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## **Water Resources Board Members**

1999-2003

**List of Current and Past Members/Alternates for the  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
1999-2003**

**Special Districts and Authorities**

Hector Gonzales, MRGCD  
Joseph Griego, MRGCD  
Daniel Hernandez, AMAFCA  
Subhas Shah, MRGCD  
David Stoliker, SSCAFCA

**Municipalities**

**City of Albuquerque**

Ted Asbury  
Larry Blair  
John Stomp

**City of Belen**

Julie Baca  
Eric Hill  
Richard Jaramillo  
A. Terese Ulivarri

**Town of Bernalillo**

Charles Aguilar  
Ida Fierro

**Village of Bosque Farms**

Kenneth Bishop  
Ginger Eldridge

**Village of Corrales**

F. Lee Brown  
Ed Richardson

**Village of Los Lunas**

Betty Behrend

**Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque**

Leo Bartolucci  
John Hooker  
Donald Lopez  
Marianne Woodard

**City of Rio Rancho**

Frank Faustine  
Dee Fuerst  
Henry Pacelli  
Larry Webb

**Counties**

**Bernalillo County**

Mary Murnane  
Jeff Peterson  
Juan Vigil

**Sandoval County**

William Sapien  
Brad Stebleton

**Valencia County**

Alicia Aguilar  
James Fernandez  
Al Padilla

**The Pueblos**

John Sorrell, Isleta Pueblo

**Ex-Officio Members**

F. Lee Brown, Water Assembly  
Emmett Cart, Rio Jemez Subregion  
Robert Cordova, Rio Puerco Subregion  
Robert Swartwout, Water Assembly  
Robert Wessely, Water Assembly  
Marion Woolf, Rio Puerco Subregion

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## **Water Resources Board Meeting Minutes**

1999-2003

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG) OF NEW MEXICO**

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE Suite 300  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Wednesday, August 11, 1999**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas  
Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque  
Frank Faustine, City of Rio Rancho  
James Fernandez, Valencia County  
Joseph Griego, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Daniel Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan  
Arroyo Flood Control Authority  
Richard Jaramillo, City of Belen  
Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County  
William Sapien, Sandoval County  
John Sorrell, Isleta Pueblo  
David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County  
Arroyo Flood Control Authority  
Marianne Woodard, Village of Los Ranchos  
de Albuquerque

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Sterling Grogan, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Elaine Hebard, Citizen  
Deb Hibbard, Alliance for the Rio Grande  
Heritage  
Eric Hill, City of Belen  
Tony Secatero, President, Canoncito Navajo  
Chapter  
Jeff Peterson, Bernalillo County  
Larry Webb, City of Rio Rancho

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:**

Bob Swartwout, Middle Rio Grande Water  
Assembly

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Dennis Foltz  
Joe Quintana  
Jim Gross  
Steve Burstein  
Loretta Humble  
Debbie Eckman

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWWRB) was called to order at 11:50 a.m. on August 11, 1999 by Dennis Foltz, Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRGCOG) Executive Director.

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Frank Faustine, City of Rio Rancho, made a motion to:

**APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

Mr. Richard Jaramillo, City of Belen, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Foltz announced that if any of our local governments need to use our new conference room, it will be available. Please contact Loretta Humble, Middle Rio Grande Council Of Governments.

Mr. Foltz reviewed the MRGCOG meeting rules:

- Parking is provided for Board Members or their alternates. All others are asked to park in the visitors parking, on the street, or at the Baptist Church parking lot on the south side of Tijeras Street.
- Please sign in upon arrival at the meeting.
- Please turn off ringer on cell phones and pagers.
- Board Members or their alternates are to sit at the table. If both the member and the alternate are present, the alternate is asked to sit in the audience.
- Ex-Officio, Advisory, or Associate Members are asked to sit where noted at the table.
- Persons wishing to address the Board under Public Comments or on a specific agenda item are asked to register with the Staff Secretary.
- The Chair can place time limits on public comments and presentations.
- All handouts are to be presented to the Staff Secretary for distribution at the meeting. If you provide your own copies, please call the Staff Secretary to find out how many copies you need to provide.
- The agenda is finalized two weeks prior to the meeting, if you wish to have an item placed on the agenda, please contact our office before this deadline.

Mr. Foltz mentioned that the lunch today was provided for the Board by MRGCOG. A request has been submitted to the MRGCOG Executive Board to supply the lunches at MRGWWRB. He will report on the Executive Board's response at the next MRGWWRB meeting.

Mr. Foltz deferred the discussion of the contract with the Interstate Stream Commission as an Information Item.

Mr. Foltz briefly reported that he has begun speaking with the New Mexico Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C. about continuing funding for water planning in the Middle Rio Grande Region. The contract with the Interstate Stream Commission is limited; additional funding will be needed to continue the water planning program into the future.

4. Public Comments

Their were no public comments

5. Approval of Summaries

Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County, requested that under Item 5, Review of Bylaws. Paragraph 2 the fourth bullet be corrected to read: 40 acre-feet per year.

Mr. Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque, made a motion to:

**APPROVE THE JULY 19, 1999 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS AMENDED.**

Mr. Faustine seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Nomination of Officers

After some discussion, it appeared that the Board was still not ready to elect officers, Mr. Foltz suggested that the Board might consider electing a Nominating Committee to select members to run for these positions. David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority, Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County and Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority volunteered to serve on this committee. They will select candidates from the primary members.

Following a discussion regarding whether an alternate would be eligible to serve as an officer of this board, Mr. Stoliker, made a motion to:

**RECOMMEND THAT ALTERNATES CANNOT SERVE AS AN OFFICER OF THE MRGWWRB.**

Mr. Hernandez seconded the motion.

Those voting in favor of the motion were: Ms. Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas; Mr. Blair, Mr. Faustine, Mr. James Fernandez, Valencia County; Mr. Joseph Griego, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District; Mr. Daniel Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority; Mr. Jaramillo; Ms. Murnane; Commissioner Sapien, Sandoval County; Mr. John Sorrell, Isleta Pueblo; and Mr. David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority.

Those voting against the motion: Ms. Marianne Woodard, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque.

The motion carried by a vote of 11 for, and one against.

7. Mr. Joe Quintana, MRGCOG Staff, reviewed the changes to the Bylaws which were suggested at the last Board meeting. A copy of those changes were provided to the members as a handout.

Policy Ramifications: The membership and decision making process defined by the Bylaws of the Water Board is critical to its function and must be acceptable to the members of the Water Board.

Financial Impact: None.

Ms. Deb Hibbard, Alliance for the Rio Grande Heritage registered to address the Board on this issue. She stated that as provided for in the Bylaws, advocates for the Rio Grande and would be petitioning the MRGWRB to become an Ex-Officio Member.

Mr. Sorrell, stated his concerns about how the weighed voting system is determined, and who holds the water rights. The State of New Mexico has not recognized the Native Americans as having water rights in the Middle Rio Grande.

Mr. Blair, commented that the purpose of this Board is to get a Regional Water Plan done. The implementation of this Plan will still come back to those with the authority to implement it. If the entities do not participate in the Plan, then this will never be implemented. The Water Providers Council will be dominant and the MRGWRB will act as a strong advisory member to that Council. Anyone can hold water rights, but only a few entities are water providers for a public purpose. They are The Pueblos, The Conservancy District, The City of Albuquerque and The City of Rio Rancho.

Mr. Foltz, suggested that the Board elect a subcommittee to review this issue and bring their findings back to the Board.

Mr. Stoliker made a motion to:



**RECOMMEND TO THE MRGCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT REVISIONS TO THE MRGWRB BYLAWS BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.**

Ms. Woodard seconded the motion.

Mr. Tony Secatero, President, Canoncito Pueblo expressed concerns and questions regarding the MRGWRB:

- The Rio Puerco is not included in the planning area.
- No Navajo Governments are listed.
- There is a Duplication of Memberships to agencies, counties and cities.
- The rapid expansion of Rio Rancho and the City of Albuquerque to the West.
- What action or plans have been made to cover those areas?
- What is the authority of this Board?

Mr. Foltz explained that the Interstate Stream Commission and the State Engineers Office is promoting regional water planning activities in the State. They have designated the Middle Rio Grande area as a water planning region and have requested that a regional water plan be developed for this area. MRGCOG has the authority, under New Mexico State Law, for the comprehensive and functional planning in this region. This Board was created by the MRGCOG, and all of the Rio Puerco and the Rio Jemez are identified as separate sub basins and are not included in the same basin as the Middle Rio Grande. These areas must also be covered in Regional Water Planning. There will be future discussion as to the inclusion of these areas in the Board structure for planning purposes. This Board does not have the power to determine water rights. The purpose of this Board is to plan for the usage of water in this region with the input of it's members withdrew her second. On the action to amend the Bylaws, it was deferred to the next meeting.

8. Regional Water Plan

Mr. Jim Gross, MRGCOG made the announcement that the Interstate Stream Commission has granted permission to proceed with the scope of work for the regional water plan.

Background: The Board of Directors for the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments passed a resolution on June 11, 1998 establishing a Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board and providing authorization and guidance to the Executive Director to initiate a regional water planning work program. Pursuant to this authorization the MRGCOG submitted a with the cooperation and input of the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly. Governing bodies of the local agencies and water providers will choose whether and/or how to implement the Plan. The Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan will look at projected future water demands and evaluate alternatives to supply those demands. The scope of work includes 3 major tasks: (1) Water Demand Study, (2) Public Involvement Program, and (3) Preliminary Alternatives Analysis. The Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly will participate with MRGCOG staff and the Interstate Stream Commission in developing the plan. Contract approvals by all appropriate State agencies are expected in August. Work will commence immediately upon authorization from the Interstate Stream Commission.

Policy Ramifications: The Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan will establish recommended water management alternatives for meeting future water demands. The plan is to be approved by the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board and transmitted to the Interstate Stream Commission for approval. Local agencies and water providers will be responsible for implementing the plan. The plan may also contain recommendations for implementation by State and Federal agencies.

Financial Impact: State funds of \$150,000 from the Interstate Stream Commission will be attached by cash and in-kind contributions from MRGCOG and the Assembly.

9. New or Unfinished Business

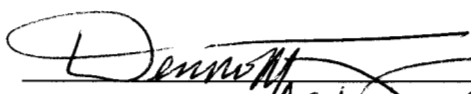
There was no discussion under this item.

10. Time and Place of Next Meeting

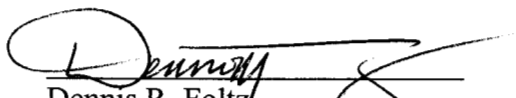
The next MRGWWRB meeting is scheduled for **11:30 a.m. on Wednesday**, September 8, 1999 at the MRGCOG conference room.

11. Adjournment

The August meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:05 p.m.

  
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Acting Chair  
Middle Rio Grand Water Resources Board  
(MRGWWRB)

ATTEST:

  
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Dennis R. Foltz  
Executive Director/Secretary

**(THE ORIGINAL TAPES TO THIS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS WILL REMAIN  
ON FILE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR)**

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG) OF NEW MEXICO**

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE Suite 300  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Wednesday, September 8, 1999**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alicia Aguilar, Valencia County  
Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas  
Kenneth Bishop, Village of Bosque Farms  
Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque  
Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Daniel Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan  
Arroyo Flood Control Authority  
Richard Jaramillo, City of Belen  
Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County  
Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales  
William Sapien, Sandoval County  
David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County  
Arroyo Flood Control Authority  
Larry Webb, City of Rio Rancho

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

James Fernandez, Valencia County  
Joseph Griego, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
District  
Jeff Peterson, Bernalillo County  
Subhas Shah, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
District  
Andy Smith, Citizen  
Bradley Stebleton, Sandoval County  
John Stomp, City of Albuquerque

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bob Swartwout, Middle Rio Grande Water  
Assembly

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Dennis Foltz  
Joe Quintana  
Jim Gross  
Bridget Ryan  
Loretta Humble  
Debbie Eckman

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) was called to order at 11:55 a.m. on September 8, 1999 by Dennis Foltz, Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRGCOG) Executive Director. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority, made a motion to:

**APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

Mr. Larry Webb, City of Rio Rancho, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Foltz announced that the MRGCOG Executive Board has agreed to provide lunches for the MRGWRB meetings.

Mr. Foltz explained that at the August Executive Board meeting, he reported to them on the progress of the MRGWRB meetings. The Executive Board appreciates the MRGWRB'S input into the bylaws, but would like the MRGWRB to accept the bylaws as is.

Mr. Foltz explained the name plates to the MRGWRB as grey signifying voting members, yellow as alternates, green as ex-officio members, blue as MRGCOG staff. Those name plates having blue dots identify those members serving on the Water Providers Council.

Mr. Jim Gross, Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments, reported that as of the last meeting two of the three major tasks of the regional water plan have been started: Task One, the Overall Program Management Team (OPMT) met to discuss a procedure for moving forward with the Historical Demand Study; and Task Two, a meeting was held with the Interstate Stream Commission and the State Engineers Web Master to get started on creating a web page. Under Task Three, an organizational meeting will be held on the evening of this meeting, September 8.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Summary of Proceedings For August 11,1999

Mr. Subhas Shah, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, requested that under Item 8 Regional Water Plan Paragraph 2, the third sentence be amended to read: "Governing bodies of the local agencies and water providers will choose whether and or how to implement the plan."

Mr. Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque requested that statements he made to the MRGWRB on the Bylaws be placed in the August summaries.

Mr. David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority, made a motion to:

**APPROVE THE SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS AMENDED.**

Mr. Larry Webb, City of Rio Rancho, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Nomination of Officers

Mr. Gross presented a handout explaining the ballot created by the nominating committee for selection of method the Chair and Vice-Chair.

The nominating committee consisting of Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County; Mr. Stoliker, and Mr. Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, prepared a list candidates to run for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair for the MRGWRB.

The nominating committee nominated Mr. Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District; Ms. Alicia Aguilar, Valencia County; and Mr. William Sapien, Sandoval County, for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair for the MRGWRB.

The MRGWRB nominated Mr. Frank Faustine, City of Rio Rancho and Mr. Hernandez as Chair and Vice Chair of the MRGWRB.

Mr. Larry Webb, made a motion that:

**NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.**

Ms. Aguilar seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Gonzales withdrew from being nominated for Chair and asked that he be considered for Vice Chair only. He nominated Mr. Blair for Chair.

As a motion to close the nominations had been made and seconded, Mr. Foltz asked whether the maker of the motion and the seconder, would withdraw their motion to allow Mr. Blair's

name to be added to the ballot.

Ms. Aguilar and Mr. Webb both withdrew their motions.

Mr. Richard Jaramillo, City of Belen made a motion to reopen the nominations for Chair and to add Mr. Blair as a candidate for the Chair.

Mr. Gonzales seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Hernandez moved that nominations be closed.

Mr. Jaramillo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Aguilar withdrew her name from being nominated for Chair.

The results were:

Mr. Blair - 7  
Mr. Faustine - 1  
Mr. Hernandez - 2  
Mr. Sapien - 2

Mr. Blair was Elected as Chair of the MRGWRB.

Chairman Blair stated that he would like to establish one rule, that as a courtesy that he would ask that anyone wishing to speak would raise their hand, and the Chair will recognize each speaker.

Chairman Blair asked who the nominees were for Vice Chair. They were identified as: Mr. Sapien, Mr. Gonzales, and Ms. Aguilar.

Chairman Blair called for nominations from the floor for Vice Chair.

Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Jaramillo and Mr. Faustine were nominated to run for Vice Chair.

Mr. Webb made a motion that:

**NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.**

Mr. Jaramillo seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Blair called for a vote for Vice Chair.

The results were:

Ms. Aguilar - 2  
Mr. Faustine - 1  
Mr. Gonzales - 0  
Mr. Hernandez - 0  
Mr. Jaramillo - 4  
Mr. Sapien - 5

Since no candidate had a majority vote, a runoff was required between Mr. Jaramillo and Mr. Sapien.

The results of the runoff vote for Vice Chair were:

Mr. Jaramillo - 6  
Mr. Sapien - 6

Mr. Sapien, stating that he wishes to encourage the young to participate in politics, graciously withdrew from the election. Mr. Jaramillo was selected as the Vice Chair for the MRGWRB.

7. Bylaws

Chairman Blair explained that a copy of the revised Bylaws was included in their packet. The handout below was provided charting the impact of varying the size of the Water Providers Council on the weighted vote percent.

Background: The Interim Bylaws of the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board were adopted by the MRGCOG Board of Directors on March 11, 1999. Subsequent to a review by the Water Board a number of suggestions have been made to clarify or amend the Bylaws. The nature of the proposed changes has to do with the organizational structure and the voting procedures. A proposed draft of the Interim Bylaws is attached for consideration by the Water Board.

Policy Ramifications: The membership and decision making process defined by the Bylaws of the Water Board is critical to its function and must be acceptable to the members of the Water Board and the MRGCOG Executive Board.

Financial Impact: None.

After some discussion, Mr. Webb made a motion to:

**RECOMMEND TO THE MRGCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT THE AMENDED MRGWBR BYLAWS BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.**

Mr. Sapien seconded the motion.

The vote is recorded as follows:

In favor: Mr. Stoliker, Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Bradley Stebleton, Sandoval County voting for Mr. Sapien whom had left the meeting.

Opposed: Chairman Blair, Mr. Jaramillo, Ms. Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas, Mr. Webb, Ms. Aguilar, and Mr. Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales

Abstained: Mr. Gonzales, Ms. Murnane and Mr. Kenneth Bishop, Village of Bosque Farms.

The motion did not pass.

Mr. Hernandez made a motion to:

**RECOMMEND THE MRGWBR TABLE THE APPROVAL OF THE BYLAWS UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.**

Mr. Jaramillo seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Aguilar suggested that all MRGWBR members prepare a list of concerns and submit them to Jim Gross before the next meeting. Copies of these concerns will be distributed at the next meeting.




8. New or Unfinished Business

Mr. Foltz mentioned that Deborah Hibbard, Rio Grande Restoration, had presented a letter requesting that a representative for the Rio Grande River be considered as an Ex-officio member of the MRGWRB. This will be added as a discussion item at the next meeting.

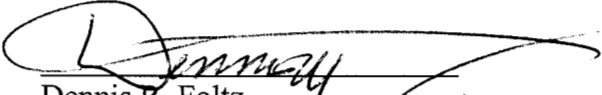
9. Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next MRGWRB meeting is scheduled for **11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 1999** at the MRGCOG conference room.

10. Adjournment The September meeting was adjourned by consensus at 1:55 p.m.

  
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Chairman, Larry Blair  
Middle Rio Grand Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

  
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Dennis R. Foltz  
Executive Director/Secretary

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**Wednesday, October 13, 1999**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Blair, Chair  
City of Albuquerque  
Richard Jaramillo, Vice Chair  
Councillor, City of Belen  
Alicia Aguilar, Commissioner  
Valencia County  
Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas  
Ken Bishop, Councillor  
Village of Bosque Farms  
Frank Faustine, City of Rio Rancho  
Hector Gonzales, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Daniel Hernandez, Board Member  
Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood  
Control Authority  
Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County  
Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales  
John Sorrell, Isleta Pueblo  
Brad Stebleton, Sandoval County for  
William Sapien, Commissioner  
Marianne Woodard, Village of Los  
Ranchos de Albuquerque

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:**

Bob Swartwout, Middle Rio Grande Water  
Assembly

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Dennis Foltz  
Joe Quintana  
Jim Gross  
Linda Jackson

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Kristan Caterill  
Rhea Graham, Observer  
Joseph W. Griego, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Pauline Gubbels, NM State Representative  
Steve Hansen, USBR  
Mike Kernodle, Geohydrologist  
Jeffrey Peterson, Bernalillo County  
Michael L. Romero, Observer  
Subhas K. Shah, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
A. Smith, Com. Wtr. Study Of. And Advocates  
John Stomp, City of Albuquerque

1. Call to Order

The October 13, 1999 Executive Board meeting was called to order at 11:58 a.m. by Chair Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chair Blair noted the presence of a quorum. He asked that those members leaving the Board meeting prior to completion of action items fill out a proxy form for those action items remaining on the agenda

2. Approval of Agenda

**Action Taken:** Mr. Frank Faustine, City of Rio Rancho, made a motion to:

**APPROVE THE OCTOBER 13, 1999 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

Board Member Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Chair's Report

Chair Blair reported that he was a members of a Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on State water issues. He offered to take any comments or concerns of the MRGWRB forward to the Task Force as requested.

He noted that a Joint Powers Agreement had been signed between the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, and the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque which will facilitate the development of water and sewer in the South Valley.

State Representative Pauline Gubbels was introduced as in attendance. Representative Gubbels encouraged the members of the MRGWRB to move forward in their planning efforts for the region.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dennis Foltz, MRGCOG, encouraged the members of the MRGWRB to participate in the Focus 2050 Regional Plan Leadership Forum to be held on October 14, 1999, 3-9 pm, Holiday Inn Mountain View, 2020 Menaul, NE.

He noted that Senator Sue Wilson had requested time on the next MRGWRB agenda.

Mr. Jim Gross, MRGCOG staff, announced the following meetings:

- New Mexico Water Summit, October 24-28, 1999
- Middle Rio Grande Bosque Consortium 1999 Fall Conference, November 5, 1999
- 44<sup>th</sup> Annual New Mexico Water Conference, December 2-3, 1999

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments

5. Approval of Summary of Proceedings

Ms. Betty Behrend, requested that the Summary of Proceedings be amended on page 1, Item 2, Approval of Agenda, change "Mr. Larry Webb, City of Albuquerque," to "Mr. Larry Webb, City of Rio Rancho."

**Action Taken:** Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
SEPTEMBER 8, 1999 MEETING AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Brad Stebleton, Sandoval County, and it carried unanimously.

6. Bylaws Recommendation

**Background:** The Bylaws of the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board were adopted by the MRGCOG Board of Directors on March 11, 1999. The Water Board has suggested that some changes be made. The nature of the proposed changes has to do with the voting procedures and minor changes. A copy of the Bylaws with the proposed changes is attached.

**Policy Ramifications:** The membership and decision making process defined by the Bylaws of the Water Board is critical to its function and must be acceptable to the members of the Water Board and the MRGCOG Executive Board.

**Financial Impact:** None.

Discussion and comments included:

- That the proposed changes were not major in scope.
- Concern over the proposal to change the voting system for the MRGWWRB from a weighted system to a non-weighted system
- Water right issues would go to the Water Providers Council before being presented to the MRGWWRB
- A member of the Water Providers Council can request issues to be heard by that body before being heard by the MRGWWRB
- It was suggested that all issues be presented to the Water Providers Council before

- That the MRGWRB needed to develop the criteria as called out in the Bylaws for membership on the Water Providers Council

**Action Taken:** Mr. Frank Faustine, City of Rio Rancho, made the motion to:

**RECOMMEND TO THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG) BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO CHANGE THE VOTING SYSTEM FOR THE MRGWRB FROM A WEIGHTED SYSTEM TO A NON-WEIGHTED SYSTEM AND CONSIDERATION OF MINOR CHANGES TO THE MRGWRB BYLAWS.**

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aguilar.

Additional amendments were proposed to the Bylaws:

Article 3. Organization and Membership, add " Item G., Each entity shall be entitled to one voting delegate and alternate. In the event of the absence of the delegate, the alternate shall have all participation and voting privileges of the delegate."

Article 6. Voting Procedures, Item A, Change to read: "Each governmental entity shall designate one person **or alternate** to act as its representative with the authority to place a vote wherever a vote is required to approve a motion, decision, or recommendation of the Water Board. Said designated person **or alternate** shall serve on both the Water Board and the Water Providers Council, when applicable. The Voting status of the Water Board is displayed on a matrix chart attached as Exhibit 3 and made a part of these Interim Bylaws.

**Action Taken:** Mr. Faustine made the motion to:

**AMEND HIS MOTION TO INCLUDE THE TWO ADDITIONAL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.**

The amended motion was seconded by Board Member Daniel Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority.

Discussion and comments included:

- That one vote for Pueblos would be inadequate
- Reiteration that the MRGWRB would be one person/one vote, the Water Providers Council would continue to have weighted voting

Ms. Murnane called for a vote on the amended motion.

The amendment to the motion passed with a vote of 17 to 1.

Those voting in the affirmative: Chair Blair; Vice Chair Richard Jaramillo, City of Belen; Commissioner Alicia Aguilar, Valencia County, Ms. Behrend; Councillor Ken Bishop,

Village of Bosque Farms; Mr. Faustine; Board Member Hernandez; Ms. Murnane; Mr. Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales; Mr. Stebleton; Ms. Marianne Woodard, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque.

Those voting in opposition: Mr. John Sorrell, Isleta Pueblo

Chair Blair called for the motion as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 16 to 2.

Those voting in the affirmative: Chair Blair; Vice Chair Richard Jaramillo, City of Belen; Commissioner Alicia Aguilar, Valencia County, Ms. Behrend; Councillor Ken Bishop, Village of Bosque Farms; Mr. Faustine; Board Member Hernandez; Mr. Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales; Mr. Stebleton; Ms. Marianne Woodard, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque.

