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## **Action Committee Members**

As of 6 September 2003

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

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## **Action Committee Meeting Agendas/Minutes**

1997-2003

## **Middle Rio Grande Water Planning Action Committee November 19, 1997 Meeting Notes**

The first meeting of the Middle Rio Grande Water Planning Action Committee was held on November 19, 1997 at the offices of the U.S. Corps of Engineers, 4101 Jefferson Plaza NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The meeting was facilitated by Sharon Aller. Notes were scribed by Velda Terauds and minutes transcribed by Lynne Schluter. A separate attendance sheet was circulated (attendance approx. 40 persons).

### **Membership**

The committee discussed the membership of the group. Some members expressed concern that some key interests had been eliminated in the efforts to trim representation to eight per category and voting "blocks" would not be fairly divided. The group felt that inclusivity was a key ingredient and that all key interests should be represented even if that means the membership needs to grow slightly. A degree of self-selection will occur. The group also felt that decisions should be made by consensus and not by voting blocks.

The "managers" group felt that some municipalities (i.e.: Rio Rancho) may not be adequately represented. A representative of "developers" is also being sought. Tribal participation was discussed and is summarized below. Other voids may be identified as the process continues.

Selection of the Executive Committee was deferred until a future meeting.

### **Tribal Participation**

A memo from Ted Jojola dated 11/19/97 was presented to the Action Committee regarding tribal participation in the water planning process. He recommended a letter be conveyed to Mr. Blaine Sanchez (Chair of the Pueblo's Technical Advisory Group on Water) requesting his participation. If necessary, an "observer status" will be developed which will not limit other tribal participation and which also recognizes that commitments can not be made on behalf of the tribes. The action committee agreed to this recommendation.

### **Reference Materials**

It was determined that several reference materials would be necessary and/or useful to the committee:

- NM Interstate Stream Commission Regional Water Planning Handbook (arrangements being made to send to committee members)
- NM Interstate Stream Commission Checklist of Considerations for Regional Water Planning (arrangements being made to send to committee members)
- Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Water Policies Plan
- City of Albuquerque Water Resources Management Strategy
- City of Albuquerque "The Value of Water"

### **Funding**

The Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) 1997-1998 funding cycle is complete and the Middle Rio Grande did not receive any funding for water planning efforts. The ISC has requested \$1.75 million for the next budget cycle. They plan to use \$750K to begin the framework of a State plan and the remaining \$1 million would be distributed among the 16 planning regions in the state. In the past, the Legislature has not allocated the amount requested. A bill requesting for \$150,000 to specifically fund planning efforts in this region will be submitted in the January legislative session however, no State money will be available until July of 98 at the earliest.

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It was decided that the committee planning effort needs some "seed" money in the interim to cover postage and other minor expenses. Suggestions for funding sources include:

- corporate donations and in-kind contributions and services
- funding from other governmental agencies

MRGCOG had previously prepared a funding request which was turned down by the ISC. Joe Quintana reported that they had estimated a budget of about \$35K for the first 6 months of operation which included a part-time coordinator. It was reported that the 1st and 2nd Water Assemblies cost approximately \$90-95,000.

**Meeting and Communication Logistics**

The committee discussed the frequency and logistics of future meetings. It was decided that the main committee should meet once a month. The group tentatively set the meetings for the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will be at the U.S. Corps of Engineers offices (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation offered their offices as an alternate meeting space). Sub-committees will be formed and will meet as determined necessary. John Stomp (City of Albuquerque) agreed to formulate an e-mail list server. Sharon Aller agreed to continue as facilitator until the 3rd Assembly.

The group discussed how it needed to be organized in order to channel and account for funding and expenses. One option would be to form a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. General consensus was that this would be time consuming and complicated because it involves forming a board of directors, by-laws, etc. The group would prefer to funnel funding through an existing organization such as MRGCOG (which would have to be approved by their board). A "Funding" subcommittee was established to review this issue and report back to the group.

**Boundaries**

The committee discussed what the boundaries of the planning area should be. Some comments included:

- should Socorro County be included? (Socorro & Sierra Counties already have a draft plan)
- MRGCD includes Sandoval, Bernalillo, Valencia and Socorro counties as well as the Rio Jemez, Rio Puerco and near East Mountains.
- There was some consensus that the area should be from Cochiti to Elephant Butte.
- Where is the boundary for the Sandia Basin (east mountain)?

A subcommittee was established to review the boundaries and make a recommendation to the main committee.

**Meeting Notices**

Communication of meetings and open format of meetings was discussed. It was decided that full compliance with the Open Meetings Act was expensive and, since the organization has no funding, this was not feasible or required. Susan Gorman and Sterling Grogan will investigate public service announcements in the local papers. Other organizations involved in the planning process which have newsletters will also carry meeting notices.

It was decided that the meetings will be open to the public but the public will not be able to speak during the main meeting. If necessary, a process will be developed to allow the public to address the committee at the end of the meetings but time limits may be required. Representatives on this committee will be expected to develop communication with their constituencies to facilitate the flow of information.

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**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be December 17, 1997 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the offices of the U.S. Corps of Engineers, 4101 Jefferson Plaza NE, Albuquerque.

**Proposed Agenda**

- Committee Reports
  - Boundaries
  - Funding
- Membership
- ISC Planning Template
  - Work Plan
  - Work Groups
- In-kind Services/Sources/Contacts
- UNM database update/contact list



**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY  
ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Agenda**

20 October, 1999

5:30 P.M.

Army Corps of Engineers Office

- I. Call to Order, Welcome Guests (5:30 -5:32) (2 min)
- II. Establish quorum and sign sheet (5:32 - 5:34) (2 min)  
Complete new Roster sheet (during meeting)
- III. Announcements (5:34 - 5:35) (4 min)  
Water Summit  
Meeting in Placitas on water planning
- IV. Accept Meeting Agenda (additions/deletions) (5:38-5:42) (4min)
- V. Accept Minutes for September Meeting (5:42-5:44) (2 min)
- VI. Presentation: Mr. John Stomp and Jean Witherspoon, City of Albuquerque. " Water and Wastewater issues Facing the City" Topics include Water Conservation, Long range Water Planning, Waterwater Masterplan Update, and Water Resources management strategy" (5:44- 6:14) (30 min)

Break (6:14 -6:24) (10 min)

- VII. Executive Board Report and WG Chairs (6:24- 7:04 ) (40 min)

- A. Chair

- Report from the Ex Com. Policy for written reports, Motions in writing, meeting schedule, Participation in Ex Com meetings.

- B. Treasurer

- C. Vice-Chair

- D. Secretary

- E. WG Chairs No working group chairs have requested time with the exception of Task 2. Since their meeting is be held Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> requirement for a written is waived.

Changes to the roster and additions of new alternates

- F. Advocates

- G. Managers

- H. Specialists

- I. COG Report - Jim Gross (7: 04 -7:14) (10 min)

- IX. Old Business (7:14-7:18) (4 min)

- Discussion of the revised water budget and booklet. Readoption of the materials (Titus)

- X. New Business (7: 18 - 7:28) (10 min)

- Motion to accept the draft Roster as revised.

- Motion to establish the Ex Com in the Project management role

- XI. Items for Next Month's Agenda (7:28 - 7:30) (2 min)

7:30

Adjourn Meeting

## MRG Water Assembly Action Committee 12/15/1999

See agenda

approval of agenda

minutes not available

overview of 2050-plan lacks water focus-danny h. says not enough water and not resource based-bob w gives presentation and proposes the assembly demand resource based plan resolution to MRGCOG-moved to accept bob's draft proposal to vote on tonight-passed-elaine gives WA input and states faults and objections on 2050

task 1-sterling-techies-availability and demand studies-liaison with water research

task 2-elaine-need to do both education and input-going to jemez and puerco-then s. valley-double mailing list-newsletters-task 3 will e t fore in may-water week-this year "how we live within budget"-danny is going to do assembly-march 25-will use development congress list o put in with ours-jan.4 meeting on assembly planning 127 grinmar 5:30-m kernodle "not about getting morewater but about how we adjust to use what we have-mary m. gives presentation on task 3-need to do contracts for surveys-might have to postpone 2<sup>nd</sup> survey frank t. tells of meeting with task people and states "just do it, you don't need a vote"-task 3 needs people in the know how the system works and he will help out-bob w.=need list of alternatives and then evaluate those-lee=we have to have what we would have to give up for the assembly-elaine is pessimistic about having these in time as we don't have the human resources-mary helen might have more money for us

john brown-IPP-public opinion profile-IPP will do water as subject of this year's surveys-this spring they will do water survey-hopes we will come on-contract needs to be signed by 1-1-2000-discussion-fielded questions-committee appointed to negotiate contract

quaterly progress report-bob swartwout

water resources board+water providers council-see sheet-

pending legislative initiatives-regulating domes. wells-regional water plan teeth-adjudication for mrg-include conservation in beneficial use-water banking-industrial hemp proposal

had to go

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY  
ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Agenda**

*19 January, 2000*

5:30 P.M.

*Army Corps of Engineers Office*

- I. Call to Order, Welcome Guests (5:30 -5:32) (2 min)
- II. Announcements (5:32 - 5:35) (3 min)
  - Copies of the revised Water Banking Bill are available
  - The USGS Middle Rio Grande Basin Study Workshop is scheduled for 15-16 February. The preliminary schedule is available and has been emailed.
  - Ex Com Meeting Notes are available through the COG
  - Other meetings
- I. Presentation: "Regional Water Planning" by Fidel Lorenzo. The speaker will be introduced by Art Martinez. (5:35 - 6:05) (30min)
- II. Establish quorum and sign in sheet (6:05 -6:10) (5 Min)
- III. Accept Meeting Agenda (additions/deletions) (6:10 -6:12) (2min)
- IV. Accept Minutes for December Meeting (6:12-6:15) (3min)

Break 10 minutes

- V. Discussion of Activites (6:25- 6:55) (30 min)
  - Water Dialog Meeting
  - Assembly
    - General information
    - Tables for other organizations
  - Update Plan-to-Plan
  - Finances
  - Pledge Cards
  - Report from the Survey Committee
  - Web and Communications
- I. Executive Board Report and Constituency Chairs (6:55 -7:10 ) (15 min)
  - A. Chair
  - B. Vice Chair
  - C. Secretary
  - D. Treasurer
  - E. No other reports have been requested
- I. COG Report - Jim Gross (7: 08 -7:18) (10 min)
- II. Old Business ( 0 min)

None
- III. New Business (0 min)

None identified possible follow up from discussion above
- IV. Items for Next Month's Agenda (7:18 - 7:21) (3 min)

Adjourn Meeting

## **ACTION COMMITTEE-JAN. 19, 2000**

Acoma speaker Fidel Lorenzo-regional water planning and conflict resolution- Acoma will not participate-in 1996 grants council of govts. got with ISC to do local water planning(region 6)-Pueblo would assume role as observer-Rio San Jose flows through Laguna+Acoma Pueblos will not take full part because of unadjudicated water rights of the Tribes-legal issues must be addressed where the senior rights of the Tribes are recognized-going beyond the horizon of 40 years-observer status helps keep sustainability and water supply in full view-Dine are full participants-NW council of governments-tribal rights are not subject to compact delivery-ware banking upsets Tribes-what is the role of Tribes?-how do we get everybody to conserve-Acomas use 80 gal/day-Grants person uses 230 gal/day-Tribes need to develop too-fear of quantification of water rights through water planning scares the RG Pueblos-everything is a priority-agriculture is practised for subsistence-water is precious-Acoma has developed less than 9% of its perceived rights-questions?-j brown=how can reg. planning threaten Pueblos?-rights are being addressed in regional water planning-frank t.=negotiation starts with declarations of what the parties want-Tribes have not stated any quantities-has any Tribes reached any #s?-we need #s for the MRG-elaine=we are searching for traction-need wet water plan-b wessely=how involved can an observer be?-Fidel=dialogue and make sure native rights are taken into account and help develop the document-legals are the main unresolved issues-frank t.=wet water regional plan is the way to go-that allows us to manage wet water and how to optimize it-no progress can be made until we manage our actual resource-then deal with equity, fairness, and water rights-k bean=we are doing water show in Isleta-

water dialogue-lisa=2 hrs of open discussion-values-next week Zia will pray for rain for 4 days-spirit knows no boundaries

danny-water assembly-see sheet-need lit from Friends and Placitas WP and Green Party to table-

plan to plan-elaine-continuing towards master plan of process

finances-elaine-\$13,000 is all we have to work with, mas o menos-need fund raising

pledges-lee brown

survey committee-fri is deadline for topics

need nominating committee for officers in april

see views from chair  
adjourn

## **MRGWA ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING 3-15-2000**

see agenda

did not have quorum-can we get more members from upcoming assembly? Danny: "yes"  
Bob W. gives presentation on MRGWA Areas of interest-see sheets (summary-full detail) general agreement that the AC has the flexibility to deal with constraints-we might have to create new process to deal w/ agencies & govts.-water resources board will be primary entity to handle III

MOU passed around and discussed-kevin bean gives good overview of the relationship between MRGCOG & the assembly-no funding from ISC or state after june 1-situation grave-sterling suggests we use COG as they use us-silvery minnow vs. conservancy district- meeting of MRGCOG board on 3-28 on funding distribution-board seems to be ignorant of what we are doing-

## ACTION COMMITTEE 8-16-2000

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY  
ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING  
(Note New Meeting Location)

Agenda

16 August, 2000

5:30 P.M.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Building  
6200 Jefferson N.E., Albuquerque

I. Call to order, Welcome Guests, Start Sign-in Sheet (5:30 - 5:35 PM)

II. Program: Task 3 Group - Criteria for Selection of Alternatives  
(Mary Murnane) (5:35 - 6:20 PM)

III. Business Meeting (6:20 - 7:10 PM)

**introduced ourselves**

**see sheet: Task 3 Deliverables and Status Report**

**Marty suggests a “no-action” alternative must track along**

**Elaine suggests we will have all this gelled up in Nov.**

**note: preliminary screening of alternatives might need some categories to get a screening handle**

**see sheet: Regional Water Plan Alternatives Screening Criteria**

<http://tx-water-ed.tamu.edu/strategies.html>

\* Accept Minutes from July Meeting

\* Treasurer's Report

\* Report from MRGCOG

\* Report on Community Conversations-**see sheets see tribune op-ed ommorrow.**

\* Report on El Grupo Tecnico. **nothing to report**

\* Report on fund raising promotional materials .

IV. Revised program for September: Albuquerque Long Range Service Plan  
(BobPrendergast). (7:10 - 7:12 PM)

V. New Business (7:12 - 7:17 PM)

Membership - Corinne Brooks as Ed Korzdorfer's replacement

VI. Public Comments (7:17 - 7:27 PM)

VII. Adjourn (7:30 PM)

**ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2000**

**AGENDA**

Folks, the program for the Action Committee meeting this Wednesday, September 20, will focus on the draft Fundamental Water Services Policies position paper (formerly the Long-Range Water Service Plan) under development by the City of Albuquerque. Bob Prendergast, the Water Assembly's representative to the working group which has been reviewing the paper/plan will introduce Tom Shoemaker from the City who will describe the plan and respond to questions about it. The meeting will begin at 5:30 P.M. in the Natural Resources Conservation Service (U.S. Department of Agriculture) conference room at 6200 Jefferson N.E. The agenda for the subsequent business portion of the meeting follows. Hope to see you there.

Lee Brown

1. Approval of the Agenda.
2. Water Policy Statement: NAIOP, Economic Forum and the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce (Invitation extended) [five minutes].
3. Treasurer's Report. [five minutes].
4. Chair's Report [thirty minutes].
  - A. Saving Water in a Desert series of programs.
  - B. Recontracting with the Interstate Stream Commission/Memorandum of Understanding.
5. Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments report [ten minutes].
6. Environmental Impact Statement on Middle Rio Grande Water Operations:  
Bob Prendergast [two minutes].
7. Other Business? [four minutes].
8. Public Comment? [four minutes].
9. Adjourn.

