WATERSHED
HEALTH**

EXPANDING OUR WETLAND JEWELS RESTORATION AND PROTECTION AREAS TO THE GILA AND SAN JUAN WATERSHEDS



Amigos Bravos expanded our Wetland Jewels project to the Gila watershed in 2023. Working with a number of key watershed stakeholders and partners, we received over 150 responses to the community input survey which prioritized watershed functions such as; unique or value plant communities, waterfowl and waterbird habitat, aquatic invertebrate habitat, ground-water recharge, fish habitat, and streamflow maintenance.

Using these survey results, Amigos worked with St. Mary's GeoSpatial Services, the Gila National Forest Watershed team, and project leaders to identify an initial 15 keystone wetlands across the National Forest for protection and restoration.

These areas encompass upland wetland systems,

playa wetlands, and key recreational and ecological riparian corridors throughout the Forest.

In late summer 2023, the Gila Wetland Jewels Storymap went live and was shared widely with the survey respondents and watershed stakeholders and partners. Amigos staff presented on the storymap and overall project at several coalition meetings, the New Mexico Wetland Roundtables, and the Gila Natural History Symposium.

At the end of the year and beginning of 2024, Amigos worked with Keystone Restoration Ecology and Natural Channel Design to submit a restoration proposal to the New Mexico Environment Department's River Stewardship program to begin the restoration of two Jewels, Trout and Romero Creeks. These streams are within the Luna EIS planning project which has already completed NEPA analysis and would be cleared for direct implementation once funding for design and construction are secured. Staff also worked directly with the Gila and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests to get the project added to their workplans and inline for direct Forest Service Funding.

Amigos Bravos will continue to work with partners in the watershed to identify additional restoration projects as well as continue to engage with ongoing watershed restoration action plans that encompass our Wetland Jewels areas. The Gila is a truly remarkable place, full of unique fauna

Restoring Watershed Health



and flora, and our team feels fortunate to be contributing to the restoration and protection of these natural areas for all New Mexicans.

In addition to the wetlands work in the Gila, Amigos Bravos completed a Wetland Jewels analysis on the San Juan to further aid the restoration of the Colorado River Basin in New Mexico. The San Juan Wetland Jewels are a critical project for the river's health as the precipitation levels and presence of wetlands have both drastically dropped during the drought our region has experienced. Watershed stakeholders identified through the community survey that groundwater recharge, bank and shoreline stabilization, waterfowl and waterbird habitat, aquatic invertebrate habitat, unique and valuable plant communities, and fish habitat were the most important watershed functions for the area. Amigos worked with our mapping team at St. Mary's to identify an initial 12 wetland areas for immediate protection and restoration.

Through our stakeholder outreach and conversations, the Canon Largo Jewel was identified as one needing critical attention

immediately due to its sediment loading potential and critical habitat for waterfowl. Staff have been working with the Bureau of Land Management to begin project exploration and hope to move the project forward in 2024. Our team will continue to work with stakeholders in the area to further identify which areas are implementation ready and would contribute the most to the region's ecological health.

Additionally, as part of the Jewels process, our team realized that a significant portion of the watershed on the Navajo Nation does not have current National Wetland Inventory mapping. The project team worked with St. Mary's and the Navajo Nation EPA to discuss updating the mapping and was successful in securing permission to help the Nation complete the update. This presents another opportunity to expand the Jewels analysis and identify critical wetlands on the Nation to aid their watershed goals and objectives.

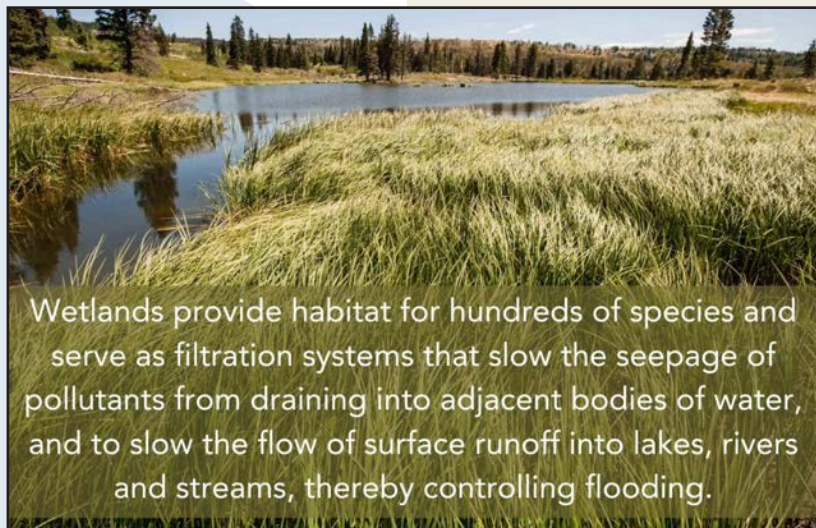
The San Juan Wetland Jewels Storymap was finalized and made public in the Fall of 2023 and is now being used to communicate the impact and benefits these wetlands provide to the community and the watershed. The National spotlight has been placed on the Colorado River Basin, and while the Rio Grande is just as important to New Mexicans, Amigos Bravos is proud to play our part in Colorado's River Basin too, by completing the Wetland Jewels and preparing to help implement the restoration of these areas. The Jewels has attracted interest from the neighboring States and Amigos has shared our process so that other partners may utilize our process for their own wetland prioritization projects.