Those voting in opposition: Ms. Murnane and Mr. John Sorrell, Isleta Pueblo

***The following were DISCUSSION ITEMS, NO ACTION WAS TAKE BY THE BOARD.***

8. Request from Deborah Hibbard, Middle Rio Grande Project Coordinator, Rio Grande Restoration, for Ex-Officio Membership on the MRGWRB

Chair Blair noted that Ms. Hibbard was not in attendance. It was the consensus of the MRGWRB that this item be deferred to a later date when Ms. Hibbard could be in attendance.

It was also suggested that there be discussion by the MRGWRB at their next meeting to better define the Ex-Officio membership role.

9. Water Provider Councils meeting date and time

Chair Blair noted that the Water Providers Council should meet to elect a Chair and Vice Chair. The MRGWRB by consensus agreed that the Water Provider Council should meet at 11:00 am on November 10, 1999.

***The following were INFORMATION ITEMS, NOT ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD***

10. Regional Water Planning

Mr. Gross provided a presentation on the development of the Middle Rio Grade Regional Water Plan. The basic elements of the planning process include: evaluation of the region's water supply; determination of the region's future water demand; and determination of how the region will meet future needs with the available supply.

11. New or Unfinished Business

There was no new or unfinished business.

12. Future Agenda Items

- Presentation of Water Budget
- Water Resources Management Strategy - Albuquerque
- Senator Sue Wilson
- Ms. Deborah Hibbard's request for Ex-Officio Membership
- Pueblo Water Rights

13. Time and Place of Next Meeting

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG) OF NEW MEXICO**

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE Suite 300  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Wednesday, November 10, 1999**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Jaramillo, Vice Chair  
Councillor, City of Belen  
Charles Aguilar, Mayor, Town of Bernalillo  
Betty Behrend, Utility Director, Village of  
Los Lunas  
James Fernandez, County Manager, Valencia  
County  
Hector Gonzales, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Daniel Hernandez, Board Member  
Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood  
Control Authority  
Mary Murnane, Planner, Bernalillo County  
Ed Richardson, Representative from the  
Village of Corrales  
William Sapien, Commissioner, Sandoval  
County  
John Sorrell, Tribal Hydrologist, Isleta Pueblo  
John Stomp, Manager Water Resources  
Division, City of Albuquerque  
Larry Webb, Director of Utilities, City of Rio  
Rancho  
Marianne Woodard, Representative from  
the Village of Los Ranchos de  
Albuquerque

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:**

Bob Swartwout, Chairman, Middle Rio  
Grande Water Assembly

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Jan Borchardt  
Steve Burstein  
Jim Gross  
Joe Quintana  
Loretta Humble

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Reid Bandeen, Del Agua Institute  
John Brown, UNM IPP  
Sterling Grogan, Middle Rio Grande Water  
Assembly  
Steve Hansen, USBR  
Elaine Hebard  
Eric Hill, City of Belen  
Mike Kernodle, Geohydrologist  
Augustine Rodriguez, Esq., MRGCD/LRPA  
Lynne Schluter, GACC  
Andy Smith  
Brad Stebleton, Sandoval County  
Frank Titus, Middle Rio Grande Water  
Assembly  
Bob Wessely, Friends of Placitas



1. Call to Order

The November 10, 1999 Executive Board meeting was called to order at 11:55 a.m. by Vice Chair Richard Jaramillo, City of Belen. Vice Chair Jaramillo noted the presence of a quorum. He asked that those members leaving the Board meeting prior to completion of action items fill out a proxy form for those action items remaining on the agenda

2. Approval of Agenda

As Senator Sue Wilson was delayed, it was recommended that her presentation be moved from agenda item number 7 to item number 8 with the understanding that should she arrive before discussion on item 8 began, we would return to the original agenda as written.

Mr. James Fernandez, Valencia County, made a motion to :

**APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 10, 1999 AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.**

Mr. John Stomp, City of Albuquerque, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Chair's Report

Vice Chair Jaramillo reported that the Water Providers Council was scheduled to meet prior to this meeting at 11:00 a.m. As there was no quorum present, the meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. at the Middle Rio Grande Council of Government's Conference Room.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Joe Quintana, MRGCOG staff, reported on the Bosque Consortium Fall Conference which was held on November 5, 1999 at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. The Bosque Consortium will hold another conference in the Spring of 2000.

Mr. Steve Burstein, MRGCOG staff, provided an update on the review and adoption of the Focus 2050 Plan. The plan has been released for public review. A public hearing will be held on December 16, 1999. For further information call Mr. Burstein at 247-1750.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments

6. Approval of Summary of Proceedings

The following errors were noted in the September summary of meetings:

Page 1, under "Others Present" misspelling of the names Rhea Graham and Mike Kernodle; on Page 2 under the Chair's Report, second paragraph, "he noted that a joint powers agreement has been signed by the City of Albuquerque and the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque" needs to be corrected to "City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, and the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque"; in the same sentence, the statement "which will facilitate the development of a water utility company" should read "development of water and sewer in the North Valley"; and on page 4 Article 3 "alterative" should read "alternate"; Article 6 second sentence "each governmental entity shall designate on Person" should be corrected to read "shall designate one person". It is noted that these changes will be made before finalization and signature by the Board of Directors.

Mr. Daniel Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, made a motion to:

**APPROVE THE SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE OCTOBER 13, 1999 MEETING AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Commissioner William Sapien, Sandoval County, and it carried unanimously.

7. Senate Bill 512, 44<sup>th</sup> NM Legislature, First Session, 1999

New Mexico State Senator Sue Wilson provided a briefing on Senate Bill 512, 44<sup>th</sup> NM Legislature, First Session, 1999, concerning water banking, water rights, and related issues. She explained that the Bill proposes legislation to facilitate water storage and voluntary water transfers within the State of New Mexico. It amends existing New Mexico water law; creates a water bank and a water bank fund administered by the Interstate Stream Commission; and amends criteria for forfeiture of water rights. This Bill would amend the State water law and potentially impact water management options available within the Middle Rio Grande water planning region. It also provides for an appropriation of \$250,000 from the State general fund to the water bank fund.

8. Middle Rio Grande Water Budget

Dr. Frank Titus, Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly, explained that a team of Specialists from the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly compiled existing information concerning the hydrology of the Middle Rio Grande region and presented it in a pamphlet format that is intended to be read and understood by a broad audience of people interested in the region's water resources. The pamphlet was prepared for, and has been approved by, the Action Committee of the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly. A presentation and opportunity for discussion will be provided at a future Water Board meeting.

9. Regional Water Planning

Noting that the length of this meeting had been rather long, Mr. Jim Gross, MRGCOG, deferred his report to the December meeting.

10. New or Unfinished Business

Mr. Gross reported that at the November 4, 1999 MRGCOG Executive Board meeting, the Board voted to recommend that the suggested changes to the MRGWWRB be approved by the MRGCOG Board of Directors at their December 16, 1999 meeting.

He also reported that work is continuing on Tasks 1, 2, and 3 of the Water Plan. A Request for Proposals was issued and the deadline for receiving these proposals is November 12, 1999. There has been a great interest in the Task-2 Work Group by people in the Puerco and Jemez subdivisions with regards to development of the public involvement committees. The Task-3 Work Group has identified an opportunity to possibly work with the University of New Mexico Institute for Public Policy to perform a public survey called for under the scope of work.

Commissioner Sapien suggested that at future MRGWWRB meetings, with regards to Discussion and Information Items, presenters be requested to limit their presentation to ten minutes, allowing for an additional five minutes for questions. It was also suggested that should a subject need a much longer time for presentation and discussion, a special work study session could be held to address the issue.

12. Future Agenda Items


- Water Resources Management Strategy - Albuquerque
- Aquifer Storage and Recovery (Information)
- Water Board Ex-Officio Membership Criteria
- Ms. Deborah Hibbard's request for Ex-Officio Membership
- Water Providers Council Membership Criteria

13. Time and Place of Next Meeting

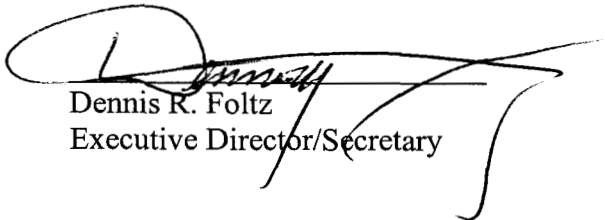
The next MRGWWRB meeting is scheduled for **11:30 a.m. on Wednesday**, December 8, 1999 at the MRGCOG conference room.

14. Adjournment

The November 10, 1999 MRGWWRB meeting was adjourned by consensus at 1:20 p.m.

  
Larry Blair, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

  
Dennis R. Foltz  
Executive Director/Secretary

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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG) OF NEW MEXICO**

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD  
WATER PROVIDERS COUNCIL**

**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE Suite 300  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Wednesday, December 8, 1999**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque  
Richard Jaramillo, Councillor  
City of Belen  
Kenneth Bishop, Councillor  
Village of Bosque Farms  
John D. Sorrell, Isleta Pueblo  
Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas  
Hector Gonzales, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
District  
Larry Webb, City of Rio Rancho

**Ex-Officio Members:**

Robert L. Swartwout, Middle Rio Grande  
Water Assembly

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Jim Gross  
Joseph Quintana  
Loretta Humble

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Alicia Aguilar, Commissioner  
Valencia County  
James Fernandez, Valencia County  
Joseph W. Griego, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Sterling Grogan, Middle Rio Grande  
Water Assembly  
Danny Hernandez, Board Member  
Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo  
Flood Control Authority  
Elaine Hebard, Citizen  
Eric Hill, City of Belen  
Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County  
Jeffrey Peterson, Bernalillo County  
Edward Richardson, Village of Corrales  
Subhas K. Shah, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Andy Smith, CWSG  
Brad Stebleton, Sandoval County  
David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County  
Arroyo Flood Control Authority  
John M. Stomp, City of Albuquerque  
Lawrence C. Troncosa, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Bob Wesley, Friends of Placitas  
Marianne Woodard, Village of Los Ranchos  
de Albuquerque

1. Call to Order

The December 8, 1999 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board's Water Providers Council meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Mr. Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Mr. Blair appointed Mr. Robert L. Swartwout, Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly Ex-Officio Member, as Chair Pro-Tempore. As this was the first meeting of the Water Providers Council, a Chair and Vice Chair would be elected at this meeting. Chair Pro-Tempore Swartwout noted the presence of a quorum. He asked that those members leaving the Board meeting prior to completion of action items fill out an proxy form for those action items remaining on the agenda.

2. Approval of Agenda

**Action Taken:** Councillor Richard Jaramillo, City of Belen, made a motion to:

**APPROVE THE DECEMBER 8, 1999 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Blair, and carried unanimously.

3. Chair's Report

There was no Chair's Report.

4. Executive Director's Report

There was no Executive Director' Report.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6. Election of Officers

**Background:** The Bylaws for the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board provides for the establishment of a Water Providers Council consisting of those representatives of public and tribal water rights holders. The Water Providers Council with the Water Board shall serve the purpose of ensuring protection and appropriate utilization of water rights within the Middle Rio Grande Planning Region.

**Policy Ramifications:** None

Financial Impact: None

Pro-Tempore Swartwout called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Action Taken: Councillor Jaramillo nominated Mr. Subhas Shah for the position of Chair.

Mr. Larry Webb, City of Rio Rancho, nominated Ms. Betty Behrend for the position of Chair.

Mr. Webb made the motion to:

**CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF WATER PROVIDERS COUNCIL CHAIR.**

The motion was seconded by Councillor Jaramillo and carried unanimously.

Pro-Tempore Chair Swartwout called for a vote on the nominated candidates: Mr. Subhas Shah was elected by a vote of 6 to 1.

Those voting in favor of Mr. Shah: Councillor Jaramillo; Councillor Kenneth Bishop, Village of Bosque Farms; Mr. Blair; Mr. John Sorrell, Isleta Pueblo; Ms. Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas; and Board Member Gonzales.

Those voting in favor of Ms. Behrend: Mr. Webb.

Pro-Tempore Swartwout called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Action Taken: Councillor Jaramillo nominated Ms. Betty Behrend for the position of Vice Chair.

Mr. Webb made the motion to:

**CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF WATER PROVIDERS COUNCIL VICE CHAIR AND ELECT MS. BEHREND BY ACCLAMATION.**

The motion was seconded by Councillor Jaramillo and carried unanimously.

7. New or Unfinished Business

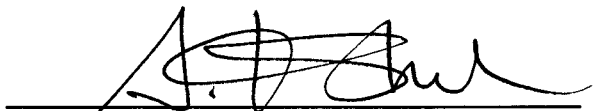
There was no New or Unfinished Business.

8. Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next MRGWRB Water Providers Council meeting is scheduled for **11:00 a.m.** on Wednesday, January 12, 2000 at the MRGCOG Conference room.

9. Adjournment

The December 8, 1999 MRGWRB Water Providers Council meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:28 a.m..

  
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Subhas K. Shah, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
Water Providers Council

ATTEST:

  
Dennis R. Foltz  
Executive Director/Secretary

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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG) OF NEW MEXICO**

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE Suite 300  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Wednesday, December 8, 1999**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Blair, Chair  
City of Albuquerque  
Richard Jaramillo, Vice Chair  
Councillor, City of Belen  
Alicia Aguilar, Commissioner  
Valencia County  
Betty Behrend, Utility Director, Village of  
Los Lunas  
Kenneth Bishop, Councillor  
Village of Bosque Farms  
Hector Gonzales, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Daniel Hernandez, Board Member  
Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood  
Control Authority  
Mary Murnane, Planner, Bernalillo County  
Edward Richardson, Representative from the  
Village of Corrales  
John Sorrell, Tribal Hydrologist, Isleta Pueblo  
Brad Stebleton, Sandoval County for  
Commissioner William Sapien  
David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County  
Arroyo Flood Control Authority  
Larry Webb, Director of Utilities, City of Rio  
Rancho, for Mr. Henry Pachelli  
Marianne Woodard, Representative from  
the Village of Los Ranchos de  
Albuquerque

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:**

Robert L. Swartwout, Chairman, Middle Rio  
Grande Water Assembly

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Jan Borchardt  
Steve Burstein  
Jim Gross  
Joe Quintana  
Loretta Humble

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Gary Daves, City of Albuquerque  
James Fernandez, County Manager, Valencia  
County  
Joseph W. Griego, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Sterling Grogan, Middle Rio Grande  
Water Assembly  
Elaine Hibbard, Citizen  
Eric Hill, City of Belen  
Jeffrey Peterson, Bernalillo County  
Subhas K. Shah, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Andy Smith, CWSG  
John Stomp, Manager Water Resources  
Division, City of Albuquerque  
Lawrence Troncosa, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Bob Wessely, Friends of Placitas

1. Call to Order

The December 8, 1999 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Chair Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chair Blair noted the presence of a quorum. He asked that those members leaving the Board meeting prior to completion of action items fill out a proxy form for those action items remaining on the agenda

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair Blair asked that the presentation scheduled by Mr. John Stomp, City of Albuquerque, be deferred until the January 12, 2000 meeting. A presentation by Mr. Gary Daves, City of Albuquerque, will give a presentation on the water budget.

**Action Taken:** Commissioner Alicia Aguilar, Valencia County, made a motion to :

**APPROVE THE DECEMBER 8, 1999 AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, and carried unanimously.

3. Chair's Report

Chair Blair noted that he is currently serving on the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Water. Issues being discussed are domestic wells and watershed management. He encouraged members of the Water Board to provide input on these issue or provide other issues that may be pertinent to this Task Force.

Chair Blair formed two subcommittees:

- Committee to Develop Criteria for Membership on the Water Providers Council
  - Board Member Hector Gonzales
  - Mr. Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales
  - Mr. John Sorrell, Isleta Pueblo
  
- Committee to Develop Criteria for Ex-Officio Membership on the MRGWRB
  - Robert Swartwout, Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly
  - Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County
  - Board Member Daniel Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA)

Chair Blair announced the Mr. Subhas Shah had been elected as Chair of the MRGWRB Water Providers Council and Ms. Betty Behrend, had been elected as Vice Chair of the MRGWRB Water Providers Council.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Jim Gross, MRGCOG staff, reported:

- There are approximately 16 different legislative proposals for water that may be introduced during the 2000 Legislative Session:
  - Domestic Well Proposal (targeted toward municipalities)
  - Authorization of Water Court Divisions (within 3 judicial districts)
  - Changing the definition of Beneficial Use in State Law to include conservation
  - Establish a Water Trust Fund with revenues to be derived from severance taxes
  - Water Banking
  - Proposal to do some research and development on Industrial Hemp Production in the State of New Mexico
- The National Association of Office and Industrial Parks association has formed a Water Task Force and invited Mr. Gross to participate. They will be developing some policy statements related to upcoming legislation, as well as looking at long range policy statements related to water use in the region.

Discussion included the MRGWRB developing some positions on upcoming legislative items and transmitting those positions to the Board of Directors for their consideration. It was suggested that there be an agenda item to discuss legislative items on the next agenda.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments

6. Approval of Summary of Proceedings

**Action Taken:** Board Member Hernandez made a motion to:

**APPROVE THE SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE NOVEMBER 10, 1999 MEETING AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Brad Stebleton, Sandoval County, and carried unanimously.

7. MRGWRB 2000 Meeting Schedule

**Background:** The draft 2000 Meeting Schedule suggests that the Water Board continues to meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments Conference Room. The meeting times and dates are subject to change throughout the year if deemed necessary.

Policy Ramifications: Sets the scheduled meetings for the Water Board.

Financial Impact: Cost of legal ads is included in the adopted budget.

Action Taken: Commissioner Aguilar made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE 2000 MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE MRGWRB.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Gonzales and carried unanimously.

**The following were DISCUSSION ITEMS, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD.**

8. Presentation by Mr. Gary Daves, City of Albuquerque

Mr. Gary Daves, City of Albuquerque, gave an overview of the history of water use and water rights in the Middle Rio Grande region.

**The following were INFORMATION ITEMS, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD.**

9. Regional Water Planning

Noting that the length of this meeting had been rather long, Mr. Jim Gross, MRGCOG, deferred his report to the December meeting.

10. New or Unfinished Business

There was no new or unfinished business.

11. Future Agenda Items

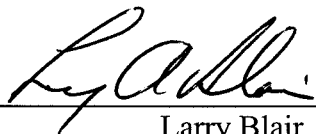
- Presentation by Mr. John Stomp, City of Albuquerque
- Discussion of Legislative Issues
- Committee Reports

12. Time and Place of Next Meeting

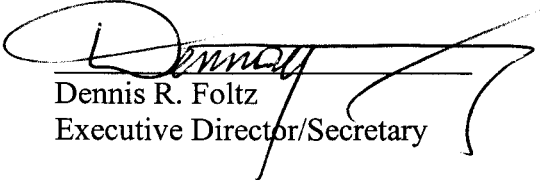
The next MRGWRB meeting is scheduled for **11:30 a.m. on Wednesday**, January 12, 2000 at the MRGCOG conference room.

14. Adjournment

The December 8, 1999 MRGWRB meeting was adjourned by consensus at 1:34 p.m.

  
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Larry Blair, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

  
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Dennis R. Foltz  
Executive Director/Secretary

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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG) OF NEW MEXICO**

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE Suite 300  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Wednesday, February 9, 2000**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Blair, Chairman  
City of Albuquerque  
Richard Jaramillo, Vice Chairman  
Councillor, City of Belen  
Charles Aguilar, Mayor  
Town of Bernalillo  
Betty Behrend, Utility Director, Village of  
Los Lunas  
Kenneth Bishop, Councillor  
Village of Bosque Farms  
Hector Gonzales, Board Member  
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Village of Corrales  
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David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County  
Arroyo Flood Control Authority  
Larry Webb, Director of Utilities, City of Rio  
Rancho, for Mr. Henry Pachelli  
Marianne Woodard, Representative from  
the Village of Los Ranchos de  
Albuquerque

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Dennis R. Foltz  
Jim Gross  
Joe Quintana  
Linda Jackson

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Susan Gorman, Citizen  
Rhea Graham, Citizen  
Joseph W. Griego, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
District  
Jeffrey Peterson, Bernalillo County  
Subhas K. Shah, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Brad Stebleton, Sandoval County  
John Stomp, Manager Water Resources  
Division, City of Albuquerque  
Bob Wessely, Friends of Placitas

1. Call to Order

The February 9, 2000 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Chairman Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chairman Blair noted the presence of a quorum. He asked that those members leaving the Board meeting prior to completion of action items fill out a proxy form for those action items remaining on the agenda

2. Approval of Agenda

**Action Taken:** Mr. Larry Webb, City of Rio Rancho, made a motion to :

**APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 9, 2000 AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Daniel Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, and carried unanimously.

3. Chair's Report

Chairman Blair noted that:

- Federal Water Resources Development Act recently passed by Congress includes Section 593 that provides Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia Counties assistance through the Corps of Engineers.
- The authorized funding is for: design and construction assistance for related environmental infrastructure and resource protection; wastewater and conservation; and surface water projects in these three counties.
- One requirement is that these projects must be publicly owned project.
- There is \$25 million authorized in this section for fiscal year 2000 until expended.
- Copies were provided to the Board Members as a HANDOUT.
- Joint regional projects would have a much better chance of having funds appropriated to the region.
- The Governor's Blue Ribbon Water issue Task Force has recommended that the Governor's office hire a person to deal with water issues in the State.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dennis Foltz, MRGCOG Executive Director, noted that:

- The Middle Rio Grande water planning reion contains the Middle Rio Grande Basin, the Jemez Basin, and the Rio Puerco Basin.
- The Middle Rio Grande Water Resource Board (MRGWRB) has been established to develop a water plan for the Middle Rio Grande Basin.

- The MRGCOG will be assisting in the development of a water plan for both the Jemez and Rio Puerco basins.
- Representatives are being sought from both the Rio Jemez and Rio Puerco areas to serve on the MRGWRB as ex-officio members.
- This will provide communication and coordination between the three planning efforts.

Mr. Jim Gross, MRGCOG staff, reported:

Legislative Update –

- Background: There was a rather lengthy list of bills and capital requests dealing with water in this year's legislative session. Many did not have any direct impact to water planning in the Middle Rio Grande region. Of particular significance is Senate Capital Outlay Request 66 (SC66), sponsored by Senator Pauline B. Eisenstadt, requesting one million dollars for the continuation of regional water planning in New Mexico. No status on the request was available at the time of the agenda mailing.

Policy Ramifications: It may be more difficult to complete a State Water Plan without support to develop and complete regional water plans.

Financial Impact: The Middle Rio Grande Water Planning region currently has an award of \$150,000 from the Interstate Stream Commission for water planning. If this legislation does not pass, local governments will need to rely on other sources of revenue for regional water planning.

- A contract has been let with John Shomaker and Associates, Inc. as part of Task 1 of the Water Planning project. The contract is for historical and current water demand in the planning region and a report should be available in April 2000.
- The Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly's 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly for Water Planning in the Middle Rio Grande is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2000, 9-4:30 pm. The conference will be held in the Anthropology Lecture Hall on the University of New Mexico Campus. Lunch will be provided: \$5 early registration or \$10 at the door.

Proposed Water Program for Fiscal Year 2000-01–

- Background: Water planning for the Middle Rio Grande Region was started in fiscal year 1999-2000. It is anticipated that it will take approximately 3 years to complete the initial plan. The proposed program for the second year includes a continuation of work for the public involvement program and alternatives development. Additional work to clarify future water demand is also anticipated.

Policy Ramifications: None

Financial Impact: Level funding is dependent upon whether continued funding will be available from the State through the Interstate Stream Commission.



An outline of a proposed program for FY 2000/2001 was provided as an attachment.

Discussion and questions included by the MRGWBRB members included:

- It had been discussed earlier that the MRGCOG might set up a mechanism for additional revenue through some type of membership assessment.
  - For the first year of the program, the MRGCOG Board agreed to provide a portion of the match to the Interstate Stream Commission monies.
  - For the second year of the program, it would be appropriate to have the discussion on some type of member assessment to support the program.
- It was suggested that a potential budget be presented at the next MRGWBRB meeting as well a two or three scenarios for funding formulas.
  - The second year program could potentially need \$200,000. The level of funding will depend on the Interstate Stream Commission money.
- There is concern by members of the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly that there was not enough left over from the first year Interstate Stream Commission contract to accomplish the tasks assigned to the Assembly.
- The Assembly may have to seek other funding to accomplish their tasks.
- Some members of the Assembly may not understand the nature of the Interstate Stream Commission contract and how the funding is to be used.
- The original proposal for the Middle Rio Grande Water Plan was for \$750,000 funding with a \$750,000 match.
- What was received was \$150,000 with a hard and soft match.
- The MRGCOG has moved forward with the planning effort at a high effort.
- It would be beneficial to compare the proposed tasks of the Water Planning effort to the Interstate Stream Commission's template.
- By identifying what the MRGWBRB, Assembly, and MRGCOG staff tasks are and how they relate to the template will provide a "yard stick" on what are our accomplishments and what are the gaps.
- If the local member governments will have to support the water planning effort, would the additional needed funding be a special assessment or would it be part of the normal dues.
  - As the current membership dues support all of the current programs and the water program was not considered as part of those programs, it is anticipated that there would be the need for a special assessment to support the water program.
- It was requested that a matrix be prepared outlining the roles and responsibilities related to the tasks of the MRGCOG staff and the Assembly.

