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1 - STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Plus
E-MAIL COMMUNICATION
APRIL to mid OCTOBER 2003
(EDITED to reduce size)

Meeting Notes RP y RJ Steering Committee January 22, 2003, 6:30 PM Cuba Village Hall (was in use so we moved to the NRCS building.)

Attendees:
Fatou Gueye
Jennifer Johnson
Peggy Ohler
Elaine Hebard

Jennifer will get labels from La Jara Acequia, La Jara Water Users and Regina Water Users and bring them to the meeting on Monday Feb. 10.

It was noted that funding for future projects from the Water Trust will only go to projects noted in the Final Plan.

Discussed getting in touch with teachers to implement water education in the schools.
Would be nice if the project covered several academic areas and ages.

Idea that a three phase project be undertaken.

1. have each child determine where their water comes from.
2. each child determine how much water their household uses, including any stock uses.
3. each child determine where any excess water goes.

At the Workshop on Feb 22, it would be good to have a watershed management presentation.

Find out what expertise resources are available.

1. Enviro Dept.
2. State Forestry
3. US Forest Service
4. BLM
5. S&W
6. NRCS

The state wants everything done by June 30, 2003

Water Uses:

Acequia	Ranching
Urban	Enviro
Health	Sanitation
Fire Dept	Drinking
Wells	

Things to Do:

Contact State Acequia
Get notes on Workshop 1 to Peggy (?)
Set up draft agenda for Workshop. Elaine will get this out.

***Río Jemez and Río Puerco Region Watershed Planning Committees
February 10, 2003
Cuba, New Mexico***

Attendees - Jennifer Johnson, Armand Groffman, Sam Smelser, Peggy Ohler, Elaine Hebard

Purpose - Prepare for Upcoming Workshop

1. Outreach for Workshop

a. Río Puerco

i. Jennifer brought mailing labels for Regina and La Jara Domestic Water Users. Peggy will try to get them for Cuba, as well as use the mailing data base for Cuba Soil & Water Conservation District. The resultant mailing should reach a majority of the residents in the region.

ii. Special emphasis will be made to invite the Torreon Chapter House, Forest Service, BLM, NRCS, Cuba Water Department, and Cuba Village Council. [call these folks: Ben Casaus, Faustino Gallegos, Lupe Aragon, Steve Fischer, Mike Chavez] Also, special invite to new ISC Director, Estevan Lopez.

iii. Newspaper article for Cuba News (will come out on the 21st) _____

b. Río Jemez

i. Given the fact that the Workshop is in 12 days, Peggy will call Jemez Domestic Water Users to get mailing labels since Emmett is out of town, and will call Steve Lucero to get them for San Ysidro. Charlotte- can you get them for Ponderosa Domestic Water Users? The Cuba Soil & Water Conservation District mailing list should reach many in Jemez watershed as well.

ii. Special emphasis will be made to invite Jemez Pueblo, Zia Pueblo, Forest Service, BLM, NRCS, Jemez Domestic Water Users, and Jemez Village Council. Who else? Who will make these calls? _____

iii. Newspaper article for Jemez Thunder _____(Larry?)

2. Flyer

Jennifer came up with a super example of a flyer, which we commented on. Since it needs to be copied this week, she will prepare a new version to be sent around. Those on email please review it ASAP, since I would like to take it to be copied on Wednesday. We figured 2,000 copies, 1/2 for each watershed. (If wrong, please let me know.) Peggy- please make sure that Steve gets to look at it before we copy it, and then let him know that the copies will be ready to be picked up Wednesday afternoon.

Both watersheds- need to have a labeling and mailing party either **Friday or Saturday** to get the flyer into the mail. Río Puerco - Peggy & Jennifer (call Sam too!) Río Jemez - Charlotte, Larry (call Nancy Blecha, 829-3529)

3. Agenda

We reviewed a draft agenda with the idea that the Río Jemez would approve the final version, as well as the handouts and other last minute details. Proposed draft agenda based upon tonight's discussion is attached. (my comment would be to remove some of the clip art)

We discussed what was a scenario and how to convey that to the audience. We thought that there could be an explanation on the back of the agenda. Information from various resources, as well as a schematic used by the Water Assembly are included in the draft -- to be edited of course!

Additionally, when thinking about the question of "Why plan?", it would be a good idea to invite folks who are either involved in their own water planning, or whom such a plan might impact. That will make sure that the plan reflects the input of those entities, as well as hopefully will be implemented.

4. Handouts

In addition to the agenda, we thought that there should be a short report on what has been done, or at least what they are being asked to adopt. Please see the draft handout attached,

5. Schools

We discussed some outreach ideas with the schools. Sam is involved with a program - and perhaps can act as a conduit of information!

Armand talked briefly with one of the science teachers, McKinnon, who lives in Rio Rancho. Hoodless teaches at the Junior High and Haines teaches environmental science at the high school (and is involved with Sam). What we thought might work for this year is to ask the teachers to have the students do three things, and then post their results at the second workshop:

1. Where does our water come from?
2. How is our water used?
3. How much do we use?

The class reports could be a poster of water use in the region, or graphs, or essays. For those not inclined to the science side, perhaps there could be some work on "why do we look the way we do? An historical perspective of water in the region."

Armand will follow up these ideas with the Cuba teachers -- anyone interested / able to do something similar with the Jemez ones?

6. Miscellaneous

There are a number of items necessary for the Workshop, a list of which we will go over on February 18, the monthly Steering Committee in Cañon. Recommendations as to how to complete the various tasks will also be made.

**RIO PUERCO Y RIO JEMEZ
REGIONAL WATER PLAN MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2003
6:30 P.M.**

Jemez Valley Community Center

AGENDA

- 1) Review Phase I Revised Report
- 2) Outreach
 - a. Create outreach list—bring mailing lists and contacts
 - b. Report on contacts made
- 3) Workshop Purpose
 - a. Purpose:
 - i) Concur on goals and objectives,
 - ii) Prioritize water management alternatives,
 - iii) Form groups to work on scenarios
 - b. Review flyer and agenda for workshop
 - c. Review handouts
 - d. Presenters and moderators
 - e. Refreshments
 - f. Sign-in sheets and name labels
 - g. Recorder—who will prepare report
- 4) Workshop Agenda
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Explain Report
 - c. Purpose
- 5) Upcoming Tasks:
Discussion of what tasks are necessary and how to accomplish them
 - a) Report on Workshop I and achieve consensus on goals and objectives and prioritize alternative actions
 - b) Plan Workshop II to learn about the feasibility of those alternatives and choose scenarios of the alternative actions
 - c) What about researching and writing report on “Why is this necessary?”, “What is the supply?”, “the demand?”, “the future demand?” and “How will we balance these?”
- 6) Any other business
- 7) Next meeting

Meeting Notes
Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committee
For joint sub-regional water planning
March 5, 2003, 6:30 PM- 9:30 PM
Cuba

The scheduled February 27 follow-up of the February 22 workshop was postponed due to a heavy snowstorm, and rescheduled for March 5.

The meeting was scheduled for the Cuba Court building but was moved to the NRCS Building since the court was locked and we had no key.

Attendees:

Peggy Ohler-	289-3950	(Arrived late due to copying material for the meeting)
Jennifer Johnson-	289-9183	
Paul Yoder-	289-3308	
Terry Johnson-	289-9183	
Robert Cordova-	837-2248	(Arrived 7 PM)
Ernie Torrez	No	(Arrived 7 PM)

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the suggested changes to the Mission Statement, and the Goals and Objectives, which came out of the February workshop, and then finalize them.

Discussed:

1. Had a long history lesson re: the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. There was pressure to include referencing the T of GH in the Mission Statement, but decided to broaden the scope and reference “treaty “in order to NOT limit ourselves to one specific treaty.
2. Removing “Rio Jemez” from the Mission Statement and severing ties with that group. Mention was made of differences between the watersheds, need to share funding and competition for funding if split, need to stay combined in order to have a larger voice to be heard.
3. Not including the southern portion of the Rio Puerco watershed and planning only for the “North Zone”. Need to contact residents of the southern RP watershed before including them. Also, the need for them to be included so they would have some protection from being lumped in with the rest of the MRG region.
4. Including reference to upholding water as a property right.
5. Including reference to the beneficial use of water.
6. The nature of a Mission Statement as a broad umbrella giving a vision rather than a specific listing of important items. That the Goals and Objectives were a better place to reference specific items.

To Do:

Jennifer will write up a revised Mission Statement and Goals and Objectives for the next Cuba meeting scheduled for March 12. It is hoped the M, G & Os will be finalized then so they can be taken to the Rio Jemez meeting on March 14. If they can be finalized there then we can move on to the next phase of the planning-Scenarios.

Next meeting 3/12/03 at CS&WCD, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

To finalize Mission, Goals and Objectives

For 3/12 meeting- Cuba and 3/14/03 meeting Cañon

A. Mission Statement

Original:

The Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committee promotes the enhancement of watershed restoration efforts that will benefit communities and it's residents by increasing water production and improving water quality.

Cañon Revised:

The Río Puerco y Río Jemez promote the enhancement of watershed restoration efforts that will benefit communities in our sub-region by improving water retention, quality and conservation.

Draft A: a statement that succinctly says what our ultimate vision is:

The residents of the Río Puerco y Río Jemez Sub-watersheds promote a sustainable balance between the availability and use of water, healthy watersheds, and retention of a rural lifestyle to benefit local communities and residents.

Draft B: from comments made at the 3/05/03 meeting in Cuba:

The residents of the Río Puerco (north zone)(y Río Jemez) Sub-watershed(s) promote a sustainable balance between the production and use of water, watershed rehabilitation, treaty, water and acequia rights, water and land use education, and retention of a rural lifestyle to benefit local communities and residents.

It would probably be better to put the specific points under "Goals and Objectives" and then expand those through inclusion of various alternatives.

Goals and Objectives

Original:

1. Manage the watersheds for increased water production and improved water quality
2. Insure that traditional values and use of water is preserved.
3. Educate all citizens about the need to use water wisely.
4. Provide for reaching public participation in the water planning process.
5. Promote the conservation of water and incorporate these concepts in the local schools' curriculum.

Draft: from comments made at the Canon and Cuba meetings (workshops)

1. Ensure treaty, water and acequia rights to preserve and protect local agricultural traditions.
2. Restore and manage the watersheds on public and private land to enhance water production, retention, and quality, to reduce the threat of wildfire, and to preserve natural systems dependent on water.
3. Retain land use patterns that support and ensure a rural lifestyle and economy.

4. Provide education for area residents regarding the connection between land use, water and environmental health, and ways to conserve water. These concepts should be incorporated into the curriculum of area schools?
5. Support the cultural and spiritual values of water, and the universal need for and importance of water.
6. Create a Committee to oversee public participation in the implementation of the water plan.

Meeting Notes
Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committee
For joint sub-regional water planning
March 14, 2003, 6:30 PM- 9:30 PM
Cañon

Notes submitted by Jennifer Johnson

Attendees:

Emmett Cart-	829-3867	Dennis Smith-	829-3913
Peter Pino-	867-3304	Gov Gilbert Lucero	867-3304
Ruby Hoolihan-	834-7417	Mary Caldwell-	834-7406
Charlotte Mitchell-	829-3799	Judith Isaacs-	829-3382
Larry Rodgers-	834-1962	Steve Lucero-	834-7431
Bob Wilson-	829-3410	Rebecca Christman-	829-3846
Elaine Hebard-	247-8767	Michael Wirtz-	983-9208
Terry & Jennifer Johnson-	289-9183		

1. Jennifer led a discussion of the various Mission Statements (Original, Cañon Revised, Drafts A and B).

Comments:

1. Re: Separating RJ and RP into two separate entities and changing the RP to be just the North Zone.
 - a. we need to stay united because we have interests in common, “maintain unity”.
 - b. we need to keep as numerous a voice as possible.
 - c. A united approach is needed since S&WCD serves for pass-thru funding.
2. Re: Draft A vs Draft B.
 - a. It is better to keep the Mission Statement as concise as possible.
 - b. Any specific details should go under the Goals and Objectives.

Mission Statement

The residents of the Río Puerco y Río Jemez Sub-watersheds promote a sustainable balance between the availability and use of water, promote healthy watersheds, and promote retention of a rural lifestyle to benefit local communities and residents.

Voted on the 4 versions of the Mission Statement

Original- 0
 Cañon- 0

Draft A- 12
Draft B- 0

2. Jennifer then led a discussion of the Draft Goals and Objectives

Comments:

1. # 4 should have “Provide” changed to “Promote”.
2. The “Promote the conservation of water” in the Original # 5, though implied in the Draft #4 should be stated specifically. It was agreed that a 7th item be added to reflect this.
3. Regarding #6, on 3/5/03, the Cuba group had wondered who or what entity was going to be there to actually implement the plan and how were residents’ desires, comments and input going to be provided for. Cañon discussed what exactly would become of the Steering Committee and exactly how implementation of the plan would be accomplished. Elaine referenced the planning document.
 - a. The idea of creating a “Committee” in #6 should be omitted and emphasis placed on “providing for monitoring of the implementation of the plan”.
 - b. A discussion ensued concerning the need for mentioning, or not, public participation in #6. It was decided that public participation would be implied by “providing”.
4. A question arose about the word Restore in #2, and was it needed?
 - a. Jennifer said that because the Draft Mission Statement removed the word “Restoration” in regards to the watershed (in order to make the Mission Statement more succinct) it was put into the Goal & Objectives.
 - b. A philosophical discussion about the meaning of “Restore” ensued.
5. The idea of the “rural lifestyle” etc. in #4 was questioned in regards to someplace like Cuba. Would the Village Council really like to have a rural lifestyle as a goal and objective? Jennifer felt this probably would reflect Cuba residents’ desires and, linked with rural economy, was really getting at the idea of not wanting industry introduced into the area. Also, not wanting Cuba to become a suburb or bedroom community for ABQ and RR.

Final Goals and Objectives

7. Ensure treaty, water and acequia rights to preserve and protect local agricultural traditions.
8. Restore and manage the watersheds on public and private land to enhance water production, retention, and quality, to reduce the threat of wildfire, and to preserve natural systems dependent on water.
9. Retain land use patterns that support and ensure a rural lifestyle and economy.
10. Promote education for area residents regarding the connection between land use, water and environmental health, and ways to conserve water. These concepts should be incorporated into the curriculum of area schools'.
11. Support the cultural and spiritual values of water, and the universal need for and importance of water.
12. Provide for monitoring implementation of the water plan.
13. Promote the conservation of water.

Voted on the G&Os

Original- 0

Draft (with the changes as noted, each was read through by Jennifer), was accepted unanimously.

3. Jennifer passes out a copy of the previous “Draft Goals and Objectives”. For each G&O she listed an Alternative(s) which seemed to go with it. This was just to get an idea of how the alternatives might be related to the G&Os when thinking about the Scenarios, which is the next phase of work. Each Alternative also had a comparison of the votes from the Cuba and Cañon workshops. A brief discussion ensued.
4. We then moved on to discussion of Scenario building (which is what most everyone there had thought the meeting was going to be about).

Comments:

1. Nobody had a copy of what the Scenario topics were or who had signed up for them. Luckily, Jennifer had a copy that had been sent to her by some unknown person. She read the Cañon list off to the group, and compared them to the Cuba Scenario topics.
 - a. Jennifer passed around a copy of the Very Draft Vision Statement the Cuba-Environmental/Watershed team had come up with.
 - b. Elaine gave a brief synopsis of what a scenario was and ways to go about working on them, and the things which should be included. Also, how the scenarios would be combined into a larger vision of the sub-watersheds in the future.
 - c. A question arose about the two sub-watershed Scenario Teams working together or at least sharing information/ideas. It was agreed that this would be a good idea.
 - d. A question arose in how these were all going to be combined-or not?
 - e. There was quite a bit of confusion and a general feeling that maybe individuals weren't really qualified to construct scenarios given the kinds of data that would be required.
 - f. Peter Pino felt that the group should get together and under direction of a facilitator work on all the Scenarios together. Elaine was concerned about the cost of a facilitator and where the money would come from (what other project it would be taken away from).
 - g. Since the next scheduled Cañon meeting is March 18th it was thought maybe they should undertake each of the Scenario categories together as a group at that meeting.
 - h. Jennifer noted that the Cuba idea was for each Scenario team to get together and brainstorm (as often as it took), write up a Vision Statement etc., and get it to her before the end of April. She would then write them up and send them out to the other Scenario teams so they would all have knowledge of them before the April Workshop.

The meeting adjourned about 9:30 PM

Preliminary Water Management Alternatives-Prioritized

On October 3, 2002, the following preliminary water management alternatives were adopted. They were prioritized from comments made at 2/22/03 Area Residents Workshops as follows:

1. **Protect Water Rights (17) (25)**
 - rural communities and their way of life cannot be sacrificed to provide water for growing municipalities
 - “acequia and Tribal issues for water use and management should be recognized at all times
2. **Manage Growth and Land Use Together (9) (19)**

- helps maintain a sustainable community
 - it is important to base reasons for growth management or constraints to water availability
 - a regional approach is important
 - growth management is important to acequias
3. **Manage and Restore our Watersheds (11) (15)**
 - reduce wildfire hazard
 - minimize negative vegetation effects on water quality using Best Management Practices (BMPs)
 - improve stream channel health
 - create local employment and economic benefits
 - Public and private lands and acequias (this was added at the 2/22 meeting)
 4. **Reduce Water Demand (4) (8) Balance Demand and Use** was added at the 2/22 meeting)
 - every customer (user) has his or her own water budget
 - incentive pricing can generate significant water savings
 - allow for greater water availability for other users
 5. **Increase Water Storage Capacity in Rural Areas (6) (3)**
 - additional storage protects from drought
 - adds flexibility in water management
 - a regional approach would be beneficial
 6. **Manage Drought (7) (0)**
 - drought is a recurring cycle
 - planning ahead is important in avoiding crisis management
 - proactive planning approach is beneficial to all parties
 - provide more and better precipitation/forecasting stations (this was added at the 2/22 meeting)
 7. **Reuse (Gray) Wastewater (2) (3)**
 - reuse for irrigation
 - inject as artificial recharge
 - reduces demand and eliminates discharge to stream

--two to three times more expensive for small communities than larger urban areas
 8. **Flood Flows (4) (0)**
 - reduce and protect against flood flows, manage the hydrograph
 - reduce flood damage
 - depends of availability of storage and diversion points
 9. **Provide for Residential Fire Protection (3) (-)** this alternative was added at the 2/22 meeting
 10. **Don't sell water out of the area (2) (-)**this alternative was added at the 2/22 meeting and some thought it was suppose to go with "**Protect Water Rights**" # 1 above

- 11. **Reduce Water Loss in Acequias (1) (0)**
 --lining and repairing existing acequias can reduce or eliminate contaminant into groundwater supply
 --some of the water savings would otherwise have recharged groundwater

- 11. **Install Domestic Supply Wells (1) (0)**
 --this involves managing a well field that may consist of one or more well sites
 --groundwater generally needs less treatment than surface water
 --groundwater will be more reliable during drought periods
 --domestic wells may be only alternative in isolate areas

- 11. **Education (1) (-)** this alternative was added at the 2/22 meeting

- 12. **Remove Trace Elements From Water to Increase Supply (0) (0)**
 --arsenic is the most prevalent and presents the most important concern
 --if enacted, more water will be available because water with high concentrations of arsenic and other constituents is not being used

- 12. **Use Surface and Groundwater in Combination (0) (0)**
 --common sense alternative
 --use surface water in wet years, groundwater in dry years

Goals and Objectives combined with Alternatives (Cuba) (Cañon)

Ensure treaty, water and acequia rights to preserve and protect local agricultural traditions.

Protect Water Rights (17) (25)

rural communities and their way of life cannot be sacrificed to provide water for growing municipalities,

“acequia and Tribal issues for water use and management should be recognized at all times.

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Manage Growth and Land Use Together (7) (19)

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a regional approach is important
growth management is important to acequias

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provide more and better precipitation/forecasting stations (this was added at the 2/22 meeting)

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(Balance Demand and Use was added at the 2/22 meeting)
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common sense alternative

use surface water in wet years, groundwater in dry years

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if enacted, more water will be available because water with high concentrations of arsenic and other constituents is not being used

Support ceremonies that demonstrate the cultural and religious values of water, and expand on the universal need for and importance of water.

Create a “Committee” to oversee public participation in the implementation of the water plan.

**Meeting Notes
Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committee
For joint sub-regional water planning
March 12, 2003, 6:30 PM- 7:30 PM
Cuba**

Notes submitted by Jennifer Johnson

The meeting was scheduled for the NRCS Building since we’ve had trouble getting into the Court Building and the NRCS has a copy machine if we need it.

Attendees:

Peggy Ohler-	289-3950	(had to leave about 7 PM)
Betty Jane Curry-	289-3747	(had to leave about 7 PM)
Jennifer Johnson-	289-9183	(said she would stay until 7:15 in case of arrival of late attendees)
Paul Yoder-	289-3308	(arrived about 7:10 PM)
Terry Johnson-	289-9183	(wasn’t able to attend but gave input prior to the meeting)

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the suggested changes to the Mission Statement, and the Goals and Objectives, which came out of the February workshop(s), and the March 5 Cuba meeting, and finalize them (attached).

Because of the erratic attendance at the meeting Jennifer asked those that did attend to please read over the revisions she had written up and then get back to her about any comments. She also e-mailed Armand Groffman the suggested changes and asked for comment.

**Notes from Cañon Meeting
March 18, 2003**

Attendees:

Lupe Trujillo

Becky Christman

Ivan Trujillo
Judith Isaacs
Charlotte Mitchell
Larry Rodgers

Steve M. Lucero
Jose E. Garcia
Elaine Hebard

Elaine reported on her conversations with Mike Trujillo of MRCOG and Bob Wessely of the Water Assembly. While the tasks for the two Steering Committees are to hold workshops for the public to accept goals and objectives, and prioritize alternatives, that in and of itself does not create a plan. Since there is no money to fund continuing work, the question becomes how much will be done and by whom?

Then we moved into our tasks for the evening. Picking up from the meeting of March 14, we looked at meshing goals and alternatives. Judith had prepared a chart, which really helped to frame the discussion. Using the Jennifer's earlier work as well, we focused on the three top vote getters from the workshop far as alternatives were concerned. The votes at the such that three goals became primary ones, with the rest being secondary. Hopefully, we can fill in the rest, like Judith did.

Here's what we came up with:

- * Manage and Restore our watershed, we settled on A-66, A-1, A-2 and A-33, with some modifications.
- * Protect our Water Rights - need to seek outside assistance
- * Manage Growth and land use together - settled on A-30, A-28 and A-52 - the latter being reversed to keeping low density in the outlying regions.

For the next meeting, Steve agreed to bring some language re grazing management practices, Larry said that he would speak with the Forest Service about additional language for A-66, Elaine agreed to contact Paula Garcia (and David Benavides) regarding language to protect water rights, and Elaine agreed to pass on the change to A-52 to Phyllis Taylor and Lora Lucero for their ideas.

We also spoke about how we were still missing the big picture - the watershed, ranching, etc. Hopefully, that will make it into the qualitative parts of the visions.

At the April 3rd meeting, it was agreed to bring vision statements from the four perspectives --agriculture, exurban, ranching and environmental -- to share with each other and hone down to one, to take to the workshop. Tasks for the Workshop will also be assigned. The April 22nd meeting will focus on finalizing handouts, agenda, and visions for the Workshop. The Workshop will be on May 3rd, subject to Cuba's input.

Homework: work on the assignments set out above, review the draft chart, attached, and think how best to involved more folks.

From: Elaine Hebard
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2003 2:57 AM
Subject: Cañon 3-18 meeting draft notes and chart

Hi Folks,

Wow, what a great meeting! We really have come a long ways.

As I was coming home, I remembered a couple of things that I forgot to ask. One was whether there were any other alternatives -- either in the book or in the list -- which we didn't include in the top three goals which should have been included. The other was how we should address the other goals, which might not include top-ranked alternatives, but were still considered important.

Summarizing actions taken:

1. Worked on mission statement, goals and alternatives, prioritizing alternatives (2/22)
2. Accepted mission statement, goals and alternatives (3/14)
3. Worked on fitting alternatives to goals (3/18)

A couple of other thoughts came to me - the benefit of an hour drive.

* To announce the upcoming meetings, would it be possible to send out notices to previous attendees as well as current ones, with the dates of the meetings and broad topics, utilizing either a flyer or postcard format? For the April 3 meeting, take the sign-up sheet Jennifer made and zip out notices to those who have signed up for the scenarios. For the March 26 meeting in Cuba, it's probably phone calls. Please try to speak to some Village people, as well as agency ones. We need a broad spectrum of participation - like the Jemez group has.

* Those folks who are writing up vision statements from various points of view might want to look at the full write-up of alternatives - those can be found on the Water Assembly's web site - www.WaterAssembly.org, then go to Information, and click on "Evaluation of Alternative Actions for Technical, Physical, Hydrological and Environmental Feasibility." For the analyses done for the planning region to the north of us, Jemez y Sangre, you can find their papers at <http://www.dbstephens.com>, click on Publications, and then on Jemez y Sangre Regional Water Plan White Papers.

* To attract folks to the May 3rd Workshop, we should brainstorm how to write an article for the various media. We might include a paragraph from each vision statement is included, for example, along with the list of alternatives chosen.

And now, here are my notes of tonight's meeting, attached. I'm sending them to a few of you to look over and correct, as well as to send some thoughts and ideas around.

Thanks again for a super meeting.

Elaine

Voices from the Earth - Community and Culture vs. Commodification: The Survival of Acequias and Traditional Communities in New Mexico By Paula Garcia,
<http://www.sric.org/voices/2000/v1n2/waterNM.html>

Common Alternatives between Jemez/ Rio Puerco Subregion and applying alternatives analyzed in Middle Rio Grande Region

<p>1. Manage and restore our watersheds.</p>	<p>A66, p.6 A1, p.8 (change to riparian) A2, p.59 **A33, p.58</p>
<p>2. Reduce water demand.</p>	<p>Urban or General: A18, p.22</p>

	A21, p.24 A22, p.26 A56, p.28 (applies to all) Agriculture: A7, p.30 A10, p.32 A11, p.36
3. Increase water storage capacity in rural areas.	
4. Reduce water loss in acequias.	A9, p.34 A60, p.66
5. Protect water rights.	A63, p.42
6. Use surface and groundwater in combination.	A144, p.44
7. Manage growth and land use together.	A30, p.38 A28, p.40 (change to opposite) A52, p.52
8. Manage drought.	
9. Capture flood flows..	A34, p.60
10. Reuse wastewater (gray)	A24, p.16 A26 p.48 A27, p.18
11. Remove trace elements from water to increase supply.	A47, p.46
12. Install domestic supply wells. No comment.	A8, p.64 A61, p.65

Note: Boldface items received highest priority in workshop

Judith Isaacs
Rev. 3/18/03

Mission Statement

The residents of the Río Puerco y Río Jemez Sub-watersheds promote a sustainable balance between the availability and use of water, promote healthy watersheds, and promote retention of a rural lifestyle to benefit local communities and residents.

Final Goals and Objectives

Ensure treaty, water and acequia rights to preserve and protect local agricultural traditions.

Protect Water Rights

--rural communities and their way of life cannot be sacrificed to provide water for growing municipalities

--“acequia” and Tribal issues for water use and management should be recognized at all times

Restore and manage the watersheds on public and private land to enhance water production, retention, and quality, to reduce the threat of wildfire, and to preserve natural systems dependent on water.

Manage and Restore our Watersheds.

- reduce wildfire hazard
- minimize negative vegetation effects on water quality using Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- improve stream channel health
- create local employment and economic benefits

Retain land use patterns that support and ensure a rural lifestyle and economy.

Manage Growth and Land Use Together

- helps maintain a sustainable community
- it is important to base reasons for growth management or constraints to water availability
- a regional approach is important
- growth management is important to acequias

Promote education for area residents regarding the connection between land use, water and environmental health, and ways to conserve water. These concepts should be incorporated into the curriculum of area schools'.

Support the cultural and spiritual values of water, and the universal need for and importance of water.

Provide for monitoring implementation of the water plan.

Promote the conservation of water.

Meeting Notes
Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committee
For joint sub-regional water planning
March 26, 2003, 6:30 PM- 9:30 PM
Cuba

Notes submitted by Jennifer Johnson

The meeting was held in the Cuba S&WCD office (NRCS Building).

Attendees:

Elaine Hebard-	247-8767
Peggy Ohler-	289-3950
Jennifer Johnson-	289-9183
Terry Johnson-	289-9183

I. The group discussed the suggested changes to the revised Mission Statement, and the Goals and Objectives made by the Cañon Committee on March 14, which had developed from the February workshops and subsequent Cuba meetings.

Mission Statement

The residents of the Río Puerco y Río Jemez Sub-watersheds promote a sustainable balance between the availability and use of water, promote healthy watersheds, and promote retention of a rural lifestyle to benefit local communities and residents.

Non-Prioritized Goals and Objectives

- Restore and manage the watersheds on public and private land to enhance water production, retention, and quality, to reduce the threat of wildfire, and to preserve natural systems dependent on water.
- Support the cultural and spiritual values of water, and the universal need for and importance of water.
- Ensure treaty, water and acequia rights to preserve and protect local agricultural traditions.
- Retain land use patterns that support and ensure a rural lifestyle and economy.
- Promote the conservation of water.
- Promote education for area residents regarding the connection between land use, water and environmental health, and ways to conserve water. These concepts should be incorporated into the curriculum of area schools.
- Provide for monitoring the implementation of the water plan.

After discussion, the Mission Statement, Goals and Alternatives were unanimously accepted.

II. Elaine reviewed the March 18 RJ Committee meeting held in Cañon, then led a discussion concerning a write-up (chart, attached) done by Judith Issacs. The write-up categorized the Alternatives generated by the Water Assembly (WA) under Alternatives generated by the RP y RJ Committees. The RJ Committee felt the WA Alternatives could be usefully applied to our efforts but that they generally needed expansion (especially the Definition Statements) to make them appropriate to our area.

For example, the WA Watershed Plan Alternative: Their analysis addressed thinning only above 9,000'. Noting that the RP y RJ watersheds account for most of the Watershed analysis area, attendees wondered why the more extensive lower elevation forest wasn't included? Cuba members questioned further, remarking that it is the lower elevation forest that has fire-adapted species which historically grew in less dense stands, while high elevation forests were not thinned by fire, but experienced crown fires at very long intervals. Also, there are other management practices that could probably enhance water retention, and availability throughout the watersheds that should have been analyzed.

The Forest Service may have data analyzing hydrology in relation to thinning.

