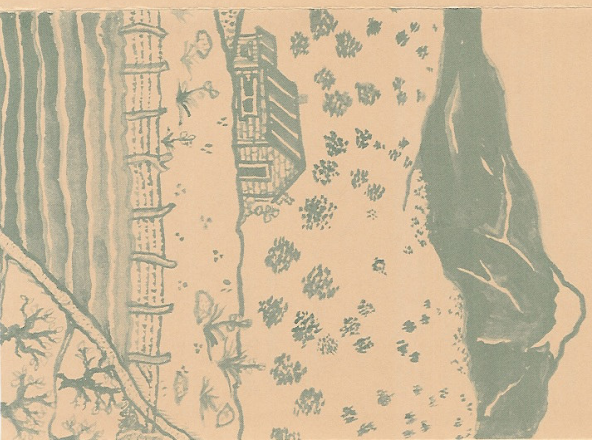


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REGIONAL WATER PLANNING IN NEW MEXICO



WHAT IS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING?

The heart of Regional Water Planning is for the region to provide enough information, analysis and documentation to answer the following questions.

- What is the regions available water supply?
- What is the region's future water demand?
- How will the region undertake to meet demand with supply?

WHY PLAN?

Regional Water Planning is necessary, not only to protect New Mexico's water but also to allow all stakeholders within a region to help determine the direction of water use within the region and between regions of the state.

The original impetus for regional water planning came when a federal court ruled that New Mexico's prohibition against out-of-state transfer of New Mexico ground water was unconstitutional. As a result of this ruling, it became evident that New Mexico must actively plan for its water future. New Mexico's 1987 legislature

wisely recognized the need for water planning to protect this essential and finite resource by enacting legislation "Authorizing the Interstate Stream Commission to fund Regional Water Planning Efforts."

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, in response to requests from water planners across the state, in 1994 formally adopted the "Regional Water Planning Handbook". Commission members Palemon A. Martinez of Valdez and Tracy Seidman Hephner of Wagon Mound co-chaired a work group of fourteen individuals from diverse constituencies and regions, all with a substantial background in water issues and management who developed the Handbook.

New Mexico has taken a unique approach to planning to protect and preserve its water supply. The legislature recognized and directed that water planning is most effectively done at the local level. Regions, self-defined through hydrological and political common interests, have begun to study their most precious resource. This effort is overseen by the NM Interstate Stream Commission and funded through the

Commission and local entities.

Water is a fragile and finite resource. Water quality controls and preservation are the keys to protecting and preserving our water supply. A third and equally important factor is the participation, awareness and involvement of the people of the region. The planning process should encourage local people to express local concerns and discuss the difficult decisions faced by every community in New Mexico. Successful plans are marked by the support, understanding and consensus generated by the planning process.

To assure a consistent, usable product, certain commonalities must exist in Regional planning. The following are included in the Regional Water Planning Handbook.

1. Public participation must be the significant factor in development of regional plans. You must participate if the plan is to be successful.
2. Plans are to be based upon existing water and related law, while suggestions for change may be noted.

3. All present and future water demands are met with currently existing supplies of the region.

WHO DOES THE PLANNING?

Broad public participation is necessary in the development of regional water plans to enhance their acceptance locally and to increase their potential contribution to state decision making in regard to "public welfare" and "conservation" determinations.

Current planning efforts are ongoing in virtually every part of the state. The most successful efforts are guided by the active participation of a full spectrum of area water users. Often referred to as 'stakeholders', the participation demonstrate a willingness to 'sit down at the table' with their neighbors and discuss points of view, concerns and areas of conflict. As elected officials, representatives of private industry, public agencies, and private citizens gather to study the tough issues that face every region, together they build trust, understanding and a valuable insight into each others concerns and needs.



STATE ENGINEER OFFICE SANTA FE

Regional Water Planning is a necessary and logical first step toward Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) in New Mexico. Reduced funding in all sectors will not only necessitate but will facilitate IRP. All water resource agencies, stakeholders and individual users will have to break down the walls and learn to not only work but to cooperate with one another in the development of regional water plans.

Thomas C. Turney,
State Engineer



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I have appointed the Secretary to the Interstate Stream Commission, the State Engineer, to chair a cabinet level committee of state water resource department heads to begin envisioning the state's water resources and what steps could be done by the state to protect and administer its water. I support the concept of regional water planning in New Mexico, planning that begins with the individual.

Gary E. Johnson,
Governor, State of New Mexico

GET INVOLVED

Help us put the pieces together!