**Action Taken:** Mr. Larry Webb, City of Rio Rancho, made the motion to:

**MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE MRGCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM THE MRGWBRB TO SUPPORT SC 66 AND THE CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE WATER PLANNING PROGRAM.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority, and carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments

Ms. Susan Gorman, Children's Water Festival Coordinator, reported that the 2000 Children's Water Festival will be held at the Albuquerque Convention Center on November 2 and 3 2000. This festival will provide approximately 1,000 4<sup>th</sup> grade students hands on water education. Continued support is needed for the Festivals, current and future. A report and video are available for more information on the program.

6. Approval of Summary of Proceedings

**Action Taken:** Board Member Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, made a motion to:

**APPROVE THE SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE DECEMBER 8, 1999 MEETING AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Hernandez, and carried unanimously.

**The following were DISCUSSION ITEMS, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD.**

7. Presentation by Mr. John Stomp, Director of the Water Resources Division, Public Works Department, City of Albuquerque, on the water resources strategy for the City of Albuquerque

Mr. John Stomp, City of Albuquerque, gave a presentation on the City of Albuquerque's Water Resources Strategy.

**The following were INFORMATION ITEMS, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD.**

8. Report from the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly

A report was not provided at this time.

9. New or Unfinished Business

There was no new or unfinished business.

10. Future Agenda Items

- Water program budget and funding scenarios
- Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly history

11. Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next MRGWRB meeting is scheduled for **11:30 a.m. on Wednesday**, March 8, 2000 at the MRGCOG conference room.

12. Adjournment

**Action taken:** Board Member Hernandez made the motion to:

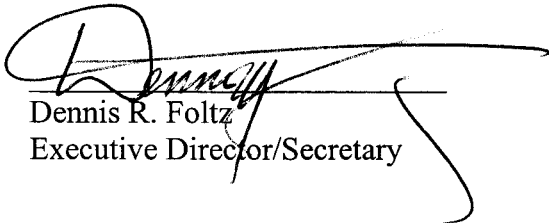
**ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 9, 2000 MEETING OF THE MRGWRB.**

The motion was seconded by Mayor Charles Aguilar, Town of Bernalillo, and carried unanimously. The February 9, 2000 MRGWRB meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.



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Larry Blair, Chairman  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:



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Dennis R. Foltz  
Executive Director/Secretary

**(THE ORIGINAL TAPES TO THIS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS WILL REMAIN ON FILE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS)**

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG) OF NEW MEXICO**

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE Suite 300  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2000**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Blair, Chairman  
City of Albuquerque  
Alicia Aguilar, Commissioner  
Valencia County  
Charles Aguilar, Mayor  
Town of Bernalillo  
Betty Behrend, Utility Director, Village of  
Los Lunas  
Joseph Griego, Board Member for  
Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Danny Hernandez, Board Member  
Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood  
Control Authority  
Mary Murnane, Planner, Bernalillo County  
Edward Richardson, Representative,  
Village of Corrales  
Henry P. Pacelli, Commissioner  
City of Rio Rancho Utilities  
Commission  
Bradley Stebleton, Sandoval County  
for William Sapien, Commissioner  
David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County  
Arroyo Flood Control Authority  
Leo Bartolucci, Trustee, Village of  
of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque for  
Marianne Woodard, Representative

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Dennis R. Foltz  
Jim Gross  
Linda Jackson  
Joe Quintana  
Brenda Martinez

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

James Fernandez, Valencia County  
Rhea Graham, Citizen  
Larry Webb, City of Rio Rancho

1. Call to Order

The March 8, 2000 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:58 a.m. by Chairman Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chairman Blair noted the presence of a quorum. He asked that those members leaving the Board meeting prior to completion of action items fill out a proxy form for those action items remaining on the agenda

2. Chair's Report

Chairman Blair's report included:

- Chair Mary Lee Martin, MRGCOG Board of Directors, has appointed a Middle Rio Grande Water Plan Task Force. The members of the Task Force are Chair Martin, Vice Chair Alan Armijo, Commissioner Barbara J. Seward, Councillor Pasqual Armijo, Mayor John Jennings, Board Member Hector Gonzales, Chair Blair, and Vice Chair Richard Jaramillo. The Task Force will be reviewing the funding for the Water Program as well as the Memorandum of Understanding with the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly. As a result, the MRGWWRB has been asked to have a special meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> to make their recommendations to the MRGCOG Board of Directors.
- Mayor Charles Aguilar, Town of Bernalillo, asked that as this Task Force progressed in its deliberations about additional assessments that the local governments be informed quickly so that budget considerations could be taken through their individual processes.
- Commissioner Alicia Aguilar, Valencia County, stated that the budget process was starting very soon and that she would like to have an opportunity to take some information back to her Commission.
- It was noted that the need for discussion for an assessment is due to the fact that the State funding for the Interstate Stream Commission did not pass.
- There was discussion as to whether or not this legislation could be reintroduced during the upcoming Special Session of the Legislature.
- The process for determining a special assessment to the local governments should begin earlier for Fiscal Year 2002.
- The Assembly will be reviewing the Memorandum of Understanding. Those comments will be brought back to the MRGWWRB for discussion.
- The MRGWWRB may need to pass a resolution so that it was in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.
  - Response: The MRGCOG Board of Directors passes a resolution at its annual meeting for all Boards and Committees of the organization.
- On April 7, an environmental conference will be held in Albuquerque. A flyer will be sent out in the near future.

3. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dennis Foltz, MRGCOG Executive Director, noted that:

- Focus 2050 Regional Plan was adopted by the MRGCOG Board of Directors at their February 10, 2000 meeting.
- On Saturday, March 25, the 4<sup>th</sup> Water Assembly will be held in the Anthropology Lecture Hall on UNM Campus.
- On Friday, March 31, the Bosque Consortium will be held at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. The focus will be on fire in riparian areas.
- On Wednesday, March 22, a public hearing will be held for the NM State Environment's Total Maximum Daily Load project at the MRGCOG Office.
- Ms. Brenda Martinez has recently joined the MRGCOG staff who will be the secretarial support for the MRGW RB and the MRGCOG Board of Directors.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Approval of Agenda

It was requested that Item 8, Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly, be deferred as Mr. Bob Swartwout was unable to attend the meeting.

**Action Taken:** Board Member Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE MARCH 8, 2000 AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Councillor Richard Jaramillo, City of Belen, and carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Summary of Proceedings

Mayor Aguilar requested that on page 3, second bullet that "Tio" be changed to "Rio."

Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County, requested that on page 4, there be some expansion the discussion under the third and fifth bullet. She also requested that Mr. Jeff Peterson's request for a matrix outlining the tasks/roles and responsibilities of the MRGCOG and the Assembly be added.

Chair Blair suggested that the an upcoming agenda include discussion related to the task/roles and responsibilities of the MRGCOG and the Assembly, the relationships to the Interstate Stream Commission, and the Memorandum of Understanding with the Assembly.

**Action Taken:** Commissioner Aguilar made a motion to:

**APPROVE THE SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE FEBRUARY 9, 2000 MEETING AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Councillor Jaramillo and carried unanimously.

**The following were DISCUSSION ITEMS, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD.**

7. Middle Rio Grande Water Plan FY 2001 Program and Budget Alternatives

Background: The Board of Directors for the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments authorized the initiation of a regional water planning program in 1998. The Director of Water Planning was hired in June of 1999, and a contract for regional water planning was executed with the Interstate Stream Commission in August 1999. Cash funding support for the program for the first year (Aug. 1999 - July 2000) is approximately \$200,000, of which approximately \$150,000 is coming from the Interstate Stream Commission. In-kind services from the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments and the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly are also being provided to support the project.

State funding of regional water planning in fiscal year 2001 does not appear to be possible at this time because it is not in the current budget that was sent to the Governor. It appears probable that the costs for continuation of the water planning program in fiscal year 2001, at least initially, will have to be born by local governments.

Three levels of funding are presented for review and discussion. The base-case level (\$200,000 per year) represents approximately the current level of project funding, and the schedule to initial plan completion is anticipated to be 3 to 4 years as originally scheduled. The highest level of support shown (\$300,000 per year) represents an increase in effort above the current level. The time to complete the initial plan remains 3 to 4 years; however, the plan would include a greater level of detail and there would be a larger public involvement program. The lowest level (\$150,000 per year) represents a base-level maintenance level of funding. The project schedule to an initial plan is estimated to 4 to 5 years for this level of support.

Policy Ramifications: No major policy ramifications for the funding alternatives presented.

Financial Impact: Dependent upon the level of funding support.

Discussion and questions included:

- The materials presented did not present a clear and concise picture of the three alternatives
- Budget considerations by the local governments is already underway for Fiscal Year 2001
- The tasks and the sub-tasks of the full water program should be presented along with associated costs
- A flow chart of the relationship and responsibilities of the Water Assembly and the MRGCOG should be prepared
- The contract with ISC has a several major tasks that have yet to be accomplished
- In order to convince the local governments to fund this program, there has to be full justification on what the water planning program will accomplish and what will the benefit be to the local governments

- The Water Resource Development Act funding is that the 75/25 match is for the Corps of Engineers to do the work, if this is being considered, it would most likely be a contractual effort
- Has the MRGCOG done any "bench marking" with the other water basin planning efforts in the State?
  - There are several regions in the State that did not receive funding and their water programs are not moving forward.
- Has ISC decided if it will allocate the reserves from the State allocation?
  - Response: ISC kept \$1 million for administration and other studies
- The MRGWWRB needs to establish its own role in the water planning process.
- The MRGWWRB needs to be involved with the development of the work program
- What does the MRGWWRB ultimately want from this process. Once that is established, work it back in to a timetable and deliverables
- How can we best get the results either using staff or consultants.
- That before funding levels could be recommended to the MRGCOG Board of Directors, the products of the Water Plan should be identified and prioritized
- The MRGCOG Board of Directors will meet on April 13<sup>th</sup> and a recommendation from the MRGWWRB should move forward to them
- There are 21 voting members, 33 votes on the Water Providers, if the needed funding is divided by evenly by the votes on the MRGWWRB, each member would pay approximately \$7,500 each. If you take the votes on the Water Providers Council, then the MRGCD and the City of Albuquerque would pick up about half of the cost of the program.
- Many local governments are facing their own reduced budgets, and if the additional funding needs for the Water Program are too much, some local governments may have to walk away from the program this coming year.

**Action Taken:** Commissioner Alicia Aguilar, Valencia County, made the motion to:

**TABLE ITEM 7 UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MRGWWRB SO THAT MRGCOG STAFF CAN PREPARE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION FOR THE MRGWWRB'S CONSIDERATION.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, and carried unanimously.

8. Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly

This item was deferred.

**The following were INFORMATION ITEMS, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD.**

9. Monthly Committee Schedule

This was provided to the Board members for information.



10. New or Unfinished Business

There was no new or unfinished business.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly
- Tasks/Roles and Responsibilities of the MRGCOG and Assembly

12. Time and Place of Next Meeting

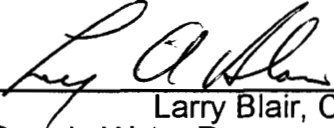
By consensus the MRGWRB the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was rescheduled for **11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2000** at the MRGCOG conference room. (It was noted that this meeting was not the regular scheduled meeting day)

13. Adjournment

**Action taken:** Board Member Hernandez made the motion to:

**ADJOURN THE MARCH 8, 2000 MEETING OF THE MRGWRB.**

The motion was seconded by Mayor Charles Aguilar, Town of Bernalillo, and carried unanimously. The March 8, 2000 MRGWRB meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

  
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Larry Blair, Chairman  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

  
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Dennis R. Foltz  
Executive Director/Secretary

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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG) OF NEW MEXICO**

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE Suite 300  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**12:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 28, 2000**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Blair, Chairman  
City of Albuquerque  
Richard Jaramillo, Vice Chairman  
Councillor, City of Belen  
Charles Aguilar, Mayor  
Town of Bernalillo  
Betty Behrend, Utility Director, Village  
of Los Lunas  
Kenneth Bishop, Councillor  
Village of Bosque Farms  
Hector Gonzales, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
District  
Danny Hernandez, Board Member  
Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo  
Flood Control Authority  
Mary Murnane, Planner  
Bernalillo County  
Edward Richardson, Representative  
from the Village of Corrales  
William Sapien, Commissioner  
Sandoval County  
Larry Webb, Director of Utilities, City of  
Rio Rancho, for Mr. Henry Pachelli  
Marianne Woodard, Representative  
Village of Los Ranchos de  
Albuquerque

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Dennis R. Foltz  
Janice Carolan  
Jim Gross  
Brenda Martinez  
Joe Quintana  
Linda Jackson

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Dominique Catron, Daniel B. Stephenst  
Association, Contractor for Socorro  
Regional Water Plan  
James Fernandez, Valencia County  
Joseph W. Griego, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
District  
Elaine Hebard, Water Assembly  
Marty Mitchell, Water Assembly  
Brad Stebleton, Sandoval County  
Lawrence Troncosa, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
District  
Bob Wessely, Friends of Placitas

1. Call to Order

The March 28, 2000 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGW RB) meeting was called to order at 12:45 a.m. by Chairman Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chairman Blair noted the presence of a quorum. He asked that those members leaving the Board meeting prior to completion of action items fill out a proxy form for those action items remaining on the agenda

2. Chair's Report

- Commissioner Alicia Aguilar, Valencia County, announced that she would no longer be serving on the Board. Commissioner Aurelio Padilla will be replacing her.

3. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dennis R. Foltz, Executive Director, reported that he has been asked to serve on a panel at the APA Conference in New York to discuss water planning alternatives.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of the Agenda

**Action Taken:** Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 28, 2000 AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales, and carried unanimously.

6. Middle Rio Grande Water Plan FY 2001 Program

Background: The Board of Directors for the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments authorized the initiation of a regional water planning program in 1998. The Director of Water Planning was hired in June of 1999, and a contract for regional water planning was executed with the Interstate Stream Commission in August 1999. Cash funding support for the program for the first year (August 1999 - July 2000) is approximately \$200,000 of which approximately \$150,000 is coming from the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC). In-kind services from the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRGCOG) and the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly are also being provided to support the project.

State funding of regional water planning in fiscal year 2001 does not appear to be likely at this time. Continuation of the regional water planning program in fiscal year 2001 may need to rely more on funding from local governments in the water planning region.

Three levels of funding were presented at the Water Board meeting of March 8, 2000. Generalized differences in the project schedule and level

of effort were discussed by staff and Board members. Water Board members requested additional information concerning the goals, objectives, and scope of work for the regional water planning program. Subsequent to the Water Board meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>, a special committee of the MRGCOG Board was convened and considered more detailed information concerning funding alternatives and the potential work programs associated with different levels of funding. The Special Committee directed MRGCOG staff to develop methods of funding for a program of approximately \$265,000 per year with no increase in staff effort.

Policy Ramifications: No major policy ramifications for the funding alternatives presented.

Financial Impact: Dependent upon the level of funding support.

A HANDOUT was provided to the Board that included: The Regional Water Planning Template; Summary of Major Tasks, Projected Expenses for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years of the project; Average Annual Costs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years of the project; Potential FY 2001 Funding Alternatives; and the Major Work Responsibilities of MRGCOG staff.

Discussion and comments included:

- The MRGCOG Water Plan Task Force recommended Table 2 of the HANDOUT as the recommended funding alternative for FY 2001.
- The MRGCOG staff was directed to request the suggested funding from the participating local governments for FY 2001 with the understanding that all the members may be unable to participate

- That \$150,000 that will support a "bare-bones" program through FY 2001
- Request for additional funding would have to be made before the local or special units of government
- Chair Blair offered to participate in presentations to the local or special units of government
- The MRGCD Chair, Lawrence Troncosa, will not support this additional funding as Socorro County and the 6 Pueblos are not involved in the process
- It was suggested that material be developed that presents the long term benefit for each community within the water planning region
- It was suggested that a compromise be developed between Table 2 and Table 4 of the HANDOUT.
- A local government could not afford a study such as the one being proposed for the costs. A single consultant study would be much more.
- The presentation should include talking points that include:
  - The Interstate Stream Commission has mandated water planning for the State
  - A water plan could protect the local governments from outside entities trying to obtain water
  - The Texas Legislature recently appropriate major funding to a project to find water outside of their State.
  - The planning process for the Water Program is based on the highly successful Transportation Program
  - The major difference is that Transportation is Federal funded
  - This region has to plan for future water use and protection of those valuable resources

- Funding will always be uncertain, therefore, the local governments will have to support the program
- The City of Albuquerque has committed \$50,000 in the current budget and \$50,000 in FY 2001
- The City of Rio Rancho has budgeted some funds for the program.
- Everyone should contribute to the program. However, because budget processes have started, it may not be possible.
- It was noted that Socorro County was invited to participate in the Regional Water Planning process and they declined the offer.
- The MRGWRB should spend more time on anticipated work tasks for the next two years for the Regional Water Plan.
- It was noted that an HANDOUT had been provided that addressed the ISC Template and the Regional Plan Work Tasks.
- Smaller local governments have lost water resources in other parts of the country without cooperative planning projects

**The following were INFORMATION ITEMS, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD.**

7. Monthly Committee Schedule

A report was provided for the Board's information.

8. New or Unfinished Business

There was no new or unfinished business.

9. Future Agenda Items

- Middle Rio Grande Water Plan Tasks
- Report from the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly

10. Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next MRGWRB meeting is scheduled for **11:30 a.m. on Wednesday**, May 10, 2000 at the MRGCOG conference room.

12. Adjournment

**Action taken:** Board Member Hernandez made the motion to:

**ADJOURN THE MARCH 28, 2000 MEETING OF THE MRGWRB.**

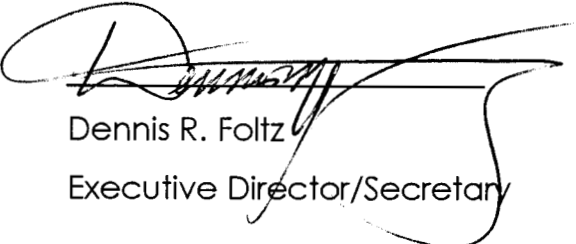
The motion was seconded by Mayor Charles Aguilar, Town of Bernalillo, and carried unanimously. The March 28, 2000 MRGWRB meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



  
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Larry Blair, Chairman

Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

  
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Dennis R. Foltz  
Executive Director/Secretary

**(THE ORIGINAL TAPES TO THIS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS WILL REMAIN ON FILE  
FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS)**

April 27, 2000

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**  
**OF MEETING**

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER  
RESOURCES BOARD**

THE MEETING OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER  
RESOURCES BOARD SCHEDULED FOR:

Date: **Wednesday, May 10, 2000**

Time: **11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.**

Place: **Middle Rio Grande  
Council of Governments  
Third Floor Conference Room  
317 Commercial NE Suite 300  
Albuquerque NM**

**HAS BEEN CANCELLED.** The next scheduled meeting is  
June 14, 2000 at 11:30 am at the MRGCOG Office, 317  
Commercial NE Suite 300, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG) OF NEW MEXICO**

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE Suite 300  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**11:30 am  
Wednesday, June 14, 2000**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Blair, Chairman  
City of Albuquerque  
Charles Aguilar, Mayor  
Town of Bernalillo  
Betty Behrend, Utility Director,  
Village of Los Lunas  
Hector Gonzales, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
District  
Danny Hernandez, Board Member  
Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo  
Flood Control Authority  
Mary Murnane, Planner  
Bernalillo County  
Aurelio Padilla, Commissioner  
Valencia County  
Edward Richardson, Representative  
from the Village of Corrales  
William Sapien, Commissioner  
Sandoval County  
John Sorrell, Isleta Pueblo  
Henry Pacelli, City of Rio Rancho  
Marianne Woodard, Representative  
Village of Los Ranchos de  
Albuquerque  
Lee Brown, Middle Rio Grande  
Water Assembly, Ex-Officio Member

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Janice Carolan  
Jim Gross  
Linda Jackson  
Traci Morerod  
Isabel Calabaza

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Andy Smith, Water Assembly  
Jeff Peterson, Bernalillo County  
Joseph W. Griego, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
District  
Elaine Hebard, Water Assembly  
Brad Stebleton, Sandoval County  
Bob Wessely, Friends of Placitas  
Blair Brown, Interested Citizen  
Subhas Shah, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Susan Gorman, Pioneer West

1. Call to Order

The June 14, 2000 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m. by Chairman Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chairman Blair noted the presence of a quorum. He asked that those members leaving the Board meeting prior to completion of action items fill out a proxy form for those action items remaining on the agenda.

2. Chair's Report

Chairman Blair reported:

- That the Water Providers Council and Ex-officio Advisory Committees need to report their status' at the next meeting.
- Asked that the Ex-officio Advisory Committee consider representatives from Federal, State, and technical experts as advisory members and include in their report next month.

3. Executive Directors Report

Mr. Jim Gross, Director of Water Planning provided the following report:

- Introduced Isabel Calabaza as staff secretary for Board of Directors and Water Board and Traci Morerod as back up staff secretary.
- The Board of Directors took action on officers for Fiscal Year 2001.
  - Water Board: Chair, Mr. Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque, and Vice Chair, Richard Jaramillo, Councillor, City of Belen.
  - Board of Directors: Chair Alan Armijo, Councillor, City of Albuquerque. and Vice Chair Alicia Aguilar, Commissioner, Valencia County
  - Urban Transportation Planning Policy Board: Chair Ken Sanchez, Commissioner, Bernalillo County and Vice Chair Felicie Truscio, Councillor, City of Rio Rancho

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of the Agenda

**Action taken:** Board Member Danny Hernandez, AMAFCA, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JUNE 14, 2000 AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henry Pacelli, City of Rio Rancho Utility Commission, and carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Summary of Proceedings

**Action taken:** Mr. Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MARCH 8, 2000 AND MARCH 28, 2000 AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pacelli and carried unanimously.

7. Six Member Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition

**Background:** MRGCOG staff was requested to draft a letter of invitation to the Six-Member Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition to participate in the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board. The attached draft letter is presented for consideration by the Board.

**Policy Ramifications:** Increased participation in the regional water planning program.

**Financial Impact:** None.

Discussion and comments included:

Mr. John Sorrell, Tribal Hydrologist, Isleta Pueblo provided background on the Coalition's formation and how the Coalition has facilitated delivery of water to the Pueblos and have been working with the MRGCD's Irrigation Committee

The members of the MRGWRB discussed new wording for paragraphs 3 and 4.

It was suggested that members of the MRGWRB should attend the next meeting of the Coalition which will be held at Isleta Pueblo.

**Action taken:** Danny Hernandez, board member of AMAFCA, made the motion to:

**AMEND THE LETTER TO REFLECT THE SUGGESTIONS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE MRGWRB AND TO**

**AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO REVIEW AND SIGN THE LETTER.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried unanimously.

8. Meeting Schedule for the Middle Rio Grande Water Resource Board

Background: The Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board currently meets every month. The MRGWRB is being requested to consider modifying their meeting schedule to every other month

Policy Ramifications: None.

Financial Impact: None.

Discussion and comments included:

- Concern was expressed by members of the MRGWRB that meeting every other month would slow the process of developing a Regional Water Plan down
- Monthly meeting provided an opportunity to receive updates on events happening related to the development of the Water Plan.

Action taken: By consensus of the MRGWRB, discussion on this item was suspended until after Item 13.

9. Report on the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly

Mr. Lee Brown, Chairman , the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly, made a presentation on the goals and missions of the Assembly. A graphic presentation was provided (the members of the MRGWRB requested that copies of the graphics be attached to the Summary of Proceedings.) A Mission Matrix was also provided as a HANDOUT. Members of the Board requested that a presentation of the HANDOUT be provided at a future meeting.

10. Programmatic Structure and Where do we go from here?

Discussion and comments included:

- Adding other elements and existing groups such as a technical staff, and different members of governments.
- Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County, suggested coming up with options for function partnerships using the Water Assembly.

- Chair Blair, suggested developing a Water Technical Committee similar to the Transportation Coordinating Committee.
- Board Member Gonzales agreed with the concept of a Water Technical Committee.
- Danny Hernandez disagreed with following the TCC/PIC model for the Water Technical Committee.

11. Report from the Alternatives Work Group

Ms. Murnane reported on the Water Assembly's Alternatives Work Group made a 2 page presentation on Task 3 Deliverables under the ISC Contract

- Board Member Gonzales invited members to attend the MRGCD's Irrigation meeting in Socorro on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

12. Report on special assessment for the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan

This was deferred until the next meeting.