Beneficial Use- It should be broadened to include in-stream-flow to aid acequia members whose fields are fallow or not presently irrigated to claim their water right is being beneficially used as in stream water.

Expand plant removal to include noxious weeds. Cuba- also sage brush, Juniper, Russian Olive, and any other water hogging plants.

Infill/Density- How can this be stated to reflect the desire to maintain a rural atmosphere?

III. The up-coming final workshop was discussed. The Cañon committee preferred to moved the date from April 26 to May 3 since they felt they wouldn't be ready by the 26th. The Cuba Committee agreed. The length of the workshops was discussed and it was decided that the same schedule as the February workshop would be fine. That is Cañon from 9 AM until noon and Cuba from 2 PM until 5 PM.

Flyers need to be made up.
4000 (?) Flyers should be printed.

Labels need to be acquired from Regina and La Jara..
A mass posting to box holders in Cuba was discussed. There are 1600 boxes. Residents of Torreon get their mail in Cuba.
Pass them out at schools?

An article needs to be written from the Jemez Thunder and Cuba News. It should be to both papers by April 10th.

IV. The next Cañon meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM, April 3. They will be finishing plans for the Workshop. Cuba will plan a meeting for April 1 but if it looks like there won't be sufficient turnout then it will be cancelled and members will attend the Cañon meeting instead.

V. The Village Council meeting scheduled for 7 PM, May 27 at the Cuba court house was discussed. We need to get Cuba village representation and involvement. Elaine asked Jennifer to write up a short presentation and see if Joe Quintana will give her five minutes of his time for her to present to the Councilors

To Do:

1. Look over Judith Issacs write-up (chart) and see how it compares to Cuba.
Should other Alts be included?
Should they be listed differently?
2. Terry is going to come up with a question regarding the watershed elevation and send it to Elaine.
3. Jennifer- call Marion Woolf about previous outreach specifically to Cuba.
4. Jennifer- write up something for the Thursday evening, March 27, Cuba Village Council meeting.
5. Think about how the sub-watersheds should be included in the plan write-up. Options include such things as being:
 - a. listed in the appendix,
 - b. part of each chapter,
 - c. included as one or two separate chapters, or
 - d. written up in an Executive Summary in such a way that the portion of the plan relevant to each watershed could be pulled out and passed around for public use during the implementation phase of the plan.

From: elaine hebard <emhebard@unm.edu>

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2003 2:15 AM

Subject: 4-1, 4-3 Steering Committee Meetings

Hi Peggy, Charlotte, Jennifer and Larry -

The Cuba folks will be meeting on April 1 and Cañon on April 3. It doesn't make sense to send out a postcard reminder. Please make calls and send emails to prior attendees, splitting the work up as much as possible, and including more folks if you can. I would hope that there we can have a good diversity of stakeholders present. Also ask them to do some homework:

- (1) to review the definitions for the alternatives we discussed (see 2nd page of agenda packet) and
- (2) for folks who are signed up under the scenario groups to work on a short statement of
 - (a) what is important from that groups' perspective,
 - (b) what their vision of 2050 is, and
 - (c) what set of alternative actions being considered will it take to meet the goals of the plan (list is part of agenda packet).

In a separate email, I am sending a draft handout. It incorporates the work done to date, explains a bit about water planning, the group, etc. What with the Weed Conference coming up, and other such activities, I thought that it might be good to have something more than a flyer. Since I'm asking for it to be reviewed and accepted, I'll be sending it out to those who have email to take on that task as well.

Jennifer agreed to take a crack at making up another flyer -- since she did so well on the last one! The time frame is such that it has to be done before the 10th, which is the deadline for newspaper articles. One idea is to ask the Electrical Cooperative to mail the flyer again. Will someone call them and find out what their deadlines are, what regions they cover and not, and so forth? (Larry?) Peggy said that it was approximately \$700 to have them copy and mail the batch for last year. We also discussed making double the number of flyers made for Workshop I so that a blanket mailing of Cuba can be made.

In thinking about a potential agenda, it would seem to me that it will likely break into a business meeting and a work session. We have lots to do - so we should try to keep it to an 45 minutes for the first part if we are to plow through the second in a timely manner. Am I being optimistic? Only laugh after you have reviewed the attached, being my attempt at an agenda and background materials. I am working on one more, being about goals and objectives, and have sent it to Judith to cut down.

Thanks for being such a great team,

Elaine

PS - need earlier Jemez Thunder articles and flyers mailed to participants, please

Río Jemez and Río Puerco Joint Watershed Steering Committee
April 1 - Cuba & April 3 – Cañon 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

1. Business Meeting

- a. Review, edit and accept Subregional Water Plan brochure
- b. Review, edit and accept Workshop flyer
- c. Discuss mailing the flyer (quantity, address labels, who might send, etc)
- d. Establish mailing parties (unless arrange to have mailed)
- e. Prepare for the May 3rd Workshop
 - tentative agenda topics
 - present results from February Workshop
 - present evaluations of water management alternatives chosen to carry out the goals
 - discuss the set of actions, or scenario(s), to attain the goals
 - accept a set of objectives to carry out goals
 - what else? _____
 - assign tasks
 - contact speakers - who____
 - Refreshments - who____
 - Sign-in sheets and name labels - who____
 - MRCOG for easels and other supplies - who____
 - What else? _____ -
- f. Discuss Outreach
- g. Discuss inclusion in planning document

Further Information

1. Business Meeting

f. Outreach

From the *Scope of Work*:

The results of the public involvement activities shall be organized and documented to include: 1) dates and locations of activities; 2) names and addresses of participants; 3) comments received from participants; and 4) summary reports.

[Deliverables: Activities of the public involvement program shall be documented in various progress reports and in a final summary report which shall include appropriate attachments and completed products.]

From the *Water Planning Handbook*:

7. A critical element of the regional water plan is public participation in the planning process. Planners must demonstrate that reasonable and diligent efforts have been made to reach the public so as to invite, value and reflect public comment. These efforts may be tailored in their specifics to fit the particular regions. All regional plans, however, must reflect:

a. Identification of stakeholders in the planning process, and efforts to make specific invitations to those stakeholders to participate. A list of these entities, together with any support or refusal letters from them, shall be part of the plan's documentation.

b. Public meetings of a number, time and place calculated to maximize the ability of the public to participate. Notice of these meetings must be widely disseminated, including specific notice to entities on the list generated under a., above. The public meetings shall occur while the plan is being developed.

Thanks to Jennifer, we have a handle on the attendees and notes of the meetings. We also have the write up from Ed Moreno of Workshop I. Let's keep it up.

To dos:

- * Please collect newspaper articles, announcements, flyers, agendas and any other indicia of public outreach to include in report write an article for the papers and then turn in to Peggy.
- * Please keep track of your efforts and then turn in to Peggy.
- * The beginning of an outreach list.
- b. Rio Jemez - Jemez Pueblo, Zia Pueblo, US Forest Service, BLM, NRCS, Jemez Domestic Water Users, Pondersosa Domestic Water Users, Canon Domestic Water Users, Jemez Village Council, San Ysidro Village Council, La Cueva Domestic Water Users, etc. A list of acequia mayordomos together with addresses would be super.
- c. Rio Puerco - Torreon Chapter House, US Forest Service, BLM, NRCS, Cuba Water Department, Cuba Village Council, Regina Domestic Water Users, La Jara Domestic Water Users, etc. A list of acequia mayordomos together with addresses would be super.
- d. Others - County Commissioners, State Representatives and Senators for the region. This list needs to be added to. If they do not already have a participating representative, who will make calls to organizations to hope on board? Who will follow that up with a mailing of the brochure and flyer?
- * What other outreach could be done? What about a presentation about water in some classes in the high schools, or at least asking some teachers to have their kids make posters? Pictures of the "best" could be in the newspaper. Or how about sending flyers home via the kids? A display in the library?

2. Work Session

- a. Review alternatives homework
 - Augmented or changed definitions ready? (from those in the Workbook)
 - Any other alternatives in Workbook which are needed to support the top three main alternatives?
 - Are there any other alternatives which are needed to support the top three main alternatives?
- b. Mesh goals and alternatives - see attached chart
 - Are there any alternatives already considered which can serve more than one goal?
 - Do we need to consider other alternatives to ensure that the goals are met? What are they?
- c. Vision statements from the Scenario Groups (can any groups be combined?)
 - Review the various short statements of
 - (1) what is important from that groups' perspective,
 - (2) what their vision of 2050 is, and
 - (3) what set of alternative actions being considered will it take to meet the goals of the plan.
- d. Assign tasks for final set of Steering Committee meetings prior to Workshops
 - Handout on Goals and Objectives

In addition to the Workbook, the definition of each alternative can be found on the Water Assembly's web site in the pdf file of Candidate Alternative Actions. To read a complete write-up of MRG alternatives, go to www.WaterAssembly.org, then go to Information, and click on "Evaluation of Alternative Actions for Technical, Physical, Hydrological and Environmental Feasibility." For the alternative evaluations done for the Jemez y Sangre planning region, they are located at <http://www.dbstephens.com>, click on Publications, and then on Jemez y Sangre Regional Water Plan White Papers.

- 3) Any other business
- 4) Next meeting

Meeting Notes
Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committee
For joint sub-regional water planning
April 1, 2003, 6:30 PM- 10:00 PM
Cuba S&WCD offices

Notes submitted by Jennifer Johnson

Attendees:

Elaine Hebard-	247-8767	
Peggy Ohler-	289-3950	
Jennifer Johnson-	289-9183	
Terry Johnson-	289-9183	
Paul Yoder-	289-3308	
Lupe Aragon	884-1031 Work	NM Rural Water Assn, Cuba Village Councilor

Elaine started by giving a history of water planning in general and the RPyRJ in particular to Lupe. This took a bit of time. We proceeded to discuss Cuba water. Lupe says it comes from a well on Cuba Mesa. Got in to some hydrology discussion. Didn't get started on the business portion of the meeting until about 7:45 PM.

Jennifer Johnson has prepared and sent out a questionnaire (attached) to the various domestic water use associations (what is your current supply? How are you planning for drought? etc.) With responses, and using information from the State Engineer and others, we should know supply and demand (use). Using population projections and land use trends, projected demand could then be calculated. That information will be very useful in putting together the plan, as well as monitoring it later.

We shared various visions of how the future of the Jemez Valley/Rio Puerco might look. There were many common trends to be found.

The next Rio Puerco meeting will be April 17th at 6:30. The next Rio Puerco meeting will be April 17th at 6:30.

BUSINESS

Pre-workshop Discussion:

Outreach

How to get more people and partners involved. A brochure could be sent to potential partners (land agencies, governmental bodies, Pueblos, and so forth). A list of names and addresses would be most helpful.

Jennifer has made up an address list of previous Steering Committee and Workshop attendees. She has started an agency address list. She has also been writing up notes from the recent meetings.

Jennifer made a presentation to the Cuba Village Councilors (notes attached) on March 27, encouraging them to become involved in the process.

Elaine has started a list of names. This needs to be added to.

- a. Rio Jemez - Jemez Pueblo, Zia Pueblo, US Forest Service, BLM, NRCS, Jemez Domestic Water Users, Ponderosa Domestic Water Users, Canon Domestic Water Users, Jemez Village Council, San Ysidro Village Council, La Cueva Domestic Water Users, etc., Mayordomos of the various acequias.
- b. Rio Puerco - Torreon Chapter House, US Forest Service, BLM, NRCS, Cuba Water Department, Cuba Village Council, Regina Domestic Water Users, La Jara Domestic Water Users, etc., Mayordomos of the various acequias.
- c. Others - County Commissioners, State Representatives and Senators for the region.

Bob Prendergast agreed to put a link for the RPyRJ on the home page of the Assembly's web site.

Publicity: Mailer/Poster/News Article

Paul Yoder will start a poster and get a draft to Jennifer Johnson of by the end of the week. She'll get it out for comments by Sunday.

Elaine will take it to be copied on Tuesday, and Steve Lucero can pick it up and take it to San Ysidro. Peggy will bring the postage meter down for the Cuba Soil & Water Conservation District meeting, Thursday, April 10.

Set a possible Cuba mailing party date for April 14, this will depend on Peggy's schedule. They will need the meter then. Peggy thought there were about 1600? PO boxes in Cuba.

The Rio Puerco committee hopes to blanket the area with flyers. In addition to mailing them, extra copies will be available on the counter of the Water Department. Also, posters will be made up to place in other strategic areas.

Jennifer will write up a second article before the 10th, which is the deadline for the newspaper.

Elaine has asked Ed Moreno, the facilitator at the last set of Workshops, to consider how best to integrate the activities and input. Hopefully, his insights will be helpful in encouraging attendance as well.

Children's Posters

We discussed the idea of having 4th or 5th graders prepare some posters to hang in the senior center for all to view. It was thought this might encourage parents to come to the meeting to see the posters, and then stay for the workshop. Peggy suggested the "winners" could have their names and pictures in the paper. The categories could be (1) water conservation, (2) where does my water come from, and (3) how is my water used? The posters could also be hung up in the libraries! Lupe Aragon said that he could talk to his niece in Cuba to see if this were possible.

Workshop Discussion:

Pre-meeting registration and refreshments would be good so the meeting could get started at the stated time.

Peggy will get the key. Jennifer and Peggy will meet Friday the 9th to set up, and Jennifer will get the key then.

Peggy will purchase refreshments.
Jennifer will open up about 7:30 AM on the 10th.

Agenda topics:

Present the results from February Workshop;

Final Mission and Goals; this should be very short and not open for discussion.

Water Assembly evaluations of management alternatives chosen to carry out the goals- this should also be very short and maybe just include the ones pertaining to the top three alternatives picked by RP y RJ.

Ed will give a run down of the Scenario process.

Each team will present their Scenario.

We will hopefully have an overarching Scenario ready. When considering a vision statement it was wondered whether the two sub-regions would share a vision or if they would be different?

Public comment, discussion.

What about the Objectives to carry out the Goals? Should those be attempted at the workshop?

Maybe just a discussion (see below).

Completion of Scenario and (Objectives?).

Where we go from here? (Jennifer?) Do we want to continue with implementing the RPyRJ plan.

How?

Post-workshop discussion:

Regional Water Plan

Postponed discussion of how the RPyRJ should be included in the regional water plan.

The Regional Forum & Annual Assembly will be held June 7 in Albuquerque. They will be picking the preferred Scenario and possibly the RPyRJ could present theirs then. An annual report to the assembly would be appropriate and it would be a good way to show what has been happening.

Objectives

Given the time limit of the workshop, it was thought that the Steering Committee should probably work on the Objectives after the Workshop.

From: elaine hebard <emhebard@unm.edu>

April 2, 2003

Hi folks,

We had an interesting meeting in Cuba where we shared various visions of how the future of Jemez Valley might look. As several said, there were many common threads to be found.

In order to prepare for our final meeting before the Workshop, what I would like to have folks do is:

1. Finish your scenario: it should include

* a vision,

* how you applied the alternatives to meet the goals, and

* whether and how you met the goals.

If possible, using the information contained in the MRG Alternatives Workbook and the other information I have been sending, plus any other source you want to use, also add in the cost, water saved or gained, the time you anticipate that such a management alternative, and other trade-offs and considerations. Such information will give some heft to the choices made, but it certainly is not a requirement.

I would like to receive all of the scenarios and comments by Saturday, April 12. What that means is that those who have email need to partner up with those folks who do not. I've sent the ag & ranching group a note with my typed-up notes from the ad hoc scenario jam we had, and mentioned some people specifically. If folks would touch base with Jennifer Johnson, letting her know who your partner is or asking for a suggestion, that would be great.

2. Synthesize the scenarios: Following through with what Peter Pino suggested, the homework for the following week will be to create a common scenario. To start that process, I will send everyone all of the scenarios. Again, please share. At the set of meetings in Cuba on the 17th and Cañon on the 22nd, we will review the scenarios and the common one. Again, as you consider the common scenario, answer the same set of questions as when looking at the individual ones. Also, please think of who is going to present and what will be presented.

I will be gone part of this week, but hope to have an agenda out later. Obviously we will need to make sure all is set for the Workshops. Mailing Parties will be in Cañon on the 10th and Cuba on the 14th. Please let folks know of these upcoming activities!

PS If you use other sources, please cite and bring a copy. Thanks, Elaine

----- Original Message -----

From: elaine hebard <emhebard@unm.edu>

Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2003

Subject: RPyRJ scenarios

Hi folks,

As promised, I tried to put together what I heard from Thursday's ad hoc ag & ranching scenario jam. I'm sending this to Charlotte Mitchell, Peggy Ohler, Emmett Cart and Jose E Garcia, since they have email and it is easy. I'm going to ask Peggy to share this note and attachments with Steve. Steve, in turn can share with his Dad and others in San Ysidro. Emmett, would you share with Gilbert, Peter Pino and Anthony Armijo. And so on.

What I would like to do is to get their scenario returned by Saturday, April 12, with everyone's comments. Most of what completing that assignment means is included in a general email I am sending around. Again, please share it. I hope that I captured the ideas from the brainstorming session, but you need to review it not just to see if I did, but more importantly, does it reflect what you want to say.

We didn't discuss the cultural and spiritual aspects of this scenario, which should be addressed here since it is the name of one of the groups, as well as in the merged scenario there is a goal to be attained.

Attendees:

Rebecca Christman, Jose E. Garcia, Steve M. Lucero, Emmett Cart, Dennis Smith, Bob Wilson, and Larry Rogers.

Meeting Notes
Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committee
For joint sub-regional water planning
April 17, 2003, 6:30 PM- 10:00 PM
Cuba S & WCD offices

Notes submitted by Jennifer Johnson

Attendees:

Elaine Hebard-	247-8767
Peggy Ohler-	289-3950
Jennifer Johnson-	289-9183
Terry Johnson-	289-9183
Paul Yoder-	289-3308

Discussed:

Definition of terms. People might have a hard time with what watershed, alternatives, scenario and water budget mean. Peggy offered to put things in human language.

Draft scenarios need to be finalized and goals need to be incorporated. Elaine presented the idea that a watershed scenario which encompasses all the other visions be considered. It would be nice to be able to come to the workshop with a draft "RPyRJ scenario" which the steering committee has agreed to and which draws from the different scenarios and which has actions which support the goals and the watershed scenario. This Scenario would then be discussed by the workshop attendees, tweaked and hopefully accepted.

It is possible for specific plans, such as an agricultural plan, to be included in the appendix.

It would be good to create read file at libraries in Cuba and Jemez in order to make the information collected and produced available to the public. This could include materials in both printed and electronic format. What should go in them? Jennifer will look into this.

Where do we go after the final workshops?

Have to finalize objectives

Write up Phase II Report

What will happen to the Steering Committee?

Will there be subcommittees to carry out some specific tasks?

We looked at the posters from the Cuba school

Workshop:

Tentative Agenda

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Posters / Coffee / Registration.

9:00 AM Welcome

Why we need regional water planning / what is the water picture. Elaine has penciled in Joe Quintana, who has said he would, present the MRG alternatives, or those which are in line with the ones selected by the RPyRJ, at the workshop.

Concerns and pressures, use, population and projections. It might be good have a local person who is struggling with the issues to present some thoughts (Don Buttry, Gilbert Sandoval).

Have stories on the back of agenda. Attendees could add their own on a piece of paper.

Presentation of Mission and Goals- very short with no discussion

Presentation of Visions (Scenarios) by each team and how best to interact with the Goals and Alternative actions.

- How the future of Jemez &/or Puerco Valley might look.

- Discuss common themes to create a Watershed Vision.

- A draft "RPyRJ scenario" which the steering committee has agreed to and which draws from the different scenarios, and the actions which support, or attain the goals.

Present pros and cons.

Next steps (Jennifer) Where should this process go from here? If we continue what might that mean? If we continue volunteers will be needed for for specific tasks.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the beginning and end of the workshop.

Choose winning poster

Possible Handouts

- The agenda with

 - Mission Statement, and Goals

 - The Visions

 - Definitions - watershed, alternative, water budget (should these be on a handout or in large print on butcher paper, or both?)

- Back of the agenda

 - Short snippets "If everyone who has a meter on the Regina water system were to actually use it, there would not be enough water to serve everyone."-Don Buttry

- Pamphlet- which shows a synopsis of work to date (the one Elaine made and Jennifer later revised).

- 11x17 summary of Alternatives

Other

- Powerpoint of water demand and population trends?

Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Scenario

Vision:

Goals	Possible Actions	
	RPyRJ Alt	
1. Ensure treaty, water and acequia rights to preserve and protect local agricultural traditions.	5. Protect water rights.	A 63, p42 (PMY has more to add here); Area of Origin language
	<i>15. Prohibit sale of water from region*</i>	
2. Restore and manage the watershed on public and private land to enhance water production, retention, and quality, to reduce the threat of wildfire , and to preserve natural systems dependent on water	1. Manage and restore our watersheds.	A66, p6 A1, p8 (change to riparian) A2, p59 **A33, p58
3. Retain land use patterns that support and ensure a rural lifestyle and economy.	7. Manage growth and land use together.	A30, p38 A28, p40 (change to opposite) A52, p52
	4. Reduce water loss in acequias.	A9, p34 A60, p66
4. Promote education for area residents regarding the connection between land use, water and environmental health, and ways to conserve water. These concepts should be incorporated into the curriculum of area schools.	<i>13. Implement Public Education Program</i>	
5. Support the cultural and spiritual values of water, and the universal need for and importance of water.		
6. Provide for monitoring implementation of the water plan.		
7. Promote the conservation of water.	2. Reduce water demand.	Urban or General: A18, p22 A21, p24

		A22, p26 A56, p28 (applies to all) Agriculture: A7, p30 A10, p32 A11, p36
	10. Reuse wastewater (gray)	A24, p16 A26, p48 A27, p18
(Not yet placed)	6. Use surface and ground water in combination	A144, p44
	8. Manage drought	
	9. Capture flood flows	A34, p60
	3. Increase water storage capacity in rural areas.	
	11. Remove trace elements from water to increase supply	A47, p46
	12. Install domestic supply wells. No comment	A8, p64 A61, p65
	<i>14. Identify fire fighting water</i>	

Note: Boldface items received highest priority in workshop

*May want to refer to the new law giving acequias the power to review and reject transfers into or out of their acequia (if indeed that is what that means) + new law re water banking
Common Alternatives between Jemez/Rio Puerco Subregion and Middle Rio Grande Region

Judith Isaacs

Rev. 3/18/03

emh added goals and other alternatives on 4/17/03

Meeting Notes
Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committee
For joint sub-regional water planning
April 22, 2003, 6:30 PM- 10:15 PM
Cañon

Notes submitted by Jennifer Johnson

Attendees:

Elaine Hebard-	247-8767
Jennifer Johnson-	289-9183
Charlotte Mitchell-	829-3799
Emmett Cart-	829-3867
Judith Isaacs-	829-3382
Rebecca Christman-	829-3846
Dennis Smith-	829-3913

Larry Rodgers- 834-1962
Bob Wilson- 829-3410

Though Jennifer had planned on attending the meeting in Cañon, Elaine called her in the afternoon to say she was going to be late due to Mid RG happenings. She asked Jennifer to get the meeting going. Jennifer then made copies of all the e-Scenarios which she had received. These included Exurban, Environmental, and Ranching from Jemez, and Natural Balance, Rural Communities and Water Rights from Puerco. She arrived about 6:50 PM just as the assembled Jemez group was considering heading home. She explained the predicament to the group and what she thought Elaine had asked her to do.

The local Water Association was meeting in the room and they were just adjourning so our group moved from the couches to the tables.

Jennifer thought Elaine's instructions were to look at the Scenarios and see where they had a similar vision. The group noted the Natural Balance Scenario looked like a way to get started. This began OK, but soon people were noting where they differed or what individuals felt they didn't like. There was also confusion about just exactly what was going to take place at the workshop and what was expected.

Elaine arrived about 7:30 PM. There was much discussion about the perceived differences, and especially about individuals preferences, water law in general, recent legislation, water rights, wells...

Elaine then decided to ask each group to state three points central to their vision. Judith proceeded to try and come up with three. Then, "Exurban" stated three. Jennifer then made the comment she thought they were suppose to be looking at similarities, rather than taking a step back (in her view) after going to the trouble to write up a scenario, and now listing only three points. "Exurban" commented that the three he stated were influenced by what Judith had stated because she included certain points he would have included. This made Jennifer again state that she thought they were suppose to be looking at similarities in order to move on to looking at similarities with the Rio Puerco. Elaine said that the three points would be put up on a power point slide as each group read their scenario.

Discussed the possibility of having photos of the way the area use to look since we were looking towards how it might look in the future. Elaine thought it would be good to have a local person talk about the way it use to be, and that Emmett would be good for that, but Emmett thought maybe Gilbert Sandoval could do it.

Elaine told everyone to send her their three points by Monday for her to make up slides. Also, any pictures or other things she would need to do had to be to her by Monday.

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2003 2:34 PM

Subject: Meetings- Rio Jemez tonight and Rio Puerco on Tuesday

Hi Folks,

Just a quick reminder there will be a meeting tonight at 6:30, Jemez Valley Community Center, Canon. While I have been lax in preparing (though my vacation was terrific, thank you), I hope that we will consider objectives to the goals and a potential preferred scenario, as well as designate a presenter for the Annual Assembly meeting in Albuquerque on June 7. If we have time, I also hope we can begin a list of potential activities and create a calendar (ala the one created last December). That way, future meetings can continue to be focused.

While it won't be ready by this evening, I will be working on a report to be mailed out to the Workshop attendees. As before, I'll send the draft around via e-mail for comments and suggestions. June's meeting will include review of the draft report for Phase II, as well as adopting Phase III's activities. Clearly there will need to be recruits to ensure realization.

See you soon, Elaine

Rio Jemez Steering Committee
May 30
6:30 PM
Jemez Valley Community Center

Rio Puerco Steering Committee
June 3
6:30 PM
Cuba Soil and Water CD office

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2003 11:23 PM

Subject: quick update

Hi,

Just to let you know, the group tonight loved what you and Terry had done re moving us on to the next step. Peter Pino suggested that the Natural Balance language be changed to be prospective rather than past tense, which would match the rest. The rest of the group agreed. Folks are to review the Natural Balance and Rural Communities charts for (1) additions; deletions and other suggestions amendments based upon all the scenarios, and (2) suggest ways to blend the two into one set of goals, objectives and action steps. While I think we might get some comments from Judith, I wouldn't bank on too many others. Would you be interested in taking a crack at marrying them?

Also, they wondered if you would be willing to make the presentation at the Annual Water Assembly and Regional Forum next Saturday. I think that would be just peachy, if you're willing and able to do so. Otherwise, I have to find someone else's arm to twist.

Too tired to be more specific for now. Ciao, Elaine

Meeting Notes

Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committee
For joint sub-regional water planning
June 3, 2003, 6:30 PM- 9:30 PM
Cuba

Notes submitted by Jennifer Johnson

The meeting was held in the Cuba S&WCD office (NRCS Building).

Attendees:

Elaine Hebard-	247-8767
Peggy Ohler-	289-3950
Jennifer Johnson-	289-9183

Jennifer brought copies of the Scenario charts with the idea that we intended on working to combine them. But because nobody else showed up we discussed the report and the “water plan”.

We’ve got the Mission Statement and Goals but we need to work on objectives (though there were some put into the various scenario charts, and the Alternatives (or Actions) need to be expanded on to make them real Action items.

Elaine said she had contacted Mike Trujillo to clarify the boundaries of the Rio Puerco sub-region. Though the scope of work was written up as though it included the whole watershed in Sandoval county, it was somewhat understood that that included only the rural areas. The question is about the western portion of Rio Rancho, and also the southern portion of the sub-region which contains Ta-ha-jo-li on the Navajo Reservation.

Also, Elaine thought it is now the consensus of opinion that we will be included as a separate chapter in the water plan. WE should look at getting chapters of the report to COG (process and results).

We then discussed “next steps”.

1. Prepare a road show
 - a. presentation to various gov. entities (water users)
 - b. presentation to teachers
2. Need to look at and plan for implementation of the GOALS.
3. Create a calendar.
4. Who will take on the outreach workshops?
County
Villages (JS, Cuba, Torreon, etc)
5. Who will work with planning agencies?
Forest Service
BLM

etc

6. In the continuing future, we will need someone to watch the SEO web site for sale of water rights (transfers). [this is part of ensuring water, treat, and acequia water rights].

David Benevidez and Lynn Montgomery are already doing this in other regions. It would be good to look into land trusts.

7. Need to create a budget of what this is going to cost.

Concerning the Scenarios:

Need to get copies to Lupe for Cuba Village.

Need objectives to go in scenarios

Need to blend the objectives with the Goals and try to get to one.

The Village meeting will be about June 24th, usually about 6 PM.

Send copies of the objectives to Village Council with a cover letter 1 week before.

Also, try to get the DRAFT report done for them by June 17th

Need to have them think about proposed next steps

We should plan a presentation in August for them?

Next Meeting

June 24th 5 PM (1 hour before Village Meeting)

CS&WCD office

Elaine leaves the 28th for Brazil for a month.

Meeting Notes
Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committee
For joint sub-regional water planning
June 17, 2003, 6:30 PM- 9:45 PM
Cañon

Notes submitted by Jennifer Johnson

Attendees:

Charlotte Mitchell-	829-3799
Larry Rodgers-	834-1962
Robert Cordova	837-2248
Steve M. Lucero	834-7431
Elaine Hebard-	247-8767
Terry Johnson	289-9183
Jennifer Johnson-	289-9183

Jennifer previously sent out copies of the combined scenario chart to all SC members. We worked on deleting and condensing similar ideas. We also moved some items from one goal to another.

We discussed the possible agenda items for the next SC meeting.

It was decided to hold a joint Steering Committee meeting on August 19 in San Ysidro.

Tentative agenda items:

Objectives- finalize

Draft Blended Scenario- Draft final

Draft Report- finalize

Calendar for public presentations-

Create a public welfare statement-

Jennifer will make the suggested changes to the chart and then send the DRAFT out via e-mail or snail mail, ASAP.

Meeting Notes

Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committee-Combined Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 2003, 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

San Ysidro - town hall

23 Attendees:

Brian Benavidez

Marti Blad, PhD-Jemez Pueblo Water Board

Robert Cordova-LJCDA Board member

Caren Cowan-NM Cattle Growers Assoc

David Dominguez

Fatou Gueye

Elaine Hebard

Judith Isaacs

Elizabeth Johnson-County Commissioner

RW Johnson

Jennifer Johnson-LJCDA Sec/Treas

Terry Johnson-LJCDA parciente

Flora Lopez Cuba-Village Councilor

Steve M Lucero-CS&WCD/SanYsidro Village Mayor

Ethyl Maharg-Cuba Village Mayor

Jerry Marquez

Stuart McRae

Peggy Ohler-CS&WCD

Peter M. Pino-Zia Pueblo, Tribal Administrator

Bob Prendergast-Water Assembly

Larry Rodgers

Ernest R. Torrez-LJCDA

Mike Trujillo-MRCOG

Draft agenda

Start at 6:00 PM, Adjourn at 8:30 PM.