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2000

Monday, October 9, 2000 – 5:00 PM  
Main Conference Room  
Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE -- Albuquerque, NM

**This special meeting of the Water Assembly Action Committee is being convened pursuant to a discussion at the September 20 Action Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the Fundamental Water Service Policies (FWSP) proposed by the Albuquerque Public Works Department, which may become the officially adopted basic policies of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility.**

### AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Introduction -- Bob Prendergast
3. Identification, discussion, and recording of general comments to the FWSP
4. Identification, discussion, and recording of comments to specific provisions of the FWSP
  - Comprehensive Plan Amendment Recommendation
  - Fundamental Water Service Policies
  - Implementation
    - Appendix II -- Effect on Water and Sewer Policies
5. Response to questions -- Tom Shoemaker, Project Manager, Long Range Water Service Plan
6. General discussion
7. Adjourn



## **ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

OCTOBER 18, 2000

### **AGENDA**

Folks:

As previously reported, this Wednesday's program for the Action Committee meeting will initiate our Saving Water in a Desert series. The program will begin as usual at 5:30 P.M. in the conference room of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (U.S. Department of Agriculture) at 6200 Jefferson N.E. The business meeting will follow the program and the agenda for it is given below. Please note that the Fundamental Water Service Policies proposed by the City of Albuquerque is an action item on the agenda with regard to a possible Water Assembly recommendation about it. Thank you. I hope to see you on Wednesday evening.

Lee Brown, Chair

### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- Chair's report.
- Treasurer's Report.
- NAIOP Water Policy Statement (invited).
- Report from the Public Participation Committee.
- Fundamental Water Service Policies: Action Item.
- Other?
- Adjourn.

**Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly Action Committee Minutes  
November 15, 2000**

**In attendance: A.C. members Kevin Bean, Lee Brown, Emmett Cart, Sterling Grogan, Steve Harris, Elaine Hebard, Danny Hernandez, Marty Mitchell, Lynne Montgomery, Lisa Robert, Subhas Shah, Gail Stockton, Ed Whaley, and guests Eugene Abeyta, Betty Behrend, Letty Belin, John Buchser, John Carangelo, Brian Gifford, Gordon Herkenhoff, Janet Jarrat, Dale Jones, Lauren Keele, Steve Kolk, Colleen Logan, Joanne McEntire, Julie Maitland, Bob Marley, Todd Miller, Andy Smith, Howard Stone, and Karl Wood.**

**Presentation: Water Depletions in Agriculture (Part II in the "Saving Water In A Desert" series)**

**Dr. Karl Wood, Director of the NM Water Resources Research Institute, whose expertise is in upland range management, told planners that much of the water used to grow crops goes to evapotranspiration, and that forest, woodland, and riparian areas also transpire a lot of water. He said the health of New Mexico's uplands has been seriously impacted by the suppression of natural fire; accumulated woody debris and leaf litter not only increase the intensity of wildfires, but prevent rainfall from penetrating deeply into the soil. One result is that piñon-juniper, once found only on rocky hillsides, has invaded former grasslands and is consuming greater amounts of water. In riparian areas, invasive species such as salt cedar are doing the same thing. Wood believes that encouraging free woodcutting in the uplands, and controlling salt cedar along the state's lower drainages could help to increase water yield. He suggested that removal of salt cedar by mechanical means or herbicides should be followed up by livestock grazing to eliminate resprouting of the exotic, and encouraged the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District to pursue an earlier proposal to utilize goats in the Rio Grande bosque and along MRGCD ditches to help control woody vegetation.**

**Socorro County farmer and former MRGCD board member Gordon "Corky" Herkenhoff said there have been few, if any, improvements to the ancient art of flood irrigation, and that to save water, local farmers must concentrate on either applying less water, or applying it more efficiently.**

**The crop of choice in the MRG is alfalfa, often criticized for its high water consumption. Alternatives to it require both a labor force and a readily available market, neither of which exists in the Middle Rio Grande at this time. Herkenhoff said the state's extensive dairy industry and other businesses that require quality hay have located here because alfalfa, which is a specialty crop, depends on cheap water. Irrigation frequency for alfalfa is dictated by its growing cycle. Most fields are irrigated every 15 days, and the crop is harvested about every four to five weeks, when the leaf-to-stem ratio is optimal. Tensiometers, which**

measure soil moisture, could help alfalfa farmers water less frequently, but they would still be tied to the cycle of irrigating, cutting, baling, and watering back. Becoming more efficient, said Herkenhoff, is therefore the more likely way to conserve water. Probably the greatest water-saving practice is laser leveling of uneven fields. On sandy fields, "smoothing out the humps and bumps" can reduce water use by as much as 70%. Most larger parcels of farmland have been laser leveled many times, and commercial farmers take advantage of federal government cost share programs. One and two-acre parcels of irrigated land are less likely to be leveled, however, because the machinery required to do the work is large, and the cost is prohibitive. It was suggested that a program for leveling smaller fields could help conserve agricultural water in the MRG.

Other irrigation conservation practices include concrete lining ditches or installing pipe through porous soils, situating ditches higher than the level of the field to increase head, installing high-capacity turnouts, and creating fields which are as flat as possible for even saturation of the root zone. Stricter scheduling, and requiring water to be applied 24 hours a day until irrigation is completely finished can also increase efficiency.

Finally, reclaiming lands infested with salt cedar is clearly a water-saving strategy. Herkenhoff said he has cleared 125 acres of salt cedar over the last year and a half, resulting in a savings "for somebody" of from 250 to 400 acre feet of water. "We can grow a bumper crop of alfalfa on that same sandy ground and still use less than half the water the salt cedars used."

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Chief Engineer Subhas Shah said State Engineer records show the district's system is about 49% efficient. Statewide, surface water irrigation conveyance systems have about a 63% efficiency rating. According to the US Department of Agriculture, MRGCD farmers are about 57% efficient, in a region where the average on-farm efficiency is 45-50%.

The conservancy's net diversion from the Rio Grande in an average year is around 238,000 acre feet, but it is water that is used and reused, diverted and returned to the river at numerous points for farmlands and bosque downstream. Shah suggested that improving efficiency won't necessarily "create water." Smaller diversions and less conveyance loss through MRGCD canals and drains would simply allow more water to be retained in upstream reservoirs. Meanwhile, there would be less return flow to the Rio Grande. "The consumptive use of water in the conservancy district will not be reduced unless the amount of irrigated land is reduced. Only an absolute decrease in the acreage of wetted surfaces, whether riverbed, surface water, bosque vegetation, cropped vegetation or waterlogged soils, has a

prospect of increasing the net water available to the basin." Shah noted that water can be saved by rotation (passing water through the ditches on one side of the river at a time, and scheduling irrigators in sequence).

Asked about using drip systems rather than traditional flood irrigation, panel members agreed depletion rates can be reduced, but at the expense of salts in the soil which requires periodic flushing. Silt is also a problem if unfiltered surface water is used in drip systems. Metering turnouts could help individual farmers "fine tune" their irrigation efficiency, but, noted Herkenhoff, "the more water we use, the better it is for wildlife, recharge, flushing salts from the soil, and general water quality." Water might most easily be saved on smaller acreages, by educating new landowners about soils and irrigation practices, by implementing cost share programs for leveling one and two-acre parcels, and by offering incentives to conserve water.

#### **Business Meeting**

NAIOP Presentation--Howard Stone presented a Water Policy Statement adopted by the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties. NAIOP hopes to establish an economic value for water in the Rio Grande valley by becoming more active in non-adversarial forums on water in the region. It has supported the City of Albuquerque's Water Resource Management Strategy, is helping to secure funds to complete the computerization of State Engineer office records and streamline adjudication and litigation processes, and is participating in Endangered Species Workgroup efforts to recover the silvery minnow. Assembly members asked Stone to encourage NAIOP, the Economic Forum, and the Chamber of Commerce to become actively involved in developing scenarios for the regional water plan.

*Fundamental Water Services Policy--Joann McEntire reviewed three proposed positions the A.C. might take on the City of Albuquerque's draft Fundamental Water Services Policy, all of which were suggested by A.C. members at a previous meeting: (1) No action taken on the policy by the A.C. (2) The A.C. applauds development of the policy and encourages the Albuquerque Metropolitan Water and Wastewater Board to consider its importance; however, the Assembly is not yet prepared to endorse or recommend the FWSP at this time. (3) The Water Assembly applauds development of the FWSP and encourages the Albuquerque Metropolitan Water and Wastewater Board to consider its importance, and specifically to encourage coupling land use and water planning. Accordingly we ask the board to adopt, and to recommend adoption by the City Council, the amendment to the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan. (The proposed amendment, now contained in the FWSP as a special section, says "water services provision and timing decisions shall be integrated with land use approval processes." Additional language,*

*proposed by Larry Blair at the previous A.C. meeting, reads: "In the application of this policy, adopted land use policies should be observed.")*

*A quorum of members and alternates was established, and a motion was made to accept the third option, along with the amendment proposed by Larry Blair. Kevin Bean said he felt the policy contains a "bias" that economic growth and development will "find the water somewhere," and that the document needs a more factual presentation of the situation. He expressed concern that the Water and Wastewater Board is being asked to adopt the FWSP while the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan is "on a separate track." Kevin proposed adding the following language: "Because this amendment to the Comprehensive Plan is needed to ensure proper consideration of water use issues in land use decisions, its adoption is critical to the successful implementation of any water management policies." The amendment was tabled so that its language can be polished, and the A.C. voted to approve the third option.*

**Rio Jemez/Rio Puerco--Lee announced that a motion was recently adopted by the Water Resources Board to support the Rio Jemez/Rio Puerco sub-region's effort to become its own water planning region. Action Committee members voted unanimously to support that action.**

**Joint Retreat--Elaine Hebard proposed that the Action Committee hold a joint retreat with the MRG Water Resources Board in early January. A decision on the proposal was deferred to the Executive Committee.**

**ACTION COMMITTEE 12-20-2000**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENT**  
(the agenda is in black)

Folks, the next Action Committee meeting will be this Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. in the conference room of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (U.S. Department of Agriculture) at 6200 Jefferson N.E. The program will run from 5:30 promptly until 7:00 P.M. and will be the third in our Saving Water in a Desert series; this one focused on reservoir evaporation. The program panel will be chaired by Dr. John Shomaker, Principal Hydrogeologist at John Shomaker & Associates (JSAI). Other panelists will be Mike Hightower of the Energy & Critical Infrastructure Center at Sandia National Laboratories (SNL); Laura Hagan, Staff Hydrogeologist/Geochemist at JSAI; and Dr. Maher Tadros, Distinguished member of the Technical Staff at SNL.

The business meeting will begin no later than 7:00 P.M., and that agenda is provided below. Thank you, Lee Brown, Chair

Business Agenda

7:00-7:04 P.M. Report of the Chair

Lee is optimistic we are going to be able to come up with a plan water resources board all afternoon Jan. 10-everyone invited-11AM water dialogue on Jan . 11

Jan. 13-retreat at INTEL

direct funding of the Assembly from other sources

no report yet

7:04-7:07 P.M. Report of the Treasurer

7:07-7:12 P.M. Reports by the Task Group Chairs

Mary Murname gives alternatives report-next meeting Jan. 5 (changed from 12<sup>th</sup>)

Bob Prendergast. will give presentation at above on database stuff

Joe Quintana is almost ready with evaluation workbook

7:12-7:15 P.M. Nomination Committee Recommendation to Complete Term of Secretary-Lynn Montgomery will act as secretary of the Action Committee

Lisa can do newsletter at Home using water conservation presentations

7:15-7:30 P.M. Interim Mission, Goals & Objectives: Status

(Steering committee of Cuba group meets on the Jan. 6-Jemez is adjudicated but the Puerco isn't 10am?)

Bob W.gives presentation

(see presentation hard copy)

passed out traceability appendices

**HOMEWORK: A COMMENT CYCLE LINKED WITH WRB COMMENT CYCLE-  
WA/AC PROTRACTED DISCUSSION SESSION JAN 17**

7:30 P.M. Adjourn

Shoemaker:

EB is where NM spreads its water out to dry.

Alamogordo saves 500 gal./min by covering their storage tanks  
aquifer storage and recovery

Arizona spends \$35 to store an acre/ft. in aquifer (not including treatment)

Laura Hagan:

EB has much higher evap. rates than Cochiti and Abiquiu

Mike Hightower:

SNL is getting into water!!!

water shortages are growing fast

water is a national security issue

water resource modeling locally

evaporation suppression can be cost effective

**Maher Tadros**

new polymer surficants (monolayers) don't hurt habitat and reduce evap.

Lake Aswam in Egypt in the desert-bacteria can eat it. very cheap

new greenhouse glazings that start to reflect when temps. rise

still have to find out ecological effects

some discussion of political hurdles and the need to lobby legislators  
if these are presented to the AcoE it gets integrated into studies and the  
process of possible implementation is started

bugs produce these surficants

San Luis Valley storage?

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

January 16, 2001  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Rotunda - Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

### PROPOSED AGENDA

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|---------|----|---|
| 5:30 PM | 1. | Call to Order<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.  |
| 5:32 PM | 2. | Approval of Minutes of the December 19, 2001 Action Committee Meeting.  |
| 5:34 PM | 3. | Approval of the Proposed Agenda   |
| 5:35 PM | 4. | Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Report on ISC Contract Status</i></li><li>• <i>Regional Water Plan Coordinating Committee</i></li><li>• <i>Nomination and Election of Officers, Action Committee Members, and Constituency Group Chairs</i></li></ul>   |
| 5:45 PM | 5. | Vice Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Election Procedures will be sent to the Listserve</i></li><li>• <i>Schedule of Meetings - will be sent to the Listserve</i></li></ul>  |
| 5:48 PM | 6. | Secretary's Report  |
| 5:50 PM | 7. | Treasurer's Report  |
|         | 8. | Working Team Reports  |
| 5:52 PM | a. | Administration and Finance Team - Bob Prendergast <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Policy and Procedure - Policy for Water Assembly Participants to Submit Proposals for Water Plan Subcontracts Funded by the Water Assembly</i></li><li>• <i>Policy and Procedure - Policy Guide for Use of the Water Assembly List Serve. Mention the possibility of providing brief Instructions on Stick Ons for computer monitors</i></li><li>• <i>Suggestions for Fund Raising Efforts</i></li></ul> |
| 6:00 PM | b. | Analysis Team - Sterling Grogan   |
| 6:05 PM | c. | Alternatives Working Team - Ed Payne  |
| 6:10 PM | d. | External Coordination Team - Danny Hernandez  |
| 6:13 PM | e. | Public Participation and Communication Team -FEATURED WORKING TEAM REPORT- Kevin Bean   |



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- 6:40 PM 9. **Concurrence with Public Participation and Communication Team Approach to Community Conversations - ACTION**
10. **Old Business**
- 7:08 PM a. **Report on Status of SNL/WA Modeling Project - Howard Passell – INFORMATION**
- 7:13 PM b. **Collecting Homework from AC Members/Alternates – Water Balancing Spreadsheet with personally chosen entries in columns G, H, and I.**
- 7:15 PM c. **Individual Constituency Group Plans for Populating the Desired Year 2050 Use Budget (last three columns) of the Water Balancing Worksheet - Report From Each Constituency Group Chair. - INFORMATION**
- **Agricultural, Cultural, and Historic CG**
  - **Environmental Advocates CG**
  - **Managers CG**
  - **Specialists CG**
  - **Urban Users and Economic Development CG**
11. **New Business - None**
- 7:25 PM 12. **Public Comments**  
**Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign Up Sheet.**
- 7:30 PM 12. **Adjourn**

**AC-FEB. 16**

**Advocates put forth motions on memberships-passed-bob w. and I are on alt. comm. vision by bob swartwout presented-see sheet-assembly will probably be a permanent agency**

**overall discussion on upcoming assembly-we need to recruit new blood-need tables from each work group-assembly group meeting next week-might want to address public policies-need to include land use planning-need pricing structure-multiplicity of sovereign governments-existing and future institutions-frank r. is scared of the vision document because it asks too much for us-needs introduction-need lots of public participation to overlay technical-SEND SUGGESTIONS TO ELAINE-need adjudication-we could petition the courts-water budget is public ed. tool-need positive tone**

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

**ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING – FEBRUARY 21, 2001**

## **AGENDA**

**Folks, as you know, there is a regular monthly Action Committee meeting** this Wednesday in the conference room of the Natural Resources Conservation Service at 6200 Jefferson N.E. (U.S. Department of Agriculture). The meeting will run from 5:30-7:30 P.M. and the agenda is below. Please recall that Frank Robinson will be chairing the meeting. See you there.