PROTECTING NEW MEXICO'S WATERS IN THE WAKE OF THE LOSS OF FEDERAL PROTECTIONS

In May 2023 the U.S. Supreme Court issued the Sackett vs. EPA decision which drastically reduced federal clean water protections. Under Sackett only waters that are “relatively permanent, continuously flowing, or standing” and only wetlands that have a “continuous surface connection” to these relatively permanent waters continue to receive protections under the federal Clean Water Act. In New Mexico, this decision is devastating for several reasons, first, up to 96% percent of our state’s rivers and streams are not relatively permanent or continuously flowing and thus are no longer federally protected. Second, unlike 47 other states across the country, New Mexico does not have a state program to control pollution through a state-run discharge permitting program. This means with the loss of federal jurisdiction, and with that the loss of federal authority to control discharges into most New Mexico’s waters, we are left facing unregulated discharges of pollution into New Mexico’s rivers, streams, and wetlands. Amigos Bravos has been leading the charge in New Mexico to advocate for the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue to protect as many waters as possible within the limitations of the Sackett

ruling and to work at the state level to adopt and implement state-level protections to fill the gap in clean water protections. In early 2023 Amigos Bravos was chosen to organize one of only two southwest regional roundtables to communicate to EPA regional stakeholder concerns and clean water priorities. In the Summer of 2023 Amigos Bravos brought together New Mexico Tribal community, sporting, environmental advocacy, and community health organizations to form the Protect NM Waters Coalition to advocate for state level clean water protections. The group, which continues to meet frequently, engages with legislators, regulators, and various clean water stakeholders to advocate for funding, interim protections, and regulatory action at the state level.

Bravo: In 2023, Amigos Bravos, along with our clean water partners, successfully advocated for 680k of state funding to go towards the development of a state surface water permitting program to control discharges of pollution into New Mexico’s waters.



Wetlands provide habitat for hundreds of species and serve as filtration systems that slow the seepage of pollutants from draining into adjacent bodies of water, and to slow the flow of surface runoff into lakes, rivers and streams, thereby controlling flooding.

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CONTINUING OUR WORK TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND RESILIENCE IN MIDNIGHT MEADOWS WETLANDS