- Introductions and Review of Process to Date
- Review of Draft Public Involvement Program write-up
Finalize, and sign off on the Draft Phase II report and get it sent off right after the meeting.
The DRAFT RPyRJ Public Involvement Program- Phase II report was sent to numerous members in June via e-mail and snail mail comments due the end of July. Only Judith Isaac has sent comments. Are there any other comments, additions, deletions, changes you would like to see?
- Review of Subregional Charts

Comments: Robert Cordova sent Elaine suggested additions to the goals (attached) taken from the recently completed MRG Goals. Any others?

- Create one chart for Jemez of goals, objectives and actions
 - Meld the Scenarios/Visions into a single Draft Scenario, which will include Objectives (Action Alternatives).
 - Copies of the combined scenarios (one for each sub-region) were sent in June along with the report. Are there any other comments, additions, deletions, changes, corrections you would like to see?
 - Given that different issues affect the two basins, two scenarios could be created. But since we have a mutual set of mission, goals and alternatives, the charts will probably be very similar.
- Next steps (ideas)
 - Make read files for the libraries in Jemez Spring and Cuba.
 - Discuss the public forum, which will probably be in October.
 - Create a calendar and task list.
 - Draft a presentation of the “results” to the public (and agencies).
 - Create a schedule of presentations with volunteers signed up to make the presentations.
 - Begin developing a plan for how, and when the Goals and Objectives might be implemented.

A notice about the meeting was in the Cuba News. Also, Peggy and Jennifer sent out hardcopy notices about the meeting to non e-mail "steering committee members." This included anyone who had attended 2 or more meetings. Twenty notices were mailed out on Wednesday, August 13.

Elaine started off the meeting by asking who had brought their copies of all the charts and report that had been e-mailed/sent out. Very few people had brought their copies. Jennifer noted that she had taken a copy of each version of the draft charts and the draft report to Peggy a few days ago. Peggy was going to make 10 copies of each and bring them to the meeting so everyone could see the evolution of the process. Jennifer had talked with her both yesterday and just before leaving for the meeting and she was pretty nearly finished making the copies. But Peggy hadn't yet arrived with them.

Elaine decided that rather than wait, Jennifer should proceed to tell about the evolution of the process of creating the scenarios for the two subregions. We thought we could share the few copies that people had but realized there were different versions. So Jennifer tried to tell how she had proceeded from one stage to the next.

The meeting, called to review the drafts, was detoured as Robert went into another long discussion about the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and the Hage v United States case in Nevada. He and Ernie wanted the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo added to one of the Goals (the goal right now reads: "Ensure treaty, water and acequia rights to preserve and protect local agricultural traditions."). (They had brought this up at the Feb. 22, 03 workshop and again at the March 12 Steering Committee meeting). Robert and Ernie then began saying their comments had been ignored. Elaine asked others to comment on that idea. Fatou Gueye said she felt that the language which would be the most inclusive should be retained. Mr. Pino, tribal administrator for Zia Pueblo, reiterated what Fatou said and pointed out there were other treaties beside the TGH. He stated he would not like to see it specified in this document and cautioned us, again, about mentioning only one treaty and about using the adjective "senior" when discussing water rights. However, Elaine suggested we vote on the issue. Jennifer stated that the Goals had already been finalized and presented to the public and that she would strongly oppose any changes to the Goals as we have already formulated them. To do so would totally violate any semblance of process and disregard all the public input we have gotten through that process. Also, they shouldn't be amended without more public input. Mr. Cordova admitted that at the March 5th meeting he had agreed with the goals as they now

stand, while Ernie noted he remembered a meeting with some other white guy there (Paul Yoder). This group felt comfortable with leaving the language as written rather than running the risk of omitting a treaty.

Both Robert and Ernie kept calling the plan “your” plan- meaning Elaine, and Jennifer. Finally Jennifer called them on it stating that the plan was the public’s plan. That input from public meetings lasting over a three year (or more) period had been solicited and that what was in the document was what the public had said. It most definitely was not hers or Elaine’s plan. Peter Pino then stressed that in order to get anything accomplished we needed to work together with respect. Robert stated to Jennifer that she was not adequately representing her constituents (parciantes of the La Jara ditch Association, since she is the Secretary/ Treasurer). Jennifer said that as a RPyRJ committee member it was her responsibility to represent everyone who had attended meetings and given input.

Ernie brought up his opposition to the ideas of in-stream flow and not selling water rights out of the area (a sentiment very often proclaimed throughout the subregional planning process). He called this a taking since if he wants to sell his water rights to Rio Rancho he should be able to do so. Jennifer asked him then what about the Acequia? How could the Ditch Association come up with say a million dollars to purchase his water rights? She noted the sale of San Ysidro land to Rio Rancho for its water. She also noted that when people start selling water rights away from an acequia then the others remaining find it harder and harder to maintain the ditch. Ernie stated that the acequia could borrow the money. Jennifer was appalled and asked him how he expected that 100 parciantes could borrow money like that. She also wondered how he could claim to be representing the parciantes while at the same time talking about being able to sell ditch rights away from the ditch. Terry tried to explain the concept of in-stream flow to him. He noted that in all discussions of it, the purpose was to provide a water right owner another way to maintain his water right if he could not use it on his land. Ernie said that that was okay if it meant that Forest Guardians would pay him for his water to leave it in the stream.

Elaine noted that the State Engineer had told Ernie that in-stream flow was a reality already, and the Attorney General had issued an opinion supporting it. Of course, without someone selling or leasing her/his rights to such a use, it's not going to happen -- but Ernie is convinced there is a taking, saying he would have to report back to his people that they had been shut out again.

RW Johnson commented that he didn’t like the idea of limiting the ability to drill a well to a parcel of land over 40 acres in size. He felt this would really limit people in the future and not allow them to do what they wanted with their land. Terry replied that that idea was taken from Colorado, which has had a law like that in place for probably 20 years and limits the acreage to 35 acres. It has help to reduce the number of subdivisions in rural areas. He also mentioned the problems with subdividing properties in rural areas. The problem is not only access to water but at some point, depending on soil and weather, water quality becomes an issue due to the number of septic systems (this is happening in Espanola). Jennifer noted that right now there is a subdivision in Regina (San Pedro Estates) with over 800 lots, no authorized access to water, and the Regina system doesn’t have enough water to service it. RW noted that he had not participated in the public planning process, concluded that it was not worth trying to change the draft plan now, and recommended that complainers just go to the state, where things finally get done anyway.

Elizabeth Johnson asked how the things in the plan were going to get implemented anyway. Who was responsible? Jennifer replied that the “plan” really was just that. It did nothing more than define what people at this time envisioned for the future of the area and suggested ways to get there. That it would be up to individuals and organizations to carry through with those portions of the “plan” that they felt most critical to them. She noted that the “plan” was not “law”, but instead suggested that in the future laws may need to be made or amended in order to implement some actions in the plan. Also, it would be up to

communities, water users, and land users to create water plans for their own organization. This plan was merely a template to use.

Mike Trujillo then began to address the question of how the subregional plan will fit into the overall picture - especially since the local governments will be asked to endorse the Middle Rio Grande plan.

Peggy arrived, just as Mike got started, with all the copies she had made. We took time to pass out all the various versions of the charts, which Peggy had printed in different colors. Jennifer then spent some time explaining what all the copies were and why there were so many versions. Jennifer also passed out copies of the revisions she had made to the Public Involvement Report in response to Judith's comments, and copies of the list that she had typed up of public meetings scheduled by the ISC to discuss the State Plan. She also passed out an article from the High Country News (1999) quoting Nicasio Romero who helped found the New Mexico Acequia Association, and has been an advocate of in-stream flow rights (attached).

After all the questions regarding all the handouts were answered, Mike Trujillo finished his talk about the plan. He was a bit concerned how the MRG Regional plan would fit into the state plan and the potential of the Regional Plan being ignored.

At this point there was more on the agenda than we could go through and we were unable to get any of the work we had planned to do done. So, we sent everyone home with the responsibility of getting comments on the charts (6-20 RJ 3 Obj-Alt Chart and Draft Rio Puerco Sub-Regional Scenario: 2003-2050, and the Draft Report) to Elaine by AUGUST 29. The object will be to make a Draft Río Jemez Sub-Regional Scenario: 2003-2050 drawn from the Objectives and Actions (combining all three scenarios), as well as revisions from comments incorporated into the other two by September 6th so that the packet of final drafts can be sent out shortly thereafter. We need to come up with one joint scenario, or two--one for each basin--as soon as possible in order to get it to MRCOG in time for inclusion into the Regional Plan and for printing.

Cuba Mayor Ethel Maharg set a meeting for September 6 at 6 PM at the Del Prado Restaurant in Cuba to work on the Village Scenario.

Mr. Cordova, in his new position as representative for Cuba on the Water Resources Board, had sent Elaine a letter asking for additional goals to be included which he had taken from the MRG's Goals and which, interestingly, did not mention the Treaty of GH, nor a request that it be included. Elaine sent the list of requested additions to the Steering Committees as soon as she received his letter. However, he did not mention that request at the San Ysidro meeting. Jennifer had made the suggestion via e-mail that we look at Robert's comments and consider adding them as alternatives under the goals and objectives that we already have. Which do we want to use and where would they go?

The comments on the final drafts will be the main subject of the meeting on September 16. Comments will need to be in to Elaine prior to the 6th, so that she can compile them for the meeting. She will also send out some information about a public welfare statement, to everyone to look over for the Sept meeting.

Elaine will also send the draft plan and charts to Bob Prendergast to post on the Water Assembly's web site in "The Subregions - Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez," page.

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The next meeting was set, another joint one, and a notice will also go on the web site:

Joint Meeting of the Rio Puerco Y Rio Jemez
Subregional Water Planning Steering Committees
September 16, 2003 - 6 PM
San Ysidro Village Hall, San Ysidro, NM

Draft September Agenda

- * Review and accept Rio Jemez chart
- * Review and accept Rio Puerco Chart
- * Review and Accept Draft Plan
- * Discussion of Public Welfare statement
- * Next steps

**Robert Cordova's Requested Addition to the RPyRJ Goals
Taken From
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER PLAN
MISSION STATEMENT, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Goal D:Manage ~~Preserve~~ water for economic and urban vitality.

- D. 1 Develop goals for economic development that are consistent with the subregion's water supply.
- D. 3 Provide water for existing residents, businesses and institutions

Goal E:Manage ~~Preserve~~ water for the qualities of life valued by residents

- E. 1 Ensure an adequate supply of water for indoor uses.
- E. 3 Consider water-related impacts of plan recommendations on the ability to make future choices.
- E. 5 Preserve water for community parks and sports fields.
- E. 6 Preserve water for riparian and open space areas.
- E. 7 Consider the geological and structural integrity of the watershed to protect residents from aquifer depletion and land subsidence.

Goal G:Conserve water.

- G. 1 Optimize water conservation in all sectors
- G. 2 Improved water use efficiencies
- G. 3 Implement technological innovations
- G. 6 Develop and implement economic incentives
- G. 7 Encourage efficiencies for irrigated turf, recreation, and landscaping
- G. 8 Promote recycling and re-use of water
- G. 9 Encourage metering and measuring.

Goal I:Provide appropriate water quality for each use.

- I. 1 Ensure compliance with water quality standards.
- I. 2 Establish criteria and a management plan(s) to control water quality degradation from upstream activities.
- I. 3 Ensure proper well construction and plugging of abandoned wells.
- I. 4 Limit use of septic systems and private wells where the health of the aquifer is a concern.

**Meeting Notes
Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committee
For Joint Subregional Water Planning
Combined Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2003, 6:00 PM- 9:30 PM
San Ysidro - town hall**

13 Attendees:

Brian Benavidez	
Marti Blad, PhD	Jemez Pueblo Water Board
BJ Brock	NM Cattle Growers Assoc
Robert Cordova	LJCDA Board member
Elaine Hebard	
Judith Isaacs	
Jennifer Johnson	LJCDA member
Terry Johnson	LJCDA member
Steve M Lucero	CS&WCD/ San Ysidro Village Mayor
Ethyl Maharg	Cuba Village Mayor
Charlotte Mitchell	Farm Bureau
Peggy Ohler	CS&WCD
Ernest R. Torrez	LJCDA member

Draft Agenda

1. Comments and Responses
2. Public Welfare Statement
3. Draft Plan
4. Next Steps

1. Comments and Responses

When Elaine arrived she passed out copies she had written up of Robert's comments and copies of Ernie's comments (both attached) to people who did not already have copies. She stated that these were the only comments received after the August meeting. She summarized them as:

- * specifically mention the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo as a goal (as opposed to the language as it now stands: "Goal: Ensure treaty, water and acequia rights to preserve and protect local agricultural traditions").
- * define in-stream flow
- * prepare definitions in English and Spanish
- * add language to implement Forest Service Region 3 Policy from 1972
- * add language to implement customary laws and practices in existence prior to the Right of Way Act of 1866.

* define in-stream flow

Elaine began by saying that in-stream flow language is contained in the Water Assembly alternative analysis (A-63) on in-stream flow and that she has requested definitions from the Acequia Association and the Public Law Institute. She stated that in the Technical and Physical Feasibility Fact Sheet - Alternative 63: In-stream Flow - "'In-stream flow' and 'in-stream use' refer to the concept of leaving water in a streambed where it is used by way of providing aquatic and riparian environments for fish and wildlife, and providing for recreational and aesthetic uses.

She also stated that New Mexico law recognizes in-stream flow as a beneficial use of water. She referenced the 1998 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 98-01, which had to do with guaranteeing NM's water delivery obligations to Texas under the Pecos River Compact, and allowing New Mexico to

purchase water rights from appropriators on the Pecos River. Rather than being used for irrigation, these purchased in-stream flow rights remain in the river for delivery to Texas to satisfy New Mexico's Compact requirements.

Ernie jumped on this statement and questioned Elaine's contention that an Attorney General's "Opinion" carries the weight of law. He began what appeared to be the beginning of a full out confrontation about laws, statutes, law making, etc. Unlike the last meeting that got sidetracked when he began addressing issues not on the agenda, this time Elaine stated we wouldn't be discussing that now but a discussion after the meeting would be fine. Instead Ernie jumped up and said he was leaving. That left Robert Cordova sitting at the table but since he was planning on riding back to Albuquerque with Ernie he figured he better go too. Elaine offered to give him a ride home after the meeting if he wanted to stay but he declined and also left.

Elaine also mentioned that a concern has also been raised with respect to the Endangered Species Act, which prohibits federal agencies from carrying out actions that jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species. In the past, that has meant being able to purchase water to be kept in the river as a beneficial use.

We continued discussion of the comments.

* prepare definitions in English and Spanish: Jennifer questioned that since the subregional plan is only a portion of the whole MRG Plan that shouldn't it be the responsibility of the Mid Region to translate and foot the bill of publishing the plan in two (or more) languages? Elaine noted this was probably true but that if someone wanted to volunteer to undertake this effort she saw no problem with doing it. No one volunteered nor seemed to know of anyone else who would.

* Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo: There didn't appear to be any interest in reopening the Goals with the idea of changing them. It had taken many years of discussion before reaching finalization and acceptance by consensus of the Mission and the Goals.

* add language to implement Forest Service Region 3 Policy from 1972 and Right of Way Act of 1866: Elaine suggested that specific policies, such as Forest Service Region 3 Policy, would be best dealt with as part of those individual plans. Elaine made the observation that there are local plans in place and there may soon be more, for instance, the villages, local domestic water associations, acequias, the Forest Service as well as other entities may each develop their own. The definition of conservation for each may not even be the same, and each will have to plan in accord with its mission. The role of the regional water plan should be to create a space whereby the implementers discuss how to ensure that this water conservation happens throughout the watershed, while allowing the flexibility necessary to each governmental entity. The regional plan, like the State Water Plan, will include a suite of tools, and concepts to utilize.

2. Public Welfare Statement (samples attached)

Elaine started by referencing the information packet on public welfare which she sent out some time ago. Since time was short and no one seemed to have worked on it she asked that everyone take a copy and come to the October meeting with suggestions as to what a draft might include. Also, these may be different for the two watersheds. The Jemez has stressed that "We Want To Keep The Water Up Here For Our Future". Since a public welfare statement is so important it

should probably go through a similar process as the goals and alternatives. The statement could be posted on the web site and published in the newspaper to obtain input. The statement could be reported, along with presenting the draft plan, at the November Open House. Elaine would like to get comments by early October so she can send out a draft a week before the meeting.

3. Draft Plan

Elaine began by saying that the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez Water Plan Steering Committee utilized input from the public obtained at the workshops in February and May to prepare the draft subregional water plan. This plan will act as an umbrella to help coordinate plans from area land use and water managers so as to attain the mission and goals enunciated by the public. The draft Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan will be published around the end of the September and that is why we are pushing to finish the subregional portion.

A plan should answer the following questions:

- a. What is the region's available water supply?
- b. What is the region's future water demand?
- c. How will the region undertake to meet demand with supply?

Elaine discussed the draft document she has been working on. Right now it includes chapters on: * Water Supply, * Land Use, * Water Use, * Future Water Use Projections, * Issues & Constraints, * Alternatives, * Legal Issues, * Public Involvement, * Planning Process, * Appendices on Population, Water Supply, Current Land Uses & Economic Benefits, Sample Projects and Water Use, and * Bibliography.

She asked for a couple of volunteer editors and Marti Blad volunteered to work on editing as much of the draft as she could in her spare time. Judith volunteered to edit the Bibliography. When finished it will then be sent to the folks assembling the entire water planning document for insertion into it. It will also be posted on the website.

After the last meeting, Judith combined the three Rio Jemez Scenarios into one Rio Jemez scenario. She didn't omit anything from the original document that Jennifer had made by combining the three RJ vision statements, but she combined those statements that seemed redundant, and changed some objectives to actions. Both Judith and Jennifer thought it might end up that the two subregions have separate plans. The question of will we combine them or not will need to be made later. To that end, Jennifer and Judith agreed to attempt to blend the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez charts. Jennifer will work on combining them and get the draft to Judith on Thursday the 18th for Rio Jemez comments. Upon completion, whichever way it comes out, they will send the results to the email list. Faxes will be sent to Steve Lucero, Robert Cordova and Peter Pino. Steve will share his with Brian Benavidez. Robert will be asked to share his with Ernie Torres. All will be asked to get their comments in by Tuesday the 23rd. Elaine is supposed to submit it by Monday.

It was noted that the meeting in Cuba scheduled for Saturday October 6th was rescheduled for Wednesday the 10th at 6:30 at the Del Prado Restaurant. However, that meeting was cancelled at the last minute. Jennifer mentioned that not knowing about the cancellation she and Terry showed up at the Del Prado and had dinner while they waited for others to arrive.

4. Next Steps

After the Steering Committee accepts the draft plan, it will need to go through two steps:

- a. Endorsement, and
- b. Public Comment

Endorsement Process: We discussed the fact that one of the criteria from the Interstate Stream Commission with respect to the regional water plans is that the planning groups are to present the plan to local governments for review and endorsement. This would involve the incorporated communities and acequias in each watershed. Since these make up only a small percentage of the overall watershed, we decided that it would be useful to invite the major land managers and water use planners and providers to a meeting, hoping to obtain their endorsements as well. Marti noted that she would need a letter to take to the Pueblo well in advance so they would have an idea of what they would be looking at signing. Elaine said she knew of two endorsement letters, one used by Jemez y Sangre and the other by Colfax County in their plans, and that they were quite different. She would e-mail/send copies of those (sample revised copies attached) so we could make suggestions and prepare a form that each local government will be asked to sign after the plan is presented. We should circulate the draft on the large e-mail list to get input from others and should also send it on to the MRCOG for their comments.

The Steering Committees set two dates for endorsement meetings, October 21 in Cañon at the Community Center, and October 22 in Cuba at the Community Center, both starting at 6 pm. We need to invite representatives from Zia and Jemez Pueblos, Torreon Chapter House, Bureau of Land Management, State Land Office, and the Forest Service to join the local governmental officials for a presentation of the plan. We need to send out formal invitations. As soon as the draft of the plan is edited we need to get the summary out to folks. Ethel Maharg will coordinate the invitations for the Rio Puerco and Charlotte Mitchell will do so for the Rio Jemez.

Open House: Elaine mentioned that there will be an Open House in Sandoval County to present the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. This is tentatively scheduled to occur in late October, and will most likely be either in Bernalillo or Rio Rancho. She suggested that the regional, and subregional plans be presented at Open Houses in Cañon, and Cuba in early November. She noted volunteers would be needed to carry this out. We discussed what should occur at the meetings. First, the meeting folks should be asked to prioritize the actions (listed in the charts) that they would like to see occur in the region. Second, should we open up a discussion on the public welfare statement for public input or just come with what we prepared? We set the dates for November 14 in Cuba at the Community Center and November 15 in Cañon at the Community Center, both from 10 to noon. We will prepare poster boards for display at the meeting and then they can be taken to the respective libraries for further display.

Tasks to do prior to the meetings include: working on a flyer, poster boards and a handout, plus we'll need to set a mailing party. A newspaper article for the Jemez Thunder, Cuba News.

The Steering Committee will need to decide where to proceed next, after the endorsement meetings and Open Houses. If the plan is to be implemented, then the Committee has an important function. We will need to figure out how to go about undertaking the activities to

advance the goals. Cuba Soil & Water Conservation District has agreed to continue acting as a fiscal agent and host of meetings. However, there are no funds to proceed after this fall.

5. Next meeting

The next Joint Steering Committees meeting will be in San Ysidro on October 16 at 6:30 at the Village Hall.

Discuss and finalize the public welfare statement.

Discuss and finalize the endorsement statement/letter, invitation, mailing list, plans for endorsement meetings.

Finalize preparations for the public Open House, to be held on November 14 in Cuba and November 15 in Cañon.

Notes Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Steering Committee Joint Meeting Thursday, September 16, 2003 San Ysidro

Notes: Elaine Hebard

Thanks for a great meeting on Tuesday night. We accomplished a lot! I'm going to set out the assignments and projects we took on, both to make sure that my list jives with everyone else's and to invite others who weren't there to join in!

1. Goals, Objectives and Actions: Jennifer and Judith will attempt to blend the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez charts on Thursday. Upon completion, whichever way it comes out, they will send the results to the email list. Faxes will be sent to Steve Lucero, Robert Cordova and Peter Pino. Steve will share his with Brian Benavidez. Robert will be asked to share his with Ernie Torres. All will be asked to get their comments in ASAP, and no later than 48 hours from the time they were sent. These in turn will be posted on the website, and inserted into the plan. I have been asked to submit this by Monday.

2. Draft plan. Later tonight, I will send the draft to Marti, who has agreed to edit it! Hooray! It will then be sent to the folks assembling the entire water planning document to be inserted, as well as it too will be posted on the website.

3. Endorsement Meeting: We discussed the fact that one of the criteria from the Interstate Stream Commission with respect to the regional water plans is that the planning groups are to present the plan to local governments for review and endorsement. (Criteria and Procedures for Acceptance of Regional Water Plans-

www.seo.state.nm.us/water-info/NMWaterPlanning/criteria.html).

Technically, then, this would involve the incorporated communities and acequias in each watershed. Seeing as how they make up a small percentage of the overall watershed, we decided that it would be useful to invite the major land managers and water use planners / providers to a meeting, hoping to obtain their endorsements as well. The role of the regional water plan should be to create a space whereby the implementers discuss how to manage the entire watershed, while allowing the flexibility necessary to each governmental entity. I would expect discussion on how to knit them together so that watershed management becomes a reality.

The dates of these meetings will be October 21 in Cañon at the Community Center and October 22 in Cuba at the Community Center, both starting at 6 pm. I am attaching a preliminary list of potential invitees. It needs addresses and names added -- so if you will, please take some time to do so. The invitations need to go out soon, so I would ask that the additions be sent in within the next week. Ethel Maharg will coordinate the invitations for the Rio Puerco and Charlotte Mitchell will do so for the Rio Jemez.

4. Open House: To present the plan to the public, there will be an Open House of the draft plan -- on November 14 in Cuba at the Community Center and November 15 in Cañon at the Community Center, both from 10 to noon. The poster boards could then be taken to the respective libraries for further display. As everyone knows, there are a number of tasks to do prior to this time. For starters, we will need a mailing party -- so please plan on setting aside some time for that. I will be working on a flyer, poster boards and a handout.

5. Next meeting: The Steering Committees will next meet in San Ysidro on October 16 at 6:30. At that time, we will finalize the public welfare statement and finalize tasks for the Open House. I asked for everyone to look at the public welfare information sent around last month, starting with the statement from the MRG. Please send me comments within the next two weeks so that they can be pulled together for a coherent discussion. This, too, will be included in the draft plan, though not in the version sent to the printers since that will go out at the end of this month.

I hope that covers the assignments. Volunteers are more than welcome! Drop a line -- and I'll assign! Ciao, Elaine

Public Welfare Info-8/23/03 e-mail

1. Article abstract
2. Jemez y Sangre Fact Sheet
3. Jemez y Sangre Public Welfare statement
4. MRG Public Welfare statement

1. Article abstract

www.1000friends-nm.org/PDF/publicwelfare.pdf

IMPLEMENTING THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIREMENT IN NEW MEXICO'S WATER CODE

Consuelo Bokum

State water management cannot effectively address and incorporate public interest values unless state statutory and regulatory provisions related to water management recognize the values and establish means for responding to them. It is critical that each state assess the adequacy of its existing legal framework and institutions in this regard. - Western Governors' Association

ABSTRACT

Despite the fact that the New Mexico legislature added a public welfare criterion to the water code over 10 years ago, the State Engineer Office has not addressed the application of the criterion by regulation and has only addressed public welfare briefly in a few decisions. There is almost no case law in New Mexico addressing this issue. More

and more participants, however, are raising public welfare in water rights protests. This paper addresses how the public welfare criterion has developed in western water law and proposes an approach for use of the criterion in New Mexico.

2. Jemez y Sangre Fact Sheet

Jemez y Sangre Water Planning Council

Fact Sheet

Regional Water Planning and Public Welfare

WHY MUST PUBLIC WELFARE BE ADDRESSED IN THE REGIONAL WATER PLANNING PROCESS?

In 1987, the New Mexico Legislature passed a law that established a process for regional water planning. That law required regional water plans to give an "adequate review of the effect on the public welfare."

WHY DID THE LEGISLATURE INCLUDE PUBLIC WELFARE IN THE LAWS ESTABLISHING REGIONAL WATER PLANNING?

In the early 1980's, El Paso applied to the New Mexico State Engineer Office to obtain a permit to appropriate water. The State Engineer, relying on a statute that barred exportation of New Mexico's water resources, denied the application. El Paso sued and a federal court ruled that our statute violated the interstate commerce clause of the U.S. Constitution. The court relied on a U.S. Supreme Court case that prohibited bans against exportation of water on economic grounds, but indicated that a state may prevent "uncontrolled" transfers of water out-of-state based on conservation and public welfare considerations.

In response to the El Paso ruling, the New Mexico legislature amended a number of water statutes to give the State Engineer authority to deny an application if it is contrary to conservation of water or detrimental to the public welfare of the state. Significantly, these criteria apply to all new appropriations and transfers, not just to interstate transactions. The legislature also enacted statutes that established a process for regional water planning.

If we can prove that we need the water for our citizens, we can defend against attempts by other states to appropriate our water for use outside the state.

WHY IS PUBLIC WELFARE IMPORTANT?

Public welfare is important for two reasons.

First, when the U.S. Supreme Court provided a means for protecting our water from appropriations by other states, the court emphasized that state statutes must "regulate evenhandedly to effectuate a legitimate local public interest." Therefore, if we hope to retain our water in state to protect our communities, cultures and environment and to promote sustainable use of our water resources, we must apply those same concerns to applications for water to be used in-state. A regulation that clearly applies to all applications--interstate and intrastate--will accomplish the objective of keeping water in New Mexico more effectively.

Second, without public welfare, we have no mechanism for ensuring that the those things we value are not lost and those things that are needed for our future are protected. The public welfare criterion enables us to ask questions about our use of water. For example, do we want to promote sustainable uses of our water? Do we want to dry up our rural areas to supply municipalities? Do we want to encourage industries that need large amounts of water to move here?

WHAT IS PUBLIC WELFARE?

The legislature did not define public welfare, nor has the State Engineer Office or the Interstate Stream Commission. One question for both the state and the Jemez y Sangre region is whether or not we want to define public welfare broadly and, if so, what should be included. The following is a list of public welfare values, most of which are compiled from definitions of public welfare in other western states.

- (1) health and safety;
- (2) economic consequences, including impacts on the existing economy and area of origin of water rights, maintenance of traditional rural and agricultural economies, recreation, and external costs;
- (3) encouragement of conservation and discouragement of waste or impractical or unreasonable uses of water;
- (4) environmental and ecological consequences, including impacts on fish, wildlife and plants, ecologically critical areas, riparian ecosystems, wetlands, and watershed management;
- (5) sustainability, sustained yield, groundwater recharge, and aquifer management;
- (6) water quality;
- (7) loss of alternative uses of water that might be made within a reasonable time if not precluded or hindered by the proposed application;
- (8) opportunities for reuse of return flows;
- (9) protection and enhancement of historic, cultural and natural resources, and aesthetic values;
- (10) preservation of public and trust lands, water and open space;
- (11) scientific study;
- (12) whether high-quality water is being used when locally available low-quality water would suffice;
- (13) public welfare as defined in the regional and state plans or by elected officials in land use planning;
- (14) benefit and harm to the applicant and other persons;
- (15) whether the applicant sets a precedent;
- (16) cumulative impacts; and
- (17) short and long-term consequences of application.

WHAT HAPPENS IF PUBLIC WELFARE IS DEFINED NARROWLY?

If public welfare is defined very narrowly, then it will not have much impact on the way water is managed. We will continue to base decisions only on whether:

- there is unappropriated water available;
- a new use or location will impair existing users; and
- whether the new use or location is contrary to conservation of water.

3. Jemez y Sangre Public Welfare statement

Jemez y Sangre
Regional Water Plan
March 2003

PUBLIC WELFARE STATEMENT FOR JEMEZ Y SANGRE REGION

Water is the element that interconnects all people and their environment in the Jemez y Sangre region, and the region to the larger environment that is the earth. Every person living in the region expects enough water for basic needs, and every person has the responsibility to protect water resources and use their share wisely. Using the best possible information, water planning and decision making should balance diverse needs and reflect the values of the region.