Lee Brown,  
Chair

### Presentation

1. 5:30 - 6:00 P.M. Presentation by Dick Kreiner and Jaci Gould (?) on reservoir management in the Upper Basin.

### Business Meeting

2. 6:00- 6:30 P.M. Reports from Task Groups and others.

3. 6:30- 6:40 P.M. Approval of Annotated Table of Contents for Plan.

4. 6:40- 7:25 P.M. Proposal to restructure Action Committee.

5. 7:25- 7:30 P.M. Other?

6. Adjourn.

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 21, 2001

### AGENDA

Action Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 21, from 5:30-7:30 P.M. in the Natural Resources Conservation Service conference room at the U.S. Department of Agriculture building at 6200 Jefferson N.E.

- Motion(s) for adjustment of structure of Action Committee and Assembly for purposes of negotiating of water plan. [New proposal from John Shomaker is forthcoming.]
- Discussion and adoption of Objectives component of draft Mission, Goals and Objectives [Bob Wessely has previously distributed an e-mail on this subject]
- Criteria for screening future water alternatives [Task Group #3 Report].
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- Delineation of Roles and Responsibilities among Water Assembly, Water Board and Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments staff [Report from Executive Committee].
- Preparations for March 31 Water Assembly [Report from Public Participation Committee].
- Nominations for 2001-2002 Officers [Report from Nominating Committee].
- Other topics?
- Adjourn.

For the first time in many months, there will not be a water educational program at this meeting of the Action Committee due to the large number of business topics to be considered. However, the items above all bear significantly on the emerging regional water plan, and I urge your attendance. Thanks, Lee Brown, Chair

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 18, 2001

Folks, the agenda for the April 18 meeting of the Action Committee is given below. This meeting constitutes the annual business meeting of the Action Committee so the items on it relate to business, particularly By-Law changes and election of officers. I have attached a proposed set of changes to the By-Laws which reflect A) the resolution adopted by the Water Assembly re Constituency Groups and B) the vote at the previous AC meeting that the terms of officers should be moved to coincide with the fiscal year. Numerous other changes have been suggested to the By-Laws that would remove ambiguities, contradictions and make other changes, but the attached set of changes do not address this broader set of issues.

The attached proposal (Word Perfect and RTF versions) was reviewed by the Executive Committee on Friday and a few changes incorporated, though the proposal has not been approved by the Executive Committee. If you have minor suggestions for further changes, please forward them to me by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 17, and I will consider them for inclusion. If you have major changes, those are probably best left to the Action Committee meeting itself.

Thank you, Lee Brown, Chair

### AGENDA

1. Proposed Changes to By- Laws.
2. Election of officers.
3. Discussion of transition to new structure of Action Committee (if By-Laws adopted).
  - a) Organization of new Constituency Groups.
  - b) Elections by all Constituency Groups.
4. Status report on draft Objectives.
5. Status report on funding for planning effort and discussion of Roles & Responsibilities.
6. Other?
7. Adjourn.

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

**ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 16, 2001  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

**NRCS Conference Room  
Department of Agriculture Building  
6200 Jefferson NE  
Albuquerque, NM**

**Bob Wessely, Chair**

## **PROPOSED AGENDA**

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|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>5:30 PM</b>                  | <b>1. Call to Order:<br/>The presence of a quorum will be noted.</b>  |
| <b>5:33 PM</b>                  | <b>2. Minutes of 18 April Meeting</b>   |
| <b>5:35 PM</b>                  | <b>3. Chair's and Officers' Report</b>  |
| <b>5:35 PM</b>                  | <b>Year's Schedule for AC Meetings</b>  |
| <b>5:40 PM<br/>Proceedings</b>  | <b>Status Report on Legal Research about AC<br/><br/>Corporation Task Force Status</b>  |
| <b>5:45 PM<br/>Presentation</b> | <b>Future Demand Study/Report - Introductory</b>  |
| <b>6:05 PM</b>                  | <b>Mission, Goals, and Objectives</b>   |
| <b>Meetings</b>                 | <b>Status from Working Meetings and from WRB<br/><br/>Discussion of Review/Approval Process</b>   |
| <b>6:25 PM</b>                  | <b>Information Report - Project Plan and Its Components<br/><br/>Writing and Documentation<br/>Ongoing Review and Critique<br/>Alternative Action Database<br/>Initial Negotiation Products<br/>Government Outreach Approach<br/>Water Plan Approval and Adoption Cycle</b> |

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**Schedule of Events (project, infrastructure)**

**Committees to Support Project Plan**

**Contracts Envisioned for the Plan**

**Addressing the Volunteer List**

**7:00 PM**

**Review/Approval Process for the Approach  
Information Report - Business Relationships**

**Relationship of WA with WRB/CoG**

**Contract Negotiations with ISC**

**Review/Approval Processes**

**7:15 PM**

**4. Reports of Standing Committees**

**Public Participation (on public strategy constituencies)**

**Web Site**

**Reports of Special Committees (none)**

**Special Orders (none)**

**Old Business (none)**

**New Business (none)**

**7:30 PM**

**5. Adjourn**

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

June 20, 2001

5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

NRCS Conference Room  
Department of Agriculture Building  
6200 Jefferson NE  
Albuquerque, NM

Bob Wessely, Chair

### PROPOSED AGENDA

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| 5:30 PM  | 1.  | Call to Order:<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.   |
| 5:33 PM<br>Meetings.   | 2.  | Reading and Approval of Minutes of April 18 and May 16<br><br>Approval of the Proposed Agenda   |
| 5:35 PM<br>Laura Lucero<br>5:45 PM                             | 3.  | Presentation: "Land & Water: Making the Connection" -<br><br>Questions and Answers  |
| 5:50 PM<br>5:55 PM<br>6:05 PM<br>6:10 PM<br>6:15 PM<br>6:20 PM | 4.  | Chair's Report<br>a. Water Resources Board Meeting<br>b. Long Term Action Committee Agenda - Discussion<br>c. Oversight Committee<br>d. By Laws Statutory Compliance<br>e. Interim Management Committee<br>f. External Coordination |
| 6:25 PM  | 5.  | Secretary's Report  |
|  | 6.  | Standing Committees<br>a. Public Participation Committee  |
| 6:30 PM  |     | (1) June 23 Special Assembly  |
| 6:40 PM  |     | (2) Website   |
| 6:45 PM  | 7.  | Fund Raising Committee  |
| 6:50 PM  | 8.  | El Grupo Technico   |
| 6:55 PM<br>Region - Frank Titus                                | 9.  | Future Water Use Projections for the MRG Water Planning<br><br>Note: The latest draft of the report is on the MRGCOG<br>website - <a href="http://www.mrgcog.org">www.mrgcog.org</a>  |
| 7:05 PM<br>Meeting - Bob Wessely                               | 10. | Mission, Goals, and Objectives - Report on Special AC<br><br>Note: See email of June 12 transmitting M, G & O'S.  |



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| <b>7:15 PM</b><br><b>Wessely</b> | <b>11. WA/MRGCOG/ISC Contract Statement of Work Draft - Bob</b><br><br><b>Note: See email of June 10 transmitting Draft SOW.</b> |
| <b>7:25 PM</b>                   | <b>12. Special Orders</b><br><b>Old Business</b><br><b>New Business</b>  |
| <b>7:30 PM</b>                   | <b>13. Adjourn</b>   |

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ANNUAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY 18, 2001

5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Bob Wessely, Chair

### PROPOSED AGENDA

- 5:30 PM 1. Call to Order  
The presence of a quorum will be noted.
- 5:32 PM 2. Approval of Minutes of the June 20, 2001 and June 23, 2001 Meetings
- 5:35 PM 3. Approval of the Proposed Agenda
4. Chair Report
- 5:38 PM Action Committee Orientation
- Introduction of New Action Committee Members
  - Handouts
    - The Water Assembly Brochure
    - Progress Report - March 2001
    - *A Water Plan for the Middle Rio Grande Region*
    - Middle Rio Grande Water Budget
    - Regional Water Plan Table of Contents
  - Presentation
    - Why Are We Here?
    - What Is Water Planning?
    - What's Been Done To Date.
    - What's Next?
    - How Do We Do It?
- 6:12 PM 5. Annual Meeting Reports
- Public Participation Committee Annual Report- Kevin Bean
  - El Grupo Technico Annual Report - Frank Titus
  - Alternatives Actions Analysis Team Annual Report - Ed Payne
  - Treasurer's Annual Report - Howard Stone
  - Budget Committee Annual Report - Bob Prendergast
6. Old Business
- 6:27 PM Middle Rio Grande Water Budget - Frank Titus
- A Summary on Existing Conditions

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- 6:37 PM                      **Status of Future Water Demand - Elaine Hebard**
- **Short Status Report on Action Taken by the Water Resources Board**
- 6:40 PM                      **By-laws**
- **Select one of four choices:**
    - **Do nothing and wait until next July to make changes at the Action Committee Annual Meeting**
    - **Adopt the version that contains changes sufficient to make them “just legal”.**
    - **Take no action at this Action Committee Annual Meeting and recess the meeting to permit action at future meetings.**
    - **Modify only to permit action at future Action Committee meetings.**
  - **Handouts**
    - **Bylaws Adopted on April 18, 2001**
    - **Adopted Bylaws with Changes Recommended by Legal Team**
- 6:45 PM                      **Mission, Goals and Objectives**
- **Definitions - Can we converge on a set of five?**
  - **Handout: *Comparative Definitions for M,G & O's***
- 7:00 PM                      **Diversity of Representation on the Action Committee**
- **Residential Rate Payers and Self-Supplied Water users not represented**
  - **Rural Economic Development not represented**
  - **Other categories not represented**
  - **Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District not represented.**
- What - if anything - should we do about it?**
8.                      **New Business**
- 7:15 PM                      **Proposal by the Specialists Constituency Group for the Formation of an Analysis Team - Lee Brown**
- 7:25 PM                      9.                      **Public Comments**  
   **Comment on non-agenda item issues.**
- 7:30 PM                      10.                      **Adjourn**

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

August 15, 2001  
5:30 PM to 7:50 PM

NRCS Conference Room  
Department of Agriculture Building  
6200 Jefferson NE, Albuquerque, NM

Bob Wessely, Chair

### PROPOSED AGENDA

5:30 PM PRESENTATION

*Getting Acquainted with the Water Planning Process - Session I*  
Lee Brown

First in a series of special training/question/dialogue sessions to acquaint everyone involved in the water planning process - particularly Action Committee members - with the numerous products that have been developed. This session will present the following key products:

- *Middle Rio Grande Water Budget* (El Grupo Técnico)
- *Middle Rio Grande Water Supply Study* (S.S. Papadopoulos & Assoc.)
- *Historic and Current Water Demand in the Middle Rio Grande Region* (J.S. Shomaker & Assoc.)

### BUSINESS

- 7:00 PM 1. Call to Order  
The presence of a quorum will be noted.
- 7:02 PM 2. Approval of Minutes of the July 18, 2001 Meeting
- 7:05 PM 3. Approval of the Proposed Agenda
- 7:08 PM 4. Chair Report
- Subsequent a. WA/MRGC/OG/ISC Water Planning Contract  
b. *Getting Acquainted with the Water Planning Process - Sessions*
- 7:18 PM 5. Vice Chair Report
- Website a. Water Assembly Picnic - Need Volunteer to Coordinate  
b. Lists of Water Assembly Officers and Chairs - Posting to and Distribution on List Server  
c. Change of Address/Letterhead  
d. Future Water Demand Study
- 7:28 PM 6. Secretary's Report

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- 7:30 PM      6.      Treasurer's Report**
- 7:32 PM      7.      Working Team Chair Reports**
- a.      Administration and Finance Team**
  - b.      Alternative Actions Team**
  - c.      Analysis Team**
  - d.      External Coordination Team**
  - c.      Public Participation and Communication Team**
- 7:45 PM      8.      New Business - None**
- 7:45 PM      9.      Public Comment**
- on the                      Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register  
Public Comment Sign Up Sheet.**
- 7:50 PM      9.      Adjourn**

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

September 19, 2001  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

NRCS Conference Room  
Department of Agriculture Building  
6200 Jefferson NE, Albuquerque, NM

### PROPOSED AGENDA

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|---------|----|--|
| 5:30 PM | 1. | Call to Order; Minute of Silence<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.  |
| 5:32 PM | 2. | Approval of Minutes of the June 23 and August 15, 2001 Meetings  |
| 5:34 PM | 3. | Approval of the Proposed Agenda  |
| 5:35 PM | 4. | Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish Calendar of Standard Meeting Dates</li></ul>  |
| 5:40 PM | 5. | Vice Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status of Presentations - <i>Getting Acquainted with the Water Planning Process</i></li></ul>  |
| 5:45 PM | 6. | Secretary's Report   |
| 5:48 PM | 7. | Treasurer's Report   |
|         | 8. | Working Team Reports   |
| 5:51 PM | a. | Administration and Finance Team - Bob Prendergast <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>(Item to be Provided)</i></li></ul>   |
| 5:54 PM | b. | Alternative Actions Team - Ed Payne <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alternative Actions Matrix - Status</li></ul>  |
| 5:57 PM | c. | Analysis Team - Sterling Grogan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water Balancing Spreadsheet - Status</li><li>• Alternative Actions Matrix Column Headings - Status</li></ul>                       |
| 6:00 PM | d. | External Coordination Team - Danny Hernandez <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outreach - Status</li></ul>   |
| 6:03 PM | e. | Public Participation and Communication Team - Kevin Bean <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Website - Collection of Material</li><li>• Newsletter - Status</li><li>• Fall Campaign - Status</li></ul> |
| 6:08 PM | f. | Ad Hoc Picnic Team - Michelle Henry <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status of Picnic Preparations -</li></ul>  |
|         | 9. | Old Business   |

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- 6:12 PM**            a.     **Future Water Demand Study - Joe Quintana, Howard Passell  
Acceptance, as a working document reflecting the  
work to-date with the written comments as an  
attachment for the record.**
- 6:30 PM**            b.     **Program flow planning for the next two years - Acceptance  
of ISC water planning contract Scope of Work -  
Bob Wessely**
- 7:25 PM**        10.   **New Business - None**
- 7:25 PM**        11.   **Public Comments**
- Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register  
on the Public Comment Sign Up Sheet.**
- 7:30 PM**        12.   **Adjourn**

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

October 17, 2001  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

NRCS Conference Room  
Department of Agriculture Building  
6200 Jefferson NE, Albuquerque, NM

### PROPOSED AGENDA

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| 5:30 PM | 1.  | Call to Order; Minute of Silence<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.   |
| 5:32 PM | 2.  | Approval of Minutes of September 19 Meeting.  |
| 5:34 PM | 3.  | Approval of the Proposed Agenda   |
| 5:35 PM | 4.  | Chair Report  |
| 5:45 PM | 5.  | Vice Chair Report   |
| 5:50 PM | 6.  | Secretary's Report  |
| 5:55 PM | 7.  | Treasurer's Report  |
|         | 8.  | Working Team Reports  |
| 6:00 PM | a.  | Administration and Finance Team - Bob Prendergast <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status of New Website Design</li></ul>  |
| 6:05 PM | b.  | Alternative Actions Team - Ed Payne <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Detail Subtask Planning</li></ul>   |
| 6:10 PM | c.  | Analysis Team - Sterling Grogan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quantifying Values (Water Balancing) Spreadsheet - Status</li></ul>   |
| 6:15 PM | d.  | External Coordination Team - Danny Hernandez <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status of Outreach</li></ul>   |
| 6:20 PM | e.  | Public Participation and Communication Team - Kevin Bean <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Process Flow Plan</li><li>• Newsletter - Status</li><li>• Fall Campaign - Status</li></ul> |
|         | 9.  | Special Reports   |
| 6:45 PM | a.  | Estancia Basin - Kevin Bean   |
| 6:55 PM | b.  | Interim Legislative Water and Natural Resources Committee Meeting - Lee Brown   |
|         | 10. | Old Business  |



## MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

- 7:05 PM**                    **a.     Process for Dealing with Mission, Goals and Objectives Package - Bob Wessely**
- 10.    New Business - None**
- 7:25 PM**                    **11.    Public Comments**
- Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign Up Sheet.**
- 7:30 PM**                    **12.    Adjourn**

Action Committee Minutes October 17, 2001

Action Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2001

Attendees: Betty Behrend, Bob Wessely, Bob Prendergast, Howard Stone, Fred Ambrogi, Kevin Bean, Corinne Brooks, Lee Brown, Jessica Ciddio, Michelle Henrie, Matt Holmes, Janet Jarratt, William Keleher, Tom Luebben, Lynn Montgomery, Mary Murnane, Ed Payne, Elaine Hebard, Danny Hernandez, Lehua Lopez-Mau, Frank Titus, Bud Williams, Ed Whaley, Jessie Fitzgerald, John Shomaker, Bob Swartout, Mike McGovern, John Brown, Andy Smith, and Marion Woolf.