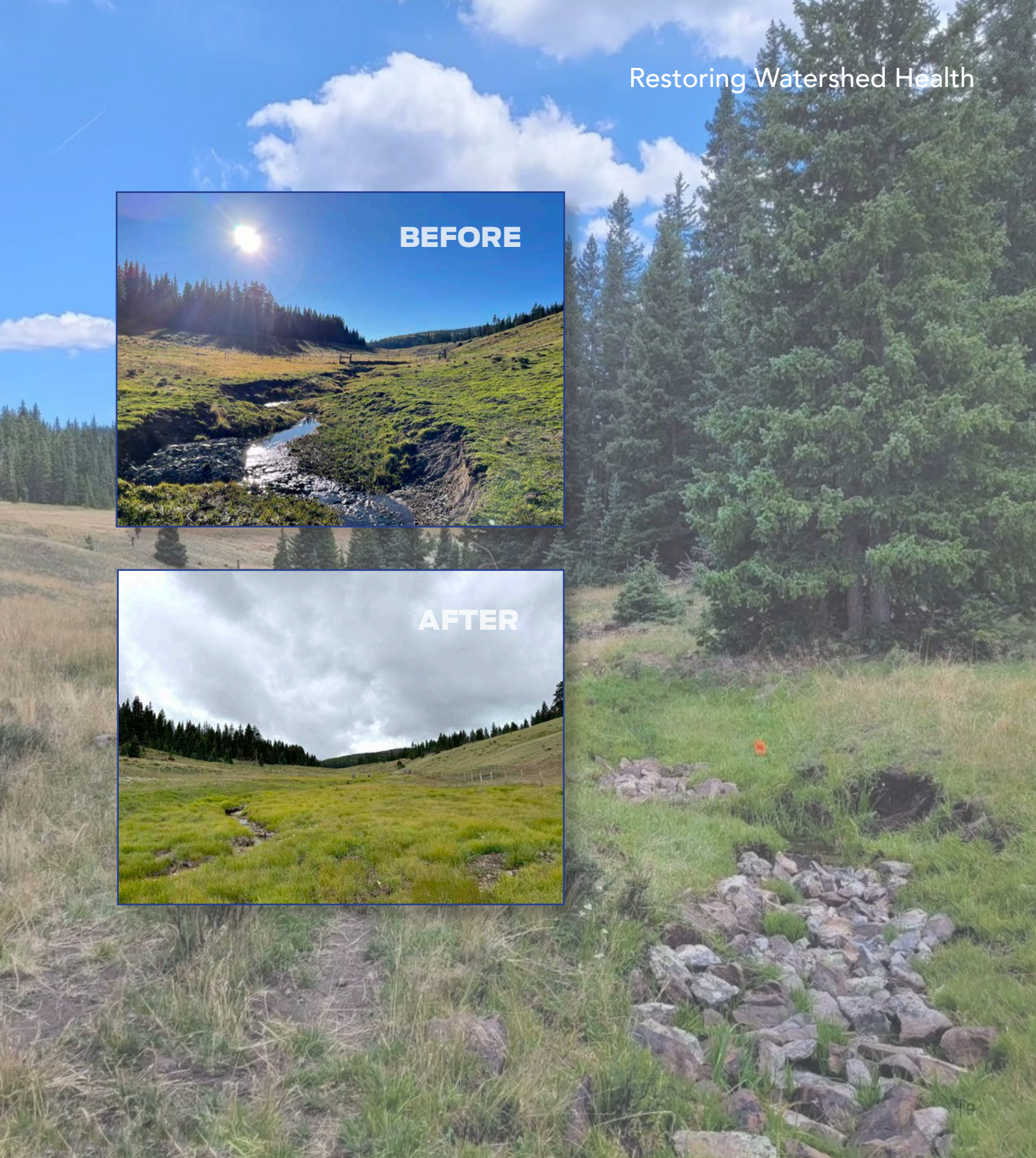
In July-August, working with our contractors Keystone Restoration, we completed a large restoration project at Midnight Meadows. This long-planned out project involved 700 feet of “big hole” restoration including the installation of one cross vane, three one rock dams, eight log vanes and two ponds, as well as the construction of 1600 feet of heavy duty exclosure fence around these structures.

On the tributary channel to North of the new exclosure fence, we installed five contour swales and 15 excavator plugs using contractors and heavy equipment.

On the weekend of August 18th to 20th, we worked with 45 volunteers to install 11 brush berms, one zuni bowl, and 25 one rock dams, also in the channel to the North of the new exclosure fence. Fencing repairs to the two upper exclosures were conducted and 20 repairs and modifications to rock structures (one rock dams, zuni bowls, etc.) within those two upper exclosures were also completed.



Restoring Watershed Health



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**WE COULD NOT DO OUR RESTORATION WORK
WITHOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERS! ❤️**

**BIG THANKS TO ABQ WILDLIFE FEDERATION AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE /
CARSON NATIONAL FOREST DIVISION AND KEYSTONE RESTORATION ECOLOGY**



During the summer of 2023, Amigos Bravos hired **Arden Foster** for a grant-funded Range Rider position. Arden worked up in Midnight Meadows in coordination with Amigos Bravos, USFS, the grazing permittees, and Keystone Restoration Ecology. Arden's primary role as a Range Rider was to monitor grazing cattle and to keep

them in the correct pastures and away from the active restoration work. She also helped repair damaged fencing in an effort to better manage the cattle and keep them in the appropriate grazing allotment. Bravo, Arden, for riding the range and helping to protect this important northern New Mexico wetland!

PROTECTING AND RESTORING NATURE'S ENGINEERS TO PROMOTE HEALTHIER WATERWAYS AND ECOSYSTEMS

When beavers build or chew on private or public property, they can damage trees and cause unwanted flooding. Understandably, humans get upset. But there are some pretty simple workarounds to these problems that help humans reap the rewards that beavers bring to our ecosystems.