Rural and Wildlands Character

Residents of the Jemez y Sangre region place great value and importance on the preservation of the rural character of the region. Urban and rural residents alike appreciate and wish to maintain the historic, agriculture-based communities, rural vistas, wildlife habitat and attributes of natural landscapes including rivers, streams and trees.

Water Sustainability

Residents understand that the history of the region reflects water scarcity and cycles of drought. It is a high priority of residents of the region to serve current and future human needs without long-term depletion of the available water supply, while maintaining acceptable water quality and healthy interdependent ecological systems. Sustainability requires a combination of efforts, including encouraging conservation and efficiency by all sectors at every scale, discouraging activities that deplete or degrade the water supply, planning for population growth and land use, seeking new water sources that do not impair other regional values, and improving the use of existing water supplies.

Economic Sustainability

Each sub-region has unique economic needs and conditions that depend on the availability of water. It is important to have quality jobs and a healthy economy in order to maintain a good quality of life in the long term.

Water Quality

Water quality is a significant consideration in the region's water supply. In many sub-basins, the available groundwater has been compromised by contamination, either human caused or natural. Wastewater treatment and reuse of treated water should be expanded throughout the region. The available water should be protected from potential contamination from the impacts of human activities or natural events.

Rights and Responsibilities

Water planning must be carried out in a context of respect for water rights and property rights. Like all rights, the right to use water, especially in an arid region, is married to the responsibility to use water efficiently and wisely. The Jemez y Sangre region respects the senior water rights of the pueblos in the region and recognizes pueblos' tribal sovereignty.

Decision Making

In this demographically and geographically diverse region, it is necessary for all governmental and private entities to work together to achieve the goal of a balanced and sustainable water future. Fostering healthy, vibrant communities requires a commitment to open, inclusive dialogue and decision making.

4. MRG Public Welfare statement

Draft of the public welfare statement - Lora Lucero and committee
July 31, 2003

Introduction

This public welfare statement is part of our regional water plan to provide guidance to the State Engineer in decisions concerning applications for transfer and new appropriations of water rights that affect the Middle Rio Grande Region. This public welfare statement will accomplish its purpose if conflicts are reduced in the region, and if decisions reflect the long-term future needs of the region, rather than merely responding to immediate demands. This must not be a static, final statement, but an iterative and evolving declaration which is continuously monitored by the public to ensure that it accurately reflects the welfare of the public, always remembering that there are unknown users and perspectives concerning our water resources that will need to be given a voice in the future.

General Statement

Water has many important values to the people in our region which need to be appreciated and fairly balanced to ensure the overall safety, security and well-being for the region. Such values include cultural, economic, environmental and hydrologic viability for the region. In times of scarcity, everyone must share the responsibility for making painful decisions. The present generation should bear the burden of correcting the past mistakes, while not passing the buck to future generations. The decisions made today must do no harm to the future.

Process

We believe the "public welfare" must be safeguarded by the State Engineer through active management of our limited water resources in the decision-making process used to evaluate new appropriations and transfer of water rights. A weak or flawed decision-making process undermines the "public welfare". The public welfare criterion should be elevated in importance equal to the other two statutory criteria (no impairment and conservation). Transfers of water rights must involve all stakeholders and use the best available science. The public will be better served if the process encourages negotiation, not litigation; if the process provides reasonable and timely notice to and participation by all parties; and if the process avoids automatic (or exempt) transfers made outside of public review. A transfer of paper water rights needs to track the water resource itself (wet water) in order to eliminate the existing problems associated with de facto increases in draws upon this finite resource. Double and triple dipping prevents us from dealing with the current deficit.

Future use of our water resources consistent with the public welfare

The “public welfare” requires that our use of the water resources be consistent with three guiding principles: #1 - we maintain and improve the health of our region’s water resources; #2 - we encourage conservation and discourage waste or impractical or unreasonable use; and #3 - we maximize the efficient use of our limited water resources. The state engineer should consider the following competing water demands when evaluating new appropriations and transfers of water rights: health & safety concerns, recreational interests, aesthetic interests, environmental interests, economic interests, as well as social & cultural interests.

*When considering health & safety concerns, the state engineer should strive to maintain and improve the quality of our water resources as a basic human right to safe drinking water.

*When considering recreational interests, nonconsumptive, rather than new consumptive, recreational uses should be encouraged.

*When considering aesthetic interests, the state engineer should strive to maintain and improve the agricultural and riparian greenbelts along the flowing waters and ditches in our communities.

*When considering environmental interests, the state engineer should maintain and improve the biodiversity of the native ecosystem.

*When considering economic interests, the state engineer should evaluate both the positive and negative impacts of the transfer of water rights on both the area of origin as well as the area receiving the water rights.

*Economic concerns should not be a primary consideration.

*When considering the social & cultural interests, the state engineer should protect the water uses which support the diversity of cultures and traditions existing in our region. The promises contained in the Treaty of Guadalupe should be acknowledged and honored.

**EXAMPLE
RESOLUTION NO. 2003 – ___**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
THE RÍO PUERCO Y RÍO JEMEZ SUBREGIONAL WATER PLAN**

WHEREAS, communities, water users and stakeholders in Río Puerco y Río Jemez Subregional Water Planning Region wish to work cooperatively to protect, preserve and enhance the sustainability of water resources of the Region, and

WHEREAS, the Río Puerco y Río Jemez Subregional Water Planning Steering Committees, which is comprised of ___ groups in the Region, has undertaken extensive public involvement over a 5-year period with over \$35,000 in grants from the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission and greater amounts of in-kind contributions from stakeholders, and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committees has examined the amount and quality of water available and current water demands, has projected an additional future water demand of ___ acre-feet per year by 20__ for the Río Puerco y Río Jemez Subregional Water Planning Region and developed alternatives for meeting or reducing those projected demands and for protecting existing water supplies, and

WHEREAS, the regions of the state are expected to submit a regional plan to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission for its acceptance, and

WHEREAS, the Río Puerco y Río Jemez Subregional Water Planning Steering Committees have developed alternatives for the Region, which may be pursued jointly by the Steering Committees, by an individual entity, or by entities working together in a cooperative effort; and

WHEREAS, the Río Puerco y Río Jemez Water Plan has been developed by using current available information and sound scientific approaches with extensive public participation throughout the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of _____, that, the Governing Body endorses the Río Puerco y Río Jemez Subregional Water Plan and will evaluate the alternatives in developing future water plans.

NAME

TITLE

DATE

EXAMPLE

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
THE RIO PUERCO AND RIO JEMEZ SUBREGIONAL WATER PLAN

Whereas, the communities and water users and stakeholders in the Río Puerco and Río Jemez wish to work cooperatively to protect, preserve and enhance the water resources of the watershed

Whereas, the majority of the water used in the watershed is supplied by surface water and is therefore vulnerable to drought conditions and therefore a drought plan was prepared

Whereas, in many years water supplies are insufficient to entirely fulfill many of the existing water rights in the watershed

Whereas, agricultural and municipal water conservation provides for a more efficient use of water

Whereas there is a potential for water rights to be sold or transferred outside of the region and the water plan provides a means of protecting water rights in the region

Whereas, erosion has resulted in a loss of irrigable lands and grazing lands

Whereas, water supplies are vulnerable to water quality degradation resulting from catastrophic fire, septic tanks, or other sources

Whereas, additional hydrogeologic and water quality data is needed to fully evaluate the sustainability, quality, and development potential of groundwater resources in the declared basins within the watersheds

Whereas, domestic wells are impacting surface water supplies and senior water rights holders

Whereas the Río Puerco y Río Jemez Subregional Water Planning Steering Committees have recommended pursuit of the following preferred alternatives:

- Develop county and city water conservation ordinances
- Implement agricultural water conservation measures
- Recycle municipal wastewater for agricultural and recreational use
- Manage watersheds to improve yield, implement watershed groups to undertake projects, and obtain funding and adopt watershed management plans that address private and public lands
- Develop and implement county-wide septic tank and other water quality control ordinances
- Develop 40-year water plans and secure water to meet future demand
- Pursue water rights transfers or leases that could supply projected demand
- Implement growth management and land use planning
- Develop and implement city and county ordinances to control private wells
- Appropriate and reserve groundwater for the region
- Implement drought contingency plan
- Provide public education and outreach program

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the _____, that:

1. _____ supports implementation of the Río Puerco y Río Jemez Subregional Water Plan/
2. Continued implementation of the drought mitigation plan and support for the subregional drought task force is encouraged
3. Intergovernmental cooperation on water supply development and/or protection is encouraged
4. Projects that support wise use of water resources, including agricultural and municipal water conservation, are encouraged. For example, lining agricultural canals to reduce losses would allow for significantly more water to be applied to crops.
5. Due to vulnerability to drought conditions, improving storage capacity and reservoir management is encouraged
6. Watershed activities and programs which help prevent catastrophic fires and support the health of the watersheds are encouraged
7. Activities which prevent water quality degradation, such as regulation of septic tanks, subdivision drainage, or wellhead protection, are encouraged
8. Hydrogeologic investigation and monitoring of surface and groundwater resources is encouraged

9. Domestic well use should be metered and limited to no more than 1 acre-foot per year, and, in critical areas such as the____, further restrictions on domestic wells may be needed to protect senior water rights holders.

Minutes Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committees
Thursday October 16, 2003
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
San Ysidro Village Hall

9 Attendees:

Terry Johnson
Jennifer Johnson
Ernest R. Torrez
Robert L. Cordova
Judith Isaacs
Rebecca Christman
Charlotte Mitchell
Steve M. Lucero
Elaine Hebard (Notes)

1. Review of Project to date
 - a. Elaine related that the Scope of Work with Mid-Region Council of Governments was basically completed in June, with the reports being finalized for submission.
 - b. Jennifer has prepared two notebooks of material as the Phase II Report - Public Involvement Program; Development Of Mission Statement, Goals, And Alternatives; and Development Of The Combined Sub-Regional Scenario, plus lots of appendix materials. Included in the appendices are mailing lists which should be of great benefit for future committees.
 - c. RPyRJ Plan incorporates the Phase II Report as Sections 2, 9 and 10, plus appendices. The Table of Contents includes the following:

Section 12.0 - Summary
Section 12.1 - Introduction
Section 12.2 - Public Involvement Program
Section 12.3 - Physical Characteristics Or Why Do We Look The Way We Do?
Section 12.4 - A Historical Perspective
Section 12.5 - Water Supply
Section 12.6 - Water Use
Section 12.7 - Population Yesterday And Today
Section 12.8 - Quantifying Future Water Demand
Section 12.9 - Development Of Mission Statement, Goals, And Alternatives
Section 12.10 - Development Of The Combined Sub-Regional Scenario
Section 12.11 - Issues And Constraints
Section 12.12 - Tools, Ideas And Recommendations
Section 12.13 - Sample Projects & Groups

Bibliography

Thanks to Judith Isaacs for slaving over the Bibliography!

d. Elaine passed out copies of MRG Plan and RPyRJ Plan & RPyRJ Summary for:

Jemez Springs
San Ysidro
Cuba Library
Jemez Library

Passed out copies of RPyRJ Plan & RPyRJ Summary for

Cuba Soil & Water Conservation District
La Jara Acequia
Torreon Chapter House
Cuba (Robert Cordova has Cuba's copy of MRG Plan)
Jemez Pueblo
Zia Pueblo
Jennifer Johnson
Elaine Hebard

Still to be delivered copies of RPyRJ Plan & RPyRJ Summary:

County Commission
County Commission

2. Review of Plan Summary

Elaine requested that attendees review the Plan Summary in preparation for next week's endorsement workshops.

3. Review & Discussion of Public Welfare Statement

Ernie Torrez said that there was no mention of water being quantifiable as a tax base. Irrigated land is taxed differently than grazing land. Grazing land is appraised as low as \$3.60 an acre (in Lordsburg?), while his family's irrigated land in La Jara is \$675 an acre. One third of that, or \$200 an acre, reaches the public coffers and is the public welfare, supporting schools, roads, etc. Irrigated lands then drive the economic value of the area. Same with commercial cattle vs. registered cattle.

Elaine suggested that the group needed a working definition of public welfare.

Robert Cordova and Ernie agreed that public welfare is property.

Steve Lucero said that public welfare was the community.

Robert Cordova asked about the difference between water management and water rights.

Ernie said that his property right is compromised over time by public welfare. If the plan compromises property, he will have a legal remedy.

Judith said that she could accept the first MRG Public Welfare statement sent around. Elaine mentioned that there had been two versions since then, which had been sent by email but not everyone had had time to review.

Robert suggested that the two basins have separate public welfare statements, since they are different. He acknowledged the pressures being felt by the Río Jemez.

Steve said that the pressures felt by the Río Jemez today would be felt by the Río Puerco tomorrow, so that he didn't think there was that much difference.

Decisions:

Judith and Rebecca Christman agreed to work on the Río Jemez's public welfare statement, send a draft to Elaine who would then distribute it including faxing it to Steve and Peter Pino. The accepted version will be sent to the *Jemez Thunder* for publication, along with a notice about the Open House in November. Publication date is October 25, so everything needs to be finalized before then.

Ernie and Robert agreed to work on the draft of the Río Puerco's public welfare statement, with others in the basin. The draft is to be sent to Elaine by the end of the month. It will be presented at the Open House in Cuba. If the *Cuba News* comes out prior to the Open House, it will also be sent for inclusion.

4. Preparation for Endorsement Workshop

a. review of endorsement resolution draft

Rather than discuss the draft, Elaine asked that comments be submitted to her by Monday October 20th.

b. Arrangements

Río Jemez, Tuesday October 21 in Cañon - Charlotte Mitchell will open the Community Center, prepare coffee and set out refreshments. Steve will make a few remarks, and Elaine will summarize the Plans and present the draft resolution. Then Q&A begins. Steering Committee members can help to answer questions!

Río Puerco, Wednesday October 22 in Cuba - Elaine will get in touch with Peggy Ohler and Ethel Maharg to ensure that refreshments arrangements are made. Same program.

c. Purpose

Ernie thought that the purpose was to obtain an endorsement or not at the workshop. Elaine said that any endorsement would have to come at a regularly scheduled meeting, such as the Cuba Village Council, and that this was a workshop to discuss the plan, the endorsement draft and where to go from here. Also, in order to be accepted by the Water Trust Board, projects need to be included in the plan.

5. Purpose of Open House Discussion

After a short discussion, the purposes agreed to were to:

Display the plan on poster boards

Dot vote on actions so that if the Steering Committee determines to continue, this list might provide both guidance and aid in locating potential funding assistance

Ernie questioned the Friday morning time of the Cuba event. Since that was an action taken last month, the suggestion was to discuss with Ethel the idea of either changing the time, or being open in the evening as well.

6. Assignment of Tasks for Open House (November 14 in Cuba at the Community Center; November 15 in Cañon at the Community Center, both from 10-noon)

- a. Ernie agreed to work on an article for the *Albuquerque Journal*, which he will send to Elaine by the end of the month.
- b. Judith and Rebecca will work on the public welfare statement (and an accompanying article?) for the *Jemez Thunder*.
- c. Judith will post notices in various locales in the Jemez Springs area, announcing the Open House.
- d. Jennifer will send invitations to anyone who has attended any of the earlier workshops or meetings.
- e. Steering Committee members will be available to answer questions
- f. Elaine will prepare the summary and poster boards.

7. What next?

The result of a short discussion was that this question should be posed to the endorsement workshop attendees.

No next meeting has been scheduled. Follow up communications will be handled by email, telephone and fax. Meeting concluded at 8:45

**Notes of RPyRJ Public Workshops
and Miscellaneous upcoming items
Saturday November 15, 2003
Canon, Cuba**

Charlotte did a super job arranging the Community Center in Cañon - great snacks as usual! Marti, Jennifer, Terry and Rebecca were vital in setting up the tables and posters, and then all were great as greeters and explainers. Then we moved up to Cuba, when Ethel opened up for Paul, who was joined by Marti, Jennifer, Terry and Marion in setting up the tables and posters, and Peggy came in with snacks. Gilbert and Emmett attended both as well, and were excellent connections with the community, joining other team members as greeters and explainers.

It was not a "ghost town" in Cuba, as Robert had foretold the Water Resources Board. Both Robert and Ernie have gone to many organizations and complained that they are not being heard. Here was a forum specifically created to be heard so it seemed silly to boycott it. Robert did show up (but didn't sign in- Jennifer added his name to the list for him).

Many submitted their comments. Comments are due by December 1, folks should submit theirs -- even if they like the plan! In the event that it helps, I am attaching a set of the posters and comment sheets, as well as the synopsis of the plan. The latter two were the handouts, with comments specifically gathered on the objectives and potential actions, and the draft Río Jemez Public Welfare Statement. to finalize the Plan, I believe there needs to be two more meetings before Christmas. We have three quite substantive subjects to deal with and I don't want anyone to feel shortchanged. One involves the comments, one the Public Welfare Statement(s) and one Next Steps. The MRG Plan --including Chapter 12-- is slated to head off to the printers after Christmas. So the most immediate concern is to make sure that we have finalized everything before then.

One meeting will deal with the comments. No date has been set since we are lacking the ISC input. As the comment date cutoff is December 1, we can't meet before that. At that time, the Steering Committees will need to (1) determine a process by which the comments will be handled (ie, is a substantive change needed, or is this an editorial rework, or a new idea, or an opinion about a potential action, or should all comments just be included in the appendices), and (2) then review and handle all of the comments together.

The other meeting will be to discuss the comments made to the draft Rio Jemez Public Welfare Statement, review Ernie's and Marion's statements, and finalize at least one statement for the Plan. Even though the cutoff date for comments on the draft Public Welfare Statement is also December 1, perhaps this meeting can be held sooner, such as the 25th, or 12/1 or 2, reviewing it if any further comments do come in. (I am also available the 8, 9, 15, 16, and 18 for a meeting. I'm afraid I don't recall when San Ysidro, Jemez Springs and Cuba hold their meetings.). At the later meeting, the Plan will need to be finalized so that it can receive a final group blessing, as it will then be formatted and sent to the printers.

Various local and tribal governmental entities are contemplating the current draft. It would be appropriate to present the final document --highlighting any changes-- to them in January when

seeking final endorsement. Someone(s) will need to coordinate the endorsement activity. It would be really good if there were a team of presenters -- two in each basin? -- who could be available to present. Perhaps those teams could be formed at the second meeting to begin formulating a presentation.

I would suggest bumping to a January meeting the discussion of who is going to be the next coordinator, and how is this process going to continue. Hopefully, in addition to the suggestions and volunteers obtained at the Open Houses, folks have come up with their ideas as to what actions to take to attain which goals. A list and calendar could be created from that. To carry all of this out, a coordinator needs to be found. Perhaps a list of what tasks that coordinator should perform could also be assembled -- so again those ideas could be forthcoming at the meeting. In addition, an update about the presentations to local governments, together with reports on endorsements and any comments received, could be made.

On an administrative note, Peggy Ohler is the keeper of the comments received to date. I have asked her to keep them together, and to transcribe all comments received over the next few weeks. (Peggy, please holler if you need some assistance.) My feeling is that it's not helpful to send out the comments piecemeal at this time. Whatever is done with the comments at our meeting, those changes will be sent to the editor as well as included verbatim in the appendices. Of course, the editor (and me) will also need time to finalize our work. Currently, MRCOG and the Water Assembly are exploring with the ISC the possibility of not submitting the Final MRG Plan until January 31, 2004. It looks like the extension will be granted. The version printed at the end of December will be called the Preliminary Plan. Once printed, it will also be distributed to the libraries and Village Halls. I would expect that MRCOG will have workshops for local government officials in early January, and that there will be Open Houses, one in each county. Comments on the Preliminary Plan will be taken through January.

Any additional comments applying to the RP y RJ subregional plan will have to be dealt with. If minor, a small team could be designated to handle them. If major, the Steering Committees will have to be pulled together.

I did want to mention that a note has been sent to a wide variety of entities to submit a list of water projects. I have asked Matt Holmes and Lupe Aragon of Rural Water Association, as well as Mike Trujillo of MRCOG, to send me thoughts of what might be included. That's in addition to the suggestions contained in last year's letter from the Water Trust Board and their rules. Don Buttry has already worked up a draft list for Regina. Perhaps Don and a couple of others would be willing to coordinate completion of this activity. (There is a list of entities asked to submit a list.) While it would be great to get the lists by the first of December, they will not be included in the Preliminary Plan if not received by 12/20. If not submitted by then, then the final cutoff date to be included in the Plan will be about the 25th of January.

Summarized, here is a rough Time Line:
Comments due 1-Dec

Peggy Transcription _____
SC - Public Welfare Statement Meeting _____

SC - Comment Review Meeting _____

Edits Completed _____

Chapters 3 - 8, 11, 12 (emh) 10-Dec

Chapters 2, 9, and 10 (jj) _____

Chapters 1 and Summary (emh) 16-Dec

Appendices (ji) _____

Ed - Send Formatted Chapter 12 and Appendices to MRG Editors 26-Dec

MRG Plan sent out 31-Dec

List of Water Projects 20-Dec

(SC

Cc Steering Committees)

The suggested agenda for the next meetings:

1/__/03 - San Ysidro

A. Public Welfare Statement

(review material beforehand)

* discuss the comments made to the draft Rio Jemez Public Welfare Statement,

* review Ernie's and Marion's statements, and

* finalize at least one statement for the Plan.

B. Report on Assignments

1/__/03 - San Ysidro

A. Comments to Plan

(1) determine a process by which the comments will be handled (ie, is a substantive change needed, or is this an editorial rework, or a new idea, or an opinion about a potential action, or should all comments just be included in the appendices), and

(2) review and handle all of the comments together.

C. Presentation

(1) Discuss endorsement process & designate a coordinator(s) to follow up on them

(2) Form presentation teams

D. Report on Assignments

I am hopeful that Paul Yoder will agree to act as moderator of the meeting -- keeping time and progress with grace!

By Thursday, please send the dates you can meet in the next month to Charlotte

<mitchell@sulphurcanyon.com>, whom I hope will sort through them as well as the dates of the Village meetings, and come up with two dates for the next two meetings. Those will hopefully be posted by Friday.

A very sketchy agenda for a January meeting:

1/??/04 - San Ysidro

A. Update (from teams)

- * on the presentations to local governments,
- * reports on endorsements, and
- * report on any comments received

B. Coordinator

- * agree upon a list of tasks a coordinator would perform
- * designate ___ or CS&WCD ? to prepare an RFP (if funds are available)

C. Next Steps - how is this process going to continue?

- * review the suggestions and volunteers from Open Houses
- * review ideas as to what actions to take to attain which goals
- * prepare a list and calendar from those ideas
- * designate someone to prepare a grant proposal, to negotiate with MRCOG /ISC for Phase III, or ?

(Just for the record, I will be unavailable from 12/27 to 1/7 and as well as the 8, 13, 14 and 15. The 12th is a remote possibility for me attending a meeting.)

Wow! Looks like a good deal of work to be done in the next month. My hope is that the Steering Committees will volunteer for tasks, since I really have to cut back my time. Thanks again mucho, Elaine

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December 1, 2003

Mayor Steve Lucero
Village of San Ysidro
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We have been asked to finish the subregional plan by December 12. In order to be timely, I am trying to make sure that all outstanding information requests are filled. This might include filling out the questionnaire sent by Jennifer Johnson last spring and attached to this note. It also might include submitting a list of projects for the Water Trust Board. Finally, it might include additions or corrections to the information contained in the draft plan so that the plan has as complete a water picture of supply and demand as possible. Please send any information to be included as soon as possible.

The Steering Committees will meet on December 8 at 6:30 in San Ysidro. As can be seen in the tentative agenda below, we have our work cut out. I hope that we can reach closure on the first two items. The items in C, of less importance, can hopefully be covered as well. The group will

need to work efficiently and respectfully so as to complete the tasks. Your presence would be greatly appreciated! Gracias,
Elaine

Tentative Agenda
12/08/03 - San Ysidro
6:30 pm

A. Public Welfare Statement

(please review material beforehand and bring your copies)

- * review & discuss the comments made to the draft Río Jemez Public Welfare Statement,
- * review & discuss Ernie's and Marion's suggestions, and
- * adopt one statement, or one for each watershed, for the Plan.

B. Comments to Plan

All comments received will be included in the document.

Review and discuss those comments which may require a substantive change.

C. Subcommittees & Other Tasks

- (1) Discuss endorsement process & designate a coordinator(s) to follow up on them
- (2) Form presentation teams, if need be
- (3) Water Projects list and Project Catalogue - designate a coordinator(s) to follow up on this task
- (4) Form education, etc. subcommittees
- (5) Select an interim coordinator or ?
 - compile a list of the ideas as to what actions to take to attain which goals
 - propose a calendar
 - create a list of tasks that should be performed
 - produce a list of suggestions as to how those might be accomplished
- (6) Submit proposal to fund a watershed committee?

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Suggested criteria for changing the plan should be:

1. To delete an action item it has to be shown that that item does not uphold the objective under which it is placed. The same would hold for an Objective, that it doesn't uphold the Goal under which it is placed.
2. To add an objective or action item, it must be shown to uphold the category under which it is placed. If it conflicts with an existing action item then possibly the conflict needs to be noted, resolved, discussed.
3. Other wording, that broadens or generalizes an idea already in the plan may be substituted for the existing words.

4. Use the "Benefits" column to define the desired outcome expected by or from the item, or the meaning of an item.

Remember that the Plan is a culmination of input from many and varied publics!

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Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2003 12:12 AM
Subject: RPyRJ draft meeting notes
[w/1 attachment]

Hi folks, I'm tired and facing a bank of meetings in the next two days. I tried to write up what we discussed last night, together with a draft of the new Public Welfare Statement. I'd appreciate it if someone would take a look at these before I send them out soon. Please think about how the homework can be phrased to get some feedback.

Dennis Smith has already written to say that his name can be included with his comment in the Epilogue. Thanks, Elaine

PS - I really read the two Endorsement Drafts. The two main things that I saw might be added to the draft resolutions:

1. With respect to the third paragraph, that it should include local governments, to wit: WHEREAS, the planning process had the benefit of \$35,000 in grants from the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission and the Mid-Region Council of Governments, as well as contributions from Cuba Soil & Water Conservation District and other participants, and

2. The endorsement signature was changed to:
PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the governing body of _____, this
____ day of _____, 2003. _____

Mayor or County Commission Chair _____

Date

ATTEST: _____

Municipal or County Clerk

(SEAL)

Minutes Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committees

**Monday, December 8 at 6:30 pm.
San Ysidro**

Attendees: Charlotte Mitchell, Judith Isaacs, Peter Pino, Steve Lucero, Terry Johnson, Jennifer Johnson. Facilitated by Elaine Hebard. Snacks provided by Charlotte!

Items discussed included:

A. Public Welfare Statement

We reviewed the draft Río Jemez Public Welfare Statement, Ernie's and Marion's thoughts, and the comments made to the public welfare statement at the Open Houses. From that, we added two principles, and included Río Puerco as an adoptee. (Marion Woolf had phoned in her approval of the draft.) Elaine agreed to type in the edits, set out below.

B. Comments to Plan

We read the comments from the Open Houses, typed up courtesy Jennifer, as well as the comments submitted by Ernie Torrez to the Water Resources Board on November 12. No one saw any specific item which needed to be changed. The Steering Committees agreed that the comments should be included in an Epilogue to be printed with the Subregional Plan. Jennifer agreed to review the comments to see if any suggestions were appropriate to include in the Plan itself, and to type up comments to send to Judith for inclusion in the Epilogue.

C. Subcommittees & Other Tasks

We discussed that there were three chores to finish up with respect to the plan, as Steve so succinctly said. They were to follow up on:

- (1) Endorsements
- (2) Water Projects lists
- (3) Questionnaire information

Charlotte is going to take the lead in the Río Jemez, hopefully with the help of others, to check up on the status of these activities in the Río Jemez. Peggy Ohler, with Jennifer's help, will check up on the status of same in the Río Puerco. While all information is to be sent to Peggy as the repository, Elaine agreed that if same comes in within the next week, it will also get included in this version of the plan.

We talked about next steps. Elaine agreed to facilitate *one* more meeting, in late January, to review the ISC Comments, should they be available and to have an update on the chores reported back to the Steering Committees. Most of all, the meeting would be to discuss Next Steps.

As your homework for the next month, please send to Elaine by January 15 thoughts with respect to the following:

- Compile a list of the ideas as to what actions to take to attain which goals
- Propose a calendar
- Create a list of tasks that should be performed
- Produce a list of suggestions as to how those might be accomplished

By the way, don't forget to contact Marti Blad if you are interested in working on a grant proposal for the Río Jemez to fund a watershed committee.

Thanks all, and have a merry holiday season! Elaine

Río Jemez & Río Puerco Public Welfare Statement

Introduction

This public welfare statement is for the Río Jemez and Río Puerco watersheds, being subregions to the Middle Río Grande Regional Water Planning Region. It is part of our subregional water plan to provide guidance to the State Engineer in decisions concerning applications for transfer and new appropriations of water rights that affect the Río Jemez or the Río Puerco. This public welfare statement will accomplish its purpose if conflicts are reduced in the subregions, and if decisions reflect the long-term future needs of the subregions, rather than merely responding to immediate demands. This must not be a static, final statement, but an iterative and evolving declaration which is continuously monitored by the public to ensure that it accurately reflects the welfare of the public, always remembering that there are unknown users and perspectives concerning our water resources that will need to be given a voice in the future.

General Statement

Water has many important values to the people in our subregions which need to be appreciated and fairly balanced to ensure the overall safety, security and well-being for the subregions. Such values include cultural, spiritual, economic, environmental and hydrologic viability for the subregions. In times of scarcity, everyone must share the responsibility for living within the shortage. We recognize the current deficit situation and have a duty to balance water use with renewable supply, starting now and in the future. Decisions should be made so as to keep as many options as possible open for future generations.

Process

We believe the “public welfare” must be safeguarded by the State Engineer through active management of our limited water resources in the decision-making process used to evaluate new appropriations and transfer of water rights. A strong decision-making process supports “public welfare”. Public welfare is equal in importance to the other two statutory criteria (impairment and conservation). Transfers of water rights must be open to all affected stakeholders and use the best available science. The public will be better served if the process encourages negotiation, not litigation. The process must provide reasonable and timely notice to and allow participation by all parties. The process must avoid automatic (or exempt) transfers or permits made outside of public review. Wet water use must be consistent with the administrative transfer of water rights (Double and triple dipping should be avoided). The evaluation of transfer must consider both the positive and negative impacts of the transfer of water rights on both the area of origin as well as the area receiving the water rights.