**The following were INFORMATION ITEMS, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD.**

13. Water Community Conversations

This Item was deferred until the next meeting.

8. Meeting Schedule for the Middle Rio Grande Water Resource Board

After further discussion the members of the MRGW RB agreed that the meeting schedule should remain monthly.

**Action taken:** Mayor Charles Aguilar, Town of Bernalillo, made the motion to:

**NOT TO CHANGE THE MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE MRGW RB.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Hernandez and carried unanimously.

14. Monthly Committee Schedule

This item was provided for the Board's information.

15. New or Unfinished Business

There was no new or unfinished business.

16. Future Agenda Items

- \* Update Status of Litigation Water Issues by Chair Blair.
- \* Presentation of Shomaker Report-Historical and Current Water Demand Report from the Water Providers Council and Ex-officio Advisory Committees

17. Time and Place of Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2000 at the MRGCOG Large Conference room.

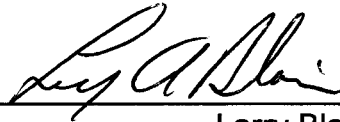
18. Adjournment

Board Member Hernandez made the motion to:

**ADJOURN THE MRGWRB MEETING.**

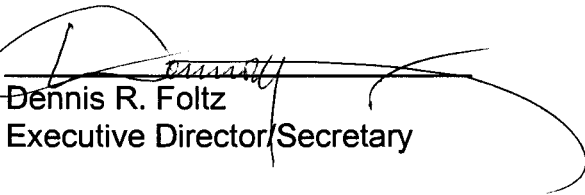
The motion was seconded by Mayor Charles Aguilar, Town of Bernalillo, and carried unanimously.

The June 14, 2000 meeting of the MRGWRB was adjourned at 1:45 pm.



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Larry Blair, Chairman  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:



Dennis R. Foltz  
Executive Director/Secretary

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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG) OF NEW MEXICO**

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE Suite 300  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**11:30 am  
Wednesday, July 12, 2000**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Blair, Chairman  
City of Albuquerque  
Charles Aguilar, Mayor  
Town of Bernalillo  
Betty Behrend, Utility Director,  
Village of Los Lunas  
Kenneth Bishop, Councilor  
Village of Bosque Farms  
Lee Brown, Ex-Officio Member  
Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly  
Dee Fuerst  
City of Rio Rancho  
Hector Gonzales, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
District  
Danny Hernandez, Board Member  
Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo  
Flood Control Authority  
Mary Murnane, Planner  
Bernalillo County  
Aurelio Padilla, Commissioner  
Valencia County  
Edward Richardson, Representative  
Village of Corrales  
William Sapien, Commissioner  
Sandoval County  
David Stoliker,  
Southern Sandoval County Arroyo  
Flood Control Authority  
Marianne Woodard, Representative  
Village of Los Ranchos de  
Albuquerque

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Dennis Foltz  
Jim Gross  
Joe Quintana  
Linda Jackson  
Traci Morerod  
Isabel Calabaza

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

James Fernandez, County Manager,  
Valencia County  
Elaine Hebard, Water Assembly  
Joseph W. Griego, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Josh Nims JSAI/UNM  
Robert Pendergast, City of Albuquerque  
Jeff Peterson, Bernalillo County  
Subhas Shah, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Brad Stebleton, Sandoval County  
Lawrence Troncosa, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Bob Wessely, Friends of Placitas

1. Call to Order

The July 12, 2000 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Chairman Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chairman Blair noted the presence of a quorum. He asked that those members leaving the Board meeting prior to completion of action items fill out a proxy form for those action items remaining on the agenda.

2. Chairman's Report

Chairman Blair reported:

- On travel back from South Dakota he observed that it was green and lush except when he got to northern New Mexico it was brown. Drought conditions are obvious throughout New Mexico.

3. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dennis Foltz, MRGCOG, Executive Director, reported on the following:

- Executive Board - Regional
  - Water Task Force appointed 3 months ago to review the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Middle of Rio Grande Water Assembly and Funding alternatives.
  - Tribal Membership
    - Contact and met with the southern pueblos in June.
    - Recommendation to offer full membership to them.
  - National Association of Industrial Office Properties, NAIOP
    - Adopted a Water Policy
  - Interstate Stream Commission Extension Time of Contract
    - Extend contract till end of the year and present to the Executive Board.

4. Public Comment

There was public comment from Mr. Lee Brown, Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly who spoke on behalf of Ms. Elaine Hebard, Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly. Mr. Brown asked for help from the board to help with the Community Conversations schedule that will begin at Valencia County on July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Los Lunas High School in Los Lunas, New Mexico.

5. Approval of the Agenda

**Action taken:** Mr. David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority, SSCAFCA made the motion to:

**DELETE DISCUSSION ITEM NUMBER 8, WATER PROVIDERS COUNCIL CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP REPORT FROM THE JULY 12 AGENDA PER REQUEST OF HECTOR GONZALES, MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, MRGCD, WITH THE BOARD MEMBERS.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member, Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority.

6. Approval of Summary of Proceedings

**Action taken:** Mayor Charles Aguilar, Town of Bernalillo, made the motion to:

**AMEND THE JUNE 14, 2000 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS BY ADDING BULLET 5 IN SECTION 10., PAGE 5, DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS: BOARD MEMBER HERNANDEZ SAID THAT HE DISAGREES WITH FOLLOWING THE TCC/PIC MODEL CONCEPT FOR THE WATER TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PROGRAMMATIC STRUCTURE.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Hernandez, and carried unanimously.

7. Historical and Current Demand Report

Mr. John Shomaker from John Shomaker and Associates presented an executive summary of the report and provided county and subregion information on statistical water use from the report. It was noted that the information presented has some gaps.

Discussions and Comments included:

- Mr. Subhas Shah, MRGCD, stated that the information from the pie chart versus the organization chart from the back of the report is controversial.

- Mr. Brown, stated that the planning region we are dealing with is only part of the whole region. Mr. Brown stated all 3 regions are drawing from the same allotment, therefore he will try to bring all 3 regions together before they meet with the Interstate Stream Commission. For interested people, on July 26th at Smith Brasher Hall from 6p.m. to 9p.m. they will talk about the water supply study being completed by the Interstate Stream Commission and the U. S. Army Corps. of Engineers.
- Mr. Shomaker stated that once the report is finished then the next step will be the report being completed by the firm of S.S. Popadopoulos of Associates, Inc..
- Board Member Gonzales, stated that their organization has totally new information and wasn't comfortable with the present report for publishing.
- Chairman Blair suggested bringing this report back as an action item in the future to take action on.
- Mr. Shah, stated that the information that they have will be ready in 2 weeks and will be provided to the board at the next meeting.

8. Water Providers Council Criteria for Membership

This item was deleted from the agenda.

9. Report from the Ex-officio Membership Committee

Ms. Mary Murnane, Planner, Bernalillo County presented the report and stated that the course to take is to possibly develop a proposed advisory category of membership in the Water Resources Board.

Discussion and comments included:

- Chairman Blair stated that we have not adopted a criteria for Ex-officio membership.
- Ms. Murnane expressed concern what the difference was between Ex-officio and Advisory membership.
- Chairman Blair noted that Ex-officio members might be expected to have more of an advocacy role than Advisory members.

10. Update on Status of Litigation Water Issues

There was no update by Ms. Eileen Hillson. Board Member Hernandez suggested to table this discussion item for the next meeting. Chairman Blair stated that it will be back on the agenda and summarized the City suit against the Bureau of Reclamation was dismissed without prejudice. There is a hearing on July 24<sup>th</sup> regarding one of these cases now in federal court (Minnow vs. Martinez). Mr. Shah informed the board that the hearing is at 10a.m.

11. Report on special assessment for the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan.

Executive Director Mr. Foltz, presented a report on the status of funding the Regional Water Planning Program. The program now has approximately \$157,000 in funding.

Discussion and comments included:

1. Mr. Brown stated that the Water Assembly has raised funds in the amount of \$14,000 for Lucy Moore who will be facilitating the Outreach Program.
2. Board Member Hernandez, stated that we are getting a product for what we are paying for.

12. Public Involvement Issues

Ms. Hebard, continued Public Comments from Item 4, Public Comments. She stated that there is a water picture show ready, and there is a need to educate people about water issues. She needs help from all the counties to get folks out to all the Community Conversations Series. She also needs assistance from local committees in all the counties to have regional sub-committees process getting information out to people.

Chairman Blair stated that he could get this information on the Neighborhood News flyer.

13. Monthly Committee Schedule Balance for the Year

Mr. Foltz presented the Balance for the Year schedule.

14. New or Unfinished Business

Chairman Blair stated that the Tribal Membership letter was sent to Chairman, John Avila from the Pueblo Coalition on June 28, 2000.

15. Future Agenda Items

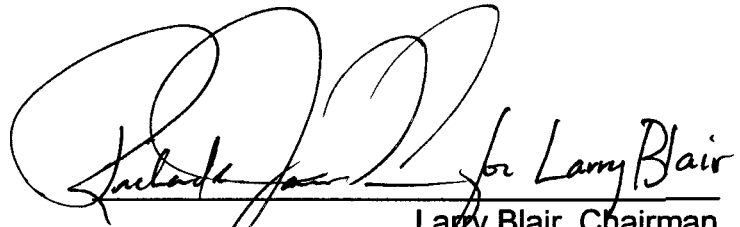
- The Ex-officio Membership Committee report - action item.
- Update Status of Litigation Water Issues.
- Los Alamos situation.
- Report from Mr. John Brown on Survey of Water Issues.
- Report from Mr. Shah on related new water supply data.
- TMDL's Phase II Regulations and Arsenic.

16. Time and Place of Meeting

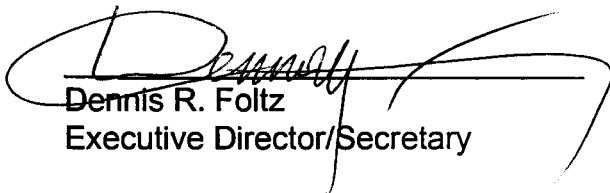
Next meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2000 at the MRGCOG Large Conference room.

17. Adjournment

The July 12, 2000 meeting of the MRGWWRB was adjourned by consensus at 1:22 p.m.

  
Larry Blair, Chairman  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWWRB)

ATTEST:

  
Dennis R. Foltz  
Executive Director/Secretary

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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG) OF NEW MEXICO**

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE Suite 300  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**11:30 am  
Wednesday, August 09, 2000**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Blair, Chair  
City of Albuquerque  
Richard Jaramillo, Vice Chair  
Betty Behrend, Utility Director,  
Village of Los Lunas  
Hector Gonzales, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
District  
Danny Hernandez, Board Member  
Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo  
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Sandoval County  
Marianne Woodard, Representative  
Village of Los Ranchos de  
Albuquerque  
Lee Brown, Ex-Officio Member  
Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Dennis Foltz  
Jim Gross  
Joe Quintana  
Linda Jackson  
Judy Lovato  
Isabel Calabaza

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Lawrence Troncosa, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Subhas Shah, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
James Fernandez, County Manager  
Valencia County  
Michele Minnis, Representative  
Village of Corrales  
Bradley Stebleton, Senior Planner  
Sandoval County  
Holly Lawrence  
Office of Congresswoman Heather  
Wilson  
Nick A. Sehiavo, Bernalillo County  
Eileen Grevey Hillson, Representative,  
National Association Industrial Office  
Properties  
Susan Gorman, Pioneer West  
Blair Brown, Sierra Club  
Deborah Hibbard, Rio Grande Restoration  
John Brown, Project Manager  
Institute for Public Policy  
Bob Wessely, Friends of Placitas  
John Stomp, City of Albuquerque

1. Call to Order:

The August 09, 2000 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:59 a.m. by Chair Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chair Blair noted the presence of a quorum. He asked that those members leaving the Board meeting prior to completion of action items fill out a proxy form for those action items remaining on the agenda.

2. Chair's Report:

Chair Blair reported:

- Report from Water Providers Council.  
Mr. Subhas Shah reported that the meeting was deferred due to lack of a quorum.
- Letter from Pueblo Coalition.  
Herb Becker, Water Rights Consultant for the Coalition of Pueblos responded to the June 28<sup>th</sup> letter that was sent to Mr. John Vincent Avila. Mr. Becker said the letter of invitation to the pueblos will be presented at the August 11<sup>th</sup> Pueblo Coalition meeting. Following that meeting, we will be provided with the Pueblo Coalition's position.

3. Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Dennis Foltz, MRGCOG, Executive Director, reported on the following:

- Funds available for Fiscal Year 2001 Work Program.
- Tribal Membership.
- Community Conversations.

4. Public Comment:

There was public comment from Deborah Hibbard, Rio Grande Restoration on Agenda Items 7, 8, and 9. Ms. Hibbard indicated that the Rio Grande should have a representative on the Water Resources Board, and requested the Water Resources Board to recommend expanding its membership to include such representative. Ms. Hibbard recommended that Dr. Cliff Crawford be considered as that representative.

5. Approval of the Agenda:

**Action taken:** Mr. Danny Hernandez, Board Member made the motion to:

**MOVE ITEM 10 TO ITEM 8 AND RENUMBER THE AGENDA ACCORDINGLY.**

The motion was seconded by Chair Blair and carried unanimously.



6. Approval of Summary of Proceedings:

**Action taken:** Mary Murnane, Planner, Bernalillo made the motion to:

**AMEND THE JULY 12, 2000 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS BY ADDING BULLET 6 IN SECTION 15., PAGE 4, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: TMDL'S PHASE II REGULATIONS AND ARSENIC.**

The motion was seconded by Danny Hernandez, Board Member, and carried unanimously.

7. Recommendation of an amendment to the Bylaws to the MRGCOG Board of Directors:

**Background:** The chairman of the Water Resources Board requested that a committee develop recommendations concerning ex-officio and advisory membership in the Water Resources Board. Ms. Mary Murnane presented an oral report and handout to the Water Resources Board at the meeting on July 12, 2000. The report recommended extending advisory membership to various state and federal agencies who might be able to assist the Water Resources Board concerning technical information and policy positions of their respective agencies. Such agencies were identified to include but not limited to: (1) the Office of the State Engineer/Interstate Stream Commission, (2) the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, (3) the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and (3) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Policy Ramifications:** Potential changes to the bylaws of the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board concerning categories of membership.

**Financial Impact:** None.

**Discussions and Comments included:**

- Mr. Dennis Foltz presented proposed sections to the bylaws of the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board Article 2 (Authority), addition of section C, concerning the establishment of committees, and Article 3 (Organization and Membership), addition of section E, concerning advisory membership positions.
- Ms. Mary Murnane expressed concern about advisory memberships.
- Mr. Edward Richardson, Representative, Village of Corrales, expressed concern about the bylaws handout as not being part of Item 7.
- Mr. Dennis Foltz clarified that the revised bylaws will be presented as a handout to the MRG Board of Directors at the October meeting.
- Ms Hibbard expressed concern that the Rio Grande River wasn't voiced. She recommended that Dr. Cliff Crawford, Biology Professor, University of New Mexico, would adequately represent the "River's" voice. Dr. Crawford is an active member of the Bosque Consortium.

- Mr. Hernandez made a recommendation that the last sentence of section E be revised and read "Advisory membership shall be non-voting and will include members which the Water Board considers qualified to make an effective contribution to the Board."
- Chair Blair made a suggestion that the first sentence of Section E read "Advisory membership positions may be established on the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board."
- Chair Blair stated that the language be agreed upon and revised at this meeting for both sections of the amendment and sent out for next month's agenda packets and will be voted on then.

**Action taken:** Mr. Edward Richardson, Representative, Village of Corrales, made the motion to:

**DEFER ITEM 7 TILL THE NEXT MEETING.**

Mr. William Sapien, Commissioner, Sandoval County, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Public Survey on Water Issues by the Institute for Public Policy:

Mr. John Brown, Project Manager, Institute for Public Policy presented a report on "Public Perceptions, Values and Policy Preferences About Water Issues in New Mexico and the Middle Rio Grande Region."

Background: The Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments and the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly cooperated with the Institute for Public Policy (IPP) at the University of New Mexico to develop a telephone survey concerning water issues. The survey was conducted in conjunction with IPP's statewide spring survey. The survey was conducted in March and April 2000. The final report on the results of the survey was completed in June 2000.

Policy Ramifications: Consideration by the Water Resources Board of public values, attitudes, and preferences concerning water in the development and approval of a regional water plan.

Financial Impact: None.

Discussion and comments included:

- Mr. Shah questioned how Mr. Brown got his response results from full-time farmer's within Bernalillo County.  
Response: Mr. Brown replied that the survey was based on a random sample of people from the State of New Mexico and the Middle Rio Grande Region.

9. Update Status of Litigation Water Issues:

Ms. Eileen Grevey-Hillson, Representative, National Association Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) made a verbal report on the status of water litigation.

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District vs. Babbitt  
Minnow vs. Martinez

Discussion and comments included:

- Ms. Woodard questioned who comprised the membership of NAIOP and who was NAIOP's attorney for water litigation.  
Response: Ms. Hillson stated that their water lawyer for the water litigation cases is Mr. Tim D. Young and Maria O'Brian from the law firm of Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk. NAIOP membership is from representatives of real estate development communities; architects, engineers, real estate attorneys, title companies, banks, 1000 Friends of New Mexico, and any person who is interested in real estate and land use issues.
- Mr. Hernandez asked if NAIOP had done anything to help secure funding from the Interstate Stream Commission, (ISC) for regional water planning.  
Response: Ms. Hillson stated that she had a personal meeting with Frank Sanchez during the last legislative session regarding funding for regional water planning.
- Mr. Lee Brown, Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly, asked if the NAIOP Water Policy statement will be available.  
Response: Ms. Hillson stated that the NAIOP policy has been completed and has been approved by the board and will be publicly available.
- Mr. Bob Wessely, Friends of Placitas commented that domestic immigration is greater than the birth rate.

10. Conservancy District's New Water Use Information:

Mr. Subhas Shah, Chief Engineer, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District presented his "MRGCD Diversion and Return Flows" handout.

Discussion and comments included:

- Mr. John Stomp, City of Albuquerque questioned whether the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District System Water Use was diversion or consumptive use.  
Response: Mr. Shah stated that it is consumptive use of 2.54 acre-feet of water per acre.
- Mr. Stomp stated that 175,900 acre feet of water has been dedicated to keep for the Minnows. It is 3, 4 or 5 times the amount the City of Albuquerque uses in a year and more than the MRGCD's uses. It is 33 miles of water on top of one acre of land that is being used for the minnows.

11. Monthly Committee Schedule:

The Monthly Committee Schedule was presented as attachment D.

12. New or Unfinished Business:

- Mr. Hernandez stated that it was agreed from the last meeting that MRGCOG staff insert "Report from the Water Assembly" as a regular information item on the agenda.
- Chair Blair requested Mr. Shah to appoint or designate a Technical Committee at the next meeting of the Water Providers Council.

13. Future Agenda Items:


- Presentation from Water Assembly by Mr. Wessely, Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly, as a discussion item for next month's meeting.

14. Time and Place of Meeting:


Next meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2000 at the MRGCOG Large Conference room.

15. Adjournment:

The August 09, 2000 meeting of the MRGWRB was adjourned by consensus at 1:44 p.m.

  
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Larry Blair, Chairman  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

  
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for Executive Director/Secretary

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# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG) OF NEW MEXICO

## WATER RESOURCES BOARD

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

11:30 am  
Wednesday, September 13, 2000

### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Jaramillo, Vice Chair  
City of Belen  
Betty Behrend, Utility Director,  
Village of Los Lunas  
Kenneth Bishop, Councillor  
Village of Bosque Farms  
Hector Gonzales, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
District  
Danny Hernandez, Board Member  
Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo  
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Edward Richardson, Representative  
Village of Corrales  
William Sapien, Commissioner  
Sandoval County  
John D. Sorrell, Isleta Pueblo  
John Stomp, City of Albuquerque  
Marianne Woodard, Representative  
Village of Los Ranchos de  
Albuquerque  
Lee Brown, Ex-Officio Member  
Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly  
Emmett Cart, Ex-Officio Member  
Rio Jemez Subregion

#### MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:

Jim Gross  
Angel Martinez  
Joe Quintana  
Isabel Calabaza

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Blair Brown, Sierra Club  
James Fernandez, Valencia County  
Mary Helen Follingstad, Interstate Stream  
Commission  
Norm Gaume, Interstate Stream  
Commission  
Susan Gorman, PioneerWest1  
Bob Grant, Commissioner  
Interstate Stream Commission  
Joseph W. Griego, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Elaine Hebard, Water Assembly  
Jeff Peterson, Bernalillo County  
Subhas Shah, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Lawrence Troncosa, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Larry Webb, City of Rio Rancho  
Bob Wessley, Water Assembly

1. Call to Order:

The September 13, 2000 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:58 a.m. by Vice Chair Richard Jaramillo, City of Belen. Vice Chair Jaramillo noted the presence of a quorum. He asked that those members leaving the Board meeting prior to completion of action items fill out a proxy form for those action items remaining on the agenda.

2. Chair's Report:

Vice Chair Jaramillo introduced Commissioner Bob Grant, Interstate Stream Commission (ISC), Mr. Norm Gaume and Ms. Mary Helen Follingstad, ISC staff. Vice Chair Jaramillo noted that Mr. Gaume had to leave early and would like to address the members of the MRGWRB under the Chair's Report.

Mr. Gaume made the following comments:

- There is a contract between the ISC and the MRGCOG
- Regional water planning is an extremely difficult task
- The MRGWRB needs to take ownership in the development of a regional water plan for the Middle Rio Grande valley
- The ISC has defined 5 questions that need to be addressed in a regional water plan:
  - 1) What is the water supply?
  - 2) What is the demand for water?
  - 3) What are the alternatives to use that water supply and to meet the demand? (This is not a water rights question, it is a "wet" water question.)
  - 4) What are the relative pros and cons of the alternatives?
  - 5) What is the best alternative and how will it be implemented?
- The ISC received a \$150,000 appropriation which was matched by the Corps of Engineers to study the question of water supply
- A draft report will be available at the end of the month
- Chair Larry Blair, MRGWRB and Chair Lee Brown, Water Assembly, described the outcome of this draft study accurately in their Op-ed piece
- Increased demands on the aquifer will make the water supply inadequate to meet further demands
- The ISC/MRGCOG contract elements are:
  - the water demand question will be answered
  - preliminary alternatives will be developed
  - public involvement will be conducted
- In his opinion, the Water Assembly is the best entity to conduct the public involvement process for the regional water plan
- The region is in danger of Federal intervention in local water decisions
- Current litigation in the region is serious

- The regional water plan will assist in the preservation of future water resources in the valley
- It is important that we make progress in developing the regional water plan as quickly as possible

3. Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Jim Gross, MRGCOG staff reported on the following:

- The Historical and Current Water Demand document prepared by Mr. John Shoemaker is complete and now available
- A background paper summarizing the water planning process is provided as Item 11 in the agenda packet

4. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of the Agenda:

**Action taken:** Commissioner William Sapien, Sandoval County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2000 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, and carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Summary of Proceedings:

Mr. Subhas Shah, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, requested:

- that his name be added to those in attendance at the last meeting
- on page 4, change "Mr. Tom D. Young" to Mr. Tim De Young"
- on the last page, change "2.54 feet" to "2.54 acre feet"

**Action taken:** Ms. Betty Berhrend, Village of Los Lunas, made the motion to:

**AMEND THE AUGUST 9, 2000 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS TO REFLECT MR. SHAH'S CHANGES AND APPROVE THE SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County, and carried unanimously.

7. Recommendation for Amendments to the the Bylaws for the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board

Background: At the meeting of the Water Resources Board on December 8, 1999, Chairman Larry Blair appointed a committee to make recommendations concerning ex officio membership for the Water Resources Board. At the meeting of the Water Resources Board on June 14, 2000, Chairman Blair requested this same committee to prepare recommendations concerning advisory membership positions on the Water Resources Board. This committee reported back to the Water Resources Board at the meeting on July 12, 2000 with recommendations of potential advisory membership positions for certain federal and state agencies that could assist the Water Resources Board with technical and policy issues.

Proposed revisions to the bylaws of the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board concerning advisory membership positions were discussed at the Water Resources Board meeting on August 9, 2000. There was also discussion about the formation of committees to assist the Water Resources Board in developing the regional water plan, and Chairman Blair requested Mr. Subhas Shah, the chairman of the Water Providers Council, to nominate an ad hoc water technical committee. Chairman Blair directed staff to incorporate the comments from the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting concerning potential bylaws revisions dealing with advisory membership and committees for discussion at the meeting of the Water Resources Board on September 13, 2000.

Policy Ramifications: Potential recommendations for changes to the bylaws of the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board concerning (1) advisory membership positions on the Water Resources Board, and (2) the establishment of committees.

