

## REGIONAL WATER PLANNING

- In 1999, the Water Assembly published the Regional Water Budget.
- Bottom line: from 1972-1997, the region had averaged consuming 15-20% more than is renewed. Some studies say more.
- The 2004 Regional Water Plan was developed to close that deficit gap.
- **Much has happened since. Is it enough?**
- What happens if we continue on our present course? *What are the economic, agricultural, ecological, demographic, legal and, yes, hydrological implications of our current course?*
- We'll present a water budget updated to 2010 and a **"State of the Region - 2025"** report developed by a multi-disciplinary expert team during at the Assembly event.

Come look at a likely regional future based upon our current policies; find out what may well have occurred, looking back from 2025. If you're disturbed with how it will look ... THEN, discuss with us if and how to envision a better future, and to take action to get there.

Join us as we work the process of updating the Regional Water Plan ... now is a great time to get involved!

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Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. The Water Assembly's purpose is to assure effective implementation of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan through an open, inclusive, and participatory process so as to achieve the common interests of the people and stakeholders of the region for a sustainable water future that balances water use with renewable supply in accordance with the stated goals of the Water Plan.

## The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly

### 2025...A Water Prophecy

*Wet or Dry?  
Rich or Poor?  
Green or Brown?  
At Peace or War?*



**Saturday, June 12, 2010**

**9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Registration and Continental Breakfast  
begin at 8:30 am

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- Agricultural Business and production
- Cultural and Historic Water Use
- Environmental Preservation and Improvement
- Industrial, Institutional and Business
- Residential Water Use
- Technical Specialties

At the Assembly last October, it was realized that we had come to a crossroads. The Regional Plan is not being implemented in a consistent, meaningful way. The Assembly decided to take a new approach, designed to avoid the conflicts between sectors that are always present when current perspectives and agendas clash and struggle to find solutions.

We embarked on a new project, modeled after the Mont Fleur process that South Africa went through after Nelson Mandela was released from prison. We convened a group of unaligned experts to impartially come up with a prophecy of what the Middle Rio Grande region would be like in 2025 if we continue only on our present course. We hope that we can all come together and find ways to influence the future to a positive outcome, and to revise our water and other planning to meet the substantial challenges of the future.

Every citizen's input is important. Please consider contributing what you have to offer to help make our future truly wet, green, prosperous AND at peace.

## Why You Should Attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Assembly:

- Get acquainted with the 2004 Regional Water Plan, and major changes since.
- Understand the water we recently received, and where we choose to consume it.
- Hear a hindsight review of the first quarter, 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- Listen to projections of the agricultural, legal, economic, ecological, demographic, and hydrologic history of the 2010 to 2025 era.
- And if that future is not what you would desire, help to envision better futures, and the primary policy changes that can lead us there.

## Program

- Intro: What's in the 2004 Plan?
- What Been Done Since?
- The Updated Water Budget
- The State of the Region - 2025
- Multi-Disciplinary Views
- Choosing Better Futures

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**Join us at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Assembly ....**

**Speak for your interests!**

Advocacy Groups will select their delegates to the Board for the coming year. Join us!

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