Future use of our water resources consistent with the public welfare

The “public welfare” requires that our use of the water resources be consistent with five guiding principles:

#1 - we respect the essential role of water in maintaining our spiritual and cultural values;

#2 - we maintain and improve the health of our region's water resources; i.e., the greatest benefit to water users in the watershed is to slow the rate of flow and keep as much water up here (in the mountains) as we can;

#3 - we encourage conservation and discourage waste (e.g., impractical or unreasonable use);

#4 - we optimize the efficient use of our limited water resources in the context of restoring watersheds; and

#5 - we enhance a rural agricultural economy as opposed to urban growth.

The state engineer should consider the following competing water demands when evaluating new appropriations and transfers of water rights: including but not limited to health and safety concerns, economic interests, agricultural interests, environmental interests, social and cultural interests, aesthetic interests, recreational interests, and municipal and domestic interests.

- When considering health and safety concerns, the state engineer should strive to maintain and improve the quality of our water resources as a basic human right to safe drinking water.
- When considering economic interests, the state engineer should evaluate both the positive and negative impacts of the transfer of water rights on both the area of origin as well as the area receiving the water rights. Economic concerns should not be a primary consideration.
- When considering agricultural interests, the state engineer should strive to develop and maintain a vibrant and efficient agricultural ecosystem, recognizing that agriculture has economic, ecologic, historic, and cultural values.
- When considering environmental interests, the state engineer should maintain and improve ecosystem biodiversity. The state engineer should also consider instream flows as being essential for the region.
- When considering social & cultural interests, the state engineer should protect water uses which support the diversity of communities, cultures and traditions existing in our region. The promises contained in the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo should be acknowledged and honored.
- When considering aesthetic interests, the state engineer should strive to maintain and improve the agricultural and riparian greenbelts along the flowing waters and ditches in our communities.
- When considering recreational interests, low consumptive recreational uses should be encouraged.
- When considering municipal and domestic needs, the State Engineer should strive to sustain an adequate water supply to meet these needs. The State Engineer should connect water use decisions with local land use decisions.

2 - OUTREACH

BROCHURE

PRESENTATIONS and NOTES, WATER USER'S QUESTIONNAIRE, and RESPONSES

**Río Puerco y Río Jemez
Steering Committee
for joint sub-regional water planning**

What is regional water planning? Why do it? Who is the Rio Jemez and Rio Puerco Joint Watershed Steering Committee? What have we been doing? Where are we going? How can you be involved?

BACKGROUND

As part of its mandate to protect New Mexico's water, the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) is to prepare a state water plan. Prior to doing so, the ISC designated sixteen water planning regions throughout the state, and then asked them to prepare regional water plans in accord with the *New Mexico Regional Water Planning Handbook* and §72-14-44 NMSA. As designated by the ISC, Region 12 includes the Middle Rio Grande, the Rio Puerco, and the Rio Jemez watersheds.

Sub-regional committees to represent the rural interests of the Rio Jemez watershed and the Rio Puerco watershed were to be established in accord with the Scope of Work between the ISC and the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (now Mid-Region, or MRCOG). Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District (CS&WDC) agreed with MRCOG to be the fiscal agent for the process.

WHAT IS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING?

According to the *Handbook*, water planning is "the budgeting of an essential and finite resource," and it may be used together with other planning tools at a local, regional and state level. The *Handbook* also strongly urges "participation, awareness and involvement of the people in the region," saying that "successful plans are marked by the support, understanding and consensus generated by the planning process." A copy of the *Handbook* can be obtained from the Interstate Stream Commission at (505) 827-6161 or www.seo.state.nm.us/doing-business/water-plan/rwp-handbook.html.

WHY DO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING?

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. Without a plan, someone else will make the decisions for us. Regional water planning allows all stakeholders to help determine the direction of water use within the region. 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.

WHO ARE WE?

In July 2001, the Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committee was formed to allow resident within the sub-regions to participate in the watershed planning process. We hope to include local governments, sovereign pueblos and tribes, acequia associations and Parcientes, soil and water conservation districts, school districts, mutual domestic water users, state and federal land and water resources management agencies, farmers and ranchers, and recreation and environmental advocacy groups. We have agreed "it is of vital interest to cooperatively develop and implement the regional water plan."

WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO DATE?

Beginning in January 2000, workshops and meetings have been held. Besides resulting in the formation of the Steering Committee, an interim mission statement and goals were formulated, and preliminary water management alternatives selected. In February of this year, workshops were held in both Cuba and Cañon to accept these and prioritize the alternatives.

Mission Statement

The residents of the Río Puerco y Río Jemez Sub-watersheds promote a sustainable balance between the availability and use of water, promote healthy watersheds, and promote retention of a rural lifestyle to benefit local communities and residents.

Non-Prioritized Goals

- Restore and manage the watersheds on public and private land to enhance water production, retention, and quality, to reduce the threat of wildfire, and to preserve natural systems dependent on water.
- Support the cultural and spiritual values of water, and the universal need for and importance of water.
- Ensure treaty, water and acequia rights to preserve and protect local agricultural traditions.
- Retain land use patterns that support and ensure a rural lifestyle and economy.
- Promote the conservation of water.
- Promote education for area residents regarding the connection between land use, water and environmental health, and ways to conserve water. These concepts should be incorporated into the curriculum of area schools.
- Provide for monitoring the implementation of the water plan.

Alternatives

- Protect Water Rights
- Manage and Restore our Watersheds
- Manage Growth and Land Use Together
- Reduce Water Demand
- Increase Water Storage Capacity in Rural Areas
- Manage Drought
- Reuse Wastewater (Gray)
- Identify fire-fighting water
- Prohibit sale of water from region
- Implement Public Education Program
- Install Domestic Supply Wells
- Reduce Water Loss in Acequias
- Capture Flood Flows
- Use Surface and Groundwater in Combination
- Remove Trace Elements From Water to Increase Supply

WHERE ARE WE GOING FROM HERE?

The focus of the May Workshops was to discuss and choose a preferred scenario. These goals, alternatives and scenarios will, in turn, be included as an integral part of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. This fall we will be reviewing the draft plan. Additionally, we will be looking for ways to implement the goals, such as holding topical workshops and educational events. Your assistance is essential!

HOW TO PARTICPATE

Regional Water Planning needs all of us involved so that the plan truly represents the diversity of our region. Please join us! The Steering Committee meets monthly in both watersheds to ensure that the regional water plan includes the visions and values of the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez sub-regions.

For more information, please contact: Peggy Ohler at the Cuba Soil and Water District, (505) 289-3950 or <pegohler@yahoo.com>. As part of Region 12, information about our activities can be found on the Water Assembly's website, www.waterassembly.org, then scroll down to "The sub-regions-Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez."

The Subregions - Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez

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Notes of CUBA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, March 27, 2003 7:00 – 10:00 PM
Jennifer A. Johnson

I wasn't on the agenda so had to wait til the public comment period at the end of the meeting. There are two big events that will be taking place the weekend of May 3rd which makes that date impractical for the water planning workshop to be held in Cuba.

Winona Ward told the Councilors that she was undertaking a Cinco de Mayo weekend for Cuba. This was the first the Councilors had heard about this and the Mayor was worried that with all the apparent publicity that Winona was putting out Cuba would end up looking bad. She decided that Cuba needed to get involved even at such late notice.

Joe Quintana explained to the Cuba Councilors how to apply for money for developing a Comprehensive Plan. The time scale is to get the paper work in to ask for funding by April. It would take about a month for the application to be accepted and then planning could begin about June. Joe Q seemed to be pushing for them to use the MRCOG to actually do the plan. He said it would take about a year and would cost Cuba about \$1500 dollars (their share of the match). He also said they could do the plan. But he really seemed to be down playing this. He told them they had to have a meeting about the plan and that it had to be separate from their monthly meeting. He thought they could hold a half hour meeting just before the council meeting and then break to the Council meeting. That would probably be next month.

The Councilors appointed a Planning and Zoning committee (Aparcio Herrera Jr, Leo? Herrera, Lupe Aragon, Ethyl Mahrag, and someone else).

The Fair Board was there asking to have a joint meeting (informal) with the Councilors in order to work out a way that they could communicate in their activities. I had recently talked with Roberto Rodriquez about getting involved in the water planning representing the Fair Board. Apparently some people in RR would like to move the Fair to that area. RW has been trying to keep it in Cuba saying Cuba needs something from the County. The present Board would really like to turn it into a bigger event and also broaden its year-round use. That could take a lot of water. Horse and livestock use tons of water. So, they really need to be involved in water planning.

I gave each council member a State Water Plan Template Handbook, a copy of the WA Alternatives, and a copy of the Cuba News with my first article in it. I read to them a prepared statement (attached below, App4 Sec3 pg5) and gave each a copy of the statement.

I asked them if they had any questions and mentioned how water planning would fit nicely into the upcoming comprehensive planning process.

Jennifer Johnson
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March 27, 2003

Hello,

My name is Jennifer Johnson and I am a member of the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Sub-watersheds Steering Committee. The sub-watersheds comprise a portion of the Middle Rio Grande Region of the State Water Planning process.

I wrote an article, which appears in the latest edition of the Cuba News, describing the state water planning process in general and the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez planning process in particular. If you haven't done so already, I encourage you to read it.

I am here tonight to invite Cuba Village officials and residents to get involved in this final stage of the planning process.

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Five scenario topics were created at the last public workshop held Saturday, February 22, 2003 in Cuba. They include Environment & Watershed, Village Vitality, Rural Communities, Agriculture (acequias and ranching), and Do Nothing.

It is important that Cuba plan for its future because much depends on water availability. Where, out of the Middle Rio Grande Region's future water budget, will water for economic development come from?

How will Cuba participate in the future marketing of local small businesses?

What will Cuba do when a larger urban area realizes that Cuba has no plans for water use and decide they could plan for and use that water?

With planning, Cuba would be eligible to utilize the State Water Trust Fund for future projects. Without planning they are ineligible.

We would very much like Cuba Village to participate in creating a vision statement for Village Vitality 2050 to share at the May workshop. Numerous village and area residents have participated in past Steering Committee meetings and public workshops. There are many more who would be interested in participating in the vision process. I would be happy to work with you to set up a Vision process. But this needs to be undertaken soon.

The next and final public workshop in Cuba will be from 2 PM to 5 PM on Saturday, May 3rd.

Meeting Notes
Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committee
For joint sub-regional water planning with
Torreon Chapter House
PO Box 1024, Cuba, NM 87013
505-731-2336
April 16, 2003, 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Notes submitted by Jennifer Johnson

Jennifer Johnson	289-9183
Sam Sala	
Evi Tachine	Secretary
Sherwood Willetto	Land Board
Leo Charley	Chapter President

I saw Pat Kutzner about April 10th or so and told her I would like to do outreach to Torreon Chapter. She mentioned that Torreon was in the midst of doing a Land Use Plan and that the Board would be meeting the next Wednesday. She suggested I go to the meeting and tell them about the State Water Planning process. I arrived at Torreon Chapter House about 12:50 PM and since I didn't have an appointment with them I wasn't sure they would have the time to put me on their agenda. Sam Sala was talking with a planner from Arizona, so I introduced myself to him (we actually new each other by sight since we both attended Rio Puerco Management Committee meetings), and asked him if it would be okay for me to speak to the Land Board about the state's water planning effort. We talked for about 25 minutes about the Rio Puerco Management Committee, his watershed work with Torreon youth, and about educational materials that the Navajo Nation has prepared. I told him about a friend of mine who lives in La Jara now, but who, with her husband, use to work in Window Rock teaching about permaculture and gardening. Land Board members began to arrive. After everyone was present I introduced myself and then gave my prepared statement, a copy of which I gave to each person present.

Torreon is nearing completion of a Land Use Plan and they thought it was very good to be talking about water since they hadn't looked at water when doing the plan.

I gave them a copy of the MRGCOG map showing the sub-regions and explained to them about how the sub-regions came about. I also stressed that I wasn't sure how Torreon fitted into state planning, since they are on Federal land but that I felt that in the next 50 years what happens in Cuba and the surrounding region will have a great affect on them.

I mentioned the State's Water Trust Fund and told them, again, that I didn't know how they would fit into being able to use the money but that they certainly wouldn't be eligible if they didn't participate in the planning.

They told me a bit about the Gallup water project which will pipe water in from a pipe run to Gallup from the San Juan River.

Leo mentioned wanting to put an impoundment on Torreon Wash (I think), and other ideas they have concerning water. Right now he catches water from his roof and they use snow melt. Water for livestock is a real problem. Many people drive to Cuba to get water.

I left them copies of the Water Assembly Alternatives and tried to explain how they would be used in to the planning process. I tried to describe to them what we were looking for in the way of a Scenario or vision of the future.

They decided they would like to be involved in the process so I told them I could come out again to help with the visioning process and creating a Scenario. I also invited them to attend the Steering Committee meeting the next evening at the Cuba S&WCD office. They said they would try to find someone to attend. We set up a meeting for the next Wednesday at 1 PM at the Torreon Chapter House.

When I got home I sent them the items included in the electronic folder marked "4-24-03 Sent to Torreon".

OUTREACH-
Torreon Chapter House

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April 16, 2003

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I've written a couple of articles for the Cuba News, describing the state water planning process in general and the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez planning process in particular. There is an article coming out in the latest edition and I encourage you to read it.

I am here today to invite Torreon Chapter officials, and residents to get involved in this final stage of the planning process.

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It is important that Torreon Chapter plan for its future because, as you well know, much depends on water availability and use.

Where, out of the Middle Rio Grande Region's future water budget, will water for future development come from?

What will be the future relationship between Torreon, the Cuba area and the Rio Puerco watershed?

How will Torreon participate in the future marketing of local small businesses?

How will Torreon protect the future well being of its residents when a larger urban area decides it will plan for and use any water available?

We would very much like Torreon residents to participate in creating a vision statement for Torreon Chapter to share at the May workshop. Numerous Cuba area residents have participated in past Steering Committee meetings and public workshops, but very few, if any Torreon residents have participated. I hope that there are Torreon residents who would be interested in participating. I would be happy to work with you to set up a Vision process. But this needs to be undertaken soon. The next, final public workshop in Cuba will be from 8AM to Noon on Saturday, May 10th.

Meeting Notes
Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committee
For joint sub-regional water planning with
Torreon Chapter House
April 23, 2003, 2:00 PM- 4:15 PM

Notes submitted by Jennifer Johnson

Jennifer Johnson	RPyRJ Steering Committee	289-9183
Elaine Hebard	Water Assembly, RPyRJ Coordinator	247-8767
Sam Sala		
Evi Tachine	Secretary	
Sherwood Willetto	Land Board	
Leo Charley	Chapter President	
Wally Toledo	Coordinator	

Elaine and I arrived about 2 PM. Mr. Toledo met us and Elaine gave him a brief synopsis of the State planning process. Evi arrived from another meeting, and the other members began arriving.

We had a long discussion about their Land Use planning, where their water was coming from at present, the Gallup water project, the State's water planning process, and their future growth and economy in relation to water.

Elaine and I gave them some ideas about the type of planning they could do. Leo Charley already uses water from his roof and we suggested that that sort of thing could be planned in to the housing they have planned. We also mentioned gray water, and water storage.

Elaine talked about impoundments and said that the State was very leary about allowing impoundments but that holding water back and allowing absorption into the ground was different than impounding water. We discussed things like permaculture, wetlands (which Elaine also said the State frowned on), planting willows and cottonwoods, water quality, and installing low flow toilets, and faucets now rather than retrofitting later. We said they should demand that any housing built be water use wise.

I gave them copies of the Scenarios from Jemez and Puerco and said they could give them ideas of the sort of things they could put in their scenario.

Sam talked a bit about his youth education project, and the work the youth have been doing to restore the watershed. They are going to attend the Forestry Camp put on by CS&WCD this summer.

Elaine stressed the need to have a water plan in place in order to have housing and business growth. That it would be impossible to attract business that would stay if there was no water. We suggested they consider creating a water budget present and future.

**RIO PUERCO y RIO JEMEZ SUB-REGIONS
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE, REGION 12
(NM state water planning process)**

Mission Statement

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- Ensure treaty, water and acequia rights to preserve and protect local agricultural traditions.
- Retain land use patterns that support and ensure a rural lifestyle and economy.
- Promote the conservation of water.
- Promote education for area residents regarding the connection between land use, water and environmental health, and ways to conserve water. These concepts should be incorporated into the curriculum of area schools.
- Provide for monitoring the implementation of the water plan.

Scenario Teams

Agriculture

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Joseph Jose Montano	891-9458	No
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Village Vitality

Peggy Ohler	289-3950	pegohler@yahoo.com
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Fatou Gueye	289-9119	No

Do Nothing

Robert Cordova	837-2248	No
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CUBA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
“Update of Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Subregional Water Plan.”
February 24, 2004 7pm
Jennifer Johnson- 289-9183

1. Elaine sends her regards and would like to have been able to attend. However, she has a meeting tonight, scheduled to discuss forming a Community Watershed Group to address water quality, and other watershed issues, in the Jemez watershed.

2. "Update of Assembly." Change to "Update of Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Subregional Water Plan."

I had hoped Peggy would be able to bring a few copies of the
Summary
Brochure
Endorsement form

I can present the **material and the process found in the plan.**

If there are **in depth questions** or if Robert or Ernie start with **criticism** then we should probably **hold a special workshop.**

Elaine can attend probably any time next week, to address questions.

(MRGCD did that ,had it on the agenda and decided to hold a special workshop a week later.)

We held an Endorsement workshop and Open House last October 21, 22 and Nov 15:

Folks had the opportunity to review the contents of the plan and offer their comments.

Elaine never received the list of comments from Robert and Ernie and Ethyl so the Steering Committees were not able to address them.

Apparently Ethel doesn't think that we needed to bring the water plan to the council since she has informed them of what is taking place. But, if the Village Council doesn't want us to bring the subregional plan to you, if you don't endorse the subregional plan, you should look at how the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan will affect you.

The matrix -- contains goals, objectives, potential actions, funding, time and benefits – and was drawn up by teams in the watersheds

Elaine gathered what information she could with respect to water supply, water demand and future water demand.

- All of that was above and beyond the scope of work, which was to submit the mission, goals, objectives and alternatives to the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan.
- The Steering Committees couldn't see how that would work without some data as markers of where we need to go, so we realized we needed to work on the framework of a Subregional Plan.
- Of course, it needs more data and analysis, which will be a part of the recommendations, but it is a start!

The Plan is not regulatory nor enforceable. It is only a set of ideas of how to manage land, growth, and water in order to assure our great-grand children of an adequate water supply.

3. Elaine isn't sure, Peggy should know, but the endorsements have included:

Jemez Springs

San Ysidro

Cuba Soil & Water

Ponderosa Mutual Domestic Water

Can't recall whether Regina or La Jara Water User Assns. endorsed or not.

4. Project List

The Water Trust Board is asking that projects be mentioned in the plan.

"Section 72-4A-5. Board; duties. (2003) - The board shall:

A. adopt rules governing terms and conditions of grants or loans recommended by the board for appropriation by the legislature from the water project fund, giving priority to projects that have urgent needs, that have been identified for implementation of a completed regional water plan that is accepted by the interstate stream commission and that have matching contributions from federal or local funding sources."

Elaine feels that even if Cuba does not endorse the plan, it would be useful to list potential projects. Then you could at least answer "yes" when asked if projects were considered.

Cuba--ICIP includes

(1) 2003-01 - Water System Improvements - CDBG Lgrant

(2) 2005-01 - Sewer system Improvements - CDBG LGrant.

Last year, the Board's solicitation of letters of interest for financial assistance said that the projects to be considered by the Board would be:

- o storage, conveyance and delivery of water;
- o implementation of the Endangered Species Act;
- o restoration and management of watersheds;
- o flood prevention; and
- o conservation, recycling, treatment or reuse of water.

What other projects might be submitted?

Elaine mentioned the problems with the Rio de Leche.

For further information, please see

www.seo.state.nm.us/doing-business/water-trust/water-trust-menu.html.

CS&WCD is considering holding a Water Fair

You could join in the sponsorship and preparation (cosponsored by acequia associations, the sub-regional water planning group, Cuba Soil & Water, and others).

Invitees would include

agencies which deal with water issues to discuss what they do
school classes to prepare posters and perhaps a short program

vendors to display wares such as conservation aides

etc.

----- Original Message -----

From: Johnson/Yomi <yomi@nm.net>

To: Elaine Hebard <emhebard@unm.edu>

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2003 5:13 PM

Subject: acequia

[acequias RPyRJ.doc]

Just wanted to let you know that in response to Robert Cordova's and Ernie Torrez's complaints at the previous Steering Committee meeting, and wanting us to set up an acequia meeting, I got the ditch Association list from Peggy. It is kind of out of date and not complete but I typed it up and made an address list from it (attached). It includes both the Jemez and Puerco though I realize they are only interested in the Puerco. I made a package up for both Ernie and Robert and sent it off to them today. I will reiterate that if this committee makes special efforts to outreach to one specific user group we really need to do so to all user groups (ranchers, both subregions and the south, pueblos, tribes-Navajo and Jicarilla and ?, environmentalists, rural water users, villages...). I think it is good if they do it as long as it isn't the RPyRJ Steering Committee doing it. Though it would be nice if we had the time, money and energy to outreach meetings to each entity I just can't see how we can do that.

3 - NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

CUBA NEWS JEMEZ THUNDER

Jemez Valley Input For State Water Plan Needed at Workshop on Saturday, February 22, 2003

By Larry Rodgers

Where will our water go? The state is developing a state water plan and if we don't plan for our own local water use, someone else will. And you can bet they think their use is more important than ours!

Therefore, your attendance at the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Steering Committee Watershed Workshop on Saturday, February 22, 2003 from 9 to noon at the Jemez Valley Community Center in Cañon is especially important. The purpose of the meeting is to provide Jemez area input for a state water plan.

The steering committee also has regular monthly meetings that are open to all on the third Tuesday of the month at the Jemez Valley Community Center. The committee represents a sub region of the Middle Rio Grande Water Region, which is one of 16 water-planning regions in New Mexico. The sub-region committee is working with the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly and the Council of Governments to develop input for a state water plan. This plan is mandated by the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission and is to be finished by fall, 2003.

WATER USE PLANNING WORKSHOPS CONTINUE Cuba News, March, 2003, Jennifer Johnson

On Saturday afternoon, February 22nd, approximately 30 people from the Cuba, La Jara and Regina areas met at the Cuba Senior Center for a workshop to discuss water use in the Rio Puerco watershed, to look ahead towards 2050, and continue planning for future water use. The workshop followed a similar workshop, which took place that morning in Cañon, attended by approximately 25 people, and which addressed the Jemez watershed. Prior to the workshops invitations were mailed to residents and businesses in the two sub-regions, posters were placed and articles were included in both the *Cuba News* and the *Jemez Thunder*.

The workshops were part of a larger, and ongoing State water planning process involving the Middle Rio Grande Region, of which the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez sub-watersheds are a part, and the numerous other Regions comprising New Mexico. As stated by the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) "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". In 1987 the New Mexico legislature recognized the need for water planning to protect the resource and enacted legislation to fund regional water planning efforts.

The legislature recognized and directed that water planning is most effective when undertaken at the local level. The state was divided into regions defined by common hydrological and political interests. In 1994 the ISC adopted the “Regional Water Planning Handbook”.

According to the ISC “Water is a fragile and finite resource”. Water quality controls, conservation, and participation, awareness and involvement of the people of the region are the keys to protecting and preserving our water supply. “It is important that the planning process encourage local people to express local concerns and discuss difficult decisions faced by every community in New Mexico”.

The Middle Rio Grande Region is made up of three counties, Valencia, Bernalillo, and Sandoval. About three years ago part of the region was split into two sub-watershed regions, the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez, and Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District signed a Joint Powers Agreement with the Mid-Region Council of Governments to serve as fiscal agent for the sub-watershed regions. Two years ago a Steering Committee combining residents of both sub-watersheds was formed. Since that time, during Phase I, approximately 25 Steering Committee meetings and several workshops have been held either in Cuba or Cañon to identify issues, concerns, values, problems, and goals and objectives related to developing a regional water plan.

The Rio Puerco sub-watershed encompasses that portion of the Rio Puerco watershed within Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia Counties. It extends from the Rio Arriba County line north of Cuba, south to the mouth of the Rio Puerco at Bernardo and includes the Village of Cuba, the unincorporated area around it, and portions of Navajo, and Laguna tribal lands.

The workshops in February were the first of two workshops in each sub-watershed planned for Phase II. The purpose of the first workshop was to present basic information about the regional water plan, review and obtain concurrence on the Mission Statement as well as Goals and Objectives. Additionally, attendees reviewed and ranked the preliminary Alternatives to be included in the plan, and finally formed work teams to begin the process of developing scenarios (or visions concerning the sub-watershed regions in the future). The sub-watershed plans will ultimately become a part of the Middle Río Grande Regional Water Plan.

Anyone interested in getting involved in the planning process is encouraged to attend the next Rio Puerco Steering Committee meeting planned for 6:30 PM, March 26th at the Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District office in Cuba (phone 289-3950). For information regarding the next Rio Jemez Steering Committee meeting contact Charlotte Mitchell (phone 829-3799).

FINAL WATER USE PLANNING WORKSHOP
Jennifer Johnson
Cuba News, April, 2003

On Saturday morning, May 3, Jemez area residents will get their final chance to participate in planning what the Rio Jemez watershed will be like for their children and grandchildren in 2050. The upcoming workshop in Cañon will be followed by a similar workshop, focusing on the Rio Puerco watershed, to be held May 10, in Cuba. Notices about the upcoming workshops are being mailed to residents and businesses in the two sub-regions, and notices will be posted. The Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Steering Committee invites Chapter House, Pueblo, and Village officials and residents of the two watersheds, to get involved in this final stage of the planning process.

These final workshops are part of a larger, ongoing State water planning process involving the Middle Rio Grande Region, of which the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez Sub-regions are a part, and numerous other Regions comprising New Mexico. According to the Interstate Stream Commission, “It is important that the planning process encourage local people to express local concerns and discuss difficult decisions faced by every community in New Mexico.”

Two years ago a joint Steering Committee made up of residents of the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez watersheds was formed. Since then approximately 35 Steering Committee meetings and several workshops have been held either in Cuba or Cañon to identify issues, concerns, values, problems, goals and objectives related to developing a sub-regional water plan which will ultimately become a part of the Middle Río Grande Regional Water Plan.

In February the first of two final workshops in each Sub-region took place. Participants were given information about the Middle Rio Grande Region water plan process, reviewed the Mission Statement, and Goals and Objectives for the Sub-regions, and ranked preliminary Alternative Actions to be included in the Sub-regions’ plans.

We have now reached the final process of creating Visions of the Future 2050 for the Sub-regions. The visions will expand on the Mission Statement, and the Goals and Objectives, developed by participants at past meetings and workshops. The visions will describe, in relation to water, the desired goals for the watersheds and address alternative actions to get there. At the February workshops, teams were formed to begin the process of developing visions regarding several themes. Rio Jemez residents identified Agriculture/Ranching, Environmental, Cultural/Religious/Acequia, and Suburban/Exurban themes. Rio Puerco residents identified similar themes as Environment/Watershed, Cuba Village Vitality, Rural Areas, Agriculture (acequias and ranching), and If We Do Nothing.

Mission Statement

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- Promote education for area residents regarding the connection between land use, water and environmental health, and ways to conserve water. These concepts should be incorporated into the curriculum of area schools.

- Provide for monitoring the implementation of the water plan.

It is important that the two Sub-regions plan for their future because much of that future depends on water availability, and quality. Planning will make future water-related projects in the areas eligible to utilize the State Water Trust Fund, but without planning they will be ineligible. The Rio Jemez watershed has already undergone much growth. Both watersheds face more potential growth with the new Hwy 550, Jemez Mountain Trail, paving of Hwy 126, and Valles Caldera National Preserve. In a few months the Village of Cuba will be undertaking a Comprehensive Plan process, while Torreon Chapter is already in the process of planning housing projects. Water planning must, of necessity, be an integral part of those plans.

Questions arise when looking at the future for both areas', for instance:

- Where, out of the Middle Rio Grande Region's (which includes Albuquerque and Rio Rancho) future water budget, will water for economic development come from?
- What is the future for the area's small farmers and ranchers?
- How will the villages participate in the future marketing of local small businesses?
- What will the areas do when a larger urban area realizes that there is no water use plan and decide they could plan for and use the water?

An important thing to remember is that the County, towns and villages regulate land use while the state regulates water. This process creates a disconnect between growth and water availability. The process starts when a county approves a subdivision. The developer then goes to the state to get a water permit. The state approves a permit because the County has already approved the subdivision, but in reality, there may not be enough water available to serve the new homes.

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ENVISIONING THE FUTURE
The Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez watersheds- 2050
Jennifer Johnson
Cuba News, May, 2003

On the past Saturday mornings of May 3, in Cañon, and May 10, in Cuba, the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Steering Committee held their final workshops to get area residents' input into the Middle Rio Grande Region water plan, of which the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez sub-regions are a part. Approximately 5000 notices were sent to residents of the two watersheds including Torreon Chapter House, Zia and Jemez Pueblos, the Villages of Cuba and Jemez Springs, and the rural communities of Regina, La Jara, Ponderosa, Cañon, La Cueva, and Sierra Los Pinos. This is part of the larger, ongoing state water planning process involving numerous other Regions comprising New Mexico.

For over two years monthly Steering Committee meetings, and numerous workshops, have been held either in Cuba or Cañon to identify issues, concerns, values, problems, goals and objectives related to developing sub-regional water plans which will ultimately become part of the Middle Río Grande Regional Water Plan. It is important that the two sub-regions plan for their future because much of that future depends on water availability, quality, and use. Both watersheds face potential growth due to the new Hwy 550, Jemez Mountain Trail, paving of Hwy 126, Valles Caldera National Preserve and their proximity to Rio Rancho and Albuquerque.

At workshops held this past February participants reviewed the Mission Statement, and Goals, and ranked preliminary Alternative Actions to be included in the sub-regions' plans. Teams were formed to begin the process of expanding these into Visions of the Future, 2050. The Visions presented recently describe, in relation to water, the desired goals for the two watersheds and address alternative actions to reach those goals

Workshop participants agreed that retention of a rural lifestyle (not just a rural atmosphere) centered on agriculture, ranching, and soil and water conservation was extremely important to both sub-regions and that in order for this to happen local water must be retained locally. Also, such things as, education concerning water and soil conservation and natural systems, the building of a community consciousness rooted in the realization of the sacredness and universal importance of water, and creation of a sustainable rural economy, were all components of the visions of the future. Participants also agreed that adaptive management techniques would have to be used in the future to restore proper function of, and retain water within, the local sub-watersheds.