Amigos Bravos recognizes the value of protecting and restoring beavers to New Mexico's waterways as these toothy rodents are a keystone species that help save water, recharge aquifers, mitigate flooding and drought, reduce wildfire damage, and create aquatic/wetlands habitat.

In October of 2022, Amigos Bravos worked with the Rio Fernando de Taos collaborative, the Town of Taos, and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to install a pond leveler (a.k.a. beaver deceiver) in Fred Baca Park in Taos to prevent the Rio Fernando de Taos from getting too high and flooding the playground area.

After employees with Taos' Public Works Department tore out a section of a beaver dam on the edge of Fred Baca Park wetland area—raising the ire of birders and environmental advocates—town officials promised to find a solution that would allow beavers and town infrastructure to coexist.

“This dam created invaluable wetland habitat for river otter, raccoons, skunk, coyote and a variety of bird species,





including the federally-endangered southwest willow flycatcher, but it also had the potential to cause flooding, threatening the playground area in one location and a sewage pipe and roadway in another.”

– *Steven Fry, Amigos Bravos Policy and Project Specialist*

This potential liability forced the Town of Taos to remove the beaver dam with heavy machinery, a strategy that has been utilized annually for the past 25 years to control the water level. While this strategy is effective to protect Town infrastructure, it also reduces the habitat and ecosystem services generated by the wetland for the species who call our region home.

Where feasible, Beaver Deceivers are a much better option to beaver trapping. Beaver Deceivers have an exclusion fence on a pipe inlet that prevent beavers from detecting the flow of water into the pipe. Since they can't feel or hear any water flowing into the pipe, the beavers leave the inlet of the pipe alone. The highest point of the pipe thus controls the pond level and creates a permanent leak in the pond so a safe pond level is maintained and prevents flooding.

The Beaver Deceiver installed at Fred Baca Park serves as a model project that can be duplicated at other sites along the Rio Fernando, as well as other rivers in the region.

Contact Steven Fry for more information and/or resources: sfry@amigosbravos.org



HOLDING POLLUTERS ACCOUNTABLE

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Holding Polluters Accountable



WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF PFAS CONTAMINATION AND OTHER TOXIC POLLUTANTS

Amigos Bravos continues its environmental justice work by allying with community partners by assisting those communities acutely impacted by toxic pollutants in ground water. Amigos Bravos receives anecdotal information on pollution and then does research on the affected area on the types and levels of toxic pollutants that negatively impact the welfare of ground water and the environment as well as the well-being of those communities in need of assistance and seeking ways to aid in relief, mitigation and restoration.

The groundwater in La Cieneguilla, a small community south of Santa Fe, rich in historical and cultural resources has been infiltrated with industrial types of PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), and several private water wells have tested positive for these types of PFAS. The people of La Cieneguilla rely on their private wells to: water their gardens, care for their livestock, clean and care for their homes, use for every day cooking, and nourish their bodies by drinking the water. The water in those wells can no longer be used for consumption, nor can the soils, livestock, or garden be used as this industrial PFAS has infiltrated those natural systems and their yields. Amigos Bravos has been working with the community of

La Cieneguilla to help them find resources to off-set the immediate impacts of ground water contamination while the NMED looks to find solutions for long term mitigation.

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TRACKING EPA DISCHARGE PERMITS

Amigos Bravos tracks EPA issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits across the state. These are the permits to control pollution from wastewater treatment plants, industrial activities, and development projects that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issues for discharges into the 4-6% of New Mexico waters that still remain federally protected under the Clean Water Act. In 2023 Amigos Bravos engaged in several permit renewal processes by meeting with EPA and New Mexico Environment Department staff and submitting comments on draft permits. We submitted comments on the city of Anthony, New Mexico's wastewater permit, with a focus

on implementing antidegradation protections to ensure that their draft renewed permit was not increasing pollution loading into the Rio Grande. We also commented on the Village of Taos Ski Valley's draft permit for their wastewater discharges where we identified compliance violations and concerns about proposed pollutant loading. In 2023 Amigos Bravos also continued our involved oversight of the implementation of the individual industrial stormwater permit for Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) by submitting detailed comments on LANL's 1,500 page draft Sampling Implementation Plan (SIP). Our comments focused on concerns about inadequate monitoring requirements and the lack of strong triggers for corrective action.



