

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ADVOCATES
ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022**

**The Great Change
Surviving New Mexico's Arid Future
A Call to Action!**

Speakers

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Register

First Session: Saturday, January 8, 2022, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Strategic Actions

- 8:30 Welcome, Introduction and Plan for the Morning**
Bob Wessely, Past President
- 8:45 Keynote: Effecting Transformative Change in New Mexico Water Governance**
Representative Melanie Stansbury, U.S. CD1
- 9:15 Q&A for Rep. Stansbury**
- 9:30 Panel Presentations: Strategic Actions to Begin to Face our Arid Future**
- **Fund New Mexico's Water Future**
 - **Reform New Mexico Water Governance**
Norm Gaume, former director, New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission
 - **Ensure Reliable Middle Rio Grande Compact Compliance**
Mike Hamman, New Mexico Governor Lujan Grisham's Water Advisor
 - **Equitably Share Middle Rio Grande Water Shortages**
Paula Garcia, Executive Director, NM Acequia Association
- 10:30 Panel Discussion and Participants' Questions--Strategic Actions**
John Mumm, Water Planner
- 11:15 MRGWA Board Nominations**
Bob Wessely, Past President
- 11:20 Closing Remarks**
Norm Gaume, President
- 11:30 Adjourn**

Rio Grande near Los Lunas
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Second Session: Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Strategic Action: Fund Water Science, Data and Planning

- 6:00 Welcome, Introduction and Plan for the Evening**
Bob Wessely, Past President
- 6:12 Presentation on Strategic Action:**
Fund New Mexico's Water Future
Norm Gaume, former director, New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission
Stacy Timmons, Associate Director, NM Bureau of Geology
- 6:32 Breakout Logistics**
Laurie McCann, retired facilitator/mediator and MRGWA Board Member
- 6:35 Breakout Groups**
- 7:40 Report Out**
- 7:55 Closing Remarks**
- 8:00 Adjourn**

Third Session: Saturday, January 15, 2022, 2021, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Strategic Action: Reform New Mexico Water Governance

- 9:00 Welcome, Introduction and Plan for the Morning**
Bob Wessely, Past President
- 9:12 Presentation on Strategic Action:**
Reform New Mexico Water Governance
Norm Gaume, former director, New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission
- 9:32 Breakout Logistics**
Laurie McCann, retired facilitator/mediator and MRGWA Board Member
- 9:35 Breakout Groups**
- 10:40 Report Out**
- 10:55 Closing Remarks**
- 11:00 Adjourn**

Rio Grande near Lemitar
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Fourth Session: Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Strategic Action: Ensure Reliable Middle Rio Grande Compact Compliance

- 6:00 Welcome, Introduction and Plan for the Evening**
Bob Wessely, Past President
- 6:12 Presentation on Strategic Action:**
Ensure Reliable Middle Rio Grande Compact Compliance
Mike Hamman, New Mexico Governor Lujan Grisham's Water Advisor
- 6:32 Breakout Logistics**
Laurie McCann, retired facilitator/mediator and MRGWA Board Member
- 6:35 Breakout Groups**
- 7:40 Report Out**
- 7:55 Closing Remarks**
- 8:00 Adjourn**

Fifth Session: Saturday, January 22, 2022, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Strategic Action: Increase the Equity of Shortage Sharing in the Middle Rio Grande

- 9:00 Welcome, Introduction and Plan for the Morning**
Bob Wessely, Past President
- 9:12 Presentation on Strategic Action:**
Equitably Share Middle Rio Grande Water Shortages
Paula Garcia, Executive Director, NM Acequia Association
- 9:32 Breakout Logistics**
Laurie McCann, retired facilitator/mediator and MRGWA Board Member
- 9:35 Breakout Groups**
- 10:40 Report Out**
- 10:55 Closing Remarks**
- 11:00 Adjourn**



Rio Grande near Bernardo
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