1. Call to Order at 5:43 pm. A quorum was noted. A minute of silence was observed for the victims of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks in New York and Washington DC.
2. Minutes were presented for the meeting of September 19<sup>th</sup>. Bob Prendergast moved to approve the minutes as amended and Danny Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the Agenda: Lee Brown moved to accelerate the agenda, postpone #9 Special Reports and add Mr. Salazar's letter to the MRGCOG to New Business. Bob Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried with Tom Luebben, Lehua Lopez-Mau, and Jessica Ciddio voting against.
4. Chair Report
  - S.S. Papadopoulos was issued a one-year contract to assist the planning region. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> a meeting is set with Ed Payne, Joanne McEntire, and Mike McGovern to discuss details.
  - MRGCOG is ready to negotiate with candidate Lawrence Rael for Executive Director.
  - The PPC will in the next few months be creating Statements of Work – potentially some members will be bidders on projects. A policy is needed for the procedure to comply with the bid process. This will be left for the Executive Committee to establish a process.
  - Participation in Work Teams – a need for more volunteers and participation in order to complete tasks. A sign up sheet is being passed around.
5. Vice-chair Report
  - Two presentations have been made in the Getting Acquainted to the Water Planning Process. The second meeting was poorly attended, therefore there will not be further presentations. Information is available for interested members.
  - Meeting Space – the USDA Bldg. will no longer be available. The UNM Science and Technology buildings at 851 University (small conference room) and the Rotunda (large room) at 801 University are available. The Nov. meeting will be held at the Rotunda.
6. Secretary's Report – None

7. Treasurer's Report - There is approximately \$9100 in the bank. Only one report is left to do for the Attorney General's Office.
8. Working Team Reports Adolfo
  - a) Administration and Finance – Bob Prendergast reported that Adolfo needs to meet with Linda Jackson of MRGCOG to be sure what he is doing for the website is compatible with the COG system since they will be maintaining it. The contract should be finalized tomorrow and work completed in 60 days.
  - b) Alternative Actions Team – Ed Payne reported there are 193 alternative actions with 167 coming from the PPC meetings and 26 from work groups. These will be divided into 7 groups and 30 subgroups. The next step will be to eliminate duplicates and review the groupings. Then criteria for measurement will be developed and finally initial ratings will be performed.
  - c) Analysis Team – Bob Wessely reported that the spreadsheet is being worked on by a subcommittee and will be done the end of October.
  - d) External Coordination Team – no report
  - e) Public Participation and Communication Team – Kevin Bean reported the newsletter went out this week. A schedule will be set up for public education and public process for the ISC. Elaine Hebard will do a brochure on Past/Present/Future Water Use to explain to the public. She would appreciate e-mails on ideas.
9. Special Reports – Postponed
10. Old Business – a) Process for dealing with Mission, Goals and Objectives Package: A discussion was held on how to finalize this task. Various committees were proposed to try to resolve the issues. Bob Wessely proposed a committee be created with a member from each constituency group to review the original document and the revised document and come back next month with a recommendation. The question was asked do we want to converge on the Mission, Goals and Objectives or let them idle. Jessie Fitzgerald made the motion to let them idle. John Shomaker seconded the motion. The motion carried with Matt Holmes, Jessica Ciddio, Lehua Lopez-Mau, Danny Hernandez and Tom Luebben voting against the motion.
11. New Business – Letter to COG from John Salazar. Bob Wessely turned the gavel over to Bob Prendergast and left the room. A lengthy discussion was held and Lynn Montgomery moved to call for a vote of confidence in Bob Wessely as chairman of the Water Assembly. The motion was seconded by Janet Jarratt. A discussion was held and it was agreed that a non-defensive response to the letter was needed to explain the process of the Water Assembly. Danny Hernandez asked that Michelle Henri recuse herself from the vote. (Should indicate that Michelle declined to recuse herself) The motion carried with Dave Hill, Mike McGovern and Fred Ambrogi voting against the motion.  
Elaine Hebard stated that she felt a committee should be formed to respond to the letter. Kevin Bean made a motion to create a committee and Matt Holmes seconded the motion. Members of the committee: Bob Swartout, Lee Brown, Janet Jarratt, Kevin Bean, Elaine Hebard and Danny Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Public Comments – None
13. Adjourn – 8:20 pm

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

December 19, 2001  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Rotunda - Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

### PROPOSED AGENDA

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| 5:30 PM | 1.  | Call to Order<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.   |
| 5:32 PM | 2.  | Approval of Minutes of the November 28, 2001 Special Action Committee Meeting.   |
| 5:34 PM | 3.  | Approval of the Proposed Agenda  |
| 5:35 PM | 4.  | Chair Report   |
| 5:45 PM | 5.  | Vice Chair Report  |
| 5:50 PM | 6.  | Secretary's Report   |
| 5:52 PM | 7.  | Treasurer's Report   |
|         | 8.  | Working Team Reports   |
| 5:54 PM | a.  | Administration and Finance Team - Bob Prendergast  |
| 6:00 PM | b.  | Analysis Team - Sterling Grogan  |
| 6:02 PM | c.  | External Coordination Team   |
| 6:04 PM | d.  | Public Participation and Communication Team - Kevin Bean   |
| 6:15 PM | e.  | FEATURED WORKING TEAM REPORT - Alternatives Working Team   |
| 7:00 PM | 9.  | Special Report<br>Workshop on the Framework State Water Plan and the State Water Planning Process - Meeting at Bosque del Apache - Elaine Hebard |
| 7:05 PM | 10. | Old Business<br>Discuss the relationship between the Water Balancing Spreadsheet and the Community Conversations. - Lee Brown                    |
|         | 11. | New Business - None  |
| 7:25 PM | 12. | Public Comments<br>Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign Up Sheet.                          |

## MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

7:30 PM      12.      **Adjourn**

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

January 16, 2002  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Rotunda - Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

### PROPOSED AGENDA

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| 5:30 PM | 1.  | Call to Order<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.   |
| 5:32 PM | 2.  | Approval of Minutes of the December 19, 2001 Special Action Committee Meeting.   |
| 5:34 PM | 3.  | Approval of the Proposed Agenda  |
| 5:35 PM | 4.  | Chair Report   |
| 5:45 PM | 5.  | Vice Chair Report  |
| 5:48 PM | 6.  | Secretary's Report   |
| 5:50 PM | 7.  | Treasurer's Report   |
|         | 8.  | Working Team Reports   |
| 5:52 PM | a.  | Administration and Finance Team - Bob Prendergast  |
| 6:00 PM | b.  | Analysis Team - Sterling Grogan  |
| 6:05 PM | d.  | Alternatives Working Team - Ed Payne   |
| 6:10 PM | c.  | External Coordination Team - Danny Hernandez   |
| 6:13 PM | e.  | Public Participation and Communication Team - <b>FEATURED WORKING TEAM REPORT</b> - Kevin Bean                                     |
| 6:40 PM | 9.  | Concurrence with Public Participation and Communication Team Approach to Community Conversations - <b>ACTION</b>                   |
|         | 10. | Old Business   |
| 7:08 PM | a.  | Report on Status of SNL/WA Modeling Project - Howard Passell - <b>INFORMATION</b>  |
| 7:13 PM | b.  | Collecting Homework from AC Members/Alternates - Water Balancing Spreadsheet with personally chosen entries in columns G,H, and I. |

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- 7:15 PM**
- c. Individual Constituency Group Plans for Populating the Desired Year 2050 Use Budget (last three columns) of the Water Balancing Spreadsheet - Report from each Constituency Group Chair. - INFORMATION**
- **Agricultural, Cultural and Historic CG**
  - **Environmental Advocates CG**
  - **Managers CG**
  - **Specialists CG**
  - **Urban Users and Economic Development CG**
- 11. New Business - None**
- 7:25 PM**
- 12. Public Comments**  
**Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign Up Sheet.**
- 7:30 PM**
- 13. Adjourn**

## Action Committee Minutes January 16, 2002

### Action Committee Meeting Minutes January 16, 2002

Attendees: ?????? Bob Wessely, Bob Prendergast, Janet Jarratt, Lynn Montgomery, Howard Stone, and Frank Titus.

1. Call to Order at 5:40 pm. A quorum was noted.
2. Minutes of the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were deferred.
3. Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was amended to add #9 Concurrence with Public Participation and Communication team approach to the Community Conversations – Action Item. Agenda was approved as amended. [The last item - Adjourn - was renumbered to Item 13](#)
4. Chair Report:
  - The ISC contract is still on Norm Gaume's desk.
  - Each Constituency Group needs to designate a representative to the Nominating Committee ASAP and notify the WA Chair accordingly. April 19<sup>th</sup> is the absolute deadline for nominations for Officers and elections will be held at the June meeting. The WA Annual Assembly is April 6<sup>th</sup> at which time Constituency Groups elect the AC Representatives and Chairs of their respective Groups.
5. Vice-chair Report: The Vice-Chair will post the meetings schedule on the list-serve.
6. Secretary's Report – None, Secretary not present.
7. Treasurer's Report - Howard Stone reported the bank balance is \$10,900.
8. Working Team Reports:
  - a. Administration and Finance – Bob Prendergast reported on the Policy for WA participants to submit on Contracts involving WA funds and the Policy for posting items on the List-serve. A discussion of the funding strategy and a need for an outreach group to represent the WA to grant providers. The jWA still needs two more small businesses to obtain the Sandia Labs funding of \$10,000.
  - b. Analysis Team – The next meeting will be at the Conservancy District.
  - c. Alternatives Working Team – The team has been doing preliminary screening of Alternatives and working on the scope of work for the technical evaluation. Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> the team needs the sheet filled out by members and handed in by January 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was some concern expressed by Brian Burnett in regard to the number of models used by different contractors.
  - d. External Coordination Team – Danny Hernandez is too busy, therefore someone is needed to chair this team. [Bob Wessely has contacted an individual who has extensive experience and contacts and expects to hear from him soon.](#)



- e. Public Participation and Communication Team – Kevin Bean reported that the team prepared a media kit to take out to the public. The Community Conversations will be held the last week of February and the first of March. There was an intense discussion on the Water Balancing Spreadsheet numbers. Dr. Frank Titus established numbers are perfectly valid.

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10. Old Business:

- a. Bob Wessely gave a slide presentation of introduction to the Water Balancing Spreadsheet. Howard Passell gave a presentation of the Water Balancing Spreadsheet model.. There was a long discussion on the appropriateness of the Community Conversations. Janet Jarratt made a motion that the WA go forward and use this model as an educational tool in the Community Conversations. Seconded by Steve Harris. One nay vote, motion carried. Howard Passell asked for inquiries and suggestions concerning the model as it is still being constructed and improved..
- b. Homework on the Water Balancing Spreadsheet was collected from Constituency Groups.
- c. Individual Constituency Group Plans for Populating the Desired 2050 Use Budget of the WBS. Reports on plans for populating the WBS from each group on their balance.

11. New Business: None

12. Public Comments – None

12. Adjourn – 8:00 pm

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

February 20, 2002  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

## PROPOSED AGENDA

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| 5:30 PM | 1.  | Call to Order<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.   |
| 5:33 PM | 2.  | Moment of Silence to Observe the Passing of Lisa Robert's<br>Husband and Her Brother – Elaine Hebard   |
| 5:36 PM | 3.  | Secretary's Report<br>Approval of Minutes of the January 16, 2002 Action Committee<br>Meeting.   |
| 5:39 PM | 4.  | Approval of the Proposed Agenda  |
| 5:42 PM | 5.  | Chair Report   |
| 5:52 PM | 6.  | Vice Chair Report  |
| 5:58 PM | 7.  | Treasurer's Report   |
|         | 8.  | Working Team Reports   |
| 6:00 PM | a.  | Administration and Finance Team – Bob Prendergast  |
| 6:02 PM | b.  | Analysis Team – Sterling Grogan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water Balancing Spreadsheet</li></ul>  |
| 6:12 PM | c.  | Alternatives Working Team – Ed Payne   |
| 6:17 PM | d.  | Cooperative Modeling Team – Celina Jones <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Cooperative Modeling Effort – Status</li></ul>  |
| 6:47 PM | e.  | External Coordination Team – Danny Hernandez   |
| 6:50 PM | f.  | Nominating Committee – Bob Prendergast   |
| 6:52 PM | g.  | Public Participation and Communication Team – Kevin Bean <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Conversations - Status</li><li>• Sixth Annual Water Assembly – Status</li></ul> |
|         | 9.  | Old Business – None  |
|         | 10. | New Business   |
| 7:05 PM | a.  | Policy and Procedure AC001 – Policy to Establish the<br>Hierarchy of Approval of Water Assembly Documents– Bob<br>Wessely – DISCUSSION   |

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- 7:15 PM**                    **b.      Nomination of Budget Committee Members - ACTION**
- 7:20 PM**                    **c.      Annual Business Meeting– Establish Date, Time and Place.**
- 7:25 PM**                    **11.    Public Comments**

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### Action Committee Meeting Minutes February 20, 2002

Attendees: Fred Ambrogi, Kevin Bean, Betty Behrend, Corinne Brooks, Lee Brown, Jessica Ciddio, Jessie Fitzgerald, Michelle Henrie, Dave Hill, Janet Jarratt, William Keleher, Lynn Montgomery, Mary Murnane, Bob Prendergast, Howard Stone, Larry Webb, Bob Wessely, Elaine Hebard, Mike McGovern, Marty Mitchell, Simone Seiler, Frank Titus, Bud Williams, John Brown, Andy Smith, Larry Blair, Celina Jones, Mike Trujillo, Ed Whaley, and Joseph Quintana.