Participants noted that past management practices have altered the proper functioning of the watersheds. Watersheds should act as natural sponges absorbing winter moisture in the form of snow melt and metering it out over an extended period, through the dry windy months, until the summer monsoon moisture again replenishes it. However, such management practices as increased grazing pressure, harvesting of large diameter timber, increased road densities and exclusion of fire, on both public and private lands have affected the health of the watersheds. Besides that, natural phenomenon, such as good conifer seed years combined with unprecedented precipitation in the past few decades, has increased numbers of small diameter timber.

Research shows that the growth rings in trees record the climate and other environmental conditions encountered by individual trees. These can be used to detect both past wet and dry years, and the extent and intensity of fires. According to tree ring data in the southwest, fires prehistorically burned through the landscape on the average of every 10 years. These fires burned at a low intensity because the landscape was adapted to fire. However, the landscape is no longer fire adapted so that destructive wildfires have been increasing in number and intensity over the last 50 years throughout the west, and are expected to do so for some time to come.

The numerous subdivisions already approved on private inholdings, within public lands in both watersheds, will greatly affect federal, and state agencies when dealing with fire in the future. The increased building of very large expensive homes within these subdivisions will increase the difficulty of trying to reintroduce low intensity fire management to the landscape, and agency funds needed to fight fire will likely be spent protecting homes instead. Water needed for these

subdivisions will compete with other uses and may affect downstream users depending on the extent and functioning of area aquifers. In the future these subdivisions could also affect the cultural and traditional uses of the land such as grazing, and hunting. The paving of dirt roads will tend to increase year round use of previously, seasonally remote areas.

The regulation of land use and water use are undertaken by different and separate governmental agencies and this causes disconnect between land use development, and the availability of water to sustain growth. The process starts when Sandoval County approves a developer's subdivision. The developer then goes to the state to get a water permit. The state approves a permit because the County has already approved the subdivision, but in reality there may not be enough water available to sustain the new development. Because water availability has increasingly become a problem (note the unprecedented growth of Rio Rancho in less than 20 years) Sandoval County is in the process of looking at adopting a water criterion to their subdivision regulations, as has already been done for Placitas. The additional regulations may be voted on as early as August of this year. You can get a copy of the Planning and Zoning Regulations, Comprehensive Plan, Subdivision Regulations and Placitas Appendix from Sandoval County's Planning and Zoning Department.

How the sub-regional water plans will be fitted into the Middle Rio Grande Region Water Plan has yet to be determined. Implementation of the goals and the actions to attain the future vision for the two sub-regions will be ongoing. Anyone interested in getting involved in the process is encouraged to attend the next Rio Puerco Steering Committee meeting. Contact the Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District office in Cuba (phone 289-3950) for date and time. For information regarding the next Rio Jemez Steering Committee meeting contact Charlotte Mitchell (phone 829-3799).

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING
Where We've Been and Where We're Going
June 20, 2003
by Jennifer A. Johnson

The Middle Rio Grande Region is made up of three counties, Valencia, Bernalillo, and Sandoval. About three years ago the western and northern portions of the region were split into two sub-regions, the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez. The remaining portion makes up the Middle Rio Grande Valley sub-region.

The Rio Puerco sub-region encompasses that portion of the Rio Puerco watershed within Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia Counties. It extends from the Rio Arriba County line north of Cuba, south almost to the mouth of the Rio Puerco at Bernardo and includes the Village of Cuba, the unincorporated communities and area around it, and portions of Navajo, and Laguna tribal lands.

The Rio Jemez sub-region encompasses the Rio Jemez watershed which is almost entirely within Sandoval County. It includes the Villages of San Ysidro and Jemez Springs, the unincorporated communities and areas around them, and Zia and Jemez Pueblos.

It is important that the two sub-regions plan for their future because much of that future depends on water availability, and quality. The Rio Jemez watershed has already undergone much growth. Both

watersheds are facing more growth with the reconstruction of Hwy 44/550, designation of the Jemez Mountain Trail, and Valles Caldera National Preserve, and the paving of Hwy 126. In the coming months the Village of Cuba will be undertaking a Comprehensive Plan process, and Torreon Chapter is completing its Land Use Plan. Water planning must, of necessity, be an integral part of those plans.

Two years ago the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Water Planning Steering Committee was formed. It is made up of residents from both sub-regions. The Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District signed a Joint Powers Agreement with the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments and is serving as fiscal agent for the two sub-regions.

During Phase I, approximately 25 Steering Committee meetings and several workshops were held either in Cuba or Cañon to identify issues, concerns, values, problems, and mission, goals, alternatives and objectives related to developing sub-regional water plans.

Phase II began in January 2003. About 10 Steering Committee meetings, and two workshops were held in each sub-region, and additionally, outreach to Cuba Village and Torreon Chapter was undertaken, to discuss water use, and looking ahead towards 2050, to plan for future water use. The first workshops were held in February to present basic information to area residents about the regional water plan, and review and obtain concurrence on the Mission Statement, and Goals. Additionally, attendees reviewed and ranked the preliminary Alternatives to be included in the plan. The top three were:

- Protect Water Rights
- Manage and Restore our Watersheds
- Manage Growth and Land Use Together

Scenario building teams were formed to begin the process of developing Scenarios (or Visions). Visions describe, in relation to water, the desired goals for the sub-regions and address alternative actions to get there. Rio Jemez residents identified Agriculture/Ranching, Environmental, Cultural/Religious/Acequia, and Suburban/Exurban themes. Rio Puerco residents identified similar themes as Environment/Watershed, Cuba Village Vitality, Rural Areas, Agriculture (acequias and ranching), and If We Do Nothing

The second workshops were held in May. The Scenario building teams presented the Visions they had developed and residents got a final chance to participate in planning what the sub-region could be like for their children and grandchildren. By participating in the planning process residents helped to ensure that their perspectives will be reflected in the future water management of the region.

Workshop participants agreed that retention of a rural lifestyle (not just a rural atmosphere) centered on agriculture, ranching, and soil and water conservation was extremely important to both sub-regions and that in order for this to happen local water must be retained locally. Also, such things as, education concerning water and soil conservation and natural systems, the building of a community consciousness rooted in the realization of the sacredness and universal importance of water, and creation of a sustainable rural economy, were all shared components of the visions of the future. Participants also agreed that adaptive management techniques would have to be used in the future to restore proper function of, and retain water within, the local sub-watersheds.

The planning process for the sub-regions will continue in order to create sub-regional plans for inclusion in the Middle Río Grande Regional Water Plan.

In June we will individually be reviewing the complete set of visions and work to meld them into a single draft scenario. We will also be developing objectives for inclusion in the scenarios. The draft report

(which is presently being constructed) should be completed. We have Steering Committee meetings planned for both sub-regions to discuss and accept the unified scenario for the two sub-regions, review and accept separate/combined sets of objectives, and review and accept the draft report. Additionally we will be making presentations to the Cuba Village Councilors, and the Sandoval County Commissioners.

In July we will complete read files for the libraries in Jemez Spring and Cuba. The Steering Committees will take a vacation but we will individually review the Goals and Objectives and begin developing a plan for how and when they might be accomplished, and who might make the presentations. We will individually review the final report and work on a draft of presentations to be made to the public and interested entities.

In August we will create a calendar and task list, review the final planning report and draft presentation, create a schedule of presentations with volunteers signed-up to make the presentations, and discuss the public forum which will probably be in October.

The sub-watershed plans will ultimately become a part of the Middle Río Grande Regional Water Plan, but how they will be fitted into the larger Plan has yet to be determined.

The next phase will be implementation of the goals and the actions to attain the future vision for the two sub-regions. Such work will be ongoing and require funding and many dedicated volunteers (article included Mission Statement and Non-Prioritized Goals. See App5 Sec 1 Pg 3).

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING
September 20, 2003
Elaine Moore Hebard

It's not news that water is a scarce commodity these days, and bound to become more so due to drought, increasing population and new uses.

Some of those new demands may not even be within the Rio Puerco basin, and transferring water to meet those needs may well affect us all.

Utilizing the input from the public at the workshops in February and May, the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez Water Plan Steering Committee have nearly completed the draft regional water plan. This plan, acting as an umbrella, will hopefully help to coordinate plans from area land use and water managers so as to attain the mission and goals enunciated by the public. The mission and goals are: (See Mission Statement and Non-Prioritized Goals App5 Sec 1 Pg 3).

Preliminary information as to water usage and supply, future demands and constraints, in draft form now, will also be incorporated into the plan.

While local governments and agencies will continue to plan in accord with their respective mission, the role of the regional water plan should be to create a space needed to consider the impacts on a regional basis. For example, the implementers can discuss how to ensure that water conservation happens throughout the watershed, while allowing the flexibility necessary to each governmental entity. Skill, patience and respect will be required to attain the mission and goals

of the region as expressed in the plan. Like the State Water Plan, the regional plan necessarily will include a suite of tools and concepts to utilize with this in mind.

The next Joint Steering Committees meeting will be in San Ysidro on October, 16 at 6:30 PM at the Village Hall. At that time, the draft public welfare statement will be discussed and finalized. In addition, preparations for the public Open House, to be held on November 14 in Cuba and November 15 in Canon, will be finalized. Volunteers are needed to help with specific tasks now as well as implementing various activities, such as water education. Please contact Peggy Ohler at 289-3950 or <pegohler@yahoo.com> if you want further information or want to sign up as a volunteer. We look forward to seeing everyone else at the Open House!

Jemez Thunder - 10/03

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PUBLIC INVITED TO WATER PLANNING OPEN HOUSE

Over the past four years, various community members have participated in a steering committee to create a 50-year water plan for the Rio Jemez watershed. To learn about the committee's vision and mission, the public is invited to an open house from 10-12 Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Jemez Valley Community Center in Cañon. Refreshments will be provided.

Members of the steering committee, who have been working in conjunction with a similar group in the Rio Puerco watershed, will be present to answer questions. Summaries of the draft plan will be available, and poster boards will explain the highlights of the plan.

The combined steering committees adopted the following mission: The residents of the Río Puerco y Río Jemez Sub-watersheds promote a sustainable balance between the availability and use of water, promote healthy watersheds, and promote retention of a rural lifestyle to benefit local communities and residents.

The goals agreed to by the combined committees and incorporated into the plan are as follows:

- Restore and manage the watersheds on public and private land to enhance water production, retention, and quality, to reduce the threat of wildfire, and to preserve natural systems dependent on water.
- Support the cultural and spiritual values of water, and the universal need for and importance of water.
- Ensure treaty, water and acequia rights to preserve and protect local agricultural traditions.

- Retain land use patterns that support and ensure a rural lifestyle and economy.
- Promote the conservation of water.
- Promote education for area residents regarding the connection between land use, water and environmental health, and ways to conserve water. These concepts should be incorporated into the curriculum of area schools.
- Provide for monitoring the implementation of the water plan.

The local plan is one chapter in a larger plan for the Middle Rio Grande Region, of which Rio Jemez and Rio Puerco is a subregion.

For more information on the plan and the process, call Judith Isaacs, 829-3382.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED ON PUBLIC WELFARE STATEMENT

The latest document to come before the Rio Jemez Water Planning Steering Committee is a draft of a public welfare statement. At its meeting on Oct. 16, the committee agreed to publish the draft statement and invite public comment at the open house being held 10-12 Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Jemez Valley Community Center in Cañon. Following is the text of the draft statement: If you have any thoughts on this, please come to the open house to share your comments. If you have questions before then, please call Judith Isaacs, 829-3382.

Introduction

This public welfare statement is part of our regional water plan to provide guidance to the State Engineer in decisions concerning applications for transfer and new appropriations of water rights that affect the Río Jemez. This public welfare statement will accomplish its purpose if conflicts are reduced in the region, and if decisions reflect the long-term future needs of the region, rather than merely responding to immediate demands. This must not be a static, final statement, but an iterative and evolving declaration which is continuously monitored by the public to ensure that it accurately reflects the welfare of the public, always remembering that there are unknown users and perspectives concerning our water resources that will need to be given a voice in the future.

General Statement

Water has many important values to the people in our region which need to be appreciated and fairly balanced to ensure the overall safety, security and well-being for the region. Such values include cultural, spiritual, economic, environmental and hydrologic viability for the region. In times of scarcity, everyone must share the

responsibility for living within the shortage. We recognize the current deficit situation and have a duty to balance water use with renewable supply, starting now and in the future. Decisions should be made so as to keep as many options as possible open for future generations.

Process

We believe the “public welfare” must be safeguarded by the State Engineer through active management of our limited water resources in the decision-making process used to evaluate new appropriations and transfer of water rights. A strong decision-making process supports “public welfare”. Public welfare is equal in importance to the other two statutory criteria (impairment and conservation). Transfers of water rights must be open to all affected stakeholders and use the best available science. The public will be better served if the process encourages negotiation, not litigation. The process must provide reasonable and timely notice to and allow participation by all parties. The process must avoid automatic (or exempt) transfers or permits made outside of public review. Wet water use must be consistent with the administrative transfer of water rights (Double and triple dipping should be avoided). The evaluation of transfer must consider both the positive and negative impacts of the transfer of water rights on both the area of origin as well as the area receiving the water rights.

Future use of our water resources consistent with the public welfare

The “public welfare” requires that our use of the water resources be consistent with three guiding principles:

- #1 - we maintain and improve the health of our region’s water resources;
- #2 - we encourage conservation and discourage waste (e.g., impractical or unreasonable use); and
- #3 - we optimize the efficient use of our limited water resources in the context of restoring watersheds and controlling urban growth.

The state engineer should consider the following competing water demands when evaluating new appropriations and transfers of water rights: including but not limited to health and safety concerns, economic interests, agricultural interests, environmental interests, social and cultural interests, aesthetic interests, recreational interests, and municipal and domestic interests.

- When considering health and safety concerns, the state engineer should strive to maintain and improve the quality of our water resources as a basic human right to safe drinking water.
- When considering economic interests, the state engineer should evaluate both the positive and negative impacts of the transfer of water rights on both the area of origin as

well as the area receiving the water rights. Economic concerns should not be a primary consideration.

- When considering agricultural interests, the state engineer should strive to develop and maintain a vibrant and efficient agricultural ecosystem, recognizing that agriculture has economic, ecologic, historic, and cultural values.
- When considering environmental interests, the state engineer should maintain and improve ecosystem biodiversity. The state engineer should also consider instream flows as being essential for the region.
- When considering social & cultural interests, the state engineer should protect water uses which support the diversity of communities, cultures and traditions existing in our region. The promises contained in the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo should be acknowledged and honored.
- When considering aesthetic interests, the state engineer should strive to maintain and improve the agricultural and riparian greenbelts along the flowing waters and ditches in our communities.
- When considering recreational interests, low consumptive recreational uses should be encouraged.
- When considering municipal and domestic needs, the State Engineer should strive to sustain an adequate water supply to meet these needs. The State Engineer should connect water use decisions with local land use decisions.

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The Subregions - Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez

- [Memo to Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Steering Committee](#) - *New Elaine Hebard*
- [Draft Rio Puerco Subregional Scenario](#)
- [Draft Rio Jemez Alternatives/Objectives Chart](#)
- [Public Welfare Statement Draft Information](#)
- [Regional Water Planning](#)
A pamphlet from the Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Joint Watershed Steering Committee
- [Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez - Public Involvement Program - Phase I](#)
- [Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez - Public Information Program - Phase II \(Draft\)](#)
- [Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Steering Committee Meetings](#)

Joint Meeting of the Rio Puerco Y Rio Jemez
Subregional Water Planning Steering Committees

September 16, 2003 - 6 pm

San Ysidro Village Hall, San Ysidro, NM

Draft Agenda

- * Review and accept Rio Jemez chart
- * Review and accept Rio Puerco Chart
- * Review and Accept Draft Plan
- * Next steps

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SCENARIO TEAMS

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ADDRESSES

AFFILIATIONS

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WATER PLANNING MEETINGS 2000
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS Jemez (J) – Puerco (P)

First Name	Last Name	February 26J	March 29J	July 18P	August 22P	September 19P	December 02P
Melvin J.	Aragon						X
Rudy	Benavidez						X
Mary F	Caldwell	X					
Dave	Carlson	X					
Emmett	Cart	X	X	X	X		X
Brenda	Chavez			X			
Eustacio	Chavez						X
Robert	Cordova				X		X
Clyde	Crespin						X
Joseph	Crespin						X
Betty Jane	Curry	X		X	X	X	
Carlota	Eichwald						X
F Kenneth	Eichwald						X
Carmen	Garcia						X
John	Garcia		X				
Ralph	Garcia		X				
Armand	Groffman						X
Arthur	Gurule						X
Jeffrey	Gurule						X
Melvin	Gurule			X			
Robert	Gurule						X
Gene	Harty	X					
Rosemary	Harty	X					
Elaine	Hebard			X			X
Herman P	Herrera	X					
Bill	Hines						X
Jim	Hines				X	X	X
Mary	Hines				X	X	
Victoria	Hines				X		
Elizardo	Jaquez						X
RW	Johnson						X
Mark	Kannon			X			X
Max	Kruichak			X		X	
Pat	Kutzner			X			
J Leonard	Loretto	X					

First Name	Last Name	February 26J	March 29J	July 18P	August 22P	September 19P	December 02P
Rey David	Lovato Lucero		X				X
Luis	Lucero			X			
Steve M	Lucero		X		X		
Charlotte	Mitchell		X				
Edna	Morales			X			
Elmer	Morales						X
Fred	Morales			X			X
Frank A	Murphy						X
Peggy	Ohler	X		X	X	X	X
Fidencio	Olivas						X
Bobby	Putt						X
Sophie	Salaz			X			
David	Sanchez						X
Bryan	Sandoval			X			
Gilbert M	Sandoval	X					
Sisto	Sandoval			X			X
Frances	Santillaner						X
Herman H	Santillaner					X	
Esther	Smedley	X	X				
Worth	Smelser			X			
Richard	Spencer		X				
Winona	Ward			X	X	X	
Bob	Wessely			X			
Fred	White	X	X				
H Louis	Wiese III					X	X
Mike	Wirtz	X	X			X	
Marion	Woolf			X			X
Total	63	13	10	18	9	9	32

WATER PLANNING MEETINGS 2001
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS Jemez (J) – Puerco (P)

First Name	Last Name	January 6P	March 17J	April 7J	June 9?	July 28J	August 10J	September 21J	October 19J	November 16J
Melvin J.	Aragon	X	X	X						
Anthony R	Armijo					X			X	
Bob	Bootzin						X			
Richard	Briesmeister		X			X	X	X	X	
Mary F	Caldwell		X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Emmett	Cart	X	X	X		X	X	X		X
Leonard	Casaus Sr.		X	X						
Robert	Cordova					X	X	X	X	X
Clyde	Crespin	X	X							
Joseph	Crespin	X								
Joseph	Crespin		X	X						
Betty Jane	Curry	X								
Carmen	Garcia					X		X		X
Armand	Groffman	X	X	X		X			X	X
Lloyd	Gronning					X				
Jim	Gross		X							
Craig	Hab		X							
Ruby	Hoolihan			X					X	
Jennifer	Johnson		X	X						
Terry	Johnson		X							
Larry	Lippincott		X							
J Leonard	Loretto					X				
Steve M	Lucero						X	X		
Charlotte	Mitchell		X			X	X	X	X	
Lynn	Montgomery								X	
Elmer	Morales	X	X							
Joaquin	Morales		X							
Peggy	Ohler	X								
Carol	Parker		X							
Peter M.	Pino					X	X			
Bob	Prendergast									X
Joseph	Quintana					X	X	X	X	
Roberto	Rodriguez				X					
Gilbert M	Sandoval			X		X				
Esther	Smedley		X							

First Name	Last Name	January 6P	March 17J	April 7J	June 9?	July 28J	August 10J	September 21J	October 19J	November 16J
Sam	Smelser					X		X	X	X
Worth	Smelser		X			X		X	X	
Keith	Stickford		X							
Jill	Thomson								X	
Ernest R.	Torrez		X							
Bob	Wessely							X	X	X
Diana	Wheeler					X				
Terry	Wheeler				X	X				
Mike	Wirtz	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Marion	Woolf	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Total	45	10	23	10	10	19	11	13	15	9

WATER PLANNING MEETINGS 2002
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS Jemez (J) – Puerco (P)

First Name	Last Name	January 12J	January 19WJ	February 16J	February 23 WP?	March 16J	May 9J	October 30P	Nov 20	Dec 17
Anthony R	Armijo			X						
Chris	Blecha					X				
Nancy	Blecha		X			X	X			
Robert	Borden		X							
Susan	Burritt		X			X				
Mary F	Caldwell	X	X	X		X	X			X
Emmett	Cart	X				X	X	X		X
Mike	Chavez							X	X	
Diana J	Clark		X			X	X			
Robert	Cordova	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Jack	Crane		X							
Grace	Drake						X			
Carmen	Garcia		X							
John	Garcia		X							
Jose E.	Garcia					X				
Armand	Groffman		X							
Elaine	Hebard	X		X						X
Ruby	Hoolihan		X							
Andrea	Hourigan					X				
Dar	Hourigan					X				
Elizabeth	Johnson		X							
RW	Johnson		X							
Mehrdad	Khatibi		X				X			
Jonathan	Kruichak							X		
Max	Kruichak							X		
Maureen	Lincoln		X							
Benny	Lucero		X							
Manuel	Lucero		X							
Maria B	Lucero		X							
Steve M	Lucero		X					X		X
Mike	McClannahan		X							
Sam	McDaniel		X							
Joanne	Mcenre		X							
Susan	Minter					X	X			
Charlotte	Mitchell	X	X							X

First Name	Last Name	January 12J	January 19WJ	February 16J	February 23 WP?	March 16J	May 9J	October 30P	Nov 20	Dec 17
Peggy	Ohler								X	
Edward	Oxley							X		
Derek	Padilla						X			
Charles	Pate		X							
John	Peterson					X				
Cathy	Pierce						X			
Peter M.	Pino		X							
Bob	Prendergast	X		X			X	X		X
Joseph	Quintana		X	X						
Larry	Rodgers		X	X		X	X			
Gilbert M	Sandoval		X							
Sam	Smelser							X	X	
Worth	Smelser	X						X		
Francisca	Spinivasan		X							
Tapio	Talvitie		X							
NW	Tobey		X							
Mike	Trujillo						X			
Felicie	Truscio		X							
Jim	Truscio		X							
Jeanette	Wallace		X							
Irene	Wanner		X							
Bob	Wessely	X		X			X	X		
Kathleen	Wiegner		X							
Alice	Wiese		X							
H Louis	Wiese III							X		
Mike	Wirtz	X		X		X	X		X	X
Marion	Woolf	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
Total	62	10	37	10	?	15	16	13	5	8

WATER PLANNING MEETINGS January through September 2003
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS Jemez (J) – Puerco (P) – Torreon (T) – Steering Committee (S) – Workshop (W)

First Name	Last Name	January		February			March					April				May			June		Aug	Sept	
		20 J S	22 P S	10 P S	18* J S	22 JP W	5 P S	12 P S	14 J S	18 J S	26 P S	1 P S	3* J S	16 T O	17 P S	22 J S	23 T O	3 J W	10 P W	30* J S	3 P S	17 J S	19 JP S
Lupe	Aragon										X						X						
Myra	Barron					X																	
Brian	Benavidez																					X	X
Marti	Blad																					X	X
Danny	Branch	X																					
Linda	Branch	X																					
BJ	Brock																						X
Mary F	Caldwell	X						X															
Juan	Carrillo																	X					
Emmett	Cart	X						X							X		X						
Leo	Charley												X			X							
Mike	Chavez					X												X					
Rebecca	Christman							X	X								X						
Ernest	Cordova					X																	
Herman	Cordova					X																	
Robert	Cordova					X	X											X			X	X	X
Caren	Cowan																					X	
BettyJane	Curry							X															
David	Dominguez																					X	
Jim	Eaton																	X					
Fred	Fair																	X					
Anne	Ferrell																X						
Carmen	Garcia																	X					
Manuel	Garcia					X																	
Jose E.	Garcia								X								X						
Linda	Greene					X																	
Ronnie	Greene					X																	
Armand	Groffman			X		X																	
Fatou	Gueye		X			X												X				X	
Elsie	Hays					X																	

First Name	Last Name	January		February			March					April				May			June		Aug	Sept	
		20 J S	22 P S	10 P S	18* J S	22 JP W	5 P S	12 P S	14 J S	18 J S	26 P S	1 P S	3* J S	16 T O	17 P S	22 J S	23 T O	3 J W	10 P W	30* J S	3 P S	17 J S	19 JP S
Elaine	Hebard	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X				X	X	X	X
Aparcio	Herrera					X																	
Ruby	Hoolihan							X															
Judith	Isaacs							X	X						X							X	X
Elizabeth	Johnson																					X	
Jennifer	Johnson		X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
RW	Johnson																					X	
Terry	Johnson					X	X	X	X		X	X		X			X	X			X	X	X
Chad	Kannon																	X					
Pat	Kutzner																	X					
Steve S	Laster					X																	
Flora	Lopez																					X	
Antonio	Lucero																X						
David E	Lucero																X						
Gov Gil	Lucero							X															
Maria B	Lucero																X						
Steve M	Lucero	X				X		X	X												X	X	X
Ethyl	Maharg																					X	X
Jerry	Marquez																					X	
Lisa	Matlock																X						
Stuart	McRae																					X	
Charlotte	Mitchell	X						X	X						X		X				X		X
Joseph	Montano					X												X					
Fred	Morales					X																	
Joaquin	Morales					X																	
Peggy	Ohler	X	X	X		X	X			X	X			X				X		X		X	X
Lucien	Ortega					X																	
Peter M.	Pino							X														X	
Bob	Prendergast																					X	
Joseph	Quintana																X						

WATER PLANNING MEETINGS January through September 2003
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS Jemez (J) – Puerco (P) – Torreon (T) – Steering Committee (S) – Workshop (W)

First Name	Last Name	January		February			March					April				May			June		Aug	Sept		
		20 J S	22 P S	10 P S	18* J S	22 JP W	5 P S	12 P S	14 J S	18 J S	26 P S	1 P S	3* J S	16 T O	17 P S	22 J S	23 T O	3 J W	10 P W	30* J S	3 P S	17 J S	19 JP S	16 JP S
Beverly	Rice					X																		
Joe	Rice					X																		
Larry	Rodgers	X						X	X						X		X				X	X		
Nellie	Rowe					X																		
Sam	Sala												X		X									
Gilbert M	Sandoval	X															X							
Bud	Schmetz					X																		
Skeeter	Schmetz					X																		
Zan	Schultz																X							
Sam	Smelser			X																				
Dennis	Smith	X						X							X		X							
Keith	Stickford					X																		
Evi	Tachine												X		X									
Walley	Toledo														X									
Ernest R.	Torrez					X	X															X	X	
James E	Treher																X							
Ivan	Trujillo								X															
Lupe	Trujillo								X															
Mike	Trujillo																	X				X		
George	Unknown																X							
Andy	Vigil					X																		
Felix	Wakefield																X							
Kenneth	Wakefield																X							
Chuck	Walters																X							
Bob	Wessely																							
Sherwood	Willette												X		X									
Bob	Wilson								X						X									
Mike	Wirtz								X															
Lavern	Wood																	X						
Paul	Yoder					X	X	X				X		X										
Total	89	11	4	5	?	31	6	5	16	9	4	6	?	5	5	9	7	19	18	?	3	7	23	13

**WATER PLANNING MEETINGS PARTICIPANTS
August through December 2003**

**Jemez (J) – Puerco (P) –Joint (J-P) – Torreon (T) – No Sign-in (?)
Steering Committee (S) – Workshop (W) – Open House (H) – Outreach (O)**

First Name	Last Name	August 19 J-P S	September 16 J-P S	October 16 J-P S	October 21 J W	October 22 P W	November 15 J H	November 15 P H	December 8 J-P S
Brian	Benavidez	X	X						
Gene	Bishop						X		
Marti	Blad	X	X				X	X	
BJ	Brock		X						
Donald	Buttry					X		X	
Emmett	Cart						X	X	
Rebecca	Christman			X			X		
Robert	Cordova	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Caren	Cowan	X							
David	Dominguez	X							
Cindy	Echavarria						X		
George	Echavarria						X		
Steve	Fisher					X			
John H	Garcia				X			X	
Manuel	Garcia					X			
?	Garcia						X		
Armand	Groffman							X	
Fatou	Gueye	X							
Sam	Gutierrez					X		X	
Elaine	Hebard	X	X	X			X	X	X
Judith	Isaacs	X	X	X	X				X
Elizabeth	Johnson	X							
Jennifer	Johnson	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RW	Johnson	X							
Terry	Johnson	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Erica	Kane						X		
Max	Kruichak							X	
Pat	Kutzner							X	

First Name	Last Name	August 19 J-P S	September 16 J-P S	October 16 J-P S	October 21 J W	October 22 P W	November 15 J H	November 15 P H	December 8 J-P S
Flora	Lopez	X				X			
?	Lucero				X				
Steve M	Lucero	X	X	X	X				X
Ethyl	Maharg	X	X			X		X	
Jerry	Marquez	X							
Stuart	McRae	X					X		
Anna	Messer					X			
Charlotte	Mitchell		X	X	X		X		X
Steve	Neff						X		
Peggy	Ohler	X	X			X		X	
Charles	Pate						X		
Peter M.	Pino	X				X			X
Stella	Pino					X			
Bob	Prendergast	X							
Larry	Rodgers	X			X				
Therese	Sanchez							X	
Gilbert M	Sandoval				X		X	X	
Dennis	Smith						X		
Elena	Snyder							X	
Keith	Stickford							X	
Morris	Taylor						X		
Ernest R.	Torrez	X	X	X		X			
Mike	Trujillo	X							
George	Unknown							X	
Priscilla	Vallejos					X			
Chuck	Walters						X		
Winona	Ward					X		X	
Louis	Wiese							X	
Marion	Woolf				X	X		X	
Paul	Yoder							X	
Total	58	23	13	9	11	17	19	23	7

