

Middle Rio Grande Water Advocates (MRGWA)

Working Committees

Editorial Board - The MRGWA bylaws have established an Editorial Board. The Editorial Board is composed of the Executive Committee and volunteer Directors. It is responsible for establishing the scope of the Water Advocates' website and promulgating subordinate policies. It is further responsible for reviewing, editing, and managing submittals, solicited and unsolicited, for website posting, in accordance with the Editorial Board Policy [[link Editorial Board Policy" to wa596o...pdf](#)].

Working Committees - In order to accomplish the strategic and communication plans of the MRGWA, the MRGWA Executive Committee has established five working committees. Each committee has a mission, a chairperson, and a collection of self-selected volunteer participants. Individuals may (and hopefully will) participate on more than one committee. Each committee will determine how it will proceed over time to make its mission successful. And each committee will, as proves appropriate, draw on the work products of the other committees and external entities. The committees will proceed under the general guidance of the Executive Committee, providing non-formal status reports and plans at appropriate intervals. At least one member of the Executive Committee will be assigned to each committee to ensure that public statements attributed to the MRGWA reflect MRGWA policy pursuant to its bylaws authority and responsibility.

Please consider participating in one or more of our committees. Send us an email to express interest [[link "Send us an email" to an \[Info@MRGWaterAdvocates.org\]\(mailto:Info@MRGWaterAdvocates.org\) email with subject line "Working Committee Interest"](#)].

The five working committees and their current missions are:

- Basin Study Committee
- Water Planning Committee
- Agency Report Card Committee
- Public Outreach Committee
- Organization Development Committee

Basin Study Committee – The Basin Study Committee (BSC) mission is to direct and conduct all MRGWA activities associated with the Bureau of Reclamation's Rio Grande Basin Study. BSC will work to ensure the Basin Study product has balanced technical and legal integrity. This mission will include participating in and (probably leading) the Community Groups Sector activities, participating in the Technical Committees' activities, and (probably) participating in the Steering Committee's activities. The BSC will develop technical and advisory written products to advance its and the Basin Study's mission. The BSC will review, and critique Basin Study work products developed by others.

Water Planning Committee – WPC focus will be to ensure that New Mexico will protect its water resources for future generations.

The Water Planning Committee (WPC) mission is to direct and conduct all MRGWA activities associated with planning for a resilient water future for New Mexico in the face of overuse, water scarcity, and our changing climate.

The mission includes developing and pursuing statutory and rule-making changes in support of the state's and the MRG's water future. The mission will include two components:

- (a) developing (writing or ghost writing) and participating in creation of a strategic Fifty-Year Water Plan (FYWP) for the State of New Mexico.
- (b) developing and coordinating a MRG regional water plan to go in parallel with and follow on to the RG Basin Study

The WPC will take maximum advantage of technical, legal, and public inputs developed by other entities (e.g., OSE, ISC, BoR, CoE).

Agency Report Card Committee - The Agency Report Card Committee (ARCC) mission is to monitor water-related agencies and comment or report on the agencies' effectiveness, to the extent human and financial resources become available. The ARCC mission will be to monitor and publicly report upon the engineering,

legal, and financial behaviors of key water entities affecting the Middle Rio Grande region, such as USCoE, USBOR, USGS, USF&WS, OSE, ISC, NMED, ENMRD, MRGCD, ABCWUA, RRU, LLPW, CSFW.

Public Outreach Committee – The Public Outreach Committee (POC) mission is to direct and conduct all MRGWA activities that build the organization’s reach, influence, and reputation in order to increase its ability to influence state water resources planning and management effectiveness. It will do so by developing and maintaining outreach communications with others via electronic and other media. Vehicles include the MRGWA website, social media, a speaker series, the annual conference, and outreach to reporters. The POC mission includes establishing and maintaining liaison with key water entities such as agencies, opinion leaders, and legislators, as well as with the general public.

Organization Development Committee - The Organization Development Committee (ODC) mission is to improve the capacity of the Middle Rio Grande Water Advocates organization to effectively accomplish its mission and goals. The ODC mission includes whatever actions are necessary related to organizing the MRGWA, acquiring financial resources, and enlisting human resources so that the MRGWA can seek to more effectively accomplish its mission.