The Assembly is very interested in your opinions on the region's water problems and your insights into how best to manage our water resources.

To get involved and support the Assembly's efforts, you can:

- attend **Action Committee Meetings**;
- join a **Work Group**
 - El Grupo Técnico
 - Public Participation & Communication
 - Preliminary Alternatives;
- subscribe to the **discussion group** on our list serve at: blairb@aol.com;
- add your name to the **newsletter** mailing list;
- visit our **web site** at: <http://www.waterassembly.org>;
- provide **financial support**.

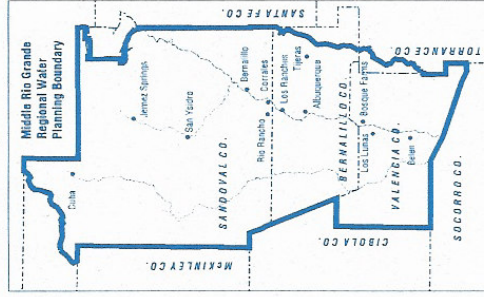
Public participation is crucial to the development and implementation of a regional water plan. We look forward to your input as we continue the process of developing the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan.

The Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly
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PLANNING REGION

The Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly is a grassroots organization responsible for creating a long-range water plan for the area represented by this map.



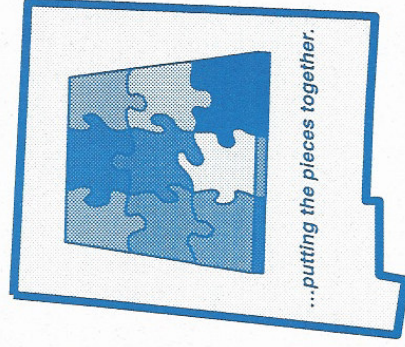
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Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly



Water Unites Us!
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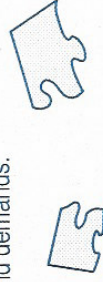
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BACKGROUND

Water planning in New Mexico is a response to increased awareness of our vulnerability to drought, overall water supply limits, and the real possibility that our water could be exported out-of-state unless the need for that water here can be proven. A regionally- based water planning process will allow diverse stakeholder groups within the region to formulate a water plan, thereby ensuring that the water needs of all citizens are considered.

Current water planning efforts in this region began in 1997 with a campaign to convene stakeholders. That effort led to the creation of the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly (Assembly). The Assembly represents the Middle Rio Grande, which is one of sixteen water planning regions in New Mexico.

Assembly members represent a variety of stakeholder interests, including municipal, rural, industrial, agricultural, environmental, and recreational water users, along with local, state, and federal water management agencies. By working together on the challenging issues facing our water region, Assembly members are building the trust, insight, and understanding needed to resolve what in some cases are competing water needs and demands.



MISSION STATEMENT

"Through an open, inclusive, and participatory planning process, to develop a plan of sustainable water management strategies for the Middle Rio Grande Region and establish a process to implement the plan."



PLANNING OBJECTIVES

The interests represented by Assembly members are, along with Native American interests, the pieces of the water planning puzzle in the Middle Rio Grande. Putting these pieces together into a comprehensive regional water plan is the task confronting the Assembly.

Such a plan must balance water supply and demand in a way that respects regional values. The Assembly, therefore, aims to create a regional water plan that:

- reflects the reality of water supply limits;
- incorporates a common vision for balancing a diversity of water uses based on the values of the region's citizens;
- complies with federal and state statutes;
- guides stakeholder decision making;
- initiates a continuing and measurable water planning process; and
- creates a viable process for plan implementation.

PLANNING ISSUES

Regional water planning begins with the collection and analysis of many types of information related to water supply and demand. In addition to physical constraints, the plan must take into account the cultural, environmental, and economic aspects of water use, as well as legal and institutional issues. To be fair and equitable, the regional water plan must integrate these issues and provide for a sustainable water supply.

Successful water plans are products of a water planning process characterized by mutual support, understanding, compromise, and consensus. With broad stakeholder involvement, the completed water plan will answer these essential questions:

- What is the region's available water supply?
- What is the region's current and future water demand?
- How will the region balance demand with supply?
- Do these alternatives reflect the region's values?
- What strategies will enable us to make the best alternatives become reality?