ADDRESSES OF PARTICIPANTS 2000-2003

FIRST	LAST	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	HOME
Lupe	Aragon	3413 Carlisle Blvd NE	Albuquerque	NM	87110	
Melvin J.	Aragon	6621 Leta Rd NE	Albuquerque	NM	87113	345-8452
Anthony R	Armijo	Box 100	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	834-7942
Myra	Barron	21 Camino Salado	La Jara	NM	87027	289-2212
Brian	Benavidez	795 Hwy 4	San Ysidro	NM	87053	
Rudy	Benavidez	PO Box 400	Bernalillo	NM	87004	867-2582
Marti	Blad, PhD	PO Box 100	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	
Chris & Nancy	Blecha	714 Hidden Valley Rd	La Cueva	NM	87025	829-3529
Bob	Bootzin	400 Bootzin's Rd	Sierra Los Pinos	NM	87025	829-3311
Robert	Borden	PO Box 299	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3488
Danny	Branch	No	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3278
Linda	Branch	No	Albuquerque	NM	?	?
Richard	Briesmeister	PO Box 269	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3523
BJ	Brock	No				
Susan	Burritt	PO Box 288	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3330
Mary F	Caldwell	PO Box 108	Ponderosa	NM	87044	834-7406
Dave	Carlson	PO Box 14	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-9173
Juan	Carrillo	2100 Hubbell SW	Albuquerque	NM	87105	877-9050
Emmett	Cart	PO Box 3	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3867
Leonard	Casaus Sr.	PO Box 447	Bernalillo	NM	87004	867-5443
Leo	Charley	Torreon Chap Hse, Box 1024	Cuba	NM	87013	731-2336
Brenda	Chavez	211 Ranchitos Rd NW	Albuquerque	NM	87114	897-9245
Eustacio	Chavez	PO Box 331	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3872
Mike	Chavez	PO Box 1510	Cuba	NM	87013	289-0016
Rebecca	Christman	PO Box 180	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3846
Diana J	Clark	PO Box 115	Ponderosa	NM	87044	834-7339
Ernest	Cordova	PO Box 123	La Jara	NM	87027	289-3967
Herman	Cordova	PO Box 1186	Cuba	NM	87013	289-0242
Robert	Cordova	5609 La Corrida NE	Albuquerque	NM	87110	837-2248, 889-4553 F
Caren	Cowan	PO Box 7517	Albuquerque	NM	87194	247-0584
Jack	Crane	437 Elk Trail	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3648
Clyde	Crespin	PO Box 215	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3860
Joseph	Crespin	PO Box 847	Alcalde	NM	87511	852-4766
Betty Jane	Curry	PO Box 143	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3747
David	Dominguez	054 Calle Dominguez	Bernalillo	NM	87004	
Grace	Drake	PO Box 72	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3425
Jim	Eaton	PO Box 130	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3264

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Carlota	Eichwald	PO Box 672	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3836
F Kenneth	Eichwald	PO Box 1317	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3871
Fred	Fair	PO Box 745	Taos	NM	87?	289-3215, 758-9331
Anne	Ferrell	428 Vista Hermosa	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	829-3809, 829-3535
Carmen	Garcia	5609 La Corrida NE	Albuquerque	NM	87110	837-2248, 289-3967
John	Garcia	35 Joseph Garcia Ln	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3296
Jose E.	Garcia	8329 Hwy 4	Cañon	NM	87024	834-7029
Jose E.	Garcia	8329 Hwy 4	Cañon	NM	87024	834-7029
Manuel	Garcia	PO Box 544	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3715
Ralph	Garcia	16081 SR 4	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3003
Linda & Ronnie	Greene	HCR 78 Box 15	Regina	NM	87046	289-0424
Armand	Groffman	121 Barranca Rd	Los Alamos	NM	87544	663-1466
Lloyd	Gronning	3150 Caloh Blvd, 209	Albuquerque	NM	87110	889-4525
Jim	Gross	317 Commercial NE, #104	Albuquerque	NM	87102	724-3623
Fatou	Gueye	PO Box 422	Regina	NM	87046	289-9119
Arthur	Gurule	PO Box 841	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3897
Jeffrey	Gurule	PO Box 413	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3992
Melvin	Gurule	PO Box 328	Crown Point	NM	?	786-6128?
Robert	Gurule	PO Box 414	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3840
Craig	Hab	57 Calle Sozanna	Santa Fe	NM	87501	473-0691, 665-8985
Gene & Rosemary	Harty	417 Horseshoe Lp	La Cueva	NM	87025	829-3789
Elsie	Hays	PO Box 401	Regina	NM	87046	638-5438
Elaine	Hebard	1513 Escalante SW	Albuquerque	NM	87104	247-8767
Aparcio	Herrera	PO Box 223	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3754, 289-3038
Herman P	Herrera	697 Hwy 485	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	829-3172
Bill	Hines	8801 L Barranca Av NE	Albuquerque	NM	87111	292-1126
Jim, Mary, Victoria	Hines	3105 Utah St. NE	Albuquerque	NM	87110	299-1314, 289-3816
Ruby	Hoolihan	279 San Juan Rd	Ponderosa	NM	87044	834-7417
Andrea & Dar	Hourigan	61 Hidden Valley Rd	La Cueva	NM	87025	829-3298
Judith	Isaacs	995 Vista Hermosa Rd	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	829-3382
Elizardo	Jaquez	Hwy 96 Box 3	La Jara	NM	87027	289-3047
Elizabeth & RW	Johnson	PO Box 11	San Ysidro	NM	87053	252-9128, 934-0793
Jennifer & Terry	Johnson	PO Box 63	La Jara	NM	87027	289-9183
Chad	Kannon	HCR 79 Box 5	Cuba	NM	87013	249-1892
Mark	Kannon	HCR 79 Box 5	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3540
Mehrdad	Khatibi	PO Box 664	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	834-9125
Jonathan	Kruichak	PO Box 611	Cuba	NM	87013	No
Max	Kruichak	PO Box 611	Cuba	NM	87013	No
Pat	Kutzner	PO Box 1169	Cuba	NM	87013	289-9105

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Steve	Laster	No				
Maureen	Lincoln	37 Sage Hill Dr	Placitas	NM	87043	867-1531
Larry	Lippincott	6651 Isleta Blvd	Albuquerque	NM	?	877-3206
Flora	Lopez	PO Box 1538	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3269
J Leonard	Loretto	PO Box 333	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	834-7942
Rey	Lovato	PO Box 14	La Jara	NM	87027	289-3417
Antonio	Lucero	244 Los Luceros Rd	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	829-3725
Benny	Lucero	158 Mescalero NW	Albuquerque	NM	?	345-0047
David E.	Lucero	PO Box 105	San Ysidro	NM	87053	834-7431
Gov. Gilbert	Lucero	185 Capitol Sq Dr	Zia Pueblo	NM	87053	867-3304
Luis	Lucero	1027 Solar NW	Albuquerque	NM	87107	345-2956
Manuel	Lucero	212 San Andres NW	Albuquerque	NM	?	344-9766
Maria B	Lucero	219 Los Luceros Rd	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	829-3763
Steve M	Lucero	1219 Hwy 4	San Ysidro	NM	87053	834-7431
Ethyl	Maharg	PO Box 1455	Cuba	NM	87013	289-0244
Jerry	Marquez	603 Hwy 4	San Ysidro	NM	87053	
Lisa	Matlock	888 Hwy 4	San Ysidro	NM	87053	834-0297
Mike	McClannahan	349 Winter Rd	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3442
Sam	McDaniel	PO Box 164	San Ysidro	NM	87053	834-7010
Joanne	McEntire	1021 Silver Ave SW	Albuquerque	NM	87102	247-8348
Stuart	McRae	PO Box 234	San Ysidro	NM	87053	834-7337
Susan	Minter	PO Box 287	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3912
Charlotte	Mitchell	3319 Hwy 485	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	829-3799
Joseph (Jose)	Montaño	PO Box 44293	Rio Rancho	NM	87174	891-9458
Lynn	Montgomery	PO Box 612	Placitas	NM	87043	867-9580
Edna & Fred	Morales	PO Box 169	La Jara	NM	87027	289-0226
Elmer	Morales	PO Box 583	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3525
Joaquin	Morales	PO Box 114	La Jara	NM	87027	289-3944
Frank A	Murphy	PO Box 1625	Cuba	NM	87013	289-9147
Peggy	Ohler	PO Box 250	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3950
Fidencio	Olivas	PO Box 1145	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3753
Lucien	Ortega	PO Box 413	Regina	NM	87046	289-3904
Edward	Oxley	PO Box 1777	Cuba	NM	87013	289-4222
Derek	Padilla	PO Box 150	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3535
Carol	Parker	57 Calle Sozanna	Santa Fe	NM	87501	473-0691, 665-8985
Charles	Pate	PO Box 2	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3855
John	Peterson	PO Box 150	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3535
Cathy	Pierce	PO Box 79	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	834-00no
Peter M.	Pino	185 Capitol Sq Dr	Zia Pueblo	NM	87053	867-3304, 867-3308 F

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Bob	Prendergast	11100 Richfield Ave NE	Albuquerque	NM	87522	857-9225
Bobby	Putt	PO Box 247	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3947
Joseph	Quintana	317 Commercial NE, Ste 104	Albuquerque	NM	87102	247-1750
Beverly & Joe	Rice	PO Box 174	La Jara	NM	87027	No
Larry	Rodgers	1038 Hwy 485	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	834-1962
Roberto	Rodriguez	PO Box 130	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3264
Nellie	Rowe	PO Box 312	Regina	NM	87046	No
Sam	Sala	No				
Sophie	Salaz	PO Box 130	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3264
David	Sanchez	PO Box 893	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3809
Bryan	Sandoval	PO Box 2	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3468
Gilbert M	Sandoval	PO Box 61	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3882
Sisto	Sandoval	PO Box 1	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3468
Frances & Herman	Santillanes	PO Box 1293	Cuba	NM	87013	289-9131
Bud & Skeeter	Schmetz	HC 78 Box 11	Regina	NM	87046	638-5572
Zan	Schultz	PO Box 426	Regina	NM	87046	289-3633
Esther	Smedley	2873 Hwy 485	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	829-3778
Sam	Smelser	PO Box 1284	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3810
Worth	Smelser	PO Box 1294	Cuba	NM	87013	289-0094
Dennis	Smith	800 Ponderosa Dr	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3913
Richard	Spencer	PO Box 129	Mountainair	NM	87036	847-2941
Francisca	Spinivasan	117 Culebra Rd	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	829-3671
Keith	Stickford	PO Box 66	La Jara	NM	87027	289-9111
Evi	Tachine	No				
Tapio	Talvitie	666 Winter Rd	La Cueva	NM	87025	829-3943
Jill	Thomson	Rt Box	Ponderosa	NM	87044	No
NW	Tobey	PO Box 456	Bernalillo	NM	87004	834-7110
Walley	Toledo	No				
Ernest R.	Torrez	PO Box 4	La Jara	NM	87027	No
James E	Treherm	1351 Hwy 485	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	829-3710
Ivan	Trujillo	No				
Lupe	Trujillo	No				
Mike	Trujillo	317 Commercial, Ste 104	Albuquerque	NM	87102	724-3623, 247-1750
Felicie & Jim	Truscio	77 Parkside Rd	Rio Rancho	NM	87174	891-1304
Andy	Vigil	21 Camino Salado	La Jara	NM	87027	289-2212
Felix	Wakefield	8265 Hwy 4	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	834-7409
Kenneth	Wakefield	178 Serenata Rd	Ponderosa	NM	87044	834-7784
Jeanette	Wallace	1913 Spruce	Los Alamos	NM	87544	661-2575
Chuck	Walters	140 River Rd.	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-4187

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Irene	Wanner	570 Vista Hermosa Rd	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	829-3357
Winona	Ward	PO Box 2276	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3166
Bob	Wessely	303 Camino de San Francisco	Placitas	NM	87043	867-326?
Diana & Terry	Wheeler	Box 2742	Globe	AZ	?	520-425-9683, 425-3017
Fred	White	2873 Hwy 485	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	829-3778
Kathleen	Wiegner	PO Box 299	Jemez Springs	NM	87025	829-3488
Alice & Louis	Wiese	PO Box 147	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3851, 289-3208
Sherwood	Willetto	No				
Bob	Wilson	No				
Mike	Wirtz	161 D Calle Ojo Feliz	Santa Fe	NM	87505	983-9208
Laverne	Wood	PO Box 5	Cuba	NM	87013	252-2789
Marion	Woolf	Box 382	Cuba	NM	87013	289-0178
Paul	Yoder	PO Box 1616	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3308
Total	182					

2000-2003 List of RP y RJ Subregional Water Planning Participants- Phases I & II

First	Last	Affiliation	Phase I or II
Lupe	Aragon	NM Rural Water Users Assoc./Cuba Village	II
Melvin J.	Aragon	LJ/Archibique Ditch Assoc.	I
Anthony R	Armijo	Jemez Pueblo	I
Myra	Barron		II
Brian	Benavidez	San Ysidro Ditch Assoc.?	II
Rudy	Benavidez	Extension Service	I
Marti	Blad	Jemez Pueblo	II
Chris	Blecha		I
Nancy	Blecha		I
Bob	Bootzin	Realtor	I
Robert	Borden	Jemez Thunder	I
Danny	Branch	Natural Resources Conservation Service	II
Linda	Branch	Natural Resources Conservation Service	II
Richard	Briesmeister		I
BJ	Brock	NM Cattle Growers Assoc.	II
Susan	Burritt	Jemez Thunder	I
Mary F	Caldwell	Ponderosa Irrigation/George E Fent Ditch	I & II
Dave	Carlson	Realtor	I
Juan	Carrillo		II
Emmett	Cart	CS&WCD/Everything	I & II
Leonard	Casaus Sr.	Los Pinos Ditch Assoc. (Treasurer)	I
Leo	Charley	Torreon Chapter House	II
Brenda	Chavez	La Jara Ditch Assoc.	I
Eustacio	Chavez		I
Mike	Chavez	Rio Puerco Management Committee	I & II
Rebecca	Christman		II
Diana J	Clark	Ponderosa Ditch	I
Ernest	Cordova		II
Herman	Cordova		II
Robert	Cordova	La Jara Ditch Assoc.	I & II
Caren	Cowan	NM Cattle Growers Assoc.	II
Jack	Crane		I
Clyde	Crespin	?Ditch Assoc.	I
Joseph	Crespin	?Ditch Assoc.	I
Betty Jane	Curry	Rancher/CS&WCD?	I & II
David	Dominguez		II
Grace	Drake		I

First	Last	Affiliation	Phase I or II
Jim	Eaton	United States Forest Service	II
Carlota	Eichwald	Garcia-Lucero Ditch	I
F Kenneth	Eichwald	Archibeque (Garcia?) Ditch/Acequia Unidas?	I
Fred	Fair		II
Anne	Ferrell	United States Forest Service	II
Carmen	Garcia	La Jara Ditch Assoc.	I & II
John	Garcia		I
Jose E.	Garcia		I & II
Manuel	Garcia	La Jara Ditch Assoc./ Regina Volunteer Fire Dept	II
Ralph	Garcia		I
Linda	Greene	Regina Volunteer Fire Dept.	II
Ronnie	Greene	Regina Volunteer Fire Dept.	II
Armand	Groffman	Hydrologist	I & II
Lloyd	Gronning		I
Jim	Gross	MRCOG	I
Fatou	Gueye		II
Arthur	Gurule	La Jara Ditch Assoc.	I
Jeffrey	Gurule	La Jara Ditch Assoc./Rancher/Gonzalez-Gurule Ditch	I
Melvin	Gurule	Bureau of Indian Affairs	I
Robert	Gurule		I
Craig	Hab		I
Gene	Harty		I
Rosemary	Harty		I
Elsie	Hays		II
Elaine	Hebard	Water Assembly	I & II
Aparcio	Herrera	Rancher	II
Herman P	Herrera		I
Bill	Hines	Homeowner	I
Jim	Hines	Homeowner	I
Mary	Hines	Homeowner	I
Victoria	Hines	Homeowner	I
Ruby	Hoolihan	Homeowner	I & II
Andrea	Hourigan	Homeowner	I
Dar	Hourigan	Homeowner	I
Judith	Isaacs		II
Elizardo	Jaquez	La Jara Ditch Assoc.	I
Elizabeth	Johnson	Sandoval County Commissioner	I & II
Jennifer	Johnson	La Jara Ditch Assoc.	I & II
RW	Johnson	Former Sandoval County Commissioner	I & II

First	Last	Affiliation	Phase I or II
Terry	Johnson	La Jara Ditch Assoc. /Regina Volunteer Fire Dept.	I & II
Chad	Kannon	Rancher	II
Mark	Kannon	Rancher	I
Mehrdad	Khatibi	Jemez Pueblo	I
Jonathan	Kruichak		I
Max	Kruichak	Rancher	I
Pat	Kutzner		I & II
Steve S	Laster		II
Maureen	Lincoln		I
Larry	Lippincott		I
Flora	Lopez	Cuba Village	II
J Leonard	Loretto	Governor Jemez Pueblo/Veterinarian	I
Rey	Lovato	La Jara Ditch Assoc./Rancher	I
Antonio	Lucero		II
Benny	Lucero	Rancher	I
David R?	Lucero	San Ysidro Ditch	I
David E	Lucero		II
Gov Gilbert	Lucero	Zia?	II
Luis	Lucero	La Jara Ditch Assoc.	I
Manuel	Lucero		I
Maria B	Lucero		I & II
Steve M	Lucero	CS&WCD/San Ysidro Village Mayor	I & II
Ethyl	Maharg	Cuba Village Mayor	II
Jerry	Marquez		II
Lisa	Matlock		II
Mike	McClannahan		I
Sam	McDaniel		I
Joanne	Mcentire		I
Stuart	McRae		II
Susan	Minter	Volunteer	I
Charlotte	Mitchell	Farm Bureau	I & II
Joseph	Montano		II
Lynn	Montgomery	Placitas Ditch Assoc.	I
Edna	Morales		I
Elmer	Morales	Jemez Coop	I
Fred	Morales	La Jara Ditch Assoc.	I & II
Joaquin	Morales	La Jara Ditch Assoc.	I & II
Frank A	Murphy	Volunteer	II
Peggy	Ohler	CS&WCD/Rancher	I & II

First	Last	Affiliation	Phase I or II
Fidencio	Olivas	La Jara Ditch Assoc.	I
Lucien	Ortega		II
Edward	Oxley	Parciente	I
Derek	Padilla	United States Forest Service	I
Carol	Parker		I
Charles	Pate		I
John	Peterson	United States Forest Service	I
Cathy	Pierce		I
Peter M.	Pino	Tribal Administrator, Zia Pueblo	I & II
Bob	Prendergast	Water Assembly	I & II
Bobby	Putt	Los Pinos Ditch Assoc. (Mayordomo)	II
Joseph	Quintana	MRCOG	I & II
Beverly	Rice		II
Joe	Rice		II
Larry	Rodgers		I & II
Roberto	Rodriguez	United States Forest Service	I
Nellie	Rowe		II
Sam	Sala	Torreon Chapter House	II
Sophie	Salaz	United States Forest Service	I
David	Sanchez	Parciente/Rancher	I
Bryan	Sandoval	Parciente/Rancher	I
Gilbert M	Sandoval	Former United States Forest Service/ Jemez Ditch Assoc.?	I & II
Sisto	Sandoval	Parciente/Rancher	I
Frances	Santillanes	Parciente	I
Herman H	Santillanes	Parciente	I
Bud	Schmetz	Rancher	II
Skeeter	Schmetz	Rancher	II
Zan	Schultz		II
Esther	Smedley		I
Sam	Smelser	Rancher	I & II
Worth	Smelser	Rancher	I
Dennis	Smith		II
Richard	Spencer		I
Francisca	Spinivasan		I
Keith	Stickford	La Jara Ditch Assoc., LJ Water Users Assn.	I & II
Evi	Tachine	Torreon Chapter House	II
Tapio	Talvitie		I
Jill	Thomson		I
NW	Tobey		I

First	Last	Affiliation	Phase I or II
Walley	Toledo	Torreón Chapter House	II
Ernest R.	Torrez	La Jara Ditch Assoc. (heir)	I & II
James E	Trehern		II
Ivan	Trujillo		II
Lupe	Trujillo		II
Mike	Trujillo	Mid Region Council of Governments	I & II
Felicie	Truscio		I
Jim	Truscio		I
Andy	Vigil		II
Felix	Wakefield		II
Kenneth	Wakefield		II
Jeanette	Wallace	NM State Representative	I
Chuck	Walters		II
Irene	Wanner		I
Winona	Ward		I
Bob	Wessely	Water Assembly	I & II
Diana	Wheeler		I
Terry	Wheeler		I
Fred	White		I
Kathleen	Wiegner		I
Alice	Wiese	Retired	I
H Louis	Wiese III	Parciente/Rancher	I
Sherwood	Willetto	Torreón Chapter House	II
Bob	Wilson		II
Mike	Wirtz	Facilitator	I & II
Lavern	Wood		II
Marion	Woolf	Los Pinos Ditch Assoc./Former RPyRJ SC Chair	I
Paul	Yoder		II
I & II-32, 1- 93, II- 57 = Total 182 Participants			

RPyRJ Local Ditch Associations (Acequias)

Association	First	Last	Address	City	St	Zip	Phone
Acequia de La Jara	David	Montoya	2813 Moya Rd NW	Albuquerque	NM	87104	243-6874
Los Pinos Community	Marion	Woolf	PO Box 382	Cuba	NM	87013	289-0178
Acequia de Los	Dr. Richard	Kozoll	PO Box 914	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3326
Acequia Unidas	Ken	Eichwald	PO Box 1317	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3871
Archibeque Ditch	Ken	Eichwald	PO Box 1317	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3871
Garcia-Lucero	Carlota	Eichwald	PO Box 672	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3836
Gonzalez-Gurule	Jeffrey	Gurule	PO Box 413	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3992
Lagunitas Ditch	Leo	Sandoval		Cuba	NM	87013	289-3781
Nacimiento Ditch	Mark	Martinez	PO Box 1038	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3223
Nacimiento Ditch Mayordomo	Carlo	Atencio	PO Box	Cuba	NM	87013	
San Jose Ditch	Aparcio	Gurule	PO Box 416	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3418
San Luis Acequia	Annie P	Sandoval	PO Box 306	Bernalillo	NM	87004	
Vallecitos Ditch	Ray	Sisneros	Gen Del	Cuba	NM	87013	289-3573
Jemez Springs	Tom	Abousleman	Gen Del	Jemez Springs	NM	87044	829-3835
Canon Community	Joe	Romero	Canyon Rt 10	Jemez Pueblo	NM	87024	829-3385
San Ysidro Ditch	David R	Lucero	PO Box 105	San Ysidro	NM	87053	834-7431
Ponderosa Irrigation	Mary F	Caldwell	PO Box 108	Ponderosa	NM	87044	834-7406
George E Fent	Mary F	Caldwell	PO Box 108	Ponderosa	NM	87044	834-7406
La Cueva Ditch				Jemez Springs	NM		
Pueblo Ditch				Jemez Pueblo	NM		
East Lateral				Jemez Springs	NM		
West Ditch				Jemez Springs	NM		
West Lateral Ditch				Jemez Springs	NM		
West Main Ditch				Jemez Springs	NM		
West Side Ditch				Jemez Springs	NM		
Upper West Ditch				Jemez Springs	NM		
South Upper Ditch				Jemez Springs	NM		

GPA MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST- 2002

First	Last	4/11	4/25	5/16	First	Last	4/11	4/25	5/16
Douglas	Albin	x	x	x	Milton	Maestas	x	x	x
Elsie	Archuleta	x	x		Ubaldo	Maestas	x		
J. V.	Archuleta	x	x		William	Maestas			x
Danny	Branch	x			Celso R.	Martinez	x		
Brenda	Chavez	x	x		Mel	Martinez	x	x	x
Robert	Cordova	x	x	x	David	Montoya	x	x	x
Tony F.	Duran	x	x		Elmer	Morales	x		
Ernest	Garcia	x			Fred	Morales	x		
Carmen	Garcia	x		x	Joaquin	Morales	x		
Manuel	Garcia	x	x	x	Ventura	Ogilvie	x		
Steve	Garcia			x	Fidencio	Olivas	x	x	
? R.	Garcia		x		Maclovio	Olivas			x
Albert	Gurule		x		Eddie	Pacheco	x	x	
Ernest	Gurule	x			Celia	Rhoden	x		
Genie	Gurule		x		Elena	Snyder	x		x
Sam	Gutierrez	x	x	x	Keith	Stickford	x	x	x
Jennifer	Johnson	x	x	x	Ernest	Torrez		x	
Terry	Johnson	x	x	x	Randy	Valasquez	x	x	
Rey	Lovato	x	x		Genevie P.	Valdez			x
Luis	Lucero	x	x	x	Richard L.	Velarde	x		
Andres	Maestas	x	x						
Carolina	Maestas	x							
Jake	Maestas			x					

RP y RJ Subregional Water Planning Phase II
January 20, 2003 – December 8, 2003
Participants' Affiliations

First	Last	Affiliation
Lupe	Aragon	Cuba Village Councilor/NM Rural Water Users Assn
Myra	Barron	
Brian	Benavidez	San Ysidro Ditch Assoc.?
Gene	Bishop	
Marti	Blad	Jemez Pueblo
Danny	Branch	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Linda	Branch	Natural Resources Conservation Service
BJ	Brock	NM Cattle Growers Assoc.
Donald	Buttry	Regina Water Users Assn.
Mary F	Caldwell	Ponderosa Irrigation/George E Fenton Ditch
Juan	Carrillo	
Emmett	Cart	CS&WCD/Everything
Leo	Charley	Torreón Chapter House
Mike	Chavez	Rio Puerco Management Committee
Rebecca	Christman	Homeowner
Ernest	Cordova	
Herman	Cordova	
Robert	Cordova	La Jara Ditch Assoc.
Caren	Cowan	NM Cattle Growers Assoc.
Betty Jane	Curry	Rancher/CS&WCD
David	Dominguez	
Jim	Eaton	United States Forest Service
Cindy	Echavarria	
George	Echavarria	
Fred	Fair	Landowner
Anne	Ferrell	United States Forest Service- Jemez RD
Steve	Fisher	BLM/Rio Puerco Management Committee
Carmen	Garcia	La Jara Ditch Assoc.
John H	Garcia	
Jose E.	Garcia	
Manuel	Garcia	La Jara Ditch Assoc./ Regina Volunteer Fire Dept
?	Garcia	
Linda	Greene	Regina Volunteer Fire Dept.
Ronnie	Greene	Regina Volunteer Fire Dept.
Armand	Groffman	Hydrologist/Landowner
Fatou	Gueye	Homeowner
Sam	Gutierrez	La Jara Ditch Assoc./Rancher
Elsie	Hays	
Elaine	Hebard	Program Coordinator
Aparcio	Herrera	Rancher
Ruby	Hoolihan	Homeowner- La Cueva
Judith	Isaacs	Homeowner
Elizabeth	Johnson	<i>Sandoval County Commissioner/Rancher</i>
Jennifer	Johnson	La Jara Ditch Assoc.
RW	Johnson	Former Sandoval County Commissioner/Rancher
Terry	Johnson	La Jara Ditch Assoc. /Regina Volunteer Fire Dept.
Erica	Kane	
Chad	Kannon	Rancher
Max	Kruichak	Rancher Upper Rito Leche Area

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Pat	Kutzner	Homeowner
Steve S	Laster	
Flora	Lopez	Cuba Village Councilor
Antonio	Lucero	
David E	Lucero	San Ysidro Ditch
Gov Gilbert	Lucero	Zio Pueblo
Maria B	Lucero	
Steve M	Lucero	CS&WCD/San Ysidro Village Mayor/Rancher/
?	Lucero	
Ethyl	Maharg	Cuba Village Mayor
Jerry	Marquez	
Lisa	Matlock	
Stuart	McRae	
Anna	Messer	Cuba Village Councilor
Charlotte	Mitchell	Farm Bureau
Joseph	Montano	Landowner
Fred	Morales	La Jara Ditch Assoc.
Joaquin	Morales	La Jara Ditch Assoc.
Steve	Neff	
Peggy	Ohler	CS&WCD/Rancher
Lucien	Ortega	
Charles	Pate	
Peter M.	Pino	Zia Pueblo Tribal Administrator
Stella	Pino	Zia Pueblo
Bob	Prendergast	Water Assembly
Joseph	Quintana	Mid Region Council of Governments
Beverly	Rice	Homeowner
Joe	Rice	Homeowner
Larry	Rodgers	Homeowner
Nellie	Rowe	
Sam	Sala	Torreon Chapter House
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Lupe	Trujillo	
Mike	Trujillo	Mid Region Council of Governments
George	Unknown	
Priscilla	Vallejos	
Andy	Vigil	United States Forest Service- Cuba RD
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**RIO PUERCO Y RIO JEMEZ SUB-REGIONAL WATER PLANNING
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Manuel Garcia
Joseph Jose Montano
Ernie Torrez

Environmental/Watershed

Armand Groffman
Terry Johnson
Keith Stickford
Paul Yoder

Village Vitality

Peggy Ohler

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Fatou Gueye
Jenifer Johnson

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Robert Cordova

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Cel Gachupin
David Lucero
Mariano Lucero
Orlando Lucero
Steve Lucero
Melvin Maestas
Charlotte Mitchell
Lupe Trujillo

Environmental

Becky Christman
Judith Isaacs
Harold Reid (Zia)

Suburban/Exurban

Larry Rodgers
Rosann Miller-Witherington

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Steve Lucero
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Larry Rogers
Lisa Matlock
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5 - COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT for the RIO PUERCO AND RIO JEMEZ WATERSHED PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE

The purpose of this Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) is to establish the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez Watershed Planning Steering Committee (Steering Committee). The Steering Committee is to be comprised of stake holders in water resource planning in parts of Sandoval County, Bernalillo County and Valencia County, including but not limited to: local governments and sovereign pueblos and tribes that are located within the subregions. In addition, members of acequias and acequia associations, soil and water conservation districts, school districts, mutual domestic water users, state and federal land and water resources management agencies, and, recreation and environmental advocacy groups will be encouraged to participate as non-voting advisors. The Steering Committee will cooperatively develop and recommend alternatives for *the tributary watershed areas of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan* for the area defined by Figure 1. The Steering Committee will also provide information and recommendations for the implementation of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan.

