

**MRGWA SPEAKER SERIES WEBINAR
WATER POLICY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS
November 3, 2022**

CHAT FILE

19:02:58 Daniel Anderson and Marcia Fernandez: Rip Anderson and Marcia Fernandez--CESSOS, SVRAA, Water Advocates, S.Valley farmers

19:03:00 Dale Doremus: Dale Doremus, Rio Grande Chapter Sierra Club

19:03:00 Martin Zehr: I am Martin Zehr a member of the Water Assembly and participant in the 2004 Middle Rio Grande regional long-term water plan.

19:03:03 Amy Ewing: Amy Ewing, DBS&A.

19:03:07 Ralph Wrons: Rachel, please introduce yourself since you are not on the intro Slide.

19:03:13 Rachel Swanteson-Franz: Welcome all! Good evening. Thanks for joining us!

19:03:18 Bob Wessely: Bob Wessely, MRGWA.

19:03:37 Cheryl Hastings: Cheryl Hastings, Datil, NM.

19:04:02 Robyn Hoffman: Robyn Hoffman.

19:04:35 Phil King: Phil King, retired NMSU professor and consultant to EBID.

19:05:01 Elaine Hebard: Elaine Hebard.

19:05:07 Jerry Kurtyka: Jerry Kurtyka, Sierra Club El Paso chapter.

19:05:16 Elaine Hebard: Another Water Nerd.

19:06:26 John R Brown: John Brown.

19:06:58 Rachel Swanteson-Franz: Thank you all for joining us! Please use the chat to ask questions for our Q&A after :).

19:08:27 Rex Myers: Rex Myers, Friends, Bosque del Apache.

19:11:06 Stefi Weisburd: Stefi Weisburd, 350NM.

19:15:34 Nancy Singham: Nancy Singham, Albuquerque 350NM.

19:23:54 Ralph Wrons: Please tell us at some point what/who are the NM Water Ambassadors?

19:26:14 Hannah Riseley-White: Good question Ralph! I meant to speak to this. The Task Force members are also considered ambassadors - tasked with bringing information from, and to, their communities and working to advance next steps.

19:29:01 Daniel Anderson and Marcia Fernandez: What is a paleochannel?

19:30:28 Ralph Wrons: From Wikipedia: A palaeochannel, is a geological term describing a remnant of an inactive river or stream channel that has been filled or buried by younger sediment.

19:32:07 Ralph Wrons: Thanks Hannah -- good to know and a very appropriate label. This will be good to promote to the Legislators.

19:35:05 Rachel Swanteson-Franz: Remember to put your questions in the chat for the panelists for our Q&A coming up soon!

19:39:27 Nancy Singham: Ironic or telling that today Portales has no water due to water main break (according to the news.) Proves the urgency!

19:49:00 Rachel Conn: Can you explain how the Task Force recommendations will be prioritized? (There are many recommendations from the 3 Workgroups).

19:49:01 Ann McCartney: What we can do now to move the legislature towards getting some of the legislation passed in 2023?

19:49:34 Dale Doremus: Will these slides be made available?

19:51:09 Norm Gaume: The slides and meeting recording will be distributed to tonight's Participants.

19:53:18 From Elaine Hebard : Have the Ambassadors discussed how to implement plans, such as via AWRM?

19:54:35 Rachel Swanteson-Franz: https://www.nmlegis.gov/members/find_my_legislator in case you need to double check who your elected official is!

19:56:04 Kathy Freas: How do the recommendations address residential and urban development re water demands?

19:58:51 Nancy Singham: Thank you to all who have been participating in this effort. Are there recommendations that might be more politically partisan than others? I wonder if Ms. Clayton has experience with this since she has experience with getting consensus.

19:58:59 Ralph Wrons: I heard Dr Maurice Hall's presentation at UNM a couple weeks ago, in which he referred to Groundwater as Natural Infrastructure that needs to be maintained and preserved. Norm mentioned the need for (I think I heard) 200 wells around the state. I think I've heard that NMBGMR has been developing specifics on that. Could that be something targeted as an "emergency appropriation" during the 2023 legislature, meaning the funding could be made available, I think, one month after the end of the session to get started on those wells?

20:01:06 Cheryl Hastings: NM Tech is monitoring wells.

20:03:30 Judith Phillips: Thank you for all your time and expertise!

20:03:30 Hannah Riseley-White: Thanks everyone. Appreciate your interest in water! Have a good evening.

20:03:34 Ralph Wrons: survey survey survey.

20:03:37 Brittany Gaume: Thank you Hannah, Ladona, and Norm!

20:03:49 Phil King: Thank you all.

20:04:34 Patrick McCarthy: Thanks, Hannah, Rachel, Norm, and Ladona. Good presentation and discussion.

20:04:54 Tricia Snyder: Thank you Hannah, Ladona, and Norm! Great presentation and discussion. Appreciate MRGWA setting this up.

20:05:46 Ralph Wrons: Is there something happening on Nov 15 that we can alert Water advocates to you, even if after this meeting.

20:06:20 Ladona Clayton: Thanks to everyone for the opportunity to present tonight, and thank you to the Water Advocates for your incredible work!

20:22:17 Nancy Singham: That's a really good question, Rachel!

20:25:19 Cheryl Hastings: Thank you, speakers.

20:31:06 Rachel Conn: I believe that Rebecca is leaving NMED unfortunately... in December.

20:34:31 John R Brown: Is the "pivot" only at the state level? How does it happen in grass roots communities to mobilize and aggregate demand as well as capacity-building?

20:36:18 Rachel Swanteson-Franz: End of election season sass.

- 20:38:03 Elaine Hebard: Since the Dialogue is not meeting, why not take the time slot to discuss the legislation right before the session -- Januar 12?
- 20:38:14 Ann McCartney: Environmental and conservation groups and others, farmers/ranchers, conservation districts, etc. as allies.
- 20:40:22 Rachel Conn: Yes, I agree. We have been moving forward with Surface Water Permitting and increased water quality sampling needs - I presented to the WNRC in September on this. (So basically we worked hard to get our priorities into the recommendations in WG3 and are moving forward with these priorities independent of task force)