THE
PASE^x**PROJECT**



**BUILDING
A WATERS
MOVEMENT**

AMIGOS BRAVOS' PARTICIPATION IN THE 2023 PASEO PROJECT IN KIT CARSON PARK IN TAOS, NM, HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UPPER RIO GRANDE WATERSHED THROUGH AN INTERACTIVE ART INSTALLATION

The Upper Rio Grande Basin Watershed Wall was a collaboration between Amigos Bravos and Taos-based environmental artist, Scott Sutton. The interactive art installation functioned as an educational sculpture highlighting the terrestrial ecosystems of the Upper Rio Grande watershed.

The Watershed Wall was constructed of a steel frame and catchment basin with a pump that circulated water up to a drip line. The dripline created a falling water "screen" onto which images were projected from a projector. We projected images and videos upon the screen of water highlighting the diversity of species such as fish, insects, birds, mammals, and plants that are integral to the ecosystems of the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

Water flowed from a catchment system at the top of the steel frame down to a spillway that created the screen of continuously falling water using a pump located within the catchment basin where it flowed through lines back up to the spillways. The projections displayed images of terrestrial life that are endemic to the Upper Rio Grande Basin or migrate through the watershed on a seasonal basis. A diversity of ecological species such as fish, insects, reptiles, birds, mammals, and humans were projected onto the wall of water.

PASEO Project attendees were able to interact with the wall of water sculpture. Symbolically, this interaction highlighted our interwoven relationship to the terrestrial environment along with the hydrological and natural ecosystems that sustain humanity as well as all the other diversity of species that live in and rely upon the Upper Rio Grande Watershed Basin.

A call for images was made to the community to upload photos to the Amigos Bravos Facebook page prior to the event. The community collaboration enabled people in Taos and other Northern New Mexico communities to share their personal interactions with the Upper Rio Grande watershed - illuminating our collective interdependency to the watershed and among a diversity of species and people in Northern New Mexico.

The installation was a popular venue for Amigos Bravos to heighten awareness of the importance of the Upper Rio Grande watershed's health for the diversity of species who live within the terrestrial landscape - including humans - to a broader, younger audience.



Building a Waters Movement

TESTING WATER QUALITY IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO WITH EXPANDING TEAMS OF WATER SENTINELS VOLUNTEERS

In the summer of 2023, the Water Sentinels – Rios de Taos completed their 16th year of water quality sampling in Taos County. Without the Water Sentinels, the Red River, Rio Hondo, Rio Grande, Rio Fernando and the Rio Pueblo would only be sampled for water quality once every 8-10 years. This year, as we do every two years, we submitted our water quality findings and suggestions to the New Mexico Environment Department for inclusion in their decision making for the 2024-2026 CWA 303(d)/305(b) Integrated report of Assessed Surface Waters.

Since 2021, the Water Sentinels teams have been expanding. Volunteers are now sampling the Rio Embudo in Dixon, and the upper Pecos River. In 2023, in Partnership with Trout Unlimited, we also formed volunteer teams to collect baseline data for Outstanding Natural Resource Waters designations in the San Juan River near Farmington, and the Rio San Antonio in the Jemez mountains.

Data collected by volunteers includes temperature, pH, electrical conductivity, dissolved oxygen, up to 23 heavy metals, nutrients (ammonia, nitrate and phosphate), and radioactivity (gross alpha and beta).



NURTURING FUTURE WATER STEWARDS THROUGH OUR SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



"I grew up in a home that fostered a love and care for the environment. This internship provided me with an opportunity to embrace my passion for environmental protection while flexing my data analysis and communication skills," said Georgia Blue about her experience working at Amigos Bravos.

Ren Murata (right) was born in Santa Fe, New Mexico and in his spare time enjoys skiing, biking, camping, music, and photography. In previous summers he has spent his time working with the Zuni Mountain Youth Conservation Corps helping build trails and fences and maintain the forest land. Ren will be attending United World College (UWC) a two-year international baccalaureate program in Tanzania this fall.