Financial Impact: None

Discussions and Comments included:

- Clarification needs to be included in the amendment to Article 3(E) as to who makes the appointment of the advisory members
- The language in the amendment does not reflect the recommendation of the Ex-Officio Subcommittee that advisory and ex-officio membership should be limited to water management agencies
- The amendment clearly states that these positions are “non-voting” and “make an effective contribution”
- The Water Assembly would have a serious concern if advisory membership was offered to non-governmental agencies

Action taken: Board Member Hernandez made the motion to:

**CHANGE THE FIRST SENTENCE OF ARTICLE 3(E) TO READ: “THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER RESOURCES BOARD MAY ESTABLISH ADVISORY MEMBERSHIP POSITIONS.”**



The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henry Pacelli, City of Rio Rancho, and carried unanimously.

**Action taken:** Board Member Hernandez made the motion to:

**RECOMMEND AMENDMENT 1 OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER RESOURCES BOARD BYLAWS TO THE MRGCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR APPROVAL.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales, and carried unanimously.

8. Water Providers Council

Background: At the Water Resources Board meeting on August 9, 2000, Chairman Larry Blair requested Mr. Subhas Shah, the chairman of the Water Providers Council, to appoint an ad hoc water technical committee to assist the Water Resources Board and the Water Providers Council with the development of the regional water plan.

Policy Ramifications: None

Financial Impact: None

Discussion and comments included:

- The Water Providers Council will make recommendations for membership to an Ad Hoc Technical Committee at the next meeting of the MRGWWRB.

**Action taken:** Ms. Behrend made the motion to:

**DEFER ACTION ON THIS ITEM UNTIL THE OCTOBER 2000 MEETING.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. John Stomp, City of Albuquerque, and carried unanimously.

***The following were DISCUSSION ITEMS, no action was taken by the Board.***

9. Presentation by Water Assembly

Mr. Bob Wessley, Water Assembly, provided information on the public involvement activities of the Water Assembly and presented materials used as the "Water Show."

10. Oral Status Report on the Pueblo Coalition

Mr. Gross reported on the status of the invitation to the Pueblo Coalition to participate with the MRGWWRB.

***The following were INFORMATION ITEMS, no action was taken by the Board.***

11. Water Resource Planning in the Middle Rio Grande Region, A Background for Water Planning and Summary of Representative Issues

ATTACHMENT E was provided for the Board's information.

12. Progress Review Meeting with Interstate Stream Commissioners and Interstate Commission staff

Information was provided under the Chair's report. ATTACHMENT F was provided for the Board's information.

13. Review of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Water Assembly

ATTACHMENT G was provided for the Board's information.

14. Report from the Water Assembly

Mr. Brown noted that work was underway in cooperation with the MRGCOG to revise the scope-of-work for the regional water plan. Additional funding for the Water Assembly is also being sought.

15. NAIOP Water Policy

ATTACHMENT H was provided for the Board's information.

16. Monthly Committee Schedule:

ATTACHMENT D was provided for the Board's information.

17. New or Unfinished Business:

There was no new or unfinished business.

18. Future Agenda Items:

There were no future agenda items identified by the Board members.

19. Time and Place of Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2000 at the MRGCOG Large Conference room.

20. Adjournment:

**Action taken:** Commissioner Pacelli made the motion to:

**ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2000 MRGWRB MEETING.**

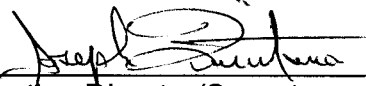
The motion was seconded by Ms. Murnane and carried unanimously.

The September 2000 meeting of the MRGWRB was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



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Larry Blair, Chairman  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:



for Executive Director/Secretary

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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG)  
OF NEW MEXICO**

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE  
Third Floor Conference Room  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**11:30 am  
Wednesday, October 11, 2000**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Blair, Public Works Director, Chair  
City of Albuquerque  
Richard Jaramillo, Vice Chair  
City of Belen  
Charles Aguilar, Mayor  
Town of Bernalillo  
Betty Behrend, Utility Director,  
Village of Los Lunas  
Danny Hernandez, Board Member  
Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo  
Flood Control Authority  
Mary Murnane, Planner  
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Aurelio "Al" Padilla, Commissioner  
Valencia County  
Edward Richardson, Representative  
Village of Corrales  
William Sapien, Commissioner  
Sandoval County  
Marianne Woodard, Representative  
Village of Los Ranchos de  
Albuquerque  
Lee Brown, Ex-Officio Member  
Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly  
Emmett Cart, Ex-Officio Member  
Rio Jemez Subregion

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Brian Gifford, New Mexico Public  
Institute Research Group (NMPIRG)  
Hector Gonzales, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Joseph W. Griego, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Randy Moorman, NMPIRG  
Jeff Peterson, Bernalillo County  
Subhas Shah, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Bradley Stebleton, Senior Planner  
Sandoval County  
Lawrence Troncosa, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Bob Wessley, Water Assembly

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Dennis Foltz, Executive Director  
Jan Borchardt  
Isabel Calabaza  
Janice Carolan  
Jim Gross  
Linda Jackson  
Joe Quintana  
Lily Montoya

1. Call to Order:

The October 11, 2000 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWBR) meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m. by Chairman Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chairman Blair noted the presence of a quorum. He asked that those members leaving the WRB meeting prior to completion of action items fill out a proxy form for those action items remaining on the agenda.

2. Chair's Report:

The Chair noted that Mr. Emmett Cart, Ex-Officio Member, is a new member of the board representing the Rio Jemez Subregion.

3. Executive Director's Report:

- Ms. Lily Montoya was introduced as the new staff secretary to the MRGWBR.

4. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of the Agenda:

- Add a new item 10.A. Regional Water Planning Goals and Objectives Schedule

**Action taken:** Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE OCTOBER 11, 2000 AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Richard Jaramillo, City of Belen, and carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Summary of Proceedings:

The following changes were requested:

- on Page 3, Shoemaker should read as Shomaker
- on Page 5, under "Discussion and Comments" "made" should read "make"
- on Page 2, Item 2, the last bullet should be moved to the first bullet, and state "that it is of great concern"
- on Page 3, correct Ms. Betty Behrend's name
- on Page 1, correct Mr. Subhas Shah's title to "Chief Engineer"

**Action taken:** Vice Chair Richard Jaramillo, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 13 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ed Richardson, Representative, Village of Corrales, and carried unanimously.

7. Water Providers Council:

Background:

At the MRGWRB meeting on August 9, 2000, Chairman Larry Blair requested Mr. Subhas Shah, the chairman of the Water Providers Council (WPC) nominate an ad hoc water technical committee to assist the MRGWRB and the WPC with the development of the regional water plan.

Policy Ramifications:

None.

Financial Impact:

None.

Discussions and Comments included:

- WPC Chairman provided the following for nominations to the Ad Hoc Technical Committee: John Stomp, City of Albuquerque, Nick Tobey, Town of Bernalillo, and Subhas Shah, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. Nominations are still needed from the City of Belen, Village of Bosque Farms, Isleta Pueblo, Village of Los Lunas, and City of Rio Rancho.
- Chairman Shah reported that he has requested additional nomination to the Ad Hoc Technical Committee at the WPC.
- Chairman Blair requested that the Ad Hoc Technical Committee meet before the next MRGWRB meeting.

**Action Taken:** With the consensus of the Board, Chairman Blair accepted and ratified the nominations to the Ad Hoc Technical Committee.

8. Draft 2001 Meeting Schedule

- A draft 2001 Meeting Schedule was provided in ATTACHMENT D for the MRGWRB's consideration. Action will be taken at the November meeting.

9. Draft 2001 Legislative Policies

Background:

The full board of the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments establishes legislative priorities each year to transmit to the New Mexico legislature. Draft policy statements are attached for review and discussion by the MRGWRB members.

Policy Ramifications:

Agency positions concerning legislative priorities for water and water planning.

Financial Impact:

May impact availability of funding from the State legislature.

Discussion and Comments included:

- The MRGCOG Board will adopt their 2001 Legislative Policies at their December 14, 2000.
- Recommendations by the MRGWRB will be needed at their November meeting.
- It was noted that the first item, support for additional funding, is imperative.
- If additional funding is not provided, the regional water planning efforts will fall behind.
- The MRGWRB members should approach their respective jurisdictions to articulate the funding needs and to include the same priorities in their respective policies to bring to the Legislature.
- NM Dialogue will host a state-wide meeting at MRGCOG on October 25<sup>th</sup> for all of the water planning regions.
- It would assist members of the MRGWRB in discussions with Legislators if they had a list of deliverables for the regional water planning process.
- Water Budget and the Water Resource Planning documents can be used in these discussions and need to be reviewed by the Board members.
- It was suggested that the Ad Hoc Technical Committee review these policies and review and recommend additional policies for the MRGWRB consideration at their next meeting.
- MRGWRB members are encouraged to forward additional suggestions to Mr. Jim Gross, MRGCOG staff.

10.A. Regional Water Planning Goals and Objectives Schedule

Mr. Gross discussed the schedule for approval of the Regional Water Planning Program Goals and Objectives. Currently, the Goals Forum will be held on November 4, 2000 at the Albuquerque Convention Center. During November, three meetings will be held on Preliminary Alternatives. The schedule calls for the MRGWRB to review the draft Goals and Objectives at their November 8<sup>th</sup>

meeting, with a public hearing scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Mr. Gross requested guidance from the members of the MRGWWRB as to whether or not this schedule was too ambitious, or should the schedule be extended for the public hearing in January or February.

Discussion and Comments included:

- It was noted that the original schedule was to have the Goals and Objectives available for the Legislative Session to encourage additional funding for planning
- The background paper produced for the Community Conversations was also a good tool for use with the Legislature.
- It was the consensus of the MRGWWRB that the Regional Water Planning Goals and Objectives process remain on the current schedule.

10.B. Report from the Water Assembly

- Series on Saving Water in the Desert beginning every third Wednesday of the month, at 5:30 pm, US Department of Agriculture Building 6200 Jefferson NE
- Encouraged participation by the members of the MRGWWRB in the Regional Water Forum, November 4, Albuquerque Convention Center
- Requested permission to advertise that the Forum is a joint sponsored event between the Water Assembly and the MRGWWRB
  - Response: The MRGWWRB agreed to be a co-sponsor

***The following were INFORMATION ITEMS, no action was taken by the Board.***

11. Roles and responsibilities of the MRGCOG/MRGWWRB and the Water Assembly  
Background:

The contract between Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) and MRGCOG was executed on August 1, 1999 and included an initial term of 12 months. Contract deliverables were not completed at the end of the initial 12 months of the contract. Ms. Mary Helen Follingstad and Mr. Gross of the Interstate Stream Commission worked together in July 2000 to develop a contract amendment extending the contract end date. Documents for amendment number one to the contract were executed by MRGCOG and transmitted to the ISC on August 4, 2000.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, August 23, 2000 to review the progress of developing the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. Mr. Noman Gaume of the ISC indicated that: (1) he would extend the existing contract to November 1, 2000, and (2) he wanted to set a clearer definition of the roles and responsibilities of the MRGWWRB, MRGCOG staff, and the Water Assembly in developing the regional water plan before extending the contract period beyond November 1, 2000.



Chairman Larry Blair, Mr. Lee Brown, Chairman, Water Assembly, and Mr. Dennis Foltz held a series of meetings in September 2000 to evaluate: (1) the work products remaining to be completed under the ISC contract, (2) the responsibilities of the parties in completing the work, (3) the level of effort and resources to be dedicated in completing the work, and (4) the timeframe for completing the work. These meeting resulted in an agreement among the parties that is documented in two memorandums (dated September 21 and 29, 2000) from Mr. Brown to Chairman Blair and Mr. Foltz and in a letter to Norman Guame (date October 4, 2000) from Chairman Blair, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Foltz that summarizes the agreement that was reached concerning these issues.

Policy Ramifications:

None

Financial Impact:

Possibility for additional funds to be raised by the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly to be dedicated towards regional water plan work products.

12. Community Conversations Report

Background:

A series of public meetings called Community Conversations have Been underway since July to develop public input on problems, issues, goals, and objectives for the regional water plan. Ms. Lucy Moore was hired by the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly to facilitate the meetings and to prepare reports summarizing the comments received at the meetings. Ms. Moore has prepared individual reports for each of the 8 meetings held to date. In addition, she has prepared reports summarizing and combining the comments from all 8 meetings.

The reports summarizing and combining the comments from the 8 meetings are attached for MRGWRB members. The reports for each of the individual meetings are available to Board members upon request.

Policy Ramifications:

None

Financial Impact:

None

13. Signed Bylaws of the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board

Copies of the MRGWRB Bylaws were included in ATTACHMENT H for the board's information.

Monthly Committee Schedule:

ATTACHMENT I was provided for the Board's information.

15. New or Unfinished Business:

There was no new or unfinished business.

16. Future Agenda Items:

- New Administrative Criteria from State Engineer's Office
- City of Albuquerque's Draft Water Service Plan


17. Time and Place of Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8 at 11:30 a.m. in the MRGCOG Large Conference room.

18. Adjournment:

**Action taken:** The MRGWRB was adjourned by consensus.

The October 11, 2000 meeting of the MRGWRB was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

  
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Larry Blair, Chairman  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

  
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for Executive Director/Secretary

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**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Blair, Public Works Director, Chair  
City of Albuquerque  
Charles Aguilar, Mayor  
Town of Bernalillo  
Betty Behrend, Utility Director,  
Village of Los Lunas  
Hector Gonzales, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Joseph W. Griego, Board Member  
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Danny Hernandez, Board Member  
Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo  
Flood Control Authority  
William Sapien, Commissioner  
Sandoval County  
David Stoliker, Executive Director  
SSCAFCA  
Larry Webb, Director of Utilities  
Rio Rancho  
Marianne Woodard, Representative  
Village of Los Ranchos de  
Albuquerque  
Lee Brown, Ex-Officio Member  
Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly  
Emmett Cart, Ex-Officio Member  
Rio Jemez Subregion

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Kevin M. Bean, Self & Water Assembly  
Robert Cordova, La Jara  
Elaine Hebard, MRG Water Assembly  
Randy Moorman, NMPIRG  
Jeff Peterson, Bernalillo County  
Peter M. Pino, Zia Pueblo  
Tom Shoemaker, City of Albuquerque  
Bradley Stebleton, Senior Planner  
Sandoval County  
Ernest R. Torrez, La Jara  
Bob Wessely, MRG Water Assembly  
Michael Wirtz, Santa Fe

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Dennis Foltz, Executive Director  
Isabel Calabaza  
Jim Gross  
Linda Jackson  
Joe Quintana  
Lily Montoya

1. Call to Order:

The November 8, 2000 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWBR) meeting was called to order at 11:55 a.m. by Chairman Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chairman Blair noted the presence of a quorum. He asked that those members leaving the MRGWBR meeting prior to completion of action items fill out a proxy form for those action items remaining on the agenda.

2. Chair's Report:

- Chair Blair encouraged all members to attend the Water Assembly Action Committee meetings. There will be a meeting on November 15, the topic will be on agriculture.
- Chairman Blair attended the Water & Natural Resources Interim committee meeting in Deming. One of the presenters encouraged adequate funding for the State Engineers Office and for regional water planning. The consensus was that most of the lobbying for increased funding will have to be done by the individual planning districts and not by the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC).
- Chairman Blair encouraged members to call respective legislators and encourage them to provide adequate funding this year for regional water planning.
- Chairman Blair attended a meeting of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on water. A few key points that were adopted were funding for the State Engineer's Office and regional water planning, a recommendation that the legislature establish a water trust fund, and support for increased effort on the domestic well issues.
- An ISC handout was reviewed regarding the status of regional water planning efforts throughout New Mexico.
- The comment period for the total maximum daily load program should be turned in to the New Mexico Environmental Department by Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Attachments A was reviewed regarding funding for the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. Chairman Blair noted receipt of a letter from the Governor of Isleta Pueblo, withdrawing participation from the WRB.
- A draft letter was recommended to be sent to the Governor of Isleta Pueblo.
- The ISC is negotiating with the Coalition of six pueblos to provide them funding for regional water planning.

3. Executive Director's Report:

- There was a meeting on the Bosque Consortium on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This meeting involved four working groups: fire, urban and rural, parks and recreation, and the river. It was suggested that the WRB be notified of these future meetings.
- The ISC contract expired November 1<sup>st</sup>. A second contract is being discussed to be extended until June, 2001. The activities need to be defined and the process is underway. \$10,000 was included for the Rio Puerco/Jemez Subregions for public involvement program activities.

4. Public Comment:

- Mr. Robert Cordova, an Acequia Commissioner from La Jara, went on record with the WRB and declared that the Rio Puerco/Jemez Subregion will continue to petition with the ISC to be self defined on basis of common hydrologic, political, and economic interests.
- Mr. Ernest Torres, La Jara, stated his frustration regarding Industrial Revenue Bonds and the Ex Officio status of the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez subregions on the WRB. He proposed that the Rio Puerco and Rio Jemez subregions become a separate water planning region. He also stated the Subregion would like to have open communication with the WRB.

5. Approval of the Agenda:

**Action taken:** Motion was made by David Stoliker, SSCAFCA, to:

**ADD TWO ACTION ITEMS.**

- **WATER QUALITY STANDARDS ISSUE**
- **SEPARATE WATER PLANNING REGION FOR THE UPPER RIO PUERCO/RIO JEMEZ SUB REGION**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Danny Hernandez, AMAFCA, and carried unanimously.

**Action taken:** Mr. Danny Hernandez, AMAFCA, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 8, 2000 AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. David Soliker, SSCAFCA, and carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Summary of Proceedings:

The following changes were requested:

- on Page 6, Norman Gaume is misspelled
- on Page 6, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, "these" meeting should read "this" meeting.

**Action taken:** Danny Hernandez, AMAFCA, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE OCTOBER 11th SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. David Stoliker, SSCAFCA, and was carried unanimously.

7. Draft 2001 Meeting Schedule:

A draft 2001 Meeting Schedule was provided in ATTACHMENT C for the MRGWRB's consideration.

**Action Taken:** Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas, made the motion to:

**ADOPT THE 2001 MEETING SCHEDULE.**

The motion was seconded by Jeff Peterson, Bernalillo County, and carried unanimously.

8. Resolution Concerning Water Quality Standards:

Discussion and Comments Included:

- It was stated that the standards should be based on scientific information.

**Action Taken:** A motion was made by Marianne Woodard to:

**SEND A LETTER TO THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT EXPRESSING THE CONSENSUS OF THE MRGWRB THAT STANDARDS THAT ARE ADOPTED BE BASED ON SOUND SCIENCE, ARE REASONABLY ATTAINABLE ON A REGIONAL BASIS, AND WITH FULL CONSIDERATION OF THE COST AND BENEFITS AND FULL CONSIDERATION OF THE VALUES AND NEEDS OF THE REGION.**

The motion was seconded by Danny Hernandez and carried unanimously.

9. Water Planning Region - Rio Puerco/Jemez Subregion:

Discussion and Comments:

- Chair Blair suggested keeping the dialogue open between MRGCOG and the Rio Puerco/Rio Jemez subregions.

**Action taken:** Danny Hernandez made the motion to:

**SUPPORT RIO JEMEZ AND RIO PUERCO SUBREGIONS IN THEIR REQUEST TO THE ISC FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW WATER PLANNING REGION.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles Aguilar, and carried unanimously.

10. Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan - Draft Goals & Objectives

Three handouts were provided by Jim Gross, MRGCOG, concerning goals and objectives for the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. Representatives from the Water Assembly and MRGCOG are working to develop statements of goals and objectives.

Discussion and Comments included:

- Mr. Bob Wessely gave a draft handout on the Consolidation of Goals and Objectives from the public process.
- These are a cornerstone of the plan.
- It was suggested to have a workshop on goals and objectives.

11. City of Albuquerque Long-Range Water Service Plan:

Mr. Tom Shoemaker, City of Albuquerque, asked the Board to read the handout, "Fundamental Water Service Draft". This will be discussed at a future meeting.

***The following were INFORMATION ITEMS, no action was taken by the Board.***

11. Draft 2001 Legislative Policies:

Jim Gross handed out the revised section of the policies. Mr. Lee Brown requested minor rewording of one of the policy statements

13. Signed Bylaws of the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board

Copies of the MRGWWRB Bylaws were included in ATTACHMENT F for the board's information.

14. Monthly Committee Schedule:

15. New or Unfinished Business:

There was no new or unfinished business.

16. Future Agenda Items:

There were no future Agenda Items.

17. Time and Place of Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 p.m. in the MRGCOG Large Conference room.

18. Adjournment:

Action taken:       **THE MRGWRB WAS ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.**

The November 8, 2000 meeting of the MRGWRB was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



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Larry Blair, Chairman  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

  
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Joseph Santana

for

Executive Director/Secretary

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**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE  
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**6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2000**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Blair, Public Works Director, Chair  
City of Albuquerque  
Betty Behrend, Utility Director,  
Village of Los Lunas  
Hector Gonzales, Board Member  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Danny Hernandez, Board Member  
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Marianne Woodard, Representative  
Village of Los Ranchos de  
Albuquerque  
Lee Brown, Ex-Officio Member  
Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Michele Minnis, Representative  
Village of Corrales  
James Fernandez, County Manager  
Valencia County  
Bradley Stebleton, Senior Planner  
Sandoval County  
John Stomp, Manager  
Water Resources Division, City of Alb  
Robert Prendergast  
Bob Wessely, MRG Water Assembly  
Kevin Bean, Water Assembly  
Jean Brochlebank  
Jacqueline Guilbault  
Dale Jones  
Michael Lewis  
Joanne McEntire, Water Assembly  
Marty Mitchell  
Andy Smith, Community Water Study Group

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Fabrizio Bertoletti, Acting Executive Director  
Steve Burstein  
Isabel Calabaza  
Jim Gross  
Linda Jackson  
Lily Montoya

1. Call to Order:

The December 13, 2000 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWBR) meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chairman Blair noted the presence of a quorum.

2. Chair's Report:

- Chairman Blair reported that Dennis Foltz had resigned as MRGCOG's Executive Director
- Mr. Fabrizio Bertolotti, City of Albuquerque and Mr. Chris Blewett, Bernalillo County have been designated as Co-acting directors.
- Mr. Bertolotti stated that he looked forward to working with the MRGWBR and hoped to assist in any way possible.
- Letters were included as attachments from Marion Woolf, Hal Engle and Peter Maggiore.

3. Executive Director's Report:

- Mr. Jim Gross, MRGCOG staff, reported that funding for the next fiscal year from the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) is looking more optimistic than last year at this time. There seems to be a broad support for a general amount of one and half million for regional water planning statewide. There is current discussion on how to introduce this to the Legislature.
- State funding needed to carry us over through the next two years will be supported by the ISC and possibly by Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Water and the Interim Committee for Water and Natural Resources.

4. Public Comment:

None

5. Approval of the Agenda:

**Action taken:** Ms Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE DECEMBER 13, 2000 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Danny Hernandez, AMAFCA, and carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Summary of Proceedings:

**Action taken:** Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 8, 2000 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. David Stoliker, SSCAFCA, and was carried unanimously.

7. Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan-Draft Goals and Objectives - Adopt Interim Goals and Objectives

Mr. Gross noted that this meeting was to receive input from the public, secondly, the MRGW RB discuss the Goals and Objectives; and finally, take action if the Board is ready to do that. The Goals and Objectives are important as the cornerstone for the development of the water plan. Goals and Objectives establish stronger credibility with the public through the planning process and help the Board be more aware of public concerns and opinions. Mr. Bob Wessely, Water Assembly, who has contributed many hours in this process, briefed the Board on the process used to develop the goals and objectives.

Discussion and Comments:

Ms. Jean Brochlebank:

- For the record, asked the board to ignore the bad comments regarding living things of the river. She also asked the Board not to pass this resolution based on the draft.
- In the draft, using "ecosystem" is not biologically scientifically correct.
- Under A2: The term "holistic" has no basis on science.
- Under A5: The law of the land is the endangered species act, therefore, we don't decide in New Mexico to meet the needs of endangered species.
- She suggested that regarding the law, it should say comply with the laws that affect Rio Grande: federal, state, and local laws; then list them.

Mr. Michael Lewis:

- Stated that the overall mission is a broad issue.
- Goals are more specific and thinks they will really work and need to be achievable.
- Objectives need to be more specific and measurable. Some of the objectives are really goals. In the education section, an objective started out saying "The goals are", so it needs more review.
- Many of the objectives underneath the goals are repetitive.
- Public comment language has been changed without their knowledge and input and also feels more public comments are needed.
- Michael and Jean stated that they would take the time to go point by point and give their reasoning and suggestions and report back to the WRB.

Ms. Jacqueline Guilbault, Valley Improvement Association:

- Did not receive the draft goals and objectives in the mail.
- Under C1: suggested the term "economic development" be removed and be placed somewhere else.
- Under F4: what is meant by recharge? Is it talking about the rivers or any land area where the rain water falls is considered recharge?
- Feels there needs to be more public involvement. The public did not receive enough information or notification.