1. Call to Order at 5:43 pm. A quorum was noted.
2. Moment of Silence to Observe the Passing of Lisa Robert's Husband and Brother  
Lisa and Patrick had been involved in water planning for several years and Patrick's knowledge in this field will be missed.
3. Secretary's Report - Minutes for the December 19, 2001 and January 16, 2002 were presented for approval. December 19 minutes need to add Marty Mitchell in attendance. Lee Brown moved to approve with this addition. Bob Prendergast seconded. Motion carried. January 16 minutes under 10.a need to add the model will "only" as an educational tool and one nay vote by Dave Hill. Lee Brown moved to approve with the two amendments. Michelle Henri seconded. Motion carried.
4. Approval of the Agenda: Elaine Hebard asked to add 9.a. Community Conversations Discussion. Mary Murnane moved to approve the agenda with this amendment. Simone Seiler seconded. Motion carried.
5. Chair Report:
  - Election of AC members – At the April Assembly the Constituency Groups meet and elect a chair. This item will be discussed at 9.a.
  - As a group we need to be collaborative in decisions and not adversarial. Need to work toward consensus. A discussion was held as to how to achieve this goal – with or without a facilitator at all meetings. It was decided to work on achieving consensus at several meetings without a facilitator and see how it goes.
  - Community Conversations will be in March. Changes to the slide show were sent around.
  - Relationship with COG – Mike Trujillo is the new water planner for the COG. COG wants to be more involved. COG comments came late on the flyer and it was delayed in getting out. COG inputs need to be done as the products are being developed.
  - Bob Wessely introduced Mike Trujillo. Mike stated that he has worked in state, county and city levels of government. Mike stated that the ISC contract was signed last week by Norm Gaume. Mike and Bob P. will get together and

work on the procurement process. The points of contact for COG are first Mike Trujillo and second Lawrence Rael. Mike stated that COG will be working more closely with the WA in this process.

6. Vice-chair Report: Two forms will be passed around tonight. 1) Sign up for the Community Conversation you can volunteer for. Lucy Moore will facilitate but volunteers are needed for: Facilitator notetaker, Mouser, and Resource Roamer. Four sessions are planned after the model presentation. 2) The second form is a sign-in sheet and space to put down the number of volunteer hours you have worked since January 1, 2002.
7. Treasurer's - Howard Stone reported the bank balance is \$11,525.97. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation check for 962.44 was received and the \$3,750 from AMAFCA. Payment was made to Soltari for \$2,750.
8. Working Team Reports:
  - a. Administration and Finance – Lee Brown reported that \$120,000 in tax exempt participation pledges have been received.
  - b. Analysis Team – A refined set of numbers will be available by the end of February for the WBS.
  - c. Alternatives Working Team – The 265 alternatives received have been reduced down to 74 combined alternatives and duplicates have been removed. The effort is to make them more concise and clear so they will be easier to evaluate. They will be distributed by the next meeting for discussion. Ideally they need to be combined to a range of 20 to 50 to be properly screened.
  - d. Cooperative Modeling Team – Celina Jones reported that two meetings have been held. First it was defined where the team fits in the process to develop scenarios and aid in development of the budget. Ultimately they will work with presenting the scenarios to the AC and the public for feedback. They will evaluate the alternatives scientifically to see if they can be modeled. To accomplish this team will need input from all the teams. They will look at the economics and impacts the alternatives will have. In data collection the team will draw on studies that exist and avoid duplication. They will also draw on in-house expertise. Parallel to the process is validation and peer review process as the process goes along for quality control. For the model to work it needs to be a credible tool. Active oversight will be needed of the modeling effort and the contract work to insure that they work together.
  - e. External Coordination – No report.
  - f. Nominating Committee – Committee members are: Managers – Larry Webb, Specialists – Mike McGovern, Agricultural – Lynn Montgomery, Environmentalists – Jessica Ciddio, and UUED – Eileen Grevey Hillson. This committee needs to set a time and place for a meeting.
  - g. Public Participation and Communication Team – Kevin Bean reported the Community Conversations will be held from 6:30 to 9:00 PM on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, March 6<sup>th</sup> in Rio Rancho and March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Fred Luna Senior Center in Los Lunas. The focus of the meetings will be the use of a computer simulation of the WBS as an

educational tool. There will be no input of the numbers arrived at in the Conversations. The issues raised in trying to balance the budget will be recorded. Kevin also reported the Sixth Annual Water Assembly will be held Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the UNM Anthropology Hall. There will be a panel discussion with constituency group representatives to discuss problems that were raised in the modeling process.

9. Old Business

- a. Constituency Group Election Process – For discussion purposes three options were presented: 1) Keep the current members 2) Elect all new members or 3) Keep some and elect some. After a lot of discussion on this topic Janet Jarratt made the following motion: At the April 6th Water Assembly of the five current members to the Action Committee of each constituency group the two members with the least attendance of Action Committee meetings from July 2001 through February 20, 2002 are up for re-election and all of the alternates are up for re-election. Michelle Henrie seconded the motion. Larry Webb voted no. Motion carried.

10. New Business:

- a. Policy and Procedure AC001 – Policy to Establish the Hierarchy of Approval of Water Assembly Documents – Who should approve what? Dave Hill stated that he felt all material going to the public should have approval from the AC. After a long discussion William Keleher moved to give authority to the Executive Committee to evaluate materials and approve them or if they are substantial to bring them to the Action Committee for approval. Larry Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. Nomination of Budget Committee Members – Bob Prendergast and Dave Hill volunteered to be on the committee. Howard Stone is an ex-officio member.
- c. Annual Business Meeting – By consensus it was decided it would be desirable for the business meeting to be June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at the regular AC meeting in the UNM Science and Technology Rotunda. It will be on the next agenda.

11. Public Comments – Andy Smith stated that more effort needs to be made to let the public know that the AC exists and to see if the COG could help with this.

12. Adjourn – 8:11 PM

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

March 20, 2002  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

### PROPOSED AGENDA

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| 5:30 PM | 1.  | Call to Order<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.                                     |
| 5:31 PM | 2.  | Secretary's Report<br>Approval of Minutes of the February 20, 2002 Action Committee Meeting. |
| 5:33 PM | 3.  | Approval of the Proposed Agenda  |
| 5:35 PM | 4.  | Chair Report   |
| 5:45 PM | 5.  | Vice Chair Report  |
| 5:50 PM | 6.  | Treasurer's Report   |
|         | 7.  | Working Team Reports   |
| 6:00 PM | a.  | Administration and Finance Team – Bob Prendergast  |
| 6:02 PM | b.  | Analysis Team – Sterling Grogan  |
| 6:12 PM | c.  | Alternatives Working Team – Ed Payne   |
| 6:17 PM | d.  | Cooperative Modeling Team – Celina Jones   |
| 6:47 PM | e.  | External Coordination Team – Danny Hernandez   |
| 6:50 PM | g.  | Featured Team Presentation - Public Participation and Communication Team – Kevin Bean        |
|         | 11. | Old Business   |
| 7:15 PM | a.  | Annual Business Meeting– Establish Date, Time and Place. –<br>FINAL ACTION                   |
| 7:20 PM | b.  | Nominating Committee will begin to receive suggestions for<br>Nominations for Officers.      |
|         | 12. | New Business - None  |
| 7:25 PM | 10. | Public Comments  |

Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign Up Sheet.

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7:30 PM 11. Adjourn



# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

April 17, 2002  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

**NOTE – DUE TO THE UNCUSTOMARY LENGTH OF THE MEETING, PIZZA WILL BE AVAILABLE SUBJECT TO A CONTRIBUTION FROM THOSE ATTENDING.**

### PROPOSED AGENDA

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| 5:30 PM | 1. | Call to Order<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.  |
| 5:31 PM | 2. | Constituency Group Nominations - ACTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individuals newly nominated by Constituency Groups at the 6<sup>th</sup> Assembly are introduced, voted on by the full Action Committee, and take office.</li></ul> |
| 5:36 PM | 3. | Secretary's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of Minutes of the March 20, 2002 Action Committee Meeting.</li></ul>  |
| 5:38 PM | 4. | Approval of the Proposed Agenda   |
| 5:39 PM | 5. | Chair Report  |
|         | 6. | Vice Chair Report - None  |
| 5:44 PM | 7. | Treasurer's Report  |
|         | 8. | Working Team Reports  |
| 5:46 PM | a. | Administration and Finance Team – Bob Prendergast   |
| 5:48 PM | b. | Analysis Team – Sterling Grogan   |
| 6:00 PM | c. | Alternatives Working Team – Ed Payne <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Briefing on Alternative Actions Data Base</li></ul>  |
| 6:10 PM | d. | Cooperative Modeling Team – Celina Jones  |
|         | e. | External Coordination Team – No Chair   |
| 6:20 PM | f. | Nominating Committee – Mike McGovern <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 19 is the deadline for receipt of suggestions for nominations for officers until the Annual Business Meeting on June 17.</li></ul>                               |
| 6:25 PM | g. | Public Participation and Communication Team – Kevin Bean <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report on the Sixth Assembly</li></ul>   |
| 6:30 PM | h. | Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo   |

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9. **Old Business - None**
10. **New Business**
  - 6:40 PM a. **Information Briefing on Water Planning Project Plan – Bob Wessely**
  - 6:50 PM b. **The Rio Grande Compact’s Constraints on Dealing with Elephant Butte, and Other Topics – Norm Gaume – Chief Engineer, New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission**
- 7:30 PM 11. **Public Comments**

**Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet.**
- 7:35 PM 12. **Recess**
- 7:45 PM 13. **SPECIAL PROGRAM, JOINT WITH SPECIALISTS**

**Joint Meeting of the Action Committee and the Specialists Constituency Group – Discussion with Norm Gaume**
- 9:00 PM 14. **Adjourn**

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Action Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2002

Attendees: Fred Ambrogi, Kevin Bean, Betty Behrend, Lee Brown, Dave Hill, Janet Jarratt, William Keleher, Lynn Montgomery, Mary Murnane, Bob Wessely, Marty Mitchell, John Brown, Ed Payne, Charles Barnhart, Bob Swartwout, Joanne McEntire, Jeff Buell, Michelle Henrie, Ann Rustebakke, Bud Williams, Martin Zehr, Matt Holmes, Sue Kelly, Steve Harris, Elaine Hebard, Chuck Easterling, Bob Simon, Corinne Brooks, Jessie Fitzgerald, Mike Trujillo, Lawrence Rael, Joe Quintana, B. J. Brock, Howard Passell, Richard Barish, Celina Jones, Andy Smith, Marianne Woodard, Lisa Robert, Hector Gonzales, John Cordova, Norm Gaume, Tom Luebben, Mike McGovern, Lynn Montgomery, Bob Grant, Ken Mueller, Reid Bandeen, Bill Lematta, and Eileen Grevey Hillson.

1. Call to Order at 5:40 pm. The presence of a quorum was noted.
2. Constituency Group Nominations: 1) Bob Wessely reported that the EC recommended that the services of a facilitator be obtained to work with the constituency group to resolve issues. 2) In regard to the issue of COG and WA roles. COG representatives will meet with the EC and discuss the unequal perception of roles. 3) Bob W. recommended that Items #2 and #8 h. be deferred to the next meeting to see if the issues can be resolved. A discussion was held. Item 4 was taken up and Bob Swartwout made a motion to approve the agenda as amended to defer Items #2 and #8 h. until the next meeting. Eileen Grevey Hillson seconded the motion. Lynn Montgomery made the only desenting vote. Motion carried.
3. Secretary's Report - Minutes for the March 20, 2002 meeting were presented for approval. Dave Hill made a motion to approve the minutes as amended to include Michelle Henrie as present. Mary Murnane seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Approval of the Agenda: This item was taken up under item #2.
5. Chair Report:
  - a. The S.S. Papadopoulos model and the Sandia model need to not be in conflict therefore a meeting has been set for May 8, 2002 as a coordination meeting.
  - b. The Bureau of Reclamation has offered to help with the analysis process.
  - c. Bob Prendergast has been taking care of all of the infrastructure type duties to keep the WA running smoothly and doing a great job.
6. Vice-Chair Report: None
7. Treasurer's Report - None. Howard Stone was not present.
8. Working Team Reports:

- a. Administration and Finance – There are now two people on the team with Bob P.
  - b. Analysis Team – Sterling Grogan reported that the team is dealing with the challenges to the numbers in the WBS and are down to two outstanding issues. The team will meet next Tuesday. They are working on Frequently Asked Questions, but feel that a new set will be needed to deal with the model.
  - c. Alternatives Working Team – The 267 alternatives received have been reduced down to 42 combined alternatives. The team meets twice a month and are developing the scope of work for the feasibility analysis of the alternatives. Then the feasibility ratings will be done and combined with the public preferences. The Scope of Work should be done the end of the month and a contract should be awarded to a contractor the first of July. At the May meeting of the AC the team plans to go through the descriptors and talk to Sandia to see if they will fit into the model. The Cooperative Modeling team is working on this.
  - d. Cooperative Modeling Team – Celina Jones reported that Sandia is working with the S. S. Papadopoulos group to ensure that the models work together. On May 8<sup>th</sup> they will meet and confirm where the models overlap or are contradictory. They are looking at which alternative actions can be modeled and what each group would like to see the model do by meeting with constituency group representatives. Data sets are being dealt with separate from the model. Sandia is planning to start modeling some of the alternatives. They are also working on setting up a website to put the information up for the public. The model will also be put on the website. The website should be up in the next month.
  - e. External Coordination – Seven people signed up at the Sixth Assembly so progress should be made. A chair needs to be appointed.
  - f. Nominating Committee – Mike McGovern reported that several nominations have been received and there are only three days left to make a nomination to the committee. Mike will send out an e-mail requesting more nominations.
  - g. Public Participation and Communication Team – Kevin Bean reported: 1) The Sixth Annual Water Assembly was held on April 6 with approximately 150 people in attendance. The assembly was well organized with presentations in the morning and after lunch a panel discussion on the water balancing exercise held at the Community Conversations. At the end of the day break-out sessions were held where the constituency groups elected representatives for the next year.
  - h. Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments Report - deferred
9. Old Business - None
10. New Business:
- a. Information Briefing on Water Planning Project Plan – Bob W. presented the Gant Chart from which the 29 page scope of work was built by the WA, COG and ISC with funding distribution. The scope of work was approved March 2002 and it is now time to update the chart with what has

been done, what needs to be done and what the calendar looks like. From this chart the draft Water Plan will go to the ISC in June 2003. A meeting of the working team and constituency group chairs will be held Friday, 4/26 to discuss the chart and how all groups will work together and the affects on each group. It is now projected that the final approved plan will go to the ISC in October 2003.

- b. The Rio Grande Compact's Constraints on Dealing with Elephant Butte, and Other Topics – Norm Gaume, Chief Engineer, NM Interstate Stream Commission: The water supply in the middle Rio Grande region is finite and highly variable. Most of the water that flows through Otowi must be delivered below Elephant Butte so the mid river bears the evaporation. The ISC shows that the supply barely meets the needs of today, however the WA budget shows a deficit. Norm Gaume asked why there are two models [\[see discussion under 13.a, below\]](#). Lee Brown stated that the WA budget was done prior to the Papadopulos model to enable the WA to begin work with a knowledge of the available supply and demand. Active water resources management is needed to distribute limited supplies to those who have water rights, meet the compacts and provide a system of market reallocation of water because there is not any new water. Therefore a use must be discontinued to instate a new use. We must develop water resources for beneficial use.

Historically NM uses more water than the compact allows. When the river was channelized water was saved and through wet years NM has a debit so currently NM is in compliance with the compact. NM must limit total Middle Rio Grande uses to the legally and hydrologically available supply. Mining water is the only reason needs are being met today and the delayed impacts on the river need to be considered.

El Paso has sought NM water and a study by UNM and NM State show that to prefer NM citizens over others, NM needs to show a need and use for its water. This was to be done in 1987 and only three plans were approved in the state.

There is a need to define real alternatives and run through the models today and if the plan doesn't balance a solution must be found. NM law says that junior rights are out first. This is the way that Colorado operates.

11. Public Comments – None

12. Recess

13. Special Program, Joint with Specialists:

- a. Tom Luebben asked when the [Papadopulous](#) graphic shows a 60,000 ac.ft. ~~deficit~~ [water mining](#), how can it be said that the supply barely meets the demand? Norm said that is an excellent question and then stated that he had to agree that [when he includes the water mining in the Papadopulous budget balance, the Water Assembly water budget and the Papadopulous water budget are consistent with each other; i.e.,](#) if there is a deficit, the supply is not meeting the demand. [Norm commented that the difference between the Assembly's Water Budget 70,000 afpy water](#)

mining and the Papadopoulos 60,000 afpy water mining were the same within the precision of the data.

- b. The point of diversion was at San Marcial, in 1948 NM voted to change the diversion point to Elephant Butte. This is not in the compact. What impact does this have? Norm said he would look at this even though his predecessor said, don't go there.
  - c. Since evaporation is high at Elephant Butte the following have been proposed to reduce evaporation: 1) Use surfactants, 2) Move the storage upstream – this would be expensive, 3) Reduce the surface area of Elephant Butte – this would also be expensive, 4) Inject into the underground mined area – this would prevent subsidence and there would be no evaporation. Since the water to be stored would come as a flood it would be impossible to inject in those volumes and would have to be handled in some way such as stored and then injected which would be expensive. This might work if the ISC had a water bank for meeting the compact and water could be pumped when needed and still keep the endangered species intact. What would be done in 'spill years' when capacity is exceeded and there are no deliveries that year and it is set back to zero? Texas also wants to look at alternatives to Elephant Butte.
  - d. Derrick Lente will be at next month's AC meeting.
14. Adjourn – 8:58 PM

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

May 15, 2002  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

## PROPOSED AGENDA

- 5:00 PM PIZZA AND SODA WILL BE AVAILABLE - A CONTRIBUTION OF \$5.00 WILL BE SOLICITED FROM THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO INDULGE
- 5:30 PM 1. Call to Order  
The presence of a quorum will be noted.
- 5:31 PM 2. Constituency Group Nominations - ACTION
- Individuals newly nominated by Constituency Groups at the 6<sup>th</sup> Assembly are introduced, voted on by the full Action Committee, and take office.
- 5:36 PM 3. Secretary's Report
- Approval of Minutes of the April 17, 2002 Action Committee Meeting.
- 5:38 PM 4. Approval of the Proposed Agenda
- 5:39 PM 5. Chair Report
- 5:50 PM 6. Vice Chair Report - None
- 6:00 PM 7. Treasurer's Report
8. Working Team Reports
- 6:02 PM a. Administration and Finance Team – Bob Prendergast
- 6:04 PM b. Analysis Team – Sterling Grogan
- 6:06 PM c. Alternatives Working Team – Ed Payne
- 6:08 PM d. Cooperative Modeling Team – Celina Jones
- 6:10 PM e. External Coordination Team
- 6:12 PM f. Nominating Committee – Mike McGovern
- 6:14 PM g. Public Participation and Communication Team – Kevin Bean
- 6:16 PM 9. Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo
10. Old Business - None
11. New Business

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- 6:20 PM            a.     *A Chat with Derrick Lente - Exploring the Question through an Open Discussion: How Can the Pueblos and the WA/COG Benefit From Each Other?* Derrick J. Lente, Chair, Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Water Coalition
- 7:00 PM            b.     Process for Convergence on Program Items
- 7:15 PM            c.     Coordination of Modeling Efforts
- 7:25 PM            12.    Public Comments
- Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet.
- 7:30 PM            13.    Adjourn



# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

June 19, 2002  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

### PROPOSED AGENDA

- 5:00 PM PIZZA AND SODA WILL BE AVAILABLE - A CONTRIBUTION OF \$5.00 WILL BE SOLICITED FROM THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO INDULGE
- 5:30 PM 1. Call to Order  
The presence of a quorum will be noted.
- 5:31 PM 2. Secretary's Report
  - Approval of Minutes of the May 15, 2002 Action Committee Meeting.
- 5:34 PM 3. Approval of the Proposed Agenda
- 5:36 PM 4. Chair Report
- 5:46 PM 5. Vice Chair Report
- 5:56 PM 6. Treasurer's Report
  - Year End Annual reports
7. Working Team Year End Reports
- 6:00 PM a. Administration and Finance Team – Bob Prendergast
- 6:05 PM b. Analysis Team – Sterling Grogan<sup>6</sup>
- 6:10 PM c. Alternatives Working Team – Ed Payne
- 6:15 PM d. Cooperative Modeling Team – Celina Jones
- 6:20 PM e. External Coordination Team
- 6:25 PM g. Public Participation and Communication Team – Kevin Bean
- 6:30 PM 8. Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo
9. Old Business
- 6:35 PM a. Report from the Budget Committee – Approval of Next Fiscal Year Budget - ACTION
11. New Business
- 6:40 PM a. Election of Officers (Report from Nominating Committee) –

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### ACTION

- 6:50 PM**            **b.**    **Proposed Bylaws Amendment – Janet Jarrett (Martin Zehr) - ACTION**
- 7:05 PM**            **c,**    **Adopting the Consensus Process – Bob Wessely (Lucy Moore) - ACTION**
- 7:20 PM**            **d.**    **Consensus on Water Consumption Numbers – Sterling Grogan/Lucy Moore – ACTION**
- 7:35 PM**            **e.**    **Report on Colorado Water Meeting – Elaine Hebard**
- 7:40 PM**            **12.**    **Public Comments**
- Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet.**
- 7:45 PM**            **13.**    **Adjourn**

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

CONTINUATION OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING FROM  
JUNE 19, 2002

July 17, 2002  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

5:00 PM PIZZA AND SODA WILL BE AVAILABLE - A CONTRIBUTION OF \$5.00 WILL  
BE SOLICITED FROM THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO INDULGE

5:30 PM PRESENTATION

UNM research in quantifying Middle Rio Grande bosque  
evapotranspiration and estimating potential water savings resulting from  
various reclamation strategies

*James Cleaverly, Doctoral Student, Senior Assistant to Dr. Cliff Dahm,  
Department of Biology, University of New Mexico*

## CONTINUATION OF BUSINESS MEETING

### PROPOSED AGENDA FOR CONTINUATION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 6:00 PM 14. Return from Recess - Call to Order  
The presence of a quorum will be noted.
- 6:01 PM 15. Secretary's Report
- Reading of the Minutes of the June 19, 2002 Session of the  
Action Committee Annual Business Meeting.
- 6:04 PM 16. Approval of the Proposed Agenda for the Continuation of the Order  
of Business
- 6:06 PM 17. Chair Report
- 6:16 PM 18. Vice Chair Report
- 6:21 PM 19. Treasurer's Report
- Year End Annual reports
20. Working Team Reports
- 6:25 PM a. Administration and Finance Team – Bob Prendergast
- 6:27 PM b. Analysis Team – Sterling Grogan
- 6:29 PM c. Alternatives Working Team – Ed Payne
- 6:31 PM d. Cooperative Modeling Team – Celina Jones
- 6:33 PM e. External Coordination Team – Pauline Gubbels

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- 6:35 PM                    g.      **Public Participation and Communication Team – Kevin Bean**
- 6:37 PM                    21.      **Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo**
22.      **Old Business**
- 7:02 PM                    a.      **Constituency Group Selection of Preferred Alternative Actions to be Presented, Discussed and Advocated at Community Conversations V – Brief Status Report from Constituency Groups**
- 7:12 PM                    b.      **Proposed Resolution: Adopt a Consensus Process for Making Water Related Decisions, and Revise the Bylaws' Article X Accordingly - ACTION**
- 7:27 PM                    c.      **Consensus on Water Consumption Numbers – Sterling Grogan (Lucy Moore) – ACTION**
- 7:47 PM                    d.      **Proposed Resolution: Clarify and Guide the Constituency Group Selection Process to Enhance Breadth of Representation, by Amending Article IV of the Bylaws (follow-up to extended June 19 AC discussion) – Elaine Hebard - ACTION**
- 7:57 PM                    24.      **Public Comments**
- Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet.**
- 8:00 PM                    25.      **Adjourn**

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Attendees: Kevin Bean, Betty Behrend, Janet Jarratt, Bob Wessely, Ed Payne, Michelle Henrie, Ann Rustebakke, Bud Williams, Martin Zehr, Elaine Hebard, Robert Simon, Jessie Fitzgerald, Mike McGovern, Brian Lematta, Bob Prendergast, Ed Whaley, Glen Young, Danny Hernandez, Carol Hart, Susan Kelly, Michael Trujillo, B. J. Brock, Frank Titus, Steve Harris, Tom Luebben, Lee Brown, Lucy Moore, Jeff Buell, Celina Jones, Andy Smith, Bob Grant, Eileen Grevey Hillson, John Brown, Joe Quintana, Tamara King, Jean Brocklebank, and Michael Lewis.

1. Call to Order at 5:40 pm. The presence of a quorum was noted.
2. Secretary's Report – Minutes of the May 15, 2002 meeting were presented for approval. Glen Young moved to approve the minutes as presented. Bob Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion approved.
3. Approval of Proposed Agenda – Item 10 d. was not available and was postponed until the next meeting. Bob P. moved to approved the amended agenda with 11 d. postponed. Glen Young seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
4. Chair Report:
  - a. Several meetings have been held between COG and the WA Chair and paperwork has been exchanged. Lawrence Rael of COG is reviewing the paperwork for differences. The process is going smoothly.
  - b. A meeting was held with Norm Gaume of the Interstate Stream Commission and since several meetings related to synchronization of the WA and SNL efforts in work on the water plan.
  - c. A retreat has been scheduled by the WRB for all day July 19<sup>th</sup> and on Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> if needed to educate and bring the WRB members up to speed on the water plan efforts to this point. The WA AC members can come and participate if interested. The goal is to obtain buy-in so that the plan can be “our plan”, a combined effort of the WA and the COG WRB.
5. Vice-Chair Report:
  - a. Website – Bob P. is working with Linda Jackson of COG to become familiar with the site. The website test site is in the Soltari site. It has a new home page and the plan page with the annotated table of contents at [www.soltari.com/drafts/water](http://www.soltari.com/drafts/water)
  - b. The RFP pre-proposal conference was held June 14<sup>th</sup> with Michael Trujillo, Bob Prendergast and Ed Payne present to answer questions for potential proposers. There were no significant questions from the 15 attendees. The addendum to the RFP will go out this afternoon or tomorrow morning. Proposals are due July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The proposals will be evaluated by the OPMT on July 8<sup>th</sup> at the MRGCOG conference room at 3 PM. Oral presentations will be done on July 17-19<sup>th</sup> by offerors. Award of the contract is scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- c. Dr. Cliff Dahm of the UNM Biology Dept. will give a presentation on July 19<sup>th</sup> at the AC meeting on Evapotranspiration and water savings through conversion to native plants.
  - d. Mobil Foundation – a \$500 grant was received from the Star Grant program for contribution of individual volunteer time by Ed Payne who retired from Mobil Global. The WA is eligible for one grant per quarter up to four per year.
6. Treasurer's Report - Howard Stone was not present but reported to Bob W. a balance of \$11,575.22 in the bank and the receipt of a check for \$5,000 from Rio Rancho, which is not included in the balance shown.
7. Working Team Year End Reports:
  - a. Administration and Finance – Bob Prendergast reported that this team of one prepared agendas, the regional water plan program schedule and other items.
  - b. Analysis Team – No report since Sterling Grogan was not present.
  - c. Alternatives Working Team – The team worked with COG to develop the Scope of Work for the RFP for evaluation of the alternatives. They began with 273 alternatives and narrowed them down by getting rid of duplicates and combining closely related alternatives to the present 42 alternatives which are in the RFP.
  - d. Cooperative Modeling Team – Celina Jones reported that an interactive tool is being developed. The team is educating team members to understand the model and SNL is gathering information from the constituency groups to identify concerns of each group. The team has been meeting since March with Papadopolus to insure the models are not contradictory. The team also helped prepare the RFP data sheets.
  - e. External Coordination – Pauline Gubbels was not present and the committee has been idle during the past year.
  - f. Public Participation and Communication Team – Kevin Bean reported that at the first of the year they prepared the Press Kit to get the word out on what was being done. Community Conversations were held in March in the three county area in which the water balancing exercise was presented and the public enjoyed the hands-on experience. In April at the Assembly the constituency groups each presented how they would balance the budget. The team is planning the next round of Community Conversations for Sept. The constituency groups are being asked to provide a strawman of alternatives that they each would use to balance the budget. The alternatives came from the public and the team feels that they have been refined and they need to be taken back to the public.
8. Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo thanked Ed Payne, Bob P. and Joe Q. for their help in working on the RFP and the addendum. Mike also reported that from the meeting with Norm Gaume that he expressed concern over how the WA and the COG were working together to get the plan done. Mike feels that the process is working better.
9. Old Business:
  - a) Report from the Budget Committee – On June 14<sup>th</sup> the EC convened as the Budget Committee and approved the attached budget. The driving force in the development of the budget is the ISC. The budget is based on the Estimated Cost Distribution in the ISC contract and represents the maximum estimated funds

expected. It was moved by Lee Brown and seconded by Danny Hernandez to approve the budget. Motion was approved unanimously.

10. New Business:

- a. Election of Officers (Report from Nominating Committee) Mike McGovern presented the slate of nominees. Glen Young made a motion to accept Bob W. as chair, Bob P. as vice-chair and B. J. Brock as secretary since they were the only nominees. Steve Harris seconded the motion. The motion and second were removed since nominations were not taken from the floor. Nominations were then opened to the floor and no more nominations were received. Glen Young moved that the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary be approved by acclamation. Steve Harris seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. The position of treasurer had Howard Stone and Elaine Hebard nominated. Nominations were called for from the floor and none were received. Discussion was held and Bob W. reported that Howard had told him he would serve but if someone else wanted the position he would rather not serve. Since his name was on the ballot a vote was taken by a show of hands. Howard received 3 votes and Elaine got 16 votes. Howard was commended for doing a great job from a dismal starting point. Betty Behrend was also commended for a job well done. Bob W. and Bob P. were also commended for the great effort during the last year and the start of another year.
- b. Proposed Bylaws Amendment – Jessie Fitzgerald moved to limit the time for this item to 20 minutes and Brian Lematta seconded the motion. A discussion was held and a friendly amendment to the motion was proposed which was: Limit the time of each individual to two minutes and answers to questions do not count as part of the two minutes. Jessie and Brian agreed to the amendment. A vote was taken with 21 for and zero opposed. Janet Jarratt presented the amendment by stating that this is the second time that contention over representation has been raised and needs to be resolved since the water plan needs to be bullet proof for buy-in. Martin Zehr made a presentation on the amendment. Danny H. moved to approve the amendment and Janet J. seconded the motion. A discussion was held and Frank Titus called the question and it was approved unanimous. The vote on the motion failed with no one in favor. Brian Lematta made a motion to postpone any final action until proper notice is given to the AC and that it be an agenda item next meeting. Michelle Henrie seconded the motion and suggested a friendly amendment – in the interim that a discussion on the list serve of ideas to resolve the situation be held. Brian Lematta accepted the amendment. Ed Payne called the vote and it was approved. The vote on the motion failed. It was recommended that this annual business meeting reconvene July 17<sup>th</sup>. Bylaw language in an adoptable form needs to be submitted timely for inclusion in the July 12 Executive Committee agenda to be considered. Glen Young made a motion to change Item 12 to Recess instead of Adjourn. Janet Jarratt seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- c. Adopting the Consensus Process – Bob W. presented Lucy Moore to present a consensus process. Lucy handed out a plan utilized by other groups. When consensus works everyone can live with or not oppose decisions. Numbers of individuals representing each interest it the right people are at the table. Consensus takes a good facilitator. In the consensus process if consensus is not

reached a majority and minority report are prepared so all voices are heard. Finally in consensus building everyone learns more about the problem and what it means to everyone even if consensus is not reached. Action was not taken on this item and will be on the next agenda for action.

11. Public Comments - None
12. Recess until July 17<sup>th</sup> – 8:10 PM



# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

August 21, 2002  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

5:30 PM

### PRESENTATION

Howard Passel and the Sandia National Labs Modeling Team will preview the 5<sup>th</sup> Community Conversations presentation of the Bosque Revegetation Component of the new SNL model.

### MEETING

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| 6:00 PM | 1. | Call to Order<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.  |
| 6:01 PM | 2. | Secretary's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of Minutes of the July 17, 2002 Session of the Action Committee Annual Business Meeting.</li></ul>                        |
| 6:04 PM | 3. | Approval of the Proposed Agenda   |
| 6:06 PM | 4. | Chair Report  |
| 6:16 PM | 5. | Vice Chair Report   |
| 6:21 PM | 6. | Treasurer's Report  |
|         | 7. | Working Team Reports  |
| 6:24 PM | a. | Administration and Finance Team – Bob Prendergast   |
| 6:27 PM | b. | Analysis Team – Sterling Grogan   |
| 6:30 PM | c. | Alternatives Working Team – Ed Payne  |
| 6:33 PM | d. | Cooperative Modeling Team – Celina Jones  |
| 6:36 PM | e. | External Coordination Team – Pauline Gubbels  |
| 6:39 PM | f. | Public Participation and Communication Team – Kevin Bean  |
| 6:42 PM | 8. | Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo   |
|         | 9. | Old Business  |
| 6:50 PM | a. | Proposed Resolution - <i>Be it resolved: The Action Committee shall endeavor to reach a consensus on all substantive water issues coming before it.</i> – Bob Wessely (Lee Brown) -<br>ACTION |

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- 7:10 PM**                    **b.     Constituency Group Selection of Preferred Alternative Actions to be Presented, Discussed and Advocated at the 5<sup>th</sup> Community Conversations – Brief Status Report from Constituency Groups**
- 7: 25 PM**            **10.   Public Comments**
- Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet.**
- 7:30 PM**            **11.   Adjourn**

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

September 18, 2002  
5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

### *POPULATION GROWTH ISSUES*

5:30 PM PRESENTATION Dely Alcantara

Dely Alcantara, Professor of Economics at the University of New Mexico, will present information and data on projections of future population growth in the Middle Rio Grande region over the water planning period.

6:15 PM Questions and Answers

6:30 PM COLLOQUY Ric Richardson

Based on the information and data provided by Dely Alcantara in her presentation, Ric Richardson, Professor in the School of Architecture and Planning at UNM, will facilitate a colloquy to discuss and debate the conflicting views as to whether the limited water supplies available to the region either will or should constrain future population growth. He will then encourage consensus on the issues.

### MEETING

8:30 PM 1. Call to Order  
The presence of a quorum will be noted.

8:31 PM 2. Secretary's Report  
• Approval of Minutes of the August 21, 2002 Action Committee Meeting.

8:34 PM 3. Approval of the Proposed Agenda

### **New Agenda Item – Topics for Future Presentations and/or Colloquies.**

8:36 PM 4. Chair Report

8:41 PM 5. Vice Chair Report

8:43 PM 6. Treasurer's Report

7. Working Team Reports

8:45 PM a. Administration and Finance Team – Bob Prendergast

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- b. Analysis Team – Sterling Grogan
  - c. Alternatives Working Team – Ed Payne
  - d. Cooperative Modeling Team – Celina Jones
  - e. External Coordination Team – Pauline Gubbels
  - g. Public Participation and Communication Team – Kevin Bean
- 8:57 PM 8. Mid Region Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo – WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND
- 9:00 pm 9. New Business
- a. Voting to Fill a Vacancy on the Water Managers Constituency Group - ACTION
- 9:05 PM 10. Public Comments
- Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet.
- 9:08 PM 11. Adjourn

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

October 16, 2002  
5:15 PM to 8:30 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

### *WATER BANKING*

5:15 PM Senator Sue Wilson Beffort

Senator Beffort will provide a short presentation on water banking followed by a general discussion.

### *POPULATION GROWTH ISSUES*

5:35 PM Introduction Ric Richardson

5:40 PM Presentation Adelamar Alcantara, Phd.

Dr. Adelamar (Dely) Alcantara is Chief Demographer for the University's Bureau of Business and Economic Research. Her doctorate is in demographics and sociology from the University of Hawaii. Dr. Alcantara will present information and data on projections of future population growth in the Middle Rio Grande region over the water planning period.

6:15 PM Questions and Answers

6:30 PM COLLOQUY Lucy Moore Ric Richardson

Based on the information and data provided by Dely Alcantara in her presentation, Lucy Moore, a Professional Facilitator, and Ric Richardson, Professor in the School of Architecture and Planning at UNM, will facilitate a colloquy to discuss and debate the conflicting views as to whether the limited water supplies available to the region either will or should constrain future population growth. He will then encourage consensus on the issues.

### MEETING

8:30 PM 1. Call to Order  
The presence of a quorum will be noted.

8:31 PM 2. Secretary's Report  
• Approval of Minutes of the September 18, 2002 Action Committee Meeting.

8:34 PM 3. Approval of the Proposed Agenda

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- 8:36 PM 4. Chair Report
- 8:41 PM 5. Vice Chair Report
- *Facilitation, Outreach, and Technical editing contracts. Preproposal conference last Monday – Receipt of Proposals on October 22*
  - *Administration and Finance Team Yearly Report will be on the website.*
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- 8:43 PM 6. Treasurer's Report
- 8:45 PM 7. Working Team Reports
- 8:50 PM 8. Mid Region Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo
9. New Business
- 8:53 PM a. Should the Water Assembly adopt a policy to take public positions on water related issues and, if so, how should the policy be stated?
- 9:00 PM 10. Public Comments
- Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet.
- 9:02 PM 11. Adjourn

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# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE PROGRAM AND MEETING

November 20, 2002  
5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

### PROGRAM

**5:30 PM**      *COLLOQUY No. 3 – CREATING SCENARIOS FROM ALTERNATIVE  
ACTIONS*

Lucy Moore

Ric Richardson

#### Ad Hoc Committee Report

*Progress Report on a Proposed Draft Consensus Statement on Projected  
Population Growth*

#### Presentation

*Synopsis and analysis of previous efforts in Colloquy No. 2 on how to  
approach, identify, and constitute the groups that will form the various alternative  
actions into scenarios*

#### Breakout Session

*Continuing the discussion to reach some conclusions on how to proceed.*

### REGULAR MEETING

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| 7:00 PM | 1. | Call to Order<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.   |
| 7:01 PM | 2. | Secretary's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2002 Action Committee Meeting.</li></ul> |
| 7:04 PM | 3. | Approval of the Proposed Agenda  |
| 7:06 PM | 4. | Chair Report   |
| 7:11 PM | 5. | Vice Chair Report  |
| 7:13 PM | 6. | Treasurer's Report   |

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- 7:15 PM 7. Working Team Reports
- 7:20 PM 8. Mid Region Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo
9. Old Business - None
10. New Business
- 7:23 PM a. Approval by the Action Committee of Reid Bandeen to Replace Jessica Ciddio Saavedra as an Action Committee Member of the Environmental Advocates Constituency Group - Action
- 7:28 PM b. Recommendation to the ISC of a Representative and Alternate from the Middle Rio Grande Region to the State Water Plan Ad Hoc Committee – ACTION (See Attachment)
- 7:40 pm c. Presentation of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan Revised Program Plan - Action
- 7:55 PM 10. Public Comments
- Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet.
- 8:00 PM 11. Adjourn

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# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE PROGRAM

December 4, 2002  
5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

### PROGRAM

*COLLOQUY No. 4 - ESTABLISHING SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEES and VISION STATEMENTS*

Lucy Moore                      Ric Richardson

**5:30 PM                      Presentation - Rolf Schmidt-Peterson (tentative)**

Presentation from OSE/ISC on Elephant Butte evaporation. How should it be accounted and what are the compact rules about it?

Questions and Discussion

**6:00 PM                      Breakout into Constituency Groups. Complete two assignments:**

1. Designate the Constituency Group representatives and alternates to Scenario Development Committees (SDCs).

The SDCs will be assigned to populate the visions developed by three Constituency Groups (CGs): Urban Users and Economic Development Advocates (UUEDA); Agricultural, Cultural and Historic Water Use Advocates (AC&H); Environmental Advocates (Enviro); a composite group (a blend of UUEDA and the AC&H and the Enviro plus the Specialists Group); and an Ad Hoc group

2. The UUEDA, AC&H and Enviro Groups will augment the previous balanced budget numbers from the Water Balance Exercise (WBE) as well as the associated rationale prose by developing an individual CG vision statement to be used by the SDCs. A sample vision statement will be provided by the (Gang of Six).

**6:45 PM                      Reassemble**

Report from each of the Constituency Groups on their vision statement.

**7:00 PM                      Breakout into Scenario Development Committees. Complete five assignments:**

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- (a) Get to know each other
- (b) Designate a lead (or Chair)
- (c) Plan their scenario development process
- (d) Schedule themselves
- (e) Discuss the implications (or ambiguities) of their assigned vision statements.

8:15 PM

Reassemble.

Report from SDCs on their progress, and on any problems with their vision statement.

8:30 PM

Adjourn

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## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

December 11, 2002  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

## PROPOSED AGENDA

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| 5:30 PM | 1.  | <b>Call to Order</b><br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.  |
| 5:31 PM | 2.  | <b>Secretary's Report</b><br>Approval of Minutes of the November 20, 2002 Action Committee Meeting.  |
| 5:33 PM | 3.  | <b>Approval of the Proposed Agenda</b>   |
| 5:34 PM | 4.  | <b>Chair Report</b>  |
| 5:39 PM | 5.  | <b>Vice Chair Report</b>   |
| 5:41 PM | 6.  | <b>Treasurer's Report</b>  |
| 5:42 PM | 7.  | <b>Mid Region Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo</b>  |
|         | 8.  | <b>New Business</b>  |
| 5:45 PM | a.  | <b>Report on the Evaluation of Alternative Actions for Technical, Physical, Hydrological, Environmental, Economic, Social, Cultural, and Legal Feasibility and Water Quality Issues and Legal Overview (60% Completion) – John Shomaker, John Shomaker and Associates.</b> |
| 7:45 PM | b,  | <b>Should the Water Assembly support legislation providing for a State Water Plan - Action</b>   |
| 7:55 PM | 9.  | <b>Public Comments</b><br><br>Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign Up Sheet.   |
| 8:00 PM | 10. | <b>Adjourn</b>   |

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## Water Assembly Colloquy

January 8, 2003  
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

## Agenda

5:30 PM

### Presentation

*Selected Aspects of the Rio Grande Compact*  
Rolf Schmidt-Peterson - Interstate Stream Commission

6:00 PM

Ad Hoc Committee Report

*Proposed Draft Consensus Statement on Projected Population  
Growth - Corrine Brooks*

6:30 PM

### Colloquy

*Scenario Development Committee (SDC) Breakouts*  
Build Scenarios Based on Constituency Group Vision Statements

Please refer to the following Water Assembly Website page for further information:  
<http://www.waterassembly.org/8events.html>

8:00 PM

### Adjourn

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SODA. A CONTRIBUTION OF \$2.00 WILL BE APPRECIATED.

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

January 15, 2003  
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

## PROPOSED AGENDA

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| 5:30 PM | 1. | Call to Order<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.   |
| 5:31 PM | 2. | Secretary's Report<br>Approval of Minutes of the December 11 Action Committee Meetings.  |
| 5:33 PM | 3. | Approval of the Proposed Agenda  |
| 5:34 PM | 4. | Chair Report   |
| 5:39 PM | 5. | Vice Chair Report  |
| 5:41 PM | 6. | Treasurer's Report   |
| 5:42 PM | 7. | Mid Region Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo   |
|         | 8. | New Business   |
| 5:45 PM | a. | Presentation - <i>State Water Planning</i> – Liz Zeiler, Interstate Stream Commission  |
| 6:00 PM | b, | Should the Water Assembly support legislation providing for a State Water Plan? – Action ( <i>Postponed from December 11 meeting - The Chair requests that individual comments be limited to one minute and total debate to five minutes</i> ) |
| 6:10 PM | c, | Approval by the Action Committee of Andy Smith to replace Brian Lematta and Martin Zehr to replace Jeff Mitchell as Alternate Action Committee Members of the Urban Users and Economic Development Advocates Constituency Group - Action       |
| 6:15 PM | d. | May the list of Action Committee Members and Alternates containing telephone numbers and email addresses be posted to the Water Assembly website and/or listserve? - Action  |

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- 6:20 PM            e.      **Report on the Evaluation of Alternative Actions for Technical, Physical, Hydrological, Environmental, Economic, Social, Cultural, and Legal Feasibility and Water Quality Issues and Legal Overview (90% Completion)**
- 7:55 PM            9.      **Public Comments - Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign Up Sheet.**
- 8:00 PM            10.     **Adjourn**

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# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

February 19, 2003  
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

## PROPOSED AGENDA

### Business Meeting

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|---------|----|---|
| 5:30 PM | 1. | Call to Order<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.  |
| 5:31 PM | 2. | Secretary's Report<br>Approval of Minutes of the January 15, 2003 Action Committee Meetings.  |
| 5:33 PM | 3. | Approval of the Proposed Agenda   |
| 5:35 PM | 4. | Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Regional Water Plan Document Review Process</i></li><li>• <i>Scenario Development Process</i></li><li>• <i>Regional Water Plan Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives</i></li><li>• <i>DBS&amp;A Feasibility Fact Sheets</i></li></ul> |
| 5:45 PM | 5. | Vice Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Indicate publishing of the AC Members List (if it is posted)</i></li><li>• <i>Status of Tech Editing, Facilitation and Outreach Contracts</i></li></ul>  |
| 5:50 PM | 6. | Treasurer's Report  |
| 5:53 PM | 7. | Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Liaison Report   |
| 6:00 PM | 8. | Mid Region Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo  |
|         | 9. | New Business  |
| 6:05 PM | a. | Nominating Committee Members from Constituency Group Chairs – Notice  |
| 6:10 PM | d. | Regional Forum 5 and Community Conversations 6 – Status Report  |
| 6:15 PM | c. | Feasibility Analysis on Irrigation Alternative Actions (90% Contract Requirement) – Mike McGovern   |



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- 6:40 PM      10.      **Public Comments – Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign Up Sheet.**

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### Colloquy

- 6:45 PM      11.      ***WORK SESSSION FOR SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES***
- 8:00 PM      12.      **Adjourn**

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# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

March 19, 2003  
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

**Note:** The meeting will convene promptly at 5:30 PM. If there is not a quorum at that time the meeting will begin with Item 11 – Special Presentation

## PROPOSED AGENDA

### Business Meeting

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|---------|-----|---|
| 5:30 PM | 1.  | Call to Order<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.  |
| 5:31 PM | 2.  | Secretary's Report<br>Approval of Minutes of the February 19, 2003 Action Committee Meeting.  |
| 5:33 PM | 3.  | Approval of the Proposed Agenda   |
| 5:35 PM | 4.  | Chair Report  |
| 5:45 PM | 5.  | Vice Chair Report   |
| 5:47 PM | 6.  | Treasurer's Report  |
| 5:49 PM | 7.  | Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Liaison Report   |
| 5:53 PM | 8.  | Mid Region Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo  |
|         | 9.  | Working Team Reports  |
| 5:55 PM |     | Public Participation and Communications – Regional Forum 5  |
| 6:00 PM |     | Analysis Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Critique of Alternative Analysis Contract Fact Sheets</li><li>• Distribution of Elephant Butte Evaporative Losses</li></ul> |
|         | 10. | New Business  |
| 6:10 PM | a.  | Approval to Reschedule 7 <sup>th</sup> Water Assembly/Regional Forum 6 to June 7, 2003 – ACTION   |
| 6:15 PM | b.  | Determine the Time and Place of Annual Business Meeting - ACTION  |

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- 6:17 PM            c.     Chair of the Nominating Committee requests suggestions for nominations of Officers to be received by the Nominating Committee by April 16 Action Committee Meeting – ACTION
- 6:20 PM            d.     Recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve the Water Resources Board revisions to the Preamble and Objectives - ACTION
- 6:30 PM            11.    Special Presentation  
*Legal Issues Specific to the Middle Rio Grande Water Planning Region and Overview of Water Law Applicable to the Middle Rio Grande Region* – John W Utton, Esq., Sheehan, Sheehan & Stelzner, P.A.
12.    Scenario Development Committee Presentations
- 7:00 PM            a.     Agricultural SDC Initial Scenario Presentation
- 7:05 PM            b.     Environmental SDC Initial Scenario Presentation
- 7:10 PM            c.     Urban Users SDC Initial Scenario Presentation
- 7:15 PM            d.     Synthesis SDC Initial Scenario Presentation
- 7:20 PM            e.     Phoenix SDC Initial Scenario Presentation
- 7:25 PM            f.     El Grupo SDC Initial Scenario Presentation
- 7:30 PM            g.     Discussion of Presentations
- 7:55 PM            13.    Public Comments – Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign Up Sheet.
- 8:00 PM            14.    Adjourn

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# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## Minutes Action Committee Meeting March 19, 2003

Attendees: Bob Wessely, Elaine Hebard, Bob Prendergast, B.J. Brock, Richard Barish, Dave Hill, Corinne Brooks, Susan Kelly, Mike McGovern, Kevin Bean, Andy Smith, Sterling Grogan, Jessie Fitzgerald, Bob Simon, Martin Zehr, Ed Whaley, Reid Bandeen, Lee Brown, Howard Passell, Mary Murnane, John Brown, John Utton, Don Rudy, and Ed Moreno

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:50 pm. The presence of a quorum was noted.
2. Secretary's Report: Approval of Minutes of the January 15, 2003 Action Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Sterling Grogan to approve the minutes as amended; Bob Prendergast seconded it. Motion was approved.
3. Approval of the Proposed Agenda: The Chair asked that items 9-11 be moved to the beginning of the agenda, with 11 being first, followed by 9 and 10. A motion was made by B.J. Brock to approve the agenda, as amended; Bob Prendergast seconded it. Motion was approved.
11. Special Presentation: John W. Utton, Esq., Sheehan, Sheehan, & Stelzner, P.A.
  - a. Mr. Utton provided handouts and presented the legal issues specific to the Middle Rio Grande water planning region and an overview of water law applicable to the Middle Rio Grande region.
9. Working Team Reports
  - a. Public Participation and communications – Regional Forum 5: Kevin Bean gave a synopsis of the Forum, and told the AC that a summary report is being mailed to part of the membership; a more detailed report will be posted on the Website.
  - b. Analysis Team
    1. Critique of Alternative Analysis Contract Fact Sheets: Sterling Grogan reported that he has two completed and will endeavor to finish by the end of the day. He will then forward the critique to Bob Prendergast for the Alternatives Group meeting.
    2. Distribution of Elephant Butte Evaporative Losses: Sterling Grogan presented the findings of the Analysis Team regarding the distribution of evaporative losses. The Team did re-distribute the losses and the figures presented were: Of the 140,000 acre feet per year, 67%, (95,000 acre feet), is assigned to the Middle Rio Grande Region, and 33%, (45,000 acre feet), ~~flows down stream to~~ is assigned to the Socorro/Sierra Region. The ratios are based upon acreages within the regions within the flood plane. After discussion, Bob Prendergast made a motion to accept the new figures, incorporating Frank Titus' explanation as the preamble; B.J. Brock seconded it. Motion was approved, with Corinne Brooks and Reid Bandeen, opposed.
10. New Business
  - a. Approval to Reschedule the 7<sup>th</sup> Water Assembly/Regional Forum 6 to June 7, 2003: Elaine Hebard gave a brief explanation for the change. After discussion, a motion was made by Elaine Hebard to change the date of the Assembly and Forum to June 7, 2003; Corinne Brooks seconded it. Motion was approved.
  - b. Determine the Time and Place of the Annual Business Meeting: After discussion, a motion was made by B.J. Brock to hold the election at the scheduled Action Committee Meeting, on June 18, 2003; Jessie Fitzgerald seconded it. Motion was approved.
  - c. Chair of the Nominating Committee requests suggestions for nominations of Officers to be received by the Nominating Committee by the April 16<sup>th</sup> Action Committee Meeting: After the committee elected Mike McGovern as Chair, he asked that nominations be directed to him.
  - d. Recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve the Water Resources Board revisions to the Preamble and Objectives: After discussion it was agreed that more time was necessary to review the changes; the item was tabled.
12. Scenario Development Committee Presentations
  - a. Agricultural SDC Initial Scenario Presentation: It was reported that the group is close, but not finished.

- b. Environmental SDC Initial Scenario Presentation: Kevin Bean reported that they had completed their scenario, most balanced, but it was impossible to meet the compact deliveries to Texas. This proved to be a frustrating and unsolvable problem for the group.
  - c. Urban Users SDC Initial Scenario Presentation: Mike McGovern reported that they were close to being finished, but not final, yet.
  - d. Synthesis SDC Initial Scenario Presentation: Reid Bandeen reported that there were problems with use of the scenario with the model, which are being resolved.
  - e. Phoenix SDC Initial Scenario Presentation: Martin Zehr reported the group's findings to the AC. The results incorporated ways to preserve water for the future.
  - f. El Grupo SDC Initial Scenario Presentation: The group is not yet finished.
  - g. Discussion of Presentations: Bob Wessely reminded the groups that March 31, 2003 is the deadline for the results of the Scenario development. The plan should include quantitative results, i.e., balanced model results, zeroing out of supply and demand, restoration of the Bosque, sustainable growth, etc.
4. Chair Report:
- a. Bob Wessely reported that there is a problem with the website not allowing users of Netscape to access. The contractor is working to repair the problem.
  - b. The Chair formed a subcommittee to evaluate the objectives and make recommendations at the next Action Committee meeting. Jessie Fitzgerald will serve as Chair of this subcommittee.
5. Vice-Chair Report:
- a. Bob Prendergast reminded the group that a contribution of \$3.00 is requested if an individual chooses to eat the food provided.
6. Treasurer's Report: Elaine Hebard reported the balance of funds for the month was \$20, 571.65
7. Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Liaison Report: Elaine Hebard reported that they are moving fast and their goals are not well matched. They need volunteers to help because they have no funding.
- 8 The Mid Region Council of Governments gave no report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
B.J. Brock, Secretary

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING and COLLOQUY

April 16, 2003  
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

### PROPOSED AGENDA

#### Regular Meeting

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| 5:30 PM | 1. | Call to Order<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.   |
| 5:31 PM | 2. | Secretary's Report<br>Approval of Minutes of the March 19, 2003 Action Committee Meeting.  |
| 5:33 PM | 3. | Approval of the Proposed Agenda  |
| 5:35 PM | 4. | Chair Report   |
| 5:50 PM | 5. | Vice Chair Report  |
| 5:55 PM | 6. | Treasurer's Report   |
| 5:58 PM | 7. | Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Liaison Report  |
| 6:08 PM | 8. | Mid Region Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo   |
|         | 9. | Old Business   |
| 6:13 PM | a. | Objectives Subcommittee Report Proposal – Discussion –<br>Jessie Fitzgerald  |
| 6:25 PM | b. | Adopt a voting procedure for approving either the WA<br>Objectives Subcommittee version of the objectives or the<br>Water Resources Board version of the objectives in their<br>entirety |
| 6:35 PM | c. | Approve the WA Objectives Subcommittee version of the<br>objectives  |
|         |    | or   |
| 6:45 PM | d. | Approve the WRB version of the objectives if the WA<br>Objectives Subcommittee version is not approved   |

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6:55 PM e. Nominating Committee Receives Suggestions for Nominations for Officers - may also add their own – Mike McGovern

7:00 PM 10. Recess Regular Meeting

**Colloquy**

7:00 PM *Strategy for Converging SDC Draft Scenarios into a Single Preferred Scenario – Consensus*

7:55 PM 11. Reconvene Regular Meeting

7:56 PM 12. Public Comments – Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign Up Sheet.

8:00 PM 13. Adjourn

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# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## Minutes Action Committee Meeting April 16, 2003

Attendees: Bob Wessely, Elaine Hebard, Bob Prendergast, B.J. Brock, Richard Barish, Dave Hill, Corrine Brooks, Mike McGovern, Kevin Bean, Andy Smith, Jessie Fitzgerald, Bob Simon, Martin Zehr, Ed Whaley, Reid Bandeen, Lee Brown, Ann Rustabake, William Keleher, Danny Hernandez, Leann Leith, Bob Swartwout, John Brown, Lynn Montgomery, Lora Lucero, and Lily Vitala.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm. The presence of a quorum was noted.
2. Secretary's Report: Approval of Minutes of the January 15, 2003 Action Committee Meeting. A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the minutes as amended; seconded it. Motion was approved.
3. Approval of the Proposed Agenda: A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the agenda as amended, \_\_\_\_\_ seconded it. Motion was approved.
4. Chair Report:
  - a. Bob Wessely gave a brief overview of the various SDC's, indicating the alternative actions that apply to the particular scenarios and providing a vision statement from each committee.
5. Vice-Chair Report:
  - a. Bob asked individuals to let him know of any suggestions, problems, etc., with the website.
  - b. Kudos were given to Bob Prendergast for his work on the website.
6. Treasurer's Report: Elaine Hebard reported the balance of funds for the month was \$20,282.24
7. Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Liaison Report:
  - a. Elaine Hebard reported that a workshop would be held in Canon on May 3, 2003 and Cuba on May 10, 2003.
  - b. 5000 flyers are distributed in the sub regions
  - c. Committee members will be visiting the Torreon Chapter House today.
  - d. The steering Committee meets on Aril 17 and 22, 2003
8. The Mid Region Council of Governments gave no report.
9. Old Business
  - a. Objectives Subcommittee Report Proposal: Jessie Fitzgerald reported on the subcommittee's suggestions for changes to the Objectives.
  - b. Adopt a voting procedure for approving the WA Objectives Subcommittee version or the WRB version of the Objectives in their entirety. Corinne Brooks moved to adopt the WRB or the WA Subcommittee version of the Objectives; Bob Prendergast seconded it. Motion was approved.
  - c. Approve the WA Objectives Subcommittee version , or
  - d. approve the WRB version of the Objectives if the WA Subcommittee version is not approved. An extensive discussion was held; some comments were:
    1. Objectives should be written with the goal being to construct a sound framework
    2. It is scientifically impossible to "guarantee" any result.
    3. Objectives are too specific. A collective vision of the water future that we share is missing. .
    4. The WRB did not pass their version, unanimously. It is reasonable to send it to a conference committee to report back.
    5. The ISC requires us to deal with acequias. The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo has never been recognized, and it needs to be included.



**Danny Hernandez moved that the WA Objectives Subcommittee meet with the WRB Subcommittee to arrive at a mutually acceptable version of the Objectives, and report back; Ann Rustabake seconded it. Motion was approved with four members against.**

**e. Nominating Committee Report: Mike McGovern reported that here are six nominations. He asked for further nominations.**

**The meeting was recessed for the colloquy and reconvened.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
B.J. Brock, Secretary**

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- 6:21 PM            d.     Report on Meeting of April 28, 2003 on Bosque Acreage - Information
- 6:24 PM            e.     Report on Meeting of May 8, 2003 of Water Resources Board Subcommittee Regarding Political Feasibility Analysis and Evaluation – Information
- 6:27 PM            f.     Report on Progress of the Water Plan Document - Information
10.    Old Business
- 6:30 PM            a.     Water Assembly/Water Resources Board Combined Retreat on a Preferred Scenario - June 21, 2003 - Announcement
- 6:33 PM            b.     Constituency Group Elections – Basis for Nomination and Election of Members and Alternates – Resolution - Action
- 6:43 PM            c.     Chair of the Nominating Committee reports on nomination of Officers
- 6:45 PM            11.    Recess Regular Meeting

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6:45 PM            *Converging SDC Draft Scenarios into a Single Preferred Scenario – Consensus*

- 8:15 PM            11.    Reconvene Regular Meeting
- 8:15 PM            12.    Public Comments – Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign Up Sheet.
- 8:20 PM            13.    Adjourn

**COLD CUTS AND CHEESE FOR SANDWICHES WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG WITH COOKIES AND SODA. A CONTRIBUTION OF \$3.00 WILL BE APPRECIATED.**

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

June 18, 2003  
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park at the University of New Mexico  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

### PROPOSED AGENDA

#### Regular Meeting

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| 5:30 PM | 1.  | Call to Order<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.   |
| 5:31 PM | 2.  | Secretary's Report<br>Approval of Minutes of the April 16, 2003 Action Committee Meeting.  |
| 5:33 PM | 3.  | Approval of the Proposed Agenda  |
| 5:35 PM | 4.  | Chair Report   |
| 5:50 PM | 5.  | Vice Chair Report  |
| 5:55 PM | 6.  | Treasurer's Report   |
| 6:00 PM | 7.  | Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Liaison Report  |
| 6:05 PM | 8.  | Mid Region Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo   |
|         | 9.  | Working Team Year End Reports  |
| 6:10 PM | a.  | Administration and Finance Team – Bob Prendergast  |
| 6:13 PM | b.  | Analysis Team – Sterling Grogan  |
| 6:16 PM | c.  | Alternatives Working Team – Ed Payne   |
| 6:19 PM | d.  | Cooperative Modeling Team – Celina Jones   |
| 6:21 PM | e.  | External Coordination Team – Pauline Gubbels   |
| 6:24 PM | g.  | Public Participation and Communication Team – Kevin Bean   |
| 6:27 PM | h.  | Budget committee (Executive Committee) – Bob Prendergast   |
|         | 10. | Old Business   |
| 6:30 PM | a.  | Action Committee Votes on Constituency Group Representatives - New Action Committee Representatives and Constituency Group Chairs Take Office - ACTION |
| 6:40 PM | b.  | Report from Nominating Committee - Election of Officers - ACTION   |

## MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

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|                | <b>11. New Business</b> |   |
| <b>6:55 PM</b> | <b>d.</b>               | <b>Elements of the Planning Process – Results of Executive Committee Discussion - Information</b>                             |
| <b>7:25 PM</b> | <b>e.</b>               | <b>Preparation for the Joint Scenario Retreat with the WRB - Discussion</b>   |
| <b>7:55 PM</b> | <b>12.</b>              | <b>Public Comments – Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign Up Sheet.</b> |
| <b>8:00 PM</b> | <b>13.</b>              | <b>Adjourn</b>  |

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. A CONTRIBUTION OF \$3.00 WILL BE APPRECIATED.**

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ASSEMBLY

## ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

July 16, 2003  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Rotunda – Park North Building  
Science and Technology Park @ UNM  
801 University Blvd. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

## PROPOSED AGENDA

### Regular Meeting

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| 5:30 PM | 1. | Call to Order<br>The presence of a quorum will be noted.  |
| 5:31 PM | 2. | Secretary's Report<br>Approval of Minutes of the June 18, 2003 Action Committee Meeting.  |
| 5:33 PM | 3. | Approval of the Proposed Agenda   |
| 5:35 PM | 4. | Chair Report  |
| 5:50 PM | 5. | Vice Chair Report   |
| 5:55 PM | 6. | Treasurer's Report  |
| 6:00 PM | 7. | Rio Puerco y Rio Jemez Liaison Report – <i>Liaison will most likely not be present</i>  |
| 6:00 PM | 8. | Mid Region Council of Governments Report – Mike Trujillo  |
|         | 9. | Old Business  |
|         | a. | Approval of Mission, Goals and Objectives Resulting from Water Resources Board Meeting of July 9 – Action                                     |
| 6:00 PM | 1. | Presentation by a group of members of the Water Resources Board   |
| 6:15 PM | 2. | Discussion and Approval by the Action Committee<br><i>Note: Discussion will be limited in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order</i>         |
| 6:30 PM | 3. | Discussion and decision as to further action be taken should the Action Committee not approve the Mission, Goals and Objectives as presented. |

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- 6:45 PM                    b.     Working with MRCOG – How Do We Improve Cooperation? - Discussion
10.    New Business
- 6:55 PM                    a.     Results of WA/WRB Joint Scenario July 15 Workshop - Discussion
- 7:05 PM                    c.     Presentation of Milestone Chart – Discussion
- 7:15 PM                    e.     Schedule of Presentations to Local Governments - Information
- 7:25 PM                    11.    Public Comments – Anyone who wishes to address the Action Committee must register on the Public Comment Sign Up Sheet.
- 7:30 PM                    12.    Adjourn

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. A CONTRIBUTION OF \$2.00 WILL BE APPRECIATED.**