WHEREAS: the New Mexico Statutes (72-14-43 and 44 NMSA, 1978) provide for regions of the state to develop Regional Water Plans that examine *all aspects* of the available water supply in a region, inventory existing uses of water, project forty year water demands, and determine which management alternatives are most feasible to balance future demand with available supplies, and

WHEREAS: the area defined by Figure I contains distinct geographic features that define surface and ground water *hydrologic* boundaries, in particular, the Rio Puerco and the Rio Jemez tributary watersheds of the middle Rio Grande, and

WHEREAS: the area defined by Figure I contains boundaries of several *political* jurisdictions, including Sandoval County, Bernalillo County, Valencia County, and the Village of Cuba, the Village of Jemez Springs, the Town of San Ysidro, the Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District, and public school districts, and

WHEREAS: the area defined by Figure I contains boundaries and portions of *Zia Pueblo, Jemez Pueblo, the Jicarilla Apache Reservation, and several chapters of the Navajo Nation, and*

WHEREAS: the area defined by Figure I also contains *acequias and acequia associations, and*

WHEREAS: the area defined by Figure I also contains portions of the *Santa Fe National Forest, Bureau of land Management tracts, and property owned by the State of new Mexico, and*

WHEREAS: water resources in the area defined by Figure I are also managed by the *Bureau of reclamation, the Army Corps of engineers*, mutual domestic users, and well owners, and

WHEREAS: the water resources in the area defined by Figure I are used for recreation and by wildlife, and

WHEREAS: the water resources of the region are vulnerable to drought, contamination and/or degradation, and

WHEREAS: the traditional, cultural, and environmental values derived from *historic flows and traditional uses* are experiencing increasing demands on the relatively finite renewable water resources, and

WHEREAS: the region's surface water supply and water rights *are subject to adjudication*, and

WHEREAS: it is critical to balance issues *of public welfare* relating to quality of life, economic development, and preservation and protection of existing uses of water, and

WHEREAS: the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission has *provided funding and criteria* to aid the Middle Rio Grande region in developing a Regional Water Plan, and

WHEREAS: water resource planning that provides benefits to all water users within the Middle Rio Grande Water Planning Region *will require the cooperation and agreement of the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez Water Planning Steering Committee* to resolve competing or conflicting water demands, and

WHEREAS: the *Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments* has *promised funding to the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez Water Planning Steering Committee* to assist the region to develop a Regional Water Plan, and

WHEREAS: it is of vital interest to communities and counties, farmers and ranchers, tribes and pueblos, the acequias, mutual domestic users, and *all the other water users*, water right holders, and citizens residing in -the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez subregion, to cooperatively develop and implement the regional water plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the signatories to the Agreement agree to cooperate in the development of the Regional Water Plan within their individual authorities, resource capabilities, and legal protections in the following manner:

1. This Cooperative Agreement is *only a commitment to work on developing a Regional Water Plan* that addresses water management issues on a regional basis.

2. This Cooperative Agreement *does not bind the parties* to accepting any of the alternatives or adopting the Regional Water Plan.
3. A Steering Committee will be established to *oversee development* of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan, which includes, but not limited to the following:
 - a. Each signatory will provide a representative and an alternate to participate in the proceedings. The commitment of time is approximately two years, which is the time estimated to complete the regional water plan.
 - b. These representatives will share information from the proceedings with the parties they represent.
 - c. The Steering Committee will establish by-laws and procedures for membership, communication with governing bodies and the public, and the deliberations of subcommittees, if any are established to oversee development of work tasks or parts of the Regional Water Plan.
 - d. The Steering Committee will guide public involvement activities to assure the public's welfare is identified and the approach to assuring public comments on the plan alternatives reflect the public's welfare.
 - e. Signatories will provide comments on the drafts or the plan's alternatives in a timely manner.
 - f. Signatories to the Agreement constitute the initial membership of the Steering Committee.

SIGNATORIES TO THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT - July 28, 2001

Village of Jemez	Richard Briesmeister
Community of Cuba	Marion Woolf
Pueblo of Zia	Peter Pino
Village of San Ysidro	Steve Lucero
Community of Canon	Charlotte Mitchell
Community of Ponderosa	Mary Caldwell
Community of Sierra Los Pinos	Bob Bootzin
Community of Regina	Armand Groffman
Community of La Jara	Robert L Cordova

6 - BYLAWS

RIO PUERCO AND RIO JEMEZ WATERSHED PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez Water Planning Steering Committee, hereafter referred to in these bylaws as the Steering Committee.

The organization was established through the Cooperative Agreement for the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez Watershed Planning Steering Committee.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE OF STEERING COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Steering Committee is to provide input to the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan and to provide a watershed management model, pursuant to an Interstate Stream Commission grant, through a process that takes into account the public welfare of the entire Middle Rio Grande Water Planning Region. The planning region, including the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez subregions, shown in Figure 1, includes parts of Sandoval, Bernalillo, and Valencia Counties. An individual's participation in the planning process through the Steering Committee shall not in any way be interpreted as modifying, compromising, or placing at risk any water entitlement, claim or management authority held by the participant's organization independent of the regional water planning process.

ARTICLE 3: STEERING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Steering Committee members with voting privileges shall be representatives of local communities and sovereign tribes and pueblos that are located within the subregions. In addition, members of acequia associations, advocacy groups, and State and federal water, land and resource management agencies who can influence the quality, quantity and availability of surface or ground water will be encouraged to participate as non-voting advisors. The intent is that the Steering Committee members through their affiliation, background and experience will be in a position to assist in the development and implementation of the Middle Rio Grande regional water plan. They will be also be involved in the development and implementation of watershed restoration projects; these projects will provide guidance for future models that will be used throughout the subregions.

Each Steering Committee member shall designate an alternate to serve in his or her absence. Commitment to participate is key to the success of the planning process. Continuity of representation is essential for progress of the planning and involvement efforts. To function effectively the Steering Committee is limited in size. However, to ensure adequate public input

an extensive public participation process will be an integral part of the planning and involvement process. The Steering Committee's makeup should assure that all individuals within the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez planning subregions have adequate representation. Any individual that does not think they are adequately represented may address the Steering Committee for the need to expand the membership. All Steering Committee meetings will be open to the public and all interested members of the public are encouraged to attend and voice their opinions.

ARTICLE 4: DUTIES

The members of the Steering Committee will be responsible for: proposing amendments and revisions, as needed, to these bylaws; establishing agendas for meetings; notification of all community residents of scheduled meetings; keeping minutes of all meetings; making recommendations to the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments; and assisting in fiscal, procurement, and other business and administrative issues. All fiscal matters will be handled by the Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District. The Steering Committee must approve a budget and any revision of that budget.

In addition, the Steering Committee may develop a needs assessment, scope of work, and tasking schedule with costs, that will be contracted between the Steering Committee and the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments. This contract will cover costs associated with the above mentioned duties and responsibilities and pertain to the subregions' water planning coordination.

ARTICLE 5: CHAIR

The Chair of the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez Water Planning Steering Committee will be elected by the Steering Committee based on input from each Steering Committee member. The term for the Chair will be for 12 months and the Chair may be re-elected. The Chair will be responsible for chairing the Steering Committee meetings. The Chair will work- with the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Planners and the subregions' water planning coordinator to insure that all issues, concerns, and recommendations originating from the subregions are addressed and included for the entire water planning region.

ARTICLE 6: MEETING NOTICE

Steering Committee members will receive at least two weeks advance notice of upcoming meetings. The Chair will also notify the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments at least two weeks in advance of subregion meetings.

ARTICLE 7: DECISION MAKING

The Steering Committee shall strive to make decisions by consensus. If a clear consensus is not reached, a caucus process will occur to better inform all members of the issue and determine the cause of the disagreement. As a last resort any Steering Committee member may request a vote. The vote by simple majority of members at a meeting at which a quorum exists shall be the act

of the Steering Committee. Either the Steering Committee member or the alternate may cast a vote, but not both. Observers may participate in the decision making process by commenting during discussion of the issues. Documentation of minority and/or observer comments and opinions will be recorded and summarized as appropriate.

ARTICLE 8: QUORUM

A quorum of the Steering Committee shall be more than 50% of the Steering Committee members.

ARTICLE 9: FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

The Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District shall serve as the fiscal agent for the Steering Committee. Procurement and disbursement of funds must follow their guidelines and those agreed to with the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments.

SIGNATORIES TO BYLAWS – July 28, 2001

Village of Jemez	Richard Briesmeister
Community of Cuba	Marion Woolf
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Village of San Ysidro	Steve Lucero
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7. - LA JARA GPA

- **MEETING MINUTES**
- **GPA PROPOSAL**

MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF A LA JARA GEOGRAPHICAL PRIORITY AREA (GPA)

Introduction

Anselmo Gutierrez (Sam) and Jennifer Johnson first met with Danny Branch, who works for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in Cuba on April 4, 2002. Danny had an idea concerning funding for the numerous projects landowners in La Jara wanted to do on their lands. The Acequia de La Jara (AdLJ-community ditch assn.) had encouraged its members to apply for matching money through the Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD) for help in constructing and installing head gates on their lateral ditches. The AdLJ was also asking for funding to help with work that was needed on its three main ditches. However, the demand for funding was greater than the funding available through that program. Danny felt there was enough interest among landowners to warrant applying for federal grant money. The USDA-NRCS is responsible for management of the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). Danny told Sam and Jennifer that the Jemez Pueblo had applied last year, and that though the program is very competitive, the pueblo had ranked number one among new applications. He felt that La Jara could be very competitive if there was enough interest among the landowners to pursue and use the funding. Sam and I felt we should call a meeting of acequia members, since that is who we were representing, and that Danny should present the idea to them.

Minutes From the First Meeting Thursday, 4/11/2002, 6:30-8:00 pm La Jara Community Center

Thirty-two people (not including Danny and Randy-NRCS) attended the first meeting. Danny spoke to the attendees and told them about the Environmental Quality Incentive Program:

The USDA-NRCS has a program available through EQIP. This program is designed to identify an area that shares the same natural resource concerns and can be defined as an entity. He felt that initially the area would best be defined as those lands solely within the La Jara watershed drainage (the area drained by La Jara Creek).

Landowners would put together a proposal to apply for the EQIP funds. This program is community driven not government driven. Under the EQIP program, it is the community that decides what areas will be included, what natural resource concerns they have, how they would like to address those concerns, and the outcomes they would like to see. Also, the community establishes the program's cost share. This allows the funding to meet and satisfy the community's needs. However, the maximum cost share is 75/25.

The EQIP is different from the SWCD programs. EQIP is federal money not county money. Under EQIP we would be competing against other groups throughout New Mexico. With SWCD competition

for funding is only between groups or individuals in the county. Though competition is stiffer, funding for individuals is much greater through EQIP than through SWCD.

SWCD projects are like band-aids, they address projects scattered randomly across an area. EQIP is designed to affect the natural resources on a broader scale, through planning. Planning can be done on a time scale relevant to the community's needs but is typically between 5 to 10 years long. An actual plan would be developed that would describe the types of projects to be done, when they would be done, and the outcomes to be expected and monitored. The plan would include the funding needed through time to address the resource concerns and implement the projects.

A Local Working Group (LWG) is instrumental in getting the work done to write the proposal. But since the program is community driven, attendance by members of the community is extremely important to both provide input and to show community support.

Minutes From the Second Meeting
Thursday, 4/25/2002, 6:30-8:00 pm
La Jara Community Center

Twenty-five people (not including Danny and Randy-NRCS) attended the second meeting. Danny passed out small sheets of paper to each attendee. Then, he presented a short synopsis of the important points concerning EQIP that he had made at the first meeting.

After that he led the attendees in a discussion of the resource needs and concerns that each individual had regarding the La Jara area. He made it clear that we each needed to state our concern even if someone else had already mentioned it. This was because it would better define the individual thought regarding that concern. He said we would go around the room and that each individual would get a chance to state one concern. We would continue to proceed around the room until everyone was satisfied that all their concerns had been presented. There was no right or wrong concern and there was no maximum number of concerns.

Randy Valasquez, also with NRCS made a listing of the concerns as we stated them. After we had satisfied everyone and no one had anything else to offer we found we had listed 39 concerns. Anthony posted all the concerns on the wall so we could easily see them. We then proceeded to combine concerns under just a few headings.

We had a discussion about what area should be included in the GPA. Though Danny felt it would be easier to define the area if only lands within the La Jara Creek drainage were included, it was felt by most of the attendees that we should include anyone who was dependent on La Jara Creek water, either for irrigation or domestic use. We also felt we should include people who considered themselves residents of La Jara. This is because the La Jara area is larger than just the La Jara valley. There is a real and obvious separation between drainages to the north (the Naranjo) and the south (the Los Pinos). The people that live on lands that lie between the La Jara valley and the edges of those drainages consider themselves to be La Jara residents. Many of them are related to La Jara residents and many of them own other lands within the valley. Those lands are dry (not irrigated) but they are used for such things as grazing, dry land farming, and wood cutting, besides being important as wildlife habitat.

We also discussed the very real and constantly present danger of loosing our water to Albuquerque.

The main natural resource concerns that were brought out were:

- Soil erosion of croplands (laser leveling).
- Inadequate supply of water (reservoir).
- Improve functioning of the watershed (too many trees).
- Protection of the watershed (danger of catastrophic fire, water quality).
- Poor functioning of the ditch system (loss of water due to dirt ditches, poor condition of the ditches-shallow in places, and deeply eroded in others, flumes and culverts that are broken or falling apart, invasion of weeds, trees and willows reducing flow).

Other concerns included:

- Educate the community about more modern methods of doing agriculture including technology and a broader range of crops.
- Competition between wildlife and livestock for forage and water. This included the idea of hunting to reduce competition.
- Invasion of noxious and competitive plant species. This included sagebrush and juniper as well as non-native species.
- Lack of groundcover and loss of native grasses.
- Financial impact of drilling dry wells.
- Educate the community about the EQIP program and their role in it and the opportunities it presents.
- Creation of an agriculture Coop. This would allow landowners that are incapable of farming their land to keep their land in production, to reduce individual expenses, and provide an opportunity to realize a profit from their land.
- Unacceptable domestic water quality.
- Soil erosion of rangeland. Gullying, and development of arroyos.
- Loss of wildlife habitat from loss of forage grasses, and drying of ponds and springs.

Each person placed their three tags on the solutions which they felt were the most important. The solutions which received the most votes were:

- Land Leveling.
- Improvement of the Ditch System.
- Water Storage Reservoir.
- New Technologies.
- Fire Proof the Watershed.

It was decided Doug Albin would write up the first draft of the proposal. A date was set for the next meeting of the Local Working Group to go over the draft and make comments to be incorporated in the final proposal (May 16, 2002, 6:30-8:00 PM at the La Jara Community Center).

A date for a meeting of the Acequia de La Jara board members to discuss the draft was also set up. (May 12, 2002, 1PM at Doug's place in La Jara).

**Minutes From the Third Meeting
Thursday, 5/16/2002, 6:30-8:00 pm
La Jara Community Center**

Eighteen people attended the third meeting. This meeting was specifically for Local Working Group landowner/members and Danny wasn't present. AdLJ Board members had met on May 12th to discuss the draft proposal that Doug had written up. Suggestions on changes and revisions were made at that

meeting. Both Robert Cordova and Jennifer Johnson worked on the revisions and changes, and came with copies to present to the Local Working Group.

We allowed about half an hour for the attendees to go over each copy at their leisure. Robert then presented his proposal explaining his ideas about how it was done. Robert's proposal elaborated on Doug's initial draft proposal. Neither proposal addressed the topics from the perspective of resource concerns but rather from the perspective of solutions, and neither followed the specific format presented in the application. Robert's proposal also included numerous attachments which the AdLJ Board members had felt were educational about La Jara and its participation in New Mexico's ongoing water planning process. Attachments also included maps and historical information about La Jara and the ditch system.

Jennifer then presented her proposal and explained her ideas about the way she had written it. She used the Jemez Pueblo application which Danny had given her as a template. She extracted the portions which didn't pertain to La Jara and incorporated the concerns and solutions which had been discussed at the second meeting. Her proposal followed the format presented in the application. Her proposal did not include any attachments.

The main questions to be answered were:

How many landowners did we feel would actually participate in the program?

We realized that if we placed the number of participants too high we would be jeopardized if only a small percentage actually did participate. However, if we placed our number too low we might not be competitive and funding would be reduced. We took the number of apparent Acequia members (65) and increased that to allow for participation by non-acequia landowners (15) and came up with a total of 80.

What were the geographic boundaries we felt most described the La Jara area?

Danny Branch had already prepared some beautiful maps from a draft map which Doug had e-mailed him. However, Danny's map omitted some of the lands which Doug had included. We felt we needed to correct this omission.

Danny's map also did not include the lands between La Jara valley and the Naranjo and Los Pinos drainages. We felt we needed to expand the boundary to include those landowners. By doing so we increased the number of possible participants and we also included some lands which are badly in need of natural resource protection treatments and whose owners have expressed an interest in participating.

We also felt the boundary should be extended to the west of the Arroyo San Jose to the north-south running line delineating the Jicarilla Indian Reservation since the lands of several Community members extend to that boundary line.

We discussed whether or not to include the federal lands (BLM, National Forest and/or the San Pedro Parks Wilderness) since EQIP funding was only for private lands. It was decided that we should include the federal lands because it wouldn't hurt us if we didn't do anything on them and by including them a GPA status would boost an Agency's interest to implement projects. The boundary should be set at the top of the watershed.

What would be an appropriate amount of funding to request?

We realized we did not want to ask for too much money. Danny had told us that the Jemez Pueblo had been able to increase funding the second year because they had been able to make use of all their funding the first year. If we asked for too much money and then didn't use it we could risk having our funding reduced. It was suggested that we figure how much funding the Pueblo had asked per participant and take that number and multiply it by our number of participants. It was agreed that this was probably a good starting point. We could then round it up about 10% to allow for them not fully funding our request.

Which format would provide our best chance at competition?

We decided that we would ask Danny what he thought. But probably the best thing to do was follow the application format and revise Jennifer's draft to reflect the information included in Robert's draft. Jennifer will be taking items in to Danny on Friday and she will discuss the draft with him then (if he is in the office). Robert will be in La Jara over the weekend and he will bring an electronic copy of his draft to Jennifer for her to make the revisions.

We discussed getting signatures from "partners". We realized we needed to discuss this project with various agencies before asking them to sign on. Jennifer will be contacting as many agencies as possible between now and completion of the Final proposal. From talks she had with Danny a few days ago, she thought that Danny felt that getting the signatures wouldn't be a problem.

We discussed the timing of the Final proposal. Because the proposal is due in Albuquerque no later than May 31 we realized we didn't have time to solicit comments on the final version from members of the Local Working Group. Therefore, we asked that anybody who had any real gut feelings about any portion of the draft to let us know what they were. We didn't want to include or omit anything that any person felt very strongly about. Everybody seemed to be happy with both drafts and the idea of incorporating them into one final. Nobody seemed to find anything they felt strongly enough about to either want to omit, retain or add.

Robert's draft was really very similar to Jennifer's (since they had both plagiarized the same documents). The main difference is the inclusion in Robert's draft of projected plans for implementation of projects. Possibly these should be included in the plans which will have to be written if we get funding. Jennifer will ask Danny about his thoughts regarding this aspect of Robert's draft. We also questioned how much of the historical and water planning documents should be included. We realize that sometimes too much information can be presented which can swamp the people who are evaluating the proposal. We thought Danny would probably know what we should include.

Jennifer will explain to Danny that new maps need to be made that reflect the community's concept of what areas should be included in the GPA. She will also write up the minutes of the three Local Working Group meetings and give a copy to Danny along with a copy of the sign in sheets.

GPA MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST- 2002

First	Last	4/11	4/25	5/16	First	Last	4/11	4/25	5/16
Douglas	Albin	x	x	x	Milton	Maestas	x	x	x
Elsie	Archuleta	x	x		Ubaldo	Maestas	x		
J. V.	Archuleta	x	x		William	Maestas			x
Danny	Branch	x			Celso R.	Martinez	x		
Brenda	Chavez	x	x		Mel	Martinez	x	x	x
Robert	Cordova	x	x	x	David	Montoya	x	x	x
Tony F.	Duran	x	x		Elmer	Morales	x		
Ernest	Garcia	x			Fred	Morales	x		
Carmen	Garcia	x		x	Joaquin	Morales	x		
Manuel	Garcia	x	x	x	Ventura	Ogilvie	x		
Steve	Garcia			x	Fidencio	Olivas	x	x	
? R.	Garcia		x		Maclovio	Olivas			x
Albert	Gurule		x		Eddie	Pacheco	x	x	
Ernest	Gurule	x			Celia	Rhoden	x		
Genie	Gurule		x		Elena	Snyder	x		x
Sam	Gutierrez	x	x	x	Keith	Stickford	x	x	x
Jennifer	Johnson	x	x	x	Ernest	Torrez		x	
Terry	Johnson	x	x	x	Randy	Valasquez	x	x	
Rey	Lovato	x	x		Genevie P.	Valdez			x
Luis	Lucero	x	x	x	Richard L.	Velarde	x		
Andres	Maestas	x	x						
Carolina	Maestas	x							
Jake	Maestas			x					
Total	43	34	24	18					

NOTE: La Jara GPA is located in Appendix 12.4 - Land Use

8 - Project time table *DRAFT* - For review and critique purposes only! 12/8/02-

Task	When	Description	Deliverables	To Do	Who
<p>Phase I Public Involvement Program</p>	<p>12/13 - Draft report due 12/17 - Report due 12/31 - Report sent to MRCOG</p>	<p>Meetings which identified issues, concerns, values, problems, interim goals & objectives, preliminary water management alternatives.</p>	<p>Report to include: 1. summary report including issues, concerns, values, problems, interim goals & objectives, preliminary water management alternatives. 2. progress reports (5/15) 3. photos, if desired 4. public involvement process used for developing goals & objectives a. dates & locations of activities b. names & addresses of participants c. comments received from participants</p>	<p>* First report draft 4 days prior to 12/17 * Final report due for Steering Committee approval 12/17 in Cañon & 12/18 in Cuba * <u>Everyone</u> - collect newspaper articles, announcements, flyers, agendas and any other indicia of public outreach to include in report * After report is accepted, <u>CS&WD</u> to submit to MRCOG, along with billing statement (accounting for Mike W's bill, as well as other costs paid for by CS&WD)</p>	<p>* <u>Mike W.</u> will write up the report * First draft to be sent by <u>Mike W.</u> to Marion, Steve & Elaine 4 days prior to 12/17 * <u>Mike W.</u> submits final report on 12/17 & 12/18 (with disc) * <u>Elaine</u> will scan photos for final report prior to publishing * <u>Everyone</u> - collect newspaper articles, announcements, flyers, agendas and any other indicia of public outreach * <u>CS&WD</u> to submit to MRCOG once accepted</p>
<p>Phase II starting</p>	<p>12/17 & 12/18</p>	<p>Steering Committee Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept Report • Review Scope of Work • Decide what can do 'in-house' and what not • consider partners • Next Steps <p>Create a budget, a time line and a calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • determine dates of Workshop I (early February?) and assign tasks 		<p>Tasks before 12/17 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * write up agenda & notice * send agenda and notice to Steering Committee * what else? _____ <p>Tasks after 12/18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Once accepted, send report, minus appendices, to attendees of the various meetings, along with a calendar of the upcoming events * find out how much a mass mailing to 'box holder' costs (Peggy?) * what else? _____ 	<p>Tasks before 12/17 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>Marion</u> prepare agenda & notice 12/10 * <u>Peggy</u> send agenda & notice by 12/11 * _____ prepare proposed next steps & calendar * _____ prepare a proposed budget * <u>Elaine</u> to bring Handbook * _____ to copy Scope of Work <p>Tasks after 12/18 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * get / prepare mailing list * copy & send report * write an article for the papers re report and upcoming activities

Task	When	Description	Deliverables	To Do	Who
	1/21 & 1/22	Steering Committee Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To finalize plan for first Workshop Review contract for work not done by volunteers or partners Determine who will be facilitating Workshop & writing report 	* report sent?	Tasks before 1/21 - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * prepare agenda and notice to Steering Committee * send agenda & notice * prepare list of partners * prepare tentative Workshop agenda * Draw up task list for first workshop and assign tasks * prepare list of tasks required by Scope Of Work * Create list of outreach (telephone calls to target groups such as acequia associations, teachers, etc.) * what else? _____ Tasks after 1/22 - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * contact partners * contact presenters * prepare flyer * prepare mass mailing and mail * arrange for venue & snacks * write articles for newspaper * outreach * what else? _____ 	Tasks before 1/21 - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>Marion</u> prepare a agenda & notice by 1/13 * <u>Peggy</u> send agenda & notice by 1/14 * _____ prepare list of partners * _____ work up proposed Workshop agenda & task list * _____ prepare list of tasks per Scope of Work * _____ create list of outreach Tasks after 1/22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * _____ contact partners * _____ contact presenters * _____ prepare flyer * _____ prepare mass mailing and mail * _____ arrange for venue & snacks * _____ write articles for newspaper * _____ outreach to groups
Regional Forum in Albuquerque	January 25	Report on evaluation of alternatives & preference selection		* media announcement	_____ will write article for paper
Phase II Task 1.4.1 Public Involvement Program Task 1.4.2	February 15 or 22? (am in Jemez; pm in Cuba?)	Workshop 1 - Concur on goals & objectives (1.4.2), prioritize water management alternatives (1.4.3), form groups to work on scenarios (1.4.3).	Report to include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> summary report including final goals & objectives, water management alternatives selected. progress reports, if any 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * what information needs to be presented and who will present it? * what other tasks need to be done? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * _____ will present * _____ will prepare report (dates)

Task	When	Description	Deliverables	To Do	Who
Develop Goals & Objectives Task 1.4.3 Recommend Water Management Alternatives		Presentation of analyzed alternatives from MRG?	3. photos, if desired 4. process used for public participation a. dates & locations of activities b. names & addresses of participants c. comments received from participants		
	February 25 & 26	Steering Committee meetings ?			
Community Conversations	March	Scenario development			
	March 25 & 26	Steering Committee meetings * review draft report from Workshop I * review alternatives evaluated in MRG? * work on scenario building * begin work on Workshop II		<p>Tasks before 3/25 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * First report draft 4 days prior to 3/25 * Draft report due for Steering Committee approval 3/25 in Cañon & 3/26 in Cuba * <u>Everyone</u> - collect newspaper articles, announcements, flyers, agendas and any other indicia of public outreach to include in report * prepare agenda and notice to Steering Committee * send agenda & notice * prepare tentative Workshop II agenda * Draw up task list for workshop and assign tasks * Create list of outreach (telephone calls to target groups such as acequia associations, teachers, etc.) * what else? _____ <p>Tasks after 3/26 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * copy & send report * write an article for the papers * After report is accepted, <u>CS&WD</u> to submit to MRCOG, along with billing statement 	<p>Tasks before 3/25 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * ____ will write up the report & submit with disc * First draft to be sent to Marion, Steve & Elaine 4 days prior to 3/25 * <u>Elaine</u> will scan photos for final report prior to publishing * <u>Everyone</u> - collect newspaper articles, announcements, flyers, agendas and any other indicia of public outreach * <u>Marion</u> prepare agenda & notice 3/17 * <u>Peggy</u> send agenda & notice by 3/18 * _____ work up proposed Workshop agenda & task list * _____ create list of outreach <p>Tasks after 3/26 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * ____ copy & send report * ____ write an article for the papers re report and upcoming activities * <u>CS&WD</u> to submit to MRCOG once accepted * _____ will check on scenario group activities * _____ will work on other

Task	When	Description	Deliverables	To Do	Who
				* continue to work in scenario groups * work on other information for plan * what else? _____	information re the plan
Annual Assembly & Regional Forum in Albuquerque	April __	To select preferred scenario To report of year's work To hold membership selections			
	April 23 & 24	Steering Committee meetings * accept report from Workshop I (if not done yet) * review alternatives evaluated in MRG? * work on scenario building * continue work on Workshop II		Tasks before 4/23 - * prepare agenda and notice to Steering Committee * send agenda & notice * review assignments for workshop * what else? _____ Tasks after 4/24 - * write an article for the papers * continue to work in scenario groups * work on other information for plan * what else? _____	Tasks before 4/23 - * <u>Marion</u> prepare agenda & notice 4/14 * <u>Peggy</u> send agenda & notice by 4/15 Tasks after 4/24 - * ____ copy & send report * ____ write an article for the papers Workshop II * ____ will check on scenario group activities * ____ will work on other information re the plan
Phase II Task 1.4.1 Public Involvement Program Task 1.4.3 Recommend Water Management Alternatives	May 17 ?	Workshop II evaluate water management alternatives (1.4.3), form groups to work on scenarios (1.4.3). Presentation of analyzed alternatives from MRG?	Report to include: 1. summary report including water management alternatives selected & scenario chosen 2. progress reports, if any 3. photos, if desired 4. process used for public participation a. dates & locations of activities b. names & addresses of participants c. comments received from participants		

Task	When	Description	Deliverables	To Do	Who
	May 27 & 28	Steering Committee meetings ?			
	June 25 & 26	Steering Committee meetings * accept report * plan next steps * Third Workshop?		<p>Tasks before 6/25 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * First report draft 4 days prior to 6/25 * Report due for Steering Committee approval 6/25 in Cañon & 6/26 in Cuba * <u>Everyone</u> - collect newspaper articles, announcements, flyers, agendas and any other indicia of public outreach to include in report * prepare agenda and notice to Steering Committee * send agenda & notice <p>Tasks after 3/26 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * copy & send report * write an article for the papers * After report is accepted, <u>CS&WD</u> to submit to MRCOG, along with billing statement 	<p>Tasks before 6/25 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * ___ will write up the report & submit with disc * First draft to be sent to Marion, Steve & Elaine 4 days prior to 3/25 * <u>Elaine</u> will scan photos for final report prior to publishing * <u>Everyone</u> - collect newspaper articles, announcements, flyers, agendas and any other indicia of public outreach * <u>Marion</u> prepare agenda & notice 6/16 * <u>Peggy</u> send agenda & notice by 6/17 <p>Tasks after 3/26 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * ___ copy & send report * ___ write an article for the papers re report and upcoming activities * <u>CS&WD</u> to submit to MRCOG once accepted

While that completes the tasks in the Scope of Work, a third Workshop, in August, would be recommended, whereby the Water Plan is submitted for review and comment, prior to the Regional Forum on the Plan, which will be in Albuquerque in September.

Assessment (in *Purpose of Plans* from Handbook)

- 1.inventory of quantity and quality of water resources;
- 2.population projections and other water resource demands under a range of conditions;
- 3.determination of the manner in which water requirements for the projected demands might be met with management and conservation of water supplies available to the region under existing rights, water supplies, interstate agreements, and court decrees.

Water Plan Alternatives (from the Handbook)

a. Each proposed alternative should include a description of specific and practical means by which the supply of the region may be reconciled with the present and future demands of the region, as analyzed above. Alternatives should contain:

- Management component
- Water conservation component
- Water development component
- Infrastructure development component
- Water quality management plan

b. Each alternative should be analyzed on the following bases:

- Social issues and evaluation (public welfare)
- Political issues and evaluation
- Institutional evaluation

Evaluations

Each proposed alternative must be evaluated in accordance with the standards below:

- Technical feasibility
- Political feasibility
- Social and cultural impacts
- Financial feasibility
- Implementation schedule
- Physical, hydrological and environmental impacts

