

**Why attend?  
To understand the impacts of  
over-allocation.**

Interstate Compact	Federal control
Local government	Environmental
Agricultural	Economy
Individual cost	Long term

**Experts will address the impacts of  
over-allocating available water**



**Attendees will identify  
implementation strategies**

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.

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# The Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly

presents:

## The 9<sup>th</sup> Assembly

Saturday, June 11, 2005  
Registration begins at 8:30  
Program begins at 9:00  
Dane Smith Hall, UNM

***straight talk:***  
***OUR WATER IS OVER-  
ALLOCATED***



***straight action:***  
***PROTECT OUR FUTURE***



Registration Fee: \$10.00 at the door  
continental breakfast & lunch is included

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## **changes in water allocation will change our lifestyles**

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### **The role of the Assembly**

We're told that we shouldn't focus on over-allocation: The future will take care of itself. The Water Assembly's role is to encourage implementation of our plan so we can get a handle on the future. Our 1999 Water Budget revealed a deficit between the water we're using and the water coming into our region. Our Regional Water Plan documents this shortfall and gives strategies to balance our Water Budget. Straight talk is necessary to implement our plan — as is straight action. The Assembly needs your help! Join us on Saturday, June 11 to hear how this issue affects all of us.

### **Note from our President:**

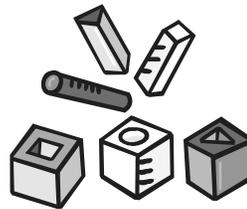
One of our biggest problems is the over-allocation of water. Our goal for the 9<sup>th</sup> Water Assembly is "making it real." To that end, we've asked governmental entities to discuss the impacts of over-allocation, and what they may do in response. Then, we've asked citizens to talk about the impacts on them. No one is insulated from the basic problem. If we don't become involved in dealing with reality, and shaping our future, it will be done for us, perhaps without considering our values.

### ***Participate in creating solutions***

Implementing the plan is the time to get involved. We must ensure that our plan is put into action!

## **The over-allocation of water**

Conservation is taking place across the region, but it will take more than conservation to deal with the historical 15-20% overuse and the future growth in demand on our limited supply of water. We need to deal with the fact that **there is more "paper water" than "wet water."**



Entities throughout the region, and even across the state, are struggling to fit the square legal rights peg into the round real water hole, and/or are carefully ignoring and denying the issue altogether.

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### **9<sup>th</sup> Assembly agenda includes:**

- ◆ Welcome and introductions
  - ◆ Outlining the issues
  - ◆ Tribal perspective
  - ◆ Impacts on federal and state obligations
  - ◆ Impacts on local governments
  - ◆ Impacts on urban & agricultural sectors and from development & environmental outlooks
  - ◆ Message from Senator Jeff Bingaman
  - ◆ Plenary session – taking action
  - ◆ Election of advocacy representatives
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## **Managing our future**

With the Regional Water Plan now as a starting point, the 9<sup>th</sup> Water Assembly will focus on the obstacles to implementation and on how we can overcome those obstacles in a way that benefits all and destroys none.

The Assembly is not only a time to hear about what's been done but also to set the course for the next year. As a volunteer organization, the Assembly needs your ideas and participation.

Please help us protect our future by:

- ◆ interacting with government
- ◆ working with youth
- ◆ adding to the science
- ◆ planning with our neighbors
- ◆ monitoring progress

During the afternoon, we will discuss the issues we heard during the morning, identify solutions, and agree on the directions and actions that we're going to undertake during the next year. Making those actions happen will be up to you!

### **Speak for your interests!**

Advocacy Groups will select their delegates for the coming year at this Assembly.

### **Where do your interests lie?**

- ◆ Agricultural Business and Production
- ◆ Cultural and Historic Water Use
- ◆ Environmental Preservation & Improvement
- ◆ Industrial, Institutional and Business
- ◆ Residential Water Use
- ◆ Technical Specialty