Mr. Dale Jones, Valencia County:

- Suggested that the local groups have contributed their input in the last two meeting and currently do not know what is currently going on. The draft should be taken back to them. It would be worthwhile.

Mr. Andy Smith, Community Water Study Group:

- Stated two major items have not been included: First, is a need for a major pricing reform in Albuquerque which would encourage conservation. Second, there is a need to ensure there is no damage to the aquifer.
- There needs to be more study on this issue.

Ms. Joanne McEntire:

- Suggested that there should be a cover letter regarding what objectives are.
- Word smith the objectives and avoid redundancies.
- Recommended to move the goals and objectives under G and make them goals and objectives under A because because G is about the process, the civic engagement in this process, and the implementation process.
- In many planning documents, if it makes this involvement a goal, this will be looked at first because it says to the citizens right away that not only are they listened to but will continue to do so.

Mr. Kevin Bean, Water Assembly

- Commented on the goals and objectives being the voice of the public and not of the Water Assembly and have the documents of these voices to back them up.

Mr. Bob Wessely presented some background context of the draft goals and objectives. Discussion from the MRGWRB followed public comments:

- The schedule for the Regional Water Plan is to be completed by the end of 2003.
- Chairman Blair explained what "recharge" is. A report was produced a few

- years ago and it identified a substantial number of aquifer recharge areas where there was potential high recharge, for example, the foothills is one of those.
- It was also stated that no action would take place at this moment, a special meeting regarding these will be held on January 10, 2001 at 11:30 a.m.
- There is no urgent need to produce a product for the purposes of the ISC.
- It is very important for the goals and objectives to be worded right.
- From an urban perspective, there are many goals but there is not a goal that addresses the needs of the people.
- The regions agriculture should be preserved.
- The goals and objectives should be precise and measurable.
- Under B2: it says historically and culturally, and should include agriculture.
- Throughout the draft, there is no continuity and should be more specific.
- In terms of the process, there are no names on the public comments, and it would have more validity in the process.
- The goals and objectives should start with a mission and a goal.
- This forms the basis for ensuring that everything is considered as we develop a regional water plan, that all public input be addressed fairly.
- Funding needs to be promoted with the Legislature.
- It was suggested that the Assembly give definitions of terms used in the draft before the WRB give back comments.
- Public's input should not be altered.
- It was suggested to hold a workshop.

Mr. Gross in terms of the Scope of Work with the ISC, that the document is a statement of goals and objectives that reflect what the public values. The intent by the Assembly and MRGCOG is that not to let any of the comments made by the public disappear. They will be incorporated into the plan. The Ad Hoc Technical Committee will have their comments also.

Chairman Blair suggested that another set of goals and objectives with a cover letter that asks people to focus on some aspect by a certain time and set a time line on how to proceed. Board members will be asked for their comments by January 8<sup>th</sup>. A workshop will be held as a separate meeting on January 10, 2001 at 11:30 a.m. Chairman Blair, Chair Lee Brown, Water Assembly and Mr. Gross will meet to draft a cover letter.

***The following were INFORMATION ITEMS, no action was taken by the Board.***

8. Draft Legislative Policies:

Background:

The Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments establishes legislative policies each year to transmit to the New Mexico legislature. The Board is scheduled to adopt legislative policies at its meeting on

December 14, 2000. Below are the legislative policies that the Board will consider concerning water.

**Policy: Support additional funding for statewide regional water planning administered through the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, and support a legislative appropriation of \$450,000 for completion of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan**

Background:

Since 1988, the New Mexico Legislature has been providing funds on an annual basis to qualified regional water planning agencies. Significant work has been done statewide and the funding program needs to continue in order to complete the regional water plans and provide the basis for a State Water Plan. The Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments and the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly have estimated that the cost to complete the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan is approximately \$900,000. Half of this amount is recommended to be funded by legislative appropriation.

**Policy: Support legislation that would facilitate water conservation within the State of New Mexico**

Background:

Recent experience with drought conditions in New Mexico has underscored the importance of promoting water conservation measures. However, under current State law, water rights associated with water that is not put to beneficial use are subject to forfeiture. The "use it or lose it" provisions in State law do not encourage conservation or wise use of water. Legislation to promote water conservation while protecting water rights is needed.

Policy Ramifications:

Agency positions concerning legislative priorities for water and water planning.

Financial Impact:

May positively impact availability of funding from the State legislature for regional water planning.

9. Monthly Committee Schedule:

A copy was provided as an attachment for the Board's information.

10. New or Unfinished Business:

There was no new or unfinished business.

11. Future Agenda Items:

Mission and goals for the Regional Water Plan.

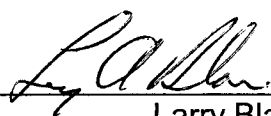
12. Time and Place of Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2001, 11:30 p.m. in the MRGCOG Large Conference room.

18. Adjournment:

**Action taken:** The MRGWRB was adjourned by consensus.

The December 13, 2000 meeting of the MRGWRB was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

  
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Larry Blair, Chairman  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

  
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for Executive Director/Secretary

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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG)  
OF NEW MEXICO**

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE  
Third Floor Conference Room  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, January 10, 2001**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charles Aguilar, Mayor, Town of Bernalillo  
Larry Blair, Public Works Director, Chair  
City of Albuquerque  
Betty Behrend, Utility Director, Los Lunas  
Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Danny Hernandez, AMAFCA  
Richard Jaramillo, Councillor, City of Belen  
Mary Murnane, Planner, Bernalillo County  
Henry Pacelli, Utility Commissioner  
City of Rio Rancho  
Aurelio "Al" Padilla, Commissioner  
Valencia County  
Ed Richardson, Representative  
Village of Corrales  
David Stoliker, Exec Director, SSCAFCA  
Marianne Woodard, Representative  
Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque  
Lee Brown, Ex-Officio Member  
Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly  
Emmett Cart, Ex-Officio Member  
Rio Jemez Subregion  
Marion Woolf, Ex-Officio Member,  
Rio Puerco Watershed

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Joseph Griego, Board Member, Middle  
Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Jeff Peterson, Bernalillo County  
Bradley Stebleton, Sandoval County  
Subhas Shah, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District

John Stomp, Manager, Water Resources  
Division, City of Albuquerque  
Larry Webb, Director of Utilities,  
City of Rio Rancho  
Melvin J. Aragon, Cuba, NM  
Jean Brochelbank  
Charles Easterling, NAIOP/Economic Forum  
Jessie Fitzgerald, Ciudad SWCD  
Eric Griego, The Hirst Company  
Christina Grivois, The Hirst Company  
Bob Grant, ISC Commissioner  
Eric Griego, The Hirst Company  
Lloyd Grunning, Parsons ES  
Elaine Hebard, Water Assembly  
Robert Holcomb, Battelle  
Jack Huning, NAIOP  
Louis Huning, NAIOP  
John Kelly, Water and Natural Resources  
Chuck Lanier, Economic Forum/NAIOP  
Orlando Lucero, NAIOP  
Robert Prendergast, Water Assembly  
Lawrence Troncosa, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Bob Wessely, Water Assembly  
Mike Wirtz, Cuba Soil and Water  
Conservation District

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Isabel Calabaza  
Jim Gross  
Joe Quintana  
Lily Montoya



1. Call to Order:

The January 10, 2001 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chairman Blair noted the presence of a quorum.

2. Chair's Report:

- Chairman Blair thanked those who participated in afternoon workshop and Bob Wesseley for his work and for bringing in his perspective.
- He also stated that he had a conversation with Bob Grant, Interstate Stream Commission (ISC), and he has seen a phenomenal progress with the WRB within the last year.
- He encouraged everyone to attend the Water Assembly Planning Meeting on January 13, 2001 at Intel.
- Lee Brown, Water Assembly, reviewed the agenda for the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

3. Executive Director's Report:

- Mr. Jim Gross noted he has not received additional information on the status of next years funding from the state, although state funding of regional water planning is getting favorable reviews in Santa Fe and around the state.

4. Public Comment:

Jean Brochelbank:

- Goal A - sounds very general. Doesn't say if its viable or living.
- Goal C - encouraged the Board to leave it as it was.
- The farmers and the pueblos should be acknowledged in this process.
- Conservation is defined as the wise use of natural resources. We should be wise not popular.

Bob Wessely:

- At the recommendation of William Sapien, the Sandoval County commission placed \$1,500,000 for water planning on their list of legislative priorities, therefore, it will be encouraging the legislators to pass that.

Charles Easterling:

- He stated that we are representing the business community directed in balance and are interested in the environment and agriculture in history and in economic vitality.

5. Approval of the Agenda:

**Action taken:** Mr. Danny Hernandez, AMAFCA, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE JANUARY 10, 2001 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Richard Jaramillo, City of Belen, and carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Summary of Proceedings:

**Action taken:** Mr. David Stoliker, SSCAFCA, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE DECEMBER 13, 2000 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bradley Stebleton, Sandoval County, and was carried unanimously.

7. Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan-Draft Goals and Objectives - Adopt Interim Goals and Objectives

**Action taken:** Mr. Danny Hernandez made the motion to:

**ADOPT THE INTERIM MISSION AND GOALS**

Mr. David Stoliker seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Discussion and Comments:

- Chairman Blair noted that the word "interim" is being used and these interim mission and goals will go to the Assembly for review and still have the possibility of further modification by the WRB.
- The Board felt it's going to be a dynamic year by year, week by week situation. There may be deficits in one area in one year and surpluses in another.
- The goals should be balanced, clear and concise, and be self explanatory.

8. Monthly Committee Schedule:

A copy was provided as an attachment for the Board's information.

9. New or Unfinished Business:

There was no new or unfinished business.

10. Future Agenda Items:

Objectives for the Regional Water Plan.

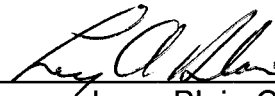
11. Time and Place of Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2001, 11:30 a.m. in the MRGCOG Large Conference room.

12. Adjournment:

**Action taken:** The MRGWWRB was adjourned by consensus.

The January 10, 2001 meeting of the MRGWWRB was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



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Larry Blair, Chairman  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWWRB)

ATTEST:



for \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Director/Secretary

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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG)  
OF NEW MEXICO**

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
317 Commercial NE  
Third Floor Conference Room  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**11:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, February 14, 2001**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Jaramillo, Chair, City of Belen  
Charles Aguilar, Mayor, Town of  
Bernalillo  
Larry Blair, Public Works Director,  
City of Albuquerque  
Betty Behrend, Utility Director, Los  
Lunas  
Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Mary Murnane, Planner, Bernalillo  
County  
Ed Richardson, Representative  
Village of Corrales  
David Stoliker, Exec Director,  
SSCAFCA  
Marianne Woodard, Representative  
Village of Los Ranchos de  
Albuquerque  
Lee Brown, Ex-Officio Member  
Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly  
Emmett Cart, Ex-Officio Member  
Rio Jemez Subregion

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Fabrizio Bertolotti  
Isabel Calabaza  
Janice Carolan  
Jim Gross  
Joe Quintana  
Lily Montoya

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Joseph Griego, Board Member, Middle  
Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Jeff Peterson, Bernalillo County  
Bradley Stebleton, Sandoval County  
Jean Brochelbank, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Elaine Hebard, Water Assembly  
Joanne McEntire  
Robert Prendergast, Water Assembly  
Bob Wessely, Water Assembly

1. Call to Order:

The February 14, 2001 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Chairman Richard Jaramillo, City of Belen. Chairman Jaramillo noted the presence of a quorum.

2. Chair's Report:

None

3. Executive Director's Report:

- Mr. Jim Gross reviewed the attached correspondence from the staff at the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) reaffirming the intent of the ISC to provide funding to the region state wide, which lists the amounts of funding levels by region.
- He updated the Board on the status of funding at the Legislature. Both bills have made it through their initial committee successfully. They have been referred to the appropriations and finance committees. Mr. Gross handed out a list of members to both of those committees and encouraged the Board to lobby those members.

4. Public Comment:

None

5. Approval of the Agenda:

**Action taken:** Mayor Charles Aguilar, Town of Bernalillo, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 14, 2001 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County, and carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Summary of Proceedings:

**Action taken:** Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE JANUARY 10, 2000 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas, and was carried unanimously.

7. Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan-Draft Goals and Objectives - Adopt Interim Goals and Objectives

**Action taken:** Mr. Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales, made the motion to:

**ADOPT THE REVISED INTERIM MISSION AND GOALS TO SUPERCEDE THOSE ADOPTED IN JANUARY.**

Ms. Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas, seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Discussion and Comments:

The following are revisions to the interim goals:

- Ensure that the Mission is fulfilled through fair, open and inclusive public planning and implementation processes
- Preserve water for the Region's Agricultural, Cultural, and Historical Values
- Preserve water for economic and urban vitality
- Preserve water for the qualities of life valued by resident in the region
- Preserve water for the qualities of life valued by residents in the region
- Develop broad public and official awareness of water facts and issues, especially the limited nature of water resources
- Conserve water
- Promote a system of water laws and processes that support the regional water plan and its implementation
- Provide appropriate water quality for each use
- Manage water demand consistent with the stated mission

8. Fiscal-Years 2002-2003 Work Program and Funding Request

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE MRGCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County, amended the motion to:

**TABLE THIS RECOMMENDATION UNTIL THE WRB HAS THE AGREED UPON WORK PROGRAM AND THE COST, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITES ASSOCIATED WITH THE WORK PROGRAM THAT WOULD GIVE THE WRB SOMETHING TO GIVE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The motion was seconded by Mayor Charles Aguilar, Town of Bernalillo, and was carried unanimously.

Background:

The MRGCOG established a regional water planning program in 1998, and began work on developing a regional water plan in 1999. The Interstate Stream Commission is providing partial funding for this program, but will not provide all of the funding needed to complete the plan. MRGCOG staff recommends that the members of the Water Resources Board continue providing funding for the regional water planning program at the levels approved by the MRGCOG Board of Directors for fiscal year 2001. A more detailed report laying out the project schedule, work program components, and funding request is attached.

Policy Ramifications:

Continued funding allows MRGCOG to keep the regional water planning program going and to work toward the completion of the regional water plan.

Financial Impact:

Funding request for \$261,239 from local government members of the Water Resources Board. Lack of funding from local sources may discourage the Interstate Stream Commission from providing matching funds to complete the plan.

Mr. Jim Gross notified the WRB that the timing to have the opportunity at this juncture to provide a recommendation to the MRGCOG Board because it's at the March meeting of the Board of Directors where the Board will make a decision on asking for funding from the local governments. Mr. Gross gave a presentation on how this funding process works for the local governments.

Discussion and Comments:

- The Water Assembly has raised over \$100,000 up to date. This current fiscal year, they have raised over \$25,000 and half of that amount has been contributed to the public involvement program.
- From the Assembly's point of view, they are not comfortable with the division of labor as put forward by MRGCOG, but the Assembly has a session set for this Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> with Fabrizio Bertoletti, Larry Blair, Jim Gross, Bob Wesseley, and Lee Brown to deal more specifically with roles and responsibilities and to discuss how those funds will be used.
- Mr. Lee Brown stated that he is very supportive of the funding request that was presented by Mr. Jim Gross.
- It was agreed to give any presentations to any local governments if needed.
- If any Board member would like a formal presentation given, they need to notify Mr. Jim Gross or Mr. Lee Brown.
- It was suggested to mail progress reports before asking for more funds and to all council and commission members that have not attended any meetings.
- An annual report will be completed for the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- The Water Assembly is seeking funds from sources such as, Public Service Co., Intel, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Economic Forum. MRGCOG receives local government funds.
- The Board needs to be accountable and identify where the funding is coming from and where the funding is contributed to.
- In the progress report, what would like to be seen is what the scope of work was, who has done what, how much it cost, either in dollars or in volunteer hours, and then from where, so that we can come up with a dollar amount.
- If this is going to be a partnership, this information needs to be combined to show what the resources that are going into this really are.
- There was a concern about the current selected areas in the scope of work such as, agriculture water supply options and public water supply options.
- As a community, the Board needs to come with some initial alternatives through some preliminary screening process that identifies alternatives that are acceptable to the public and feasible as assessed by a group of experts.
- This funding request needs to be revised and to reflect priorities.
- There needs to be an agreement with the Water Assembly on the level of funding.
- The intent of the meeting on Friday is to specifically define what the product will be at the end. Tasks will be detailed.
- The alternatives have not yet been defined or prioritized.
- The final revisions, if any, and the endorsements by the local governments would be obtained and submitted with the final draft to the Interstate Stream Commission for acceptance. These steps will be added to the next project schedule.

9. Report from the Water Assembly:

Mr. Bob Wessley gave a review on the house and senate bills for the support funding for regional water planning and he also gave a review on the Table of Contents.

10. Retreat & workshop of the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly on January 13,2001

An annotated Table of Contents was provided as an attachment for the Board.

11. Meeting with University of New Mexico research team

A report was provided as an attachment for the Board.

12. NMSU Water Task Force

Information on the Task Force and their goals was provided as an attachment.



13. Monthly Committee Schedule:

A copy was provided as an attachment for the Board's information.

14. New or Unfinished Business:

- Chair Jaramillo noted that in light of the deadlines that have been set forth in regards to MRGCOG meeting of March 8<sup>th</sup> as well as local government budget meetings, the WRB should be prepared for a special meeting depending on the outcome of Friday's meeting.
- The objectives need to be discussed.

15. Future Agenda Items:

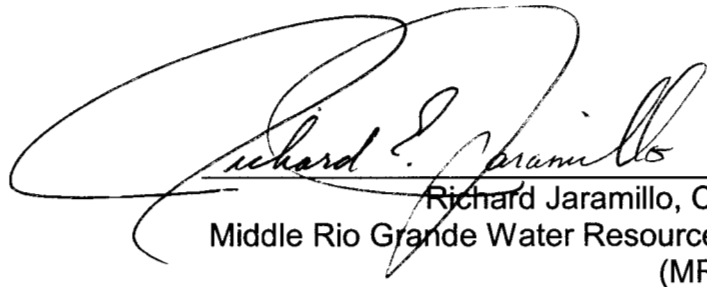
16. Time and Place of Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2001, 11:30 a.m. in the MRGCOG Large Conference room.

17. Adjournment:

**Action taken:** The MRGWBR was adjourned by consensus.

The February 14, 2001 meeting of the MRGWBR was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

  
Richard Jaramillo, Chairman  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWBR)

ATTEST:

*for*   
Executive Director/Secretary

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MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG)

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING**

MRGCOG Third Floor Conference Room-317 Commercial NE-Albuquerque, New Mexico  
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, 2001

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- X Larry Blair, Public Works Director, **Chair**  
**City of Albuquerque**
- Richard Jaramillo, Councillor, **Vice Chair**  
**City of Belen**
- Charles Aguilar, Mayor  
**Town of Bernalillo**
- X Betty Behrend, Utility Director  
**Village of Los Lunas**
- Kenneth Bishop, Councillor  
**Village of Bosque Farms**
- Hector Gonzales, Board Member  
**Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District**
- X Danny Hernandez, Board Member  
**Albuq Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority**
- X Mary Murnane, Planner  
**Bernalillo County**
- Henry Pacelli, Utility Commissioner  
**City of Rio Rancho**
- Aurelio "Al" Padilla, Commissioner  
**Valencia County**
- X Ed Richardson, Representative  
**Village of Corrales**
- X Bradley Stebleton for William Sapien,  
Commissioner **Sandoval County**
- David Stoliker, Executive Director **Southern**  
**Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control**  
**Authority**
- X Marianne Woodard, Representative  
**Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

A. Smith, Community Water Supply Group  
Robert Prendergast, Water Assembly  
Bob Wessely, Water Assembly

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Isabel Calabaza  
Jim Gross  
Lily Montoya  
Joe Quintana

Note: X denotes member present at meeting

Call to Order:

The April 11, 2001 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWBR) meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chairman Blair noted the presence of a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

**Action taken:** Mr. Danny Hernandez, AMAFCA made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE MARCH 14, 2001 AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bradley Stebleton, Sandoval County, and carried unanimously.

Tab 1. Chair's Report:

- Chairman Blair encouraged the Board to read the newspaper article regarding the Texas water rights dispute with New Mexico.
- Also, he reminded the Board that we would welcome volunteers to write components for the Water Plan. Mary Murnane is working on Section 5 and he is working on the flood control. If anyone is interested, they may contact Mr. Jim Gross, MRGCOG staff.

Executive Director's Report:

- Mr. Jim Gross, reminded the Board of the report given by Mr. Fabrizio Bertolotti at the last meeting regarding a new Regional Water Oversight Committee that has a representative from the Chairman of the WRB, Chairman of the Water Assembly, and himself as the Acting Executive Director for MRGCOG. This Committee is meeting on a periodic basis to resolve issues that may be outstanding among the parties and try to facilitate and move forward with the planning efforts. The next meeting will be this Friday morning, April 13, 2001, at 8:30 a.m.

Tab 2. Public Comment:

None

Tab 3. Approval of Summary of Proceedings:

**Action taken:** Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE MARCH 14, 2001 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Danny Hernandez, AMAFCA, and was carried unanimously.

Tab 4. Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan - Draft Objectives:

Background:

The Water Resources has adopted the interim mission and goals for the regional water plan. The Board has begun considering objectives for the plan. The first Board workshop on objectives was held on March 20, 2001. Board members will discuss planning objectives again at a second workshop scheduled for April 11, 2001. If Board members are able to reach agreement on objectives during this workshop, there will be an opportunity at the meeting for the Board to adopt objectives.

Policy Ramifications:

Goals and objectives are the fundamental policy statements guiding the development of the regional water plan. Goals and objectives statements adopted by the Water Resources Board reflect what the Board hopes will be accomplished as a result of regional water planning.

Financial Impact:

The adopted goals and objectives statements will influence the selection and evaluation of alternatives considered in the planning process, and hence the costs associated with whatever alternatives are recommended in the final plan.

Discussion and Comments:

- Jim Gross gave a brief summary regarding the list of objectives that were identified at the workshop.
- It was noted that the motion should read that it was agreed upon that the amended objectives is a partial list so it is understood that there are more objectives to be worked on and are not left out of the motion to approve.
- It was agreed, by consensus, that the whole list of objectives will be accepted with the recognition that it is a partial one so that there is no perception that objectives that haven't been worked on have been lost.

Action taken: Mr. Danny Hernandez, AMAFCA, amended the motion to:

**ACCEPT THE INITIAL LIST OF 28 OBJECTIVES IN A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT FORM WITH THE REMAINING OBJECTIVES THAT NEED FURTHER WORK.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bradley Stebleton, Sandoval County, with a 6-1 vote.

Those voting in the affirmative: Bradley Stebleton, Danny Hernandez, Bill Richardson, Mary Murnane, Betty Behrend, and Marianne Woodard.

Those in opposition: Larry Blair.

Tab 5. Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan-Methodology for Evaluation of Preliminary Alternatives:

WRB members received a briefing on this topic from Mary Murnane at the meeting of the WRB on this topic from Mary Murnane at the meeting of the WRB on March 14, 2001. The Alternatives Work Group for the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan has been working to develop a methodology for evaluating regional water resource management alternatives. A proposed methodology has been developed that is structured to obtain numeric ratings concerning both public preferences and technical feasibility, using the same evaluation criteria.

The Work Group is currently testing this methodology on a selected set of ten preliminary alternatives obtained from a larger set of alternatives that have been assembled and discussed by the Work Group. The selected alternatives have been sent to two groups for evaluation of The groups are: (1) a randomly selected group from the public who have no specialty expertise in water resources, and (2) a selected group of technically qualified people who do have some expertise in one or more fields of water resources management and planning. Participants have been asked to score the alternatives and return their scoring sheets to the Work Group.

Policy Ramifications:

Establishes an approach for evaluating and rating alternatives for regional water management.

Financial Impact:

Substantially completes work program requirements under the contract with the Interstate Stream Commission for work related to preliminary alternatives evaluation.

Mr. Joe Quintana, MRGCOG, gave a presentation on the Alternatives Analysis Process Flowchart. The Board also received a handout on the final draft of the Analysis Methodology For Regional Water Management Alternatives.

Discussion and Comments:

- These draft alternatives statements that were evaluated were selected at random by Alternatives Work Group.
- The initial feedback from Ms. Mary Helen Follingstad, Interstate Stream Commission (ISC), was that she would have accepted something simpler than this therefore, it is believed that this will be accepted by the ISC.
- This evaluation process was given alternative categories to the Regional Water Planning Template, it does say that standards shall be established which were: Technical feasibility, political feasibility, social and cultural impacts, financial feasibility, implementation schedule, and physical, hydrological and environmental impacts. These were given by the ISC.

Action Taken: Mr. Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales, made the motion to:

**SUBMIT THE METHODOLOGY REPORT TO THE INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION.**

The motion was seconded by Ms Marianne Woodard, Village of Los Ranchos, and was carried unanimously.

