

Are we making the land/water connection?

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Good intentions !! §§ 47-6-1 et seq. NMSA



Plans Galore!



- ❑ State Water Plan
- ❑ Regional Water Plans
- ❑ 72-1-9 water dev't plans
- ❑ Local water plans
- ❑ Comprehensive plans
- ❑ Regional land use plans
- ❑ Transportation plans





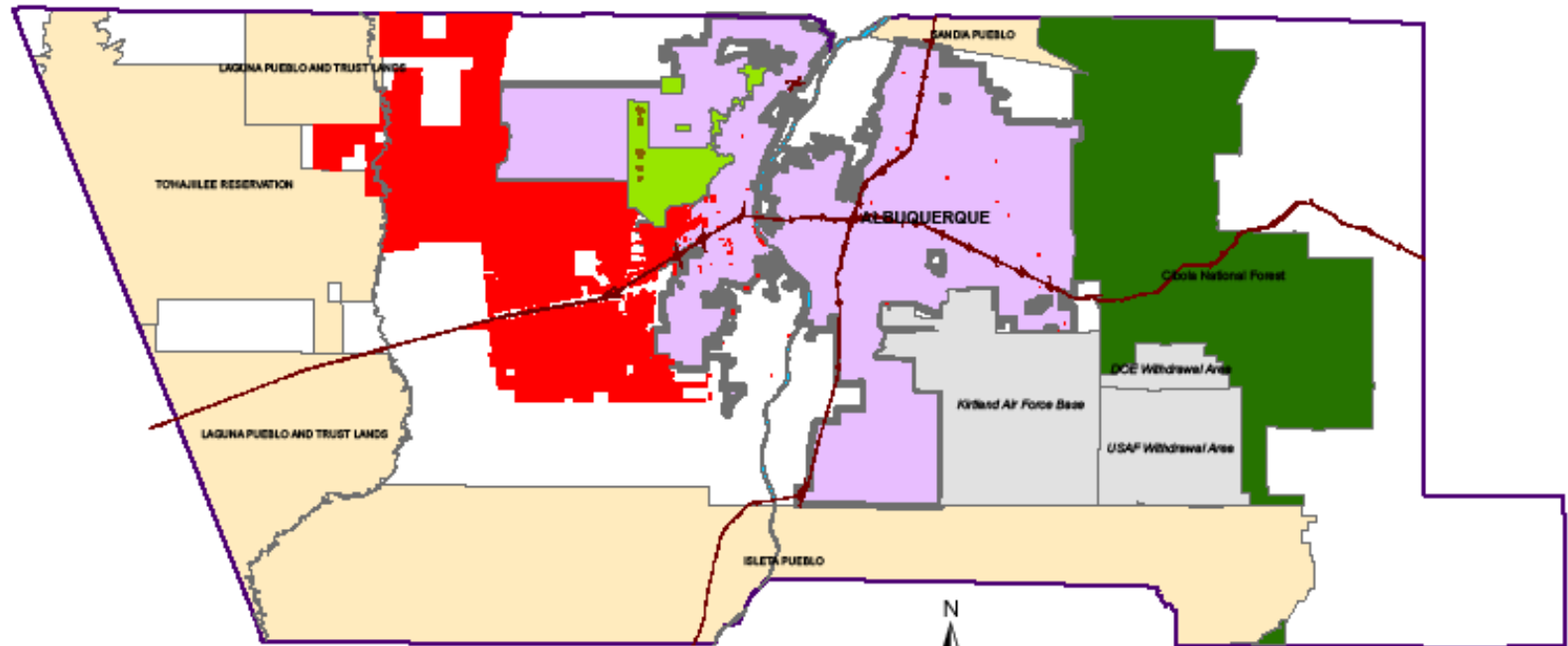
The Disconnects

- ❑ Between adopted goals & results
- ❑ Between plans and regulations
- ❑ Between local control and regional impacts
- ❑ Between federal-state-regional-local
- ❑ Between transportation & land use
- ❑ Between outdated enabling laws & current challenges
- ❑ Between private property rights & public rights

Power struggle for future of the region



SunCal Owned Property in Relation to City of Albuquerque



Legend

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|---------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Volcano | SunCal Property | River | Kirtland Air Force Base |
| Freeway/Lanes | City of Albuquerque | Petroglyph National Monument | Tribal Lands |
| | County Boundary | Cibola National Forest Admin | |



Data Sources:
City of Albuquerque AGIS
Bernalillo County GIS

Map printed November 29, 2007.

New Orleans Charter Amendment





Connecting land, water & growth in the 21st century requires:

- ❑ Breaking down silos
- ❑ Connecting federal, state, sovereign tribal governments, local governments, farmers, and a multitude of others in a new way
- ❑ Connecting plans, regulations, development decisions and actions as well as financial resources

A smarter process requires, at a minimum:

- ❑ Integrated planning systems
- ❑ Inclusive and participatory processes
- ❑ Informed decision-making *consistent* with the plan(s)
- ❑ A feedback loop and mitigation monitoring



Next Steps for the Water Assembly?

- ❑ Consistent, persistent, messaging about the water/land use disconnects. Educate decision-makers and public; hammer the message home!
- ❑ 2009 Session – Review proposed mini-NEPA carefully; make sure it addresses your concerns.
- ❑ City charter amendment?

“The motion has been made and seconded that we stick our heads in the sand.”