Introducing Amigos Bravos 2023 Summer Intern, **Georgia Blue Simmons** (left). As a Field, Policy, and Watershed Outreach Intern, Georgia (or "Georgia Blue" as she preferred to be called) applied research best management practices to develop skills in watershed experiential field work such as mitigating illegal dumping, learning about watershed ecology and functioning, and assisting in outreach to the general community on the importance of keeping watersheds free of illegal

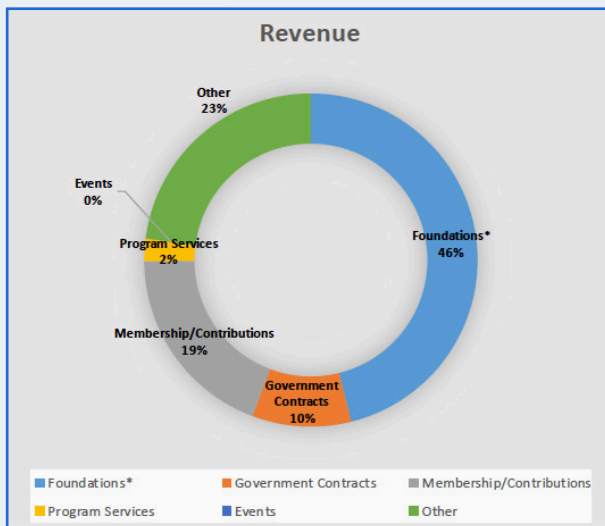
dumping. Georgia also learned about monitoring the health of waterways through water quality sampling and how pollutants affect and negatively impact the community, agriculture, and environment. Georgia Blue is currently in her senior year at Sewanee: The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, majoring in The Environment and Sustainability with a focus in Environmental Justice and a minor in Economics.



"Amigos Bravos has been a great experience, I have learned how to test and take care of our rivers. I never knew how many variables there are to keep a river healthy."
— Ren Murata

He is interested in Environmental Science, sustainability, and Conservation. Ren enjoyed working with Amigos Bravos because he worked on testing water quality on the Not Forgotten Outreach farm and created a report comparing the data to previous years. Ren found out about Amigos Bravos through a school experiential learning trip, where his school went to the Rio Grande in Pilar and observed the health and bugs living in the river.

Financial Report

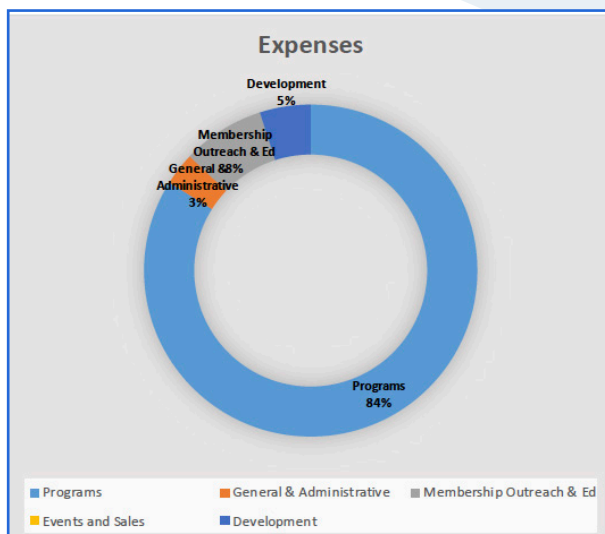


FISCAL YEAR 2023 (OCTOBER 1, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023)

Amigos Bravos is protecting its long-term financial viability by building its capital reserve fund, implementing a planned giving campaign, and growing endowment funds for Amigos Bravos housed at the New Mexico Foundation and Taos Community Foundation.

REVENUE:

Foundations*	942,094
Government Contracts.....	195,804
Membership / Contribution	391,739
Program Services	45,247
Events	0
Other	467,772
Total:	2,042,656



FISCAL YEAR 2023 (OCTOBER 1, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023)

EXPENSES:

Programs.....	871,501
General & Administrative	33,002
Membership Outreach & Ed	83,111
Events and Sales	0
Development	51,096
Total:	1,038,710

Net Excess or <Deficit> 1,003,946

*Several foundation grants are for multi-year contracts that carry forward into FY24.

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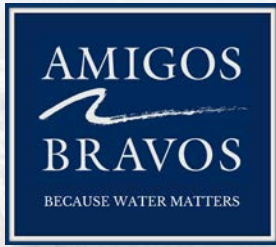


Brian Shields, Co-Founder of Amigos Bravos, shown here with Amigos Bravos Deputy Director, **Rachel Conn**, continues to be an active advocate for our work.

A wide, deep canyon with a river flowing through it, under a dramatic sky with a rainbow. The canyon walls are rugged and layered, showing signs of erosion. The river is a light blue-grey color, winding through the center of the canyon. The sky is dark and stormy, with a bright rainbow arching across the horizon. The overall mood is majestic and awe-inspiring.

**“A river seems like a magical thing.
A magical, moving, living part of
the very earth itself.”**

— Laura Gilpin, American Photographer



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