Tab 6. Highlights of New Mexico Legislative Session Relating to Water

Jim Gross Stated that the funding for the Regional Water Planning was approved. All regions received letters from the ISC saying their funds are in place. Our regional will receive \$300,000.00. He also gave a review of bills that were passed.

Background:

Water Resources Board members requested a brief report concerning legislation dealing with water from the 2001 New Mexico regular legislative session. Staff will present a brief oral report.

Policy Ramifications:

None

Financial Impact:

None

Tab 7. Agenda Packet Information

Mr. Jim Gross informed the Board of the new amplified agenda packets and its new procedures.

Tab 8. Report from the Water Assembly

Mr. Bob Wessely gave a review of the 5<sup>th</sup> Water Assembly meeting held on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2001. He also gave a review of current and future needs and goals.

Tab 9. New or Unfinished Business:

None

Tab 10. Future Agenda Items:

Water Plan Objectives

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Adjournment:

**Action taken:** The MRGWRB was adjourned by consensus.

The April 11, 2001 MRGWRB meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Larry Blair, Chairman  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

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Acting Executive Director/Secretary

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ATTEST:

  
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MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG)  
**WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING**  
MRGCOG Third Floor Conference Room-317 Commercial NE-Albuquerque, New Mexico  
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 9, 2001

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Blair, Public Works Director, **Chair**  
**City of Albuquerque**

Richard Jaramillo, Councillor, **Vice Chair**  
**City of Belen**

Charles Aguilar, Mayor  
**Town of Bernalillo**

Betty Behrend, Utility Director  
**Village of Los Lunas**

Kenneth Bishop, Councillor  
**Village of Bosque Farms**

X Hector Gonzales, Board Member  
**Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District**

X Danny Hernandez, Board Member  
**Albuq Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority**

X Mary Murnane, Planner  
**Bernalillo County**

Henry Pacelli, Utility Commissioner  
**City of Rio Rancho**

X James Fernandez, Alternate for Aurelio "Al"  
Padilla, Commissioner  
**Valencia County**

X Ed Richardson, Representative  
**Village of Corrales**

X Bradley Stebleton for William Sapien,  
Commissioner **Sandoval County**

David Stoliker, Executive Director **Southern**  
**Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control**  
**Authority** **Control**

X Marianne Woodard, Representative  
**Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jessica Ciddio, 1000 Friends of N.M.  
Robert Prendergast, Water Assembly

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Dave Abrams  
Fabrizio Bertoletti  
Isabel Calabaza  
Janice Carolan  
Linda Jackson  
Lily Montoya  
Joe Quintana

Note: X denotes member present at meeting

Call to Order:

The May 9, 2001 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m. As called out in the Rules and Procedures, In the event of the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Secretary of the Board may call the meeting to order. Mr. Fabrizio Bertolletti, Acting Director called the meeting to order and asked for nomination from the floor for the appointment of a Chair Pro-Tem.

**Action taken:** Board Member Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, made the motion to:

**NOMINATE MS. MARY MURNANE, BERNALILLO COUNTY, AS CHAIR PRO-TEM.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales and carried unanimously.

Chair Pro-Tem Murnane noted the presence of a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

**Action taken:** Mr. Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE MAY 9, 2001 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Danny Hernandez, AMAFCA, and carried unanimously.

Tab 1. Chair's Report:

None

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Fabrizio Bertolletti stated that the Regional Water Oversight Committee meets regularly and has made progress. The principle issue of importance is that the planning process is agreed upon along with the Water Assembly. They will discuss the development of the scope of services for the next two years to complete the Plan with the added funding of \$300,000.00. MRGCOG staff have recently completed a draft of the future demand study which is the last deliverable under the current contract with the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC). It is hopeful that this draft will become final by the end of this fiscal year. The current contract expires by December, 2001.

Tab 2. Public Comment:

None

Tab 3. Approval of Summary of Proceedings:

On page 3, Item 4: "Bill" Richardson should be changed to Ed Richardson.

**Action taken:** Mr. Danny Hernandez, AMAFCA, made the motion to

**APPROVE THE APRIL 11, 2001 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. James Fernandez, Valencia County, and was carried unanimously.

Tab 4. Draft Table of Contents as a General Frame Work for the Regional Water Plan:

**APPROVAL OF A GENERAL FRAMEWORK DRAFT TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR THE PLAN**

Mr. Joe Quintana, MRGCOG, presented information on the Draft Table of Contents. He stated that the intent of this outline is to reflect what the water template requires for regional water plans. This Table of Contents will be continually updated and is intended to be accessible on the website.

Background:

In February, 2001, a draft annotated Table of Contents for a Regional Water Plan for the Middle Rio Grande Region was proposed by the Water Assembly. This Table of Contents identifies components that are considered necessary in order to complete the Regional Water Plan. It reflects a document structure based on the regional water plan template of the Interstate Stream Commission, with some additions that may be appropriate for this region. The Annotated Table of Contents was distributed to the MRGWWRB at a previous meeting for information. The non-annotated three-page Table is attached for consideration.

Policy Ramifications:

This Table of Contents will influence the Scope of Work for a proposal to the Interstate Stream Commission for grant funding to complete the Regional Water Plan.

Financial Impact:

None at this time.

Discussion and Comments:

- It was noted that it is considered a general framework.
- It can serve as a road map for our future water plan and is a method of assuring that all items are included in the plan.
- The Water Assembly website contains this draft Table of Contents in a PDF format and will be useful to inform on the progress.

- In the process of developing a scope of work for funding, the Board needs to be informed on how much leeway the ISC will allow if priorities do not conform with what is in the template.
- The intent of the template is to provide guidance and some standards in carrying out the Plan and its process.
- Mr. Bob Wessely was credited for contributing his time and efforts to this Table of Contents.

**Action taken:** Mr. Danny Hernandez, AMAFCA, made the motion for

**APPROVAL OF A GENERAL FRAMEWORK DRAFT TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR THE PLAN**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales, and was carried unanimously.

Tab 5. Draft Future Water Demand Report

Mr. Joe Quintana, MRGCOG, gave the presentation and reviewed the content of the Draft Future Water Demand Report.

Action Requested:

None

Background:

Staff at the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments are preparing a report projecting future water demands as part of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. A working draft of the report was circulated to members of the Water Assembly's Water Demand Workgroup. The Work Group met at MRGCOG on Monday April 30, 2001 to review and discuss the report. MRGCOG staff are now incorporating input received from the Work Group into the report. Board members will receive a brief oral report on the status of the report.

Policy Ramifications:

None

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion and Comments:

- It was requested that written comments be submitted to Jim Gross, MRGCOG presentation at the next meeting.
- They will be in writing and submitted to Mr. Jim Gross, MRGCOG.

- It was pointed out that the two factors influencing the water demand has a lot of significance and could have a great public reaction.
- Acting Chair Murnane asked the staff to send the Demand Report to board members who did not come to the meeting and ask them to submit their comments also.

Tab 6. Objectives: Status Report on the Draft Objectives from the last session of the WRB:

Chair Murnane reviewed the draft list of objectives. It was noted that there are still objectives that have not been addressed. There were two handouts regarding the objectives for the Board members to review.

Action Requested:

None

Background:

The Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board held a workshop on Wednesday, April 11, 2001 to review and discuss objectives for the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. Board members agreed that 15 of the objectives on their draft list of 68 proposed objectives were acceptable without further discussion. Board members discussed 34 additional objectives during the workshop, and found agreement on wording for 13 additional objectives. Board members convened a meeting after the workshop and passed a motion to accept the initial list of 28 objectives in a report with the remaining objectives that still need further discussion by the board. Board members need to discuss how they wish to proceed in completing their discussion and actions on planning objectives.

Policy Ramifications:

None

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion and Comments:

- It was suggested to have a joint meeting to complete the objectives.
- Chair Murnane and Mr. Joe Quintana will inform the Board regarding a joint meeting.

Tab 7. Report from the Water Assembly

Mr. Bob Prendergast distributed of a draft template to the WRB for approval of work items during the water planning process. That has been sent to Mr. Larry Blair. This template provides a standard action paragraph of approval from the WRB for the ongoing work items. The Assembly would also like to present a project schedule for completing the Water Plan at the next meeting.

Tab 8. New or Unfinished Business:

None

Tab 9. Future Agenda Items:

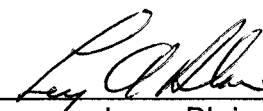
- A draft template of in-work items
- Objectives Workshop
- Water Demand Report
- Draft of items for the next ISC funding
- Project schedule from the Water Assembly as a discussion item
- The process of the proxy form

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2001, 11:30 a.m., in the MRGCOG large conference room.

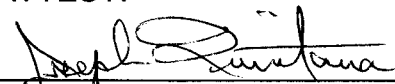
Adjournment:

**Action taken:** The MRGWRB was adjourned by consensus.

The May 9, 2001 MRGWRB meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

  
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Larry Blair, Chairman  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

  
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for Executive Director/Secretary

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MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MRGCOG)  
**WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING**  
MRGCOG Third Floor Conference Room-317 Commercial NE-Albuquerque, New Mexico  
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 11, 2001

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- X Larry Blair, Public Works Director, **Chair**  
**City of Albuquerque**
- Richard Jaramillo, Councillor, **Vice Chair**  
**City of Belen**
- Charles Aguilar, Mayor  
**Town of Bernalillo**
- X Betty Behrend, Utility Director  
**Village of Los Lunas**
- Kenneth Bishop, Councillor  
**Village of Bosque Farms**
- X Subhas Shah, Alternate for Hector Gonzales  
**Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District**
- Danny Hernandez, Board Member  
**Albuq Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority**
- X Mary Murnane, Planner  
**Bernalillo County**
- X Larry Webb, for Henry Pacelli, Utility  
Commissioner  
**City of Rio Rancho**
- Aurelio "Al" Padilla, Commissioner  
**Valencia County**
- Ed Richardson, Representative  
**Village of Corrales**
- X William Sapien, Commissioner **Sandoval**  
**County**
- X David Stoliker, Executive Director **Southern**  
**Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control**  
**Authority**
- X Marianne Woodard, Representative  
**Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Emmett Cart, Rio Jemez Subregion  
Bradley Stebleton, Sandoval County  
Elaine Hebard, Water Assembly  
Bob Wessely, Water Assembly

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Isabel Calabaza  
Jim Gross  
Linda Jackson  
Lily Montoya  
Joe Quintana

Note: X denotes member present at meeting

Call to Order:

The August 8, 2001 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:55 a.m. by Chair Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chair Blair noted the presence of a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

**Action taken:** Mr. Subhas Shah, MRG Conservancy District, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE June 11, 2001 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. David Stoliker, SSCAFCA, and carried unanimously.

Tab 1. Chair's Report:

- MRGCOG Board of Directors elected Chair Blair and Vice Chair Richard Jaramillo serve another term.

Executive Director's Report:

None

Tab 2. Public Comment:

None

Tab 3. Approval of Summary of Proceedings:

- Corrections were made to the May Summary of Proceedings after they were sent out to the Board:
  - The appointment of Ms. Mary Murnane as acting chair was changed to an action item.
  - Mr. James Fernandez was corrected to indicate that he represented "Valencia County".
  - The date for the next meeting was corrected to "July 11<sup>th</sup>".

**Action taken:** Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE MAY 9, 2001 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas, and was carried unanimously.



#### Tab 4. Draft Future Water Demand Report

Mr. Jim Gross, MRGCOG staff, gave an oral report on the draft report dated June 7, 2001.

##### Background:

Staff at the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments has completed a draft report projecting future water demands as part of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. Staff requests the Board to accept the report as a final draft for transmittal to the Interstate Stream Commission. Board members will receive a brief oral report on the report. Copies of the draft will be available to Board members upon request at the meeting.

A technical review committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Frank Titus of the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly has reviewed an initial working draft of the report, and provided comments to MRGCOG. The committee met with MRGCOG staff on April 30th to give MRGCOG comments and suggestions. The committee agreed at that meeting that the overall direction of the report would satisfy the needs of the project for a reasonable range of future water demands. Dr. Titus and the review committee have been sent a copy of the completed draft for additional review and comment. MRGCOG has requested that the committee members provide comments to MRGCOG by Monday, June 4, 2001.

##### Discussion and Comments:

- Some stated that this draft was difficult to read and follow while others felt it was well written and achieved some balance between super technical and super readable.
- There was concern that it may not be readable to the lay public.
- It was commented that the report needs to have more of a review process before it can be acted on.
- State engineer data was used for irrigated acreage.
- Board members made recommendations that the format, content, and errors need to be revised.
- It was noted that this report is not a plan. It provides a basis for us to measure the effectiveness of alternatives that are coming up with the next phase.
- It was suggested the next meeting should be a work session to continue review of the draft report and have board members review the draft and submit comments to MRGCOG staff prior to the session.

**Action taken:** This item was deferred by consensus of the Board

#### Tab 5. Draft Scope of Work for the next Interstate Stream Commission Contract

Mr. Joe Quintana, MRGCOG, noted that the Board members should review the Scope of Work provided as a handout. This handout had a minor revision to the outline and

would give them an idea on the status of the Contract. This contract carries over until the year 2003. This item will be presented at the work session next month.

Tab 6. Overview of a Draft Project Schedule Developed by the Water Assembly

Mr. Bob Wessely, Water Assembly, reviewed the project schedule with the Board. He reviewed the four main tasks that are currently in the planning process:

- Public Outreach
- Periodic Publications
- Balancing
- Alternate action data base

Tab 7. MRGCOG Proxy Form

Ms. Linda Jackson, MRGCOG staff, reported to the Board regarding the question of the use of the proxy form that the City attorney had been contacted and advised that there is nothing in law that says the proxy form cannot be used, but advised that it is not a good idea. MRGCOG is the only governmental agency that uses this process, but his concern was that if there was a legal question, due process could be considered jeopardized if a board member was not present to hear both sides of a question and if an action item changed. It is being suggested that they remove this process from the Rules and Procedures. This will be presented as an action item at the Board of Director's meeting on June 14, 2001 and staff will update the WRB at their next meeting.

Tab 8. Objectives: Next Workshop

This will be postponed due to the next work session of the Draft Future Water Demand Report.

Tab 9. Report from the Water Assembly

Mr. Wessely reported that the handout being provided contained comments from the Assembly on each of the mission, goals, and objectives. The Assembly decided that there are still five key words that still have to be defined. He informed the Board of the special annual water assembly meeting on Saturday, June 23, 2001 at the UNM Anthropology Building at 1:00 p.m. This meeting is called to elect new members to the Action Committee and to review bylaws. There will be a review of the Future Demand Report next week at the Action Committee meeting. Also, they will give presentations to the League of Women Voters within the next three months. The website is currently being updated.

Tab 10. New or Unfinished Business:

None


Tab 11. Future Agenda Items:

The next meeting which will be a workshop on the draft Future Water Demand Report is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 11, 2001, 11:30 a.m.** in the MRGCOG large conference room.

Adjournment:

**Action taken:** The MRGWRB was adjourned by consensus.

The June 13, 2001 MRGWRB meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

  
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Larry Blair, Chairman  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

  
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for Executive Director/Secretary

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MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, (MRGCOG)  
**WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING**  
MRGCOG Third Floor Board Room-317 Commercial NE-Albuquerque, New Mexico  
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 8, 2001

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

Note: X denotes member present at meeting

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- X Larry Blair, Public Works Director, **Chair**  
**City of Albuquerque**
- Richard Jaramillo, Councillor, **Vice Chair**  
**City of Belen**
- Charles Aguilar, Mayor  
**Town of Bernalillo**
- X Betty Behrend, Utility Director  
**Village of Los Lunas**
- Kenneth Bishop, Councillor  
**Village of Bosque Farms**
- X Hector Gonzales  
**Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District**
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- X Mary Murnane, Planner  
**Bernalillo County**
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**City of Rio Rancho**
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**Valencia County**
- X Ed Richardson, Representative  
**Village of Corrales**
- X William Sapien, Commissioner  
**Sandoval County**
- David Stoliker, Executive Director  
**Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood  
Control Authority**
- X Marianne Woodard, Representative  
**Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque**

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- X Bob Wessely  
**Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly**
- X Emmett Cart  
**Rio Jemez Subregion**
- Marion Woolf  
**Rio Puerco Subregion**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Joseph Griego, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Elaine Hebard, Water Assembly  
Joanne McEntire, Water Assembly  
Robert Prendergast, Water Assembly  
Jeff Peterson, Bernalillo County  
Bradley Stebleton, Sandoval County

**MRGCOG STAFF PRESENT:**

Chris Blewett  
Isabel Calabaza  
Janice Carolan  
Jim Gross  
Lily Montoya  
Joe Quintana

Call to Order:

The August 8, 2001 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWBR) meeting was called to order at 11:55 a.m. by Chair Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chair Blair noted the presence of a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

**Action taken:** Board Member Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA), made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE AUGUST 8, 2001 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), and carried unanimously.

Tab 1. Chair's Report:

- The Water Planning Coordination Committee is working towards the finalization of the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) contract. The Scope of Work is under negotiation and it is hoped that this contract will be finalized by the next meeting.
- Chair Blair gave a review of the Status of Local Government Funding information regarding special contributions to the Water Planning Program.
- He announced the Board of Directors officers for 2001-2002 to be Chair A. Terese Ulivarri, Councillor, City of Belen, and Vice Chair John Hooker, Mayor, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque.

Acting Executive Director's Report:

- The Regional Excellence Awards will be held on August 16, 2001 in the Sculpture Gardens at the Albuquerque Museum.
- He announced that MRGCOG staff Mr. Jim Gross and Ms. Lily Montoya are leaving MRGCOG.
- The next Executive Director Search Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 13, 2001. Eleven applicants will be reviewed. The applicants will then be narrowed down to a list of no more than five, who will then be interviewed during the first week of September.

- He informed the Board members of a proposed new Staff position for the Water Program, which could possibly be called "Water Coordinator", as an option to a "Water Planner".

Tab 2. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Tab 3. Approval of Summary of Proceedings:

**Action Taken:** Commissioner William Sapien, Sandoval County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE JUNE 13, 2001 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Betty Behrend, Utility Director, Village of Los Lunas, and carried unanimously.

Tab 4. Accept the Draft Future Water Demand Report:

Mr. Jim Gross, MRGCOG staff, presented the following information:

Background:

Staff at the MRGCOG prepared and distributed a report projecting future water demands as part of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. The Water Resources Board discussed a draft plan dated June 7, 2001 at the meeting on June 13, 2001. Water Resources Board members held a workshop on July 11, 2001 and discussed the report and made recommendations to improve the format of the report. Ms. Marianne Woodard, Representative, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, worked with MRGCOG staff and Ms. Elaine Hebard, Water Assembly, to make revisions to the report and the Executive Summary. Staff recommended that the Board amend its previously proposed action and accept the report as a final draft for transmittal to the Interstate Stream Commission and the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly.

Policy Ramifications:

None

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion and Comments:

- It was noted that steps be taken to fix grammatical errors and find ways to clarify the main body of the Future Water Demand Report.
- Sections of the report are currently being written and will be added to the document.
- Revisions need to be made to the existing Population Appendix in the report.
- Additions need to be made in the form of an Assumptions Appendix.
- The Water Assembly's Tech Analysis team has formed a subcommittee. They hope to review the final draft of the Water Demand Report by September and report comments and recommendations.
- An Executive Summary needs to be written as a "stand-alone" section of the report.

Action Taken:

Ms. Mary Murnane, Planner, Bernalillo County, made the motion to:

**SUBMIT ONLY THE BASE CASE SCENARIO TO THE DRAFT FUTURE WATER DEMAND REPORT.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Behrend.

Those voting in favor: Chair Blair, Ms. Behrend, Board Member Gonzales, Board Member Hernandez, Ms. Murnane, Mr. Ed Richardson, Representative, Village of Corrales, and Commissioner Sapien.

Those voting in opposition: Ms. Woodard.

Action Taken:

Board Member Hernandez made the motion to:

**INSERT TABLE 19 ALONG WITH THE GRAPH INTO THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT FUTURE WATER DEMAND REPORT.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Murnane, and carried unanimously.

Tab 5. Water Assembly Report on Goals and Objectives:

Mr. Bob Wessely, Water Assembly, reported the following information and distributed a handout on the Water Assembly Report definitions.

Background:

Wednesday, April 11, 2001 reviewed and discussed objectives for the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. Board members agreed that 15 of the objectives on their draft list of 68 proposed objectives were acceptable without further discussion. Board members discussed 34 additional objectives during the workshop, and found agreement on wording for 13 additional objectives. Board members convened a meeting after the workshop and passed a motion to accept the initial list of 28 objectives in a report with the remaining objectives that still need further discussion by the board.

Board members received an oral report from the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly. Board members discussed how they wished to proceed in completing their discussion and actions on planning objectives.

Policy Ramifications:

Goals and objectives are the fundamental policy statements guiding the development of the regional water plan. Goals and objectives statements adopted by the Water Resources Board reflect what the Board hopes will be accomplished as a result of regional water planning.

Financial Impact:

The adopted goals and objectives statements will influence the selection and evaluation of alternatives considered in the planning process, and hence the costs associated with whatever alternatives are recommended in the final plan.

Tab 6. General Report from the Water Assembly:

Report was deferred until next month's meeting.

Tab 7. New or Unfinished Business:

The City of Albuquerque made an offer to have John Stomp present the city's water management strategy. The presentation will take up to 45 minutes. Chair Blair stated that because of their busy schedule that they would have to wait and see when the best time would be to listen to the lecture.

Friday, August 17, 2001, Rio Jemez along with Rio Puerco Committee will be holding a meeting at the Canon Community Center.



Tab 8. Future Agenda Items:

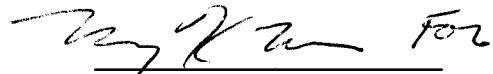
The Draft Future water demand report will be updated and prepared for submittal to the ISC and Water Assembly by the next meeting.

Time and Place of the Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board will be on Wednesday, September 12, 2001, at 11:30 a.m. in the MRGCOG Third Floor Board Room, 317 Commercial NE, Albuquerque, NM.


Adjournment:

The August 8, 2001 meeting of the MRG Water Resources Board was adjourned by consensus at 1:32pm.



Larry Blair, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

  
Acting Secretary

(THE ORIGINAL TAPE OF THE MEETING WILL REMAIN ON FILE FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR)

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, (MRGCOG)  
**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING**  
 MRGCOG Third Floor Board Room-317 Commercial NE-Albuquerque, New Mexico  
**11:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 12, 2001**

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

PRESENT	MEMBER	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
	Larry Blair, Chair	City of Albuquerque		Lawrence Rael John Stomp
	Richard Jaramillo Vice Chair, Councillor	City of Belen		Julie Baca
X	Charles Aguilar, Mayor	Town of Bernalillo		Vacant
X	Betty Behrend	Village of Los Lunas		Phillip Jaramillo
	Ken Bishop, Councillor	Village of Bosque Farms		Vacant
X	Hector Gonzales, Board Member	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District		Joseph Griego, Board Member Subahs Shah
	Danny Hernandez, Board Member	Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
X	Mary Murnane	Bernalillo County		Jeff Peterson
X	Henry Pacelli, Utility Commissioner	City of Rio Rancho		Larry Webb
	Aurelio "Al" Padilla, Commissioner	Valencia County	X	James Fernandez
X	Ed Richardson	Village of Corrales		Michele Minnis
X	William Sapien, Commissioner	Sandoval County		Bradley Stebelton
	David Stoliker	Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
X	Marianne Woodard	Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque		Vacant
	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>ALTERNATE</b>
X	Bob Wessely	Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly		Bob Prendergast
	Emmett Cart	Rio Jemez Subregion		Vacant
	Marion Woolf	Rio Puerco Subregion	X	Robert Cordova
	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>ALTERNATE</b>
	Vacant	Cochiti Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	Isleta Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	Sandia Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	San Felipe Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	Santa Ana Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	Santo Domingo Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	Village of Tijeras		Vacant

Note: X denotes member present at meeting

<b>MRGCOG STAFF</b>	
<b>ATTENDING</b>	<b>NAME</b>
	Chris Blewett
X	Isabel Calabaza
	Janice Carolan
X	Linda Jackson
X	Joseph Quintana
X	Barbara Yelle

<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Joseph Griego	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
Elaine Hebard	Water Assembly
Robert Prendergast	Water Assembly
Bradley Stebleton	Sandoval County

Call to Order:

The September 12, 2001 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGW RB) meeting was called to order at 11:54 a.m. As called out in the Rules and Procedures, in the event of the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Secretary of the Board may call the meeting to order. Mr. Joseph Quintana, Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRGCOG) Staff, called the meeting to order and asked for a nomination from the floor for the appointment of a Chair Pro-Tem.

**Action taken:** Ms. Marianne Woodard, Representative, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque made the motion to:

**NOMINATE MS. MARY MURNANE, REPRESENTATIVE, BERNALILLO COUNTY AS CHAIR PRO TEM.**

The motion was seconded by Mayor Charles Aguilar, Town of Bernalillo, and carried unanimously.