A partnership with the People of our Region

Locations for Public Involvement Events

Los Lunas High School Cafeteria
1776 Emilio Lopez
Los Lunas, NM

Rio Rancho City Council Chambers
3900 Southern Blvd., 2nd floor
Rio Rancho, NM

Town of Bernalillo Council Chambers
829 Camino del Pueblo
Bernalillo, NM

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
2401 12th Street NW
Albuquerque, NM

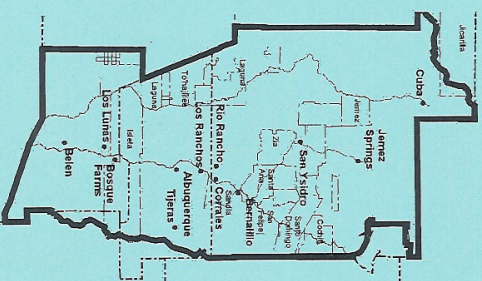
Albuquerque Convention Center
Ballroom A, West Complex
401 2nd Street NW, Albuquerque, NM

Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments
317 Commercial NE, Suite 300
Albuquerque, NM



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The Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan Public Involvement Program



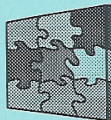
Opportunities for the People of our Region to participate in developing a Regional Water Plan

Summer/Fall 2000

Sponsored by the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments and the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly

The Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan
MRGCOG
317 Commercial NE, Suite 104
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Planning for Water ... Planning for the Future



...putting the pieces together

Water is critically important for the future of our region. How much water will we need in the future? Where will this water come from? Will we be able to protect the cultural and community values we cherish most? Putting these pieces together is the goal of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan.

The Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments and the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly are seeking involvement from the people of our region in developing a plan that will reflect the values and concerns of our region.

If you are concerned about water in our region, or just want to learn more about our water picture, join us for a series of events to identify issues and problems, develop goals and objectives, and review preliminary information on planning alternatives. This information will be critically important to developing a successful plan for the people and communities of our region.

Public Involvement Program Schedule of Events

Community Conversations

Series I - Identify Issues & Problems

6:30 - 9:30 pm at each location

- July 24, 2000 - Los Lunas High School Cafeteria
- August 22, 2000 - Rio Rancho City Council Chambers
- August 23, 2000 - Town of Bernalillo Council Chambers
- September 5, 2000 - Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque (Silver and Turquoise Room)

Community Conversations

Series II - Identify Goals & Objectives

6:30 - 9:30 pm at each location

- August 8, 2000 - Los Lunas High School Cafeteria
- September 11, 2000 - Rio Rancho City Council Chambers
- September 13, 2000 - Town of Bernalillo Council Chambers
- September 19, 2000 - Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque (Silver and Turquoise Room)

Regional Forum - Consolidate Goals and Objectives

- November 4, 2000, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm - Albuquerque Convention Center, Ballroom A, West Complex

Community Conversations

Series III - Review & Discuss Preliminary Alternatives

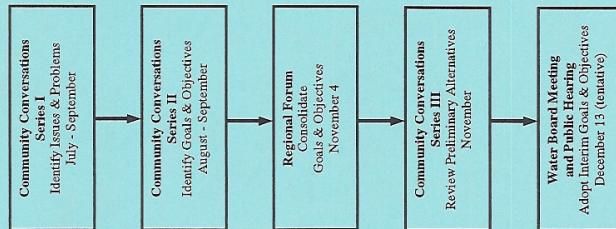
6:30 - 9:30 pm at each location

- November 9, 2000 - Rio Rancho City Council Chambers
- November 14, 2000 - Los Lunas High School Cafeteria
- November 15, 2000 - Town of Bernalillo Council Chambers
- November 20, 2000 - Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque (Silver and Turquoise Room)

Public Hearing - Adopt Interim Goals and Objectives

- December 13, 2000, 6:00 - 9:00 pm - Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments, Albuquerque (tentative date)

Public Involvement Process Summer/Fall 2000



Public Involvement Activities Summer/Fall 2000

The public involvement process for the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan is intended to obtain direct input from the people of the region concerning issues, problems, goals, and objectives. Each step of the process is intended to build upon the previous step. Issues and problems identified in the first series of Community Conversations will help participants identify goals and objectives during the second series of Community Conversations.

Participants will seek to develop a set of common regional planning goals and objectives at a Regional Forum by bringing together the goals and objectives identified in the preceding Community Conversations. Preliminary alternatives addressing goals and objectives will be presented for review and discussion at a 3rd series of Community Conversations during November.

Goals and objectives identified in the Community Conversations and at the Regional Forum will be presented to the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board. A public hearing at that Water Resources Board meeting will provide additional opportunity for people to comment upon goals and objectives for the regional water plan. After the public hearing, the Water Resources Board will consider adoption of interim goals and objectives for the regional water plan.

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