Chair Pro-Tem Murnane noted the presence of a quorum.

Chair Pro Tem Murnane asked for a moment of silence for the disaster victims in New York and Washington, DC.

Approval of the Agenda:

**Action taken:** Mr. James Fernandez, Valencia County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 12 , 2001 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), and carried unanimously.

Tab 1. Chair's Report:

There was no Chair's report.

Acting Executive Director's Report:

There was no Acting Executive Director's report.

Tab 2. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Tab 3. Approval of Summary of Proceedings:

**Action Taken:** Commissioner William Sapien, Sandoval County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE AUGUST 8, 2001 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Betty Behrend, Representative, Village of Los Lunas, and carried unanimously.

Tab 4. Accept the Draft Future Water Demand Report:

Mr. Quintana presented the following information:

Background:

Staff at the MRGCOG has prepared and distributed a report projecting future water demands as part of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. The MRGW RB held a workshop on July 11, 2001 to discuss the report and make recommendations to improve the format of the report. The Board continued discussion of the report at their meeting of August 8, 2001 and additional suggestions were made for further revisions to be made prior to the September meeting. In addition, the Water Assembly Action Committee has formed an Analysis Team which has reviewed and commented favorably on the report as well. Staff has incorporated numerous changes reflecting written comments received since the July workshop and recommends that the Board accept the attached draft report as the final draft for transmittal to the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) and the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly.

Publication and distribution of the final draft will be made upon acceptance of the report by the ISC and Action Committee. The Action Committee is expected to take final action at their September 19 meeting.

Policy Ramifications:

This Future Water Demand Report will serve as a component of the Regional Water Plan. The report presents a base-case projection of future water consumption for the region and provides a basis and an urgency for developing water management alternatives to save or conserve water and increase the efficiency of water use throughout the region.

Financial Impact:

This report is funded by the ISC and the member governments of the MRGCOG.

### Discussion and Comments:

- The responsibility for this report has been passed from former MRGCOG staff member Mr. Jim Gross, to Mr. Quintana. Board Members commended Mr. Quintana on how he has handled the transition.
- Changes were made to the executive summary, conclusions, and introduction based on the recommendations made by a subcommittee of the MRGWWRB, a subcommittee of the Analysis Team of the WA's Action Committee, and several individuals who submitted written comments. Minor changes were also made throughout the report for clarity and format standardization.
- In order to maintain the focus of the report on the baseline, three projection variations were provided as Appendix C.
- Ms. Woodard suggested that for future reports a protocol should be set up for tracking the status of the review process, and there should be a formal process to identify roles and responsibilities, including the roles and responsibilities of the MRGWWRB and WA with respect to contract deliverables.
- Mr. Quintana summarized that the report still is subject to review and approval by the ISC. The technical report leaves open the possibility of follow-up reports that could be interpretive in order for the original report to be kept neutral.
- Mayor Aguilar expressed his concern that he had not had an opportunity to review the document as his agenda packet had not arrived, therefore he was uncomfortable voting on the document without review.
- Both Mr. Ed Richardson, Representative, Village of Corrales, and Commissioner Sapien expressed their satisfaction with the report.

### Action Taken:

Mr. Richardson made the motion to:

**ACCEPT THE DRAFT FUTURE WATER DEMAND REPORT AS THE FINAL DRAFT TODAY AND SEND IT TO THE ISC.**

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sapien.

The motion passed with a vote of 7 to 1 with 1 abstention.

Those voting in favor: Ms. Behrend, Mr. Fernandez, Commissioner Henry Pacelli, Board Member Gonzales, Chair Pro Tem Murnane, Mr. Richardson, and Commissioner Sapien.

Those voting in opposition: Ms. Woodard.

Those abstaining: Mayor Aguilar.

- Ms. Woodard submitted a list of pending issues, for the record, to be forwarded to the ISC with the final draft (attached to the Summary of Proceedings).

Tab 5. Regional Water Planning Scope of Work:

Mr. Quintana presented the following information:

Background:

A detailed Scope of Work is being finalized for the next phase in the Regional Water Plan. It is anticipated that the Regional Water Plan will be completed in two years for submittal to the ISC. The Scope of Work will be an attachment to the contract between the MRGCOG and the ISC. The Scope of Work is comprised of 10 task descriptions and includes 29 subtasks. A summary review of the contents of the detailed Scope of Work was presented by MRGCOG staff.

MRGCOG's role in this phase of the Regional Water Plan will primarily be in a coordination capacity rather than a technical planning capacity. Technical work and work program oversight is to be provided by outside sources.

Policy Ramifications:

Water resource limitations in this region are, and will continue to be, a serious issue in terms such as water consumption, water quality, water rights, and sharing shortages during drought conditions. The Regional Water Plan will provide the most feasible alternatives for water management actions that can be applied at both regional and local levels.

Financial Impact:

The ISC is providing \$300,000 for a planning effort in this region that is estimated to cost well over \$1,000,000 before completion. Additional resources are being provided by Local Governments and in-kind services from the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly.

Discussion and Comments:

- These tasks and subtasks were developed by a committee comprised of Mr. Larry Blair, MRGWRB Chair, MRGCOG Staff, and Water Assembly representatives. Responsibility for each task and subtask was identified, as well as the deliverable. At the end of each task is an "approach" on how the task will be implemented.
- All of Task 10 is being funded from Local Government participation.
- The ISC has stated that the plan needs to be completed by June 2003

so that ISC can combine the regional plans into a State plan. The ISC is putting together a framework for a Statewide Water Plan.

- Ms. Elaine Hebbard, Water Assembly, suggested that a subtask be developed for an implementation toolkit.
- Mr. Quintana noted if this was included in the Scope of Work, the toolkit should include alternatives in the form of written statements. A toolkit could be useful in coordinating with local governments and what will work for them.
- Local representatives will need to bring feasible alternatives that affect their area to the MRGWWRB for discussion.

Tab 6. Presentation on Regional Water Planning Public Comments Database:

Mr. Quintana presented the following information:

Background:

The regional water planning process to date has generated many comments through various public events regarding water issues. Many of these comments have been documented, categorized, and inserted into a database for future reference in the development of the Regional Water Plan. MRGCOG staff presented a brief overview of this database and its contents.

Policy Ramifications:

Public comments provide a source of information in the development of the Regional Water Plan.

Financial Impact:

None.

Discussion and Comments:

- It was noted that there are 1,403 individualized comments in the database; 80% are from the community conversations.
- An alternative work group, primarily MRGCOG staff and Mr. Bob Prendergast, Water Assembly, put these comments into a database spreadsheet. This spreadsheet will be available for download on the MRGCOG website.
- The data fields can be used to sort information into categories for evaluation.
- By category, the spreadsheet contains comments that are 60% technical and political.

Tab 7. General Report from the Water Assembly:

Mr. Bob Wessley, Water Assembly, reported the following:



- The Water Assembly has developed a water balancing spreadsheet showing current water budget use, unfettered future water budget use, and desired future water budget use. This will be used in accomplishing subtask 1.2 of the Proposed Scope of Work. A distributable version should be available within one month.
- All of the evaluations of the alternatives will be put in an Alternative Action Database. The structure of this database should be available in approximately two weeks.
- A "Fall Campaign" is being planned to bring the balancing spreadsheet, database structure, future water demand, and UNM Institute for Public Policy (IPP) study to the public to increase their understanding.
- Mr. Robert Cordova, Rio Puerco Subregion, asked if the tasks and subtasks were prioritized or in chronological order.  
Response: Mr. Wessley stated that they are not in chronological order, that all are important and must be done. Tasks 1, 5, and 10 are the most critical. Task 10 provides the infrastructure needed to do the work.
- It was noted that of the dollar figures shown in the table, only the ISC and MRGCOG cash FY02 are "in the bank". All the other in-kind services and other supplemental cash are not guaranteed but are intended to be there.
- The program plan will be updated to give a timeline/schedule to help determine which tasks need to be accomplished before others can be started. This schedule will be weighted by which tasks currently have funding in place and which tasks are mandated by the ISC template.
- The Water Assembly still has five definitions to finalize. They are waiting to do this until the new Action Committee members have completed training.
- The Water Assembly has formalized a relationship with the Placitas Middle Planning Area. Each group will do their own plan and then bring the plans together.

Tab 8. New or Unfinished Business:

There was no new or unfinished business.

Tab 9. Future Agenda Items:

- Updated program plan schedule.
- Shortened version of the San Juan-Chama Diversion Water Project will be presented by John Stomp, City of Albuquerque, at a future meeting date.
- Goals and Objectives will be discussed no earlier than November 2001.

Time and Place of the Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board will

Submitted by Marianne  
Woodard  
For the Record  
Sept 12, 2001

Future Water Demand report issues:

1. Assumptions
  - all the water we need assumed available
  - withdrawals rather than depletions
2. Appendix (- checklist of items discussed)
  - Assumptions, Sample Data Calculations and Error Margins
  - conversion factors and other aids
  - sources and citations
3. Usefulness; useability
  - How is the report and the information to be used?
  - How will it fit in with the planning process?
4. Contents
  - two factors only?
  - no mention of ESA or tribal claims,  
much less how that might affect future supply & allocations
  - Rio Grande runoff storage approved** ([www.fguardians.org/news/n010411.html](http://www.fguardians.org/news/n010411.html))  
By Lowry McAllen, Albuquerque Tribune , 4-11-01
  - Water conference told to include Indians in Rio Grande Compact**  
([http://www.abqtrib.com/archives/news/120399\\_water.shtml](http://www.abqtrib.com/archives/news/120399_water.shtml))  
By Lawrence Spohn, Tribune reporter
5. Executive Summary
  - shouldn't it summarize what is in the report?
  - include depletion chart from Shomaker
6. Calculations must be easily understood.
  - downward adjustment of 32% after calibrating metered usage
7. GIS - does it fulfill Task 1?
8. Process - should be passed on to AC
  - scope of work
  - MOU

*pending since 7/17/01*

*MW*

be on Wednesday, October 10, 2001, at 11:30 a.m. in the MRGCOG  
Third Floor Board Room, 317 Commercial NE, Albuquerque, NM

Adjournment:

The September 12, 2001 meeting of the MRG Water Resources Board  
was adjourned by consensus at 1:35pm.



Larry Blair, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:



Acting Secretary

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MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, (MRGCOG)  
**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING**  
 MRGCOG Third Floor Board Room-317 Commercial NE-Albuquerque, New Mexico  
 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 10, 2001

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

PRESENT	MEMBER	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
X	Larry Blair, Chair	City of Albuquerque		Lawrence Rael John Stomp
X	Richard Jaramillo Vice Chair, Councillor	City of Belen		Julie Baca
	Charles Aguilar, Mayor	Town of Bernalillo		Vacant
	Betty Behrend	Village of Los Lunas		Phillip Jaramillo
	Ken Bishop, Councillor	Village of Bosque Farms		Vacant
X	Hector Gonzales, Board Member	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District		Joseph Griego, Board Member Subahs Shah
X	Danny Hernandez, Board Member	Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
X	Mary Murnane	Bernalillo County		Jeff Peterson
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X	Ed Richardson	Village of Corrales		Michele Minnis
	William Sapien, Commissioner	Sandoval County	X	Bradley Stebelton
	David Stoliker	Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
X	Marianne Woodard	Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque		Vacant
	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>ALTERNATE</b>
X	Bob Wessely	Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly		Bob Prendergast
	Emmett Cart	Rio Jemez Subregion		Vacant
	Marion Woolf	Rio Puerco Subreion		Robert Cordova
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	Vacant	Santo Domingo Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	Village of Tijeras		Vacant

Note: X denotes member present at meeting

<b>MRGCOG STAFF</b>	
<b>ATTENDING</b>	<b>NAME</b>
	Chris Blewett
X	Isabel Calabaza
X	Janice Carolan
X	Linda Jackson
X	Joseph Quintana
X	Barbara Yelle

<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
James Chavez	City of Albuquerque
Joseph Griego	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
John Stomp	City of Albuquerque
Larry Webb	City of Rio Rancho

Call to Order:

The October 10, 2001 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGW RB) meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Chairman Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chair Blair noted the presence of a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Chair Blair noted that the Water Assembly Report was added to the agenda as Tab 7a and that New or Unfinished Business was changed to Tab 7b.

**Action taken:** Ms. Marianne Woodard, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE OCTOBER 10 , 2001 AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA), and carried unanimously.

Tab 1. Chair's Report:

Chair Blair explained that he missed the last Board meeting because he was in Philadelphia. While there, he heard an architect's report on how the World Trade Center buildings collapsed. Chair Blair shared this information with the Board.

Chair Blair turned over the meeting to Mr. John Stomp, City of Albuquerque, for a presentation on the Water Resources Management Strategy. Before the presentation Mr. Stomp introduced Mr. James Chavez, City of Albuquerque Senior Engineer for Water Resources.

Discussion and Comments:

- The City of Albuquerque does not draw or release water for Belen, Bernalillo, or Los Lunas. These cities contract for their own water.
- 40% of Albuquerque's San Juan-Chama water has been leased to the District, 10-20% is lost to evaporation and other sources, and 40% is in storage. The effects of pumping are generally offset by water return flow. There has only been one time that the San Juan-Chama water was used to replace pumped water and that was before the United States Geological Survey (USGS) model came out.
- Water is metered going into and out of Abiquiu to measure water release and manage the diversion of water. At 130 cubic feet per second (cfs) the City starts curtailing diversions. At 70, cfs diversion will be stopped altogether.
- San Juan-Chama water is not currently being used. The City has a lot of water stored in Abiquiu and this is the water that will be used initially.

- The MRGCD (District) has its own water and does not rely on City of Albuquerque water. The city has been supplying water for the farmers during times of drought, and may continue to do so as it will draw from ground water during droughts.
- Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County, asked Mr. Stomp to explain the difference between the information he presented and what was shown in a newsletter from Rio Grande Restoration. The newsletter showed that in the summer there would only be 250 cfs coming down the river and that the City of Albuquerque would use 2/3 of that, causing a 2/3 reduction in the river's flow.
  - Response: Mr Stomp stated that the actual cfs flowing past Albuquerque in the summer is 400 to 500 cfs. This is District water that is called from storage and flows to Isleta, San Acacia, etc. The City of Albuquerque only diverts 65 cfs of this native flow during the summer. When the flow does get below 250 cfs, the City of Albuquerque would begin curtailing diversion. This is shown in the model.
- It is anticipated that the implementation of this plan will be advertised in the near future. It is not necessary to do the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) before the implementation plan is advertised because the EIS is a separate process.
- No hearings have been scheduled, however, Mr. Stomp will be available to meet with individuals or groups for further discussion.

Acting Executive Director's Report:

There was no Acting Executive Director's report.

Tab 2. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Tab 3. Approval of Summary of Proceedings:

Discussion and Comments:

- Ms. Marianne Woodard, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, asked that "including the roles and responsibilities of the MRGWWRB and Water Assembly (WA) with respect to contract deliverables" be added to her comments on page 5, paragraph 4.
- Board Member Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA), noted that he did not attend the last meeting as shown on the attendance roster.

**Action Taken:** Mr. James Fernandez, Valencia County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2001 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henry Pacelli, City of Rio Rancho, and passed with a vote of 9 and with 1 abstention.

Those voting in favor: Chair Blair; Vice Chair Richard Jaramillo, City of Belen; Mr. James Fernandez, Valencia County; Board Member Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grand Conservancy District; Ms. Murnane; Commissioner Henry Pacelli, City of Rio Rancho; Mr. Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales; Mr. Bradley Stebelton, Sandoval County; and Ms. Woodard.

Those voting in opposition: 0

Those abstaining: Board Member Hernandez abstained as he did not attend the September 12, 2001 meeting.

Tab 4. Regional Water Planning Scope of Work:

Mr. Joe Quintana, MRGCOG Staff, presented the following information

Action Summary:

The detailed Scope of Work for Phase II of the Regional Water Plan has been completed and, upon approval, will be attached to the contract between the MRGCOG and the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC). Over the two-year contract period, various levels of product review and approval will need to be carried out as the Scope of Work is accomplished. Therefore, standardized procedures for collaborative decision making between the MRGCOG and the Water Assembly are also proposed for approval by the Water Board.

Background:

The Scope of Work for Phase II of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan has been completed after months of negotiation among the MRGCOG staff, the Chair of the Water Board, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Water Assembly, and ISC staff. This Scope of Work is intended to result in an approved Regional Water Plan that can be implemented by the local governments in the water planning region.

The Scope of Work is comprised of 10 tasks which includes 29 subtasks. A summary review of the contents of the Scope of Work was presented to the Water Board at the last meeting on September 12, 2001. Also, draft outlines were presented to the Water Board at previous meetings. This Scope of Work will be attached to the contract (Professional Services Agreement) between the MRGCOG and the ISC. It is anticipated that the contract will be executed within the next month. The complete Scope of Work was attached to the October agenda as a final draft for review.



Due to the many product deliverables that will be required by the Scope of Work, a process for reviewing and approving a variety of work products throughout the contract period has been developed by the Water Planning Coordinating Committee. The process was explained and presented by MRGCOG staff and representatives of the Water Assembly for approval by the Water Board as future guidance. Additionally, a memorandum written by Mr. Chris Blewett, Acting MRGCOG Executive Director, establishes the approach to the water program coordination and refers to a process flow diagram to further define decision making relationships.

#### Policy Ramifications:

The Regional Water Plan will be developed with extensive public involvement and continuous review and input by local governments. An adopted Regional Water Plan will provide a regional framework for maximizing the use of limited water resources. The Plan will recommend the most feasible alternatives for water management actions that can be applied at both regional and local levels.

#### Financial Impact:

The ISC is providing \$300,000 to this region for the planning effort. Additional resources are being contributed by local governments, and in-kind services will be provided from the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly.

#### Action A - Discussion and Comments:

- There are approximately 200 recommendations, or suggestions for water management alternatives, that will be analyzed and organized into scenarios. These scenarios should be suitable region-wide for local governments and other entities to carry on a future water management program. They will include cost/benefit, political, and social impacts which could also benefit individual local governments.
- These scenarios will be considered in developing the Regional Water Plan Recommendations.
- It is important to educate the public and local governments, and get them involved in the process. This will be critical for "buy in" and support at the end of the process.
- The budget table on page 21 is a good summary of the project. Column 1 is what we would like to do, the next 5 columns are the core tasks that would be done with the \$1.2 million of currently committed resources. The last two columns are tasks that could be done with additional funds.
- Mr. Bob Wessely, Water Assembly, stated that this was a good package. He feels that the tasks are all on target and show a good division of labor between MRGCOG and the WA.
- Contract language has been worked out with ISC staff and has been satisfactorily completed, including a legal review.
- Chair Blair asked what would be the next step if the MRGWWRB approves phase II of the SOW.

- Response: Mr. Wessely stated that the WA has already approved the SOW.
- Response: Mr Quintana stated that if the Board recommends approval of the SOW today, it would go to the Executive Board tomorrow for approval and then to the ISC.
- Ms. Murnane suggested that the funding requests to the local governments be submitted before December to allow time to present them to the local governments and try to get the funding into their budgets.
- Mr. Quintana stated that the usual procedure is to send a letter to the local governments to get on their agenda for a presentation.
- Chair Blair stated a progress report could be given at the local government meetings. Actual finished products could be shown for existing and future water demand. A presentation could then be made to show where the money would be spent to get the remaining work done.
- Mr. Wessely invited the MRGWRB to join the WA at the AMAFCA Board meeting in October.
- Ms. Murnane suggested that the Ground Water Protection Advisory Board and the County's Gross Receipts Tax Board could be other options for funding presentations in Bernalillo County.

**Action Taken:** Mr. Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales, made the motion to:

**ACCEPT THE PHASE II SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE REGIONAL WATER PLAN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pacelli and carried unanimously.

**Action B - Discussion and Comments:**

- Mr. Wessely explained that the one month approval cycle shown in the flow diagram was developed to allow sufficient time for the SOW tasks to be accomplished in a 24 month timeframe. Typically, information is presented to the Boards one month, discussed the next month, and the item approved in the third month. The process shown in the flow diagram shortens this process to one month. The information for each task would be developed by another group and included in the Board meeting agenda packet that is mailed. This would give the Board Members 10 days to study the proposal so that it could be discussed and possibly approved, at the first meeting.
- Ms. Murnane suggested that the process be revised to a two month process with the item being placed on the agenda of one Board the first month and on the agenda of the other Board the second month. This would provide time for any recommended changes to be reviewed by Members of the second Board prior to their meeting.
- Board Member Hernandez recommended that a one month cycle be set up for small tasks, and that a two to three month cycle be set up for more complex tasks with anticipated recommendations for changes.

- Mr. Richardson stated that the process should be adopted as presented. Any unresolved issues would be routed back through the cycle.

**Motion Made:** Mr. Richardson made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE PROPOSED DECISION MAKING PROCESS.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Hernandez.

**Further Discussion**

- Some of the deliverables legally need to go back to the full Board for approval and cannot be approved by a committee. The authority for approval of other deliverables can be delegated.
- The WA should be the first board to see the product and then the MRGWRB. This would give three weeks between the two meetings to review any recommended changes and the one month cycle approach could still be used.

**Action Taken:** Mr. Richardson amended the motion as follows:

**THAT AN ACTION IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS MAY GO BACK TO THE MRGWRB FOR APPROVAL WHEN RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ARE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY THE MRGWRB BOARD**

The amendment was seconded by Board Member Hernandez.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

Tab 5. **Regional Water Planning Scope of Work:**

Ms. Janice Carolan, MRGCOG Staff, presented the following information:

**Action Summary:**

A number of subcontracts have been identified in the Scope of Work for Phase II of the Regional Water Plan. It is recommended that the MRGCOG Executive Director be authorized to approve and execute all subcontracts.

**Background:**

The MRGCOG Executive Board will be taking action at their next meeting to authorize execution of a contract with the Interstate Stream Commission to

complete Phase II of the Regional Water Plan. A number of subcontracts for technical and planning activities have been identified in the Scope of Work for the next phase.

Selection Committees will be assembled to review all proposals and make a final recommendation based on established rating criteria to the Water Assembly Executive Committee for review and comment to the Executive Director who will then award the contract.

Due to the number of subcontracts identified in the Scope of Work and in order to streamline the approval process, it was suggested that the Regional Water Resources Board make a recommendation to the MRGCOG Executive Board to allow the Executive Director to approve and execute any subcontract regardless of total dollar amount.

Policy Ramifications:

Currently, the MRGCOG Executive Board authorizes release of Requests for Proposal and approves the selection of contractors for amounts in excess of \$20,000.00.

Financial Impact:

The total amount of the Interstate Stream Commission Contract for Phase II is \$300,000.00.

Action Taken: Ms. Woodard moved to:

**AUTHORIZE THE MRGCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE ALL REGIONAL WATER PLANNING SUBCONTRACTS.**

Further Discussion and Comments

- It was noted that if the MRGCOG Executive Board is not comfortable with this action they will not approve it.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Fernandez and carried unanimously.

Tab 6. Goals and Objectives:

Mr. Quintana presented the following information:

Action Summary:

The Goals and Objectives for the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan need to be completed to provide general guidelines for Phase II of the Regional Water Plan. Some of the objectives under consideration have been accepted

or approved by consensus; however, more discussion is required in order to finalize the objectives associated with the adopted goals. The MRGCOG staff is requesting directions to pursue completion of the Interim Goals and Objectives.

Background:

A Mission Statement, Goals, and Objectives are proposed elements of the Regional Water Plan. Interim Mission and Goals Statements have been approved by the Water Board. Since March of this year, discussion of the Objectives has been an item on the agenda at several meetings and workshops. However, to date, a complete list of objectives has not been finalized.

A working draft of suggested objectives (attached) has been prepared by the Water Assembly which seeks to explain the comments and perspectives of both the Water Assembly and the Regional Water Board. Ultimately, a common set of objectives will need to receive joint approval.

Policy Ramifications:

Goals and Objectives can provide a basis for the development and evaluation of the water planning alternatives to be recommended as part of the Regional Water Plan.

Financial Impact:

Goals and objectives are identified as deliverables in the Phase I Scope of Work for development of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan which must close out before December 2001. Funding has been expended for the Phase I work.

Discussion and Comments:

- There was a loss of a quorum.

Vice Chair Richard Jaramillo, Councillor, City of Belen, suggested that a subcommittee be created to pursue the next actions to complete the Interim Goals and Objectives.

Tab 7a. General Report from the Water Assembly:

Mr. Wessley, reviewed the products completed by the WA, the four major paths for planning our water future, the sample data base and spreadsheets the WA is working on, and how the SOW fits into the program.

Tab 7b. New or Unfinished Business:

There was no new or unfinished business.

Tab 8. Future Agenda Items:

Subcommittee report on next actions for the Interim Goals and Objectives.

Time and Place of the Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board will be on Wednesday, November 14, 2001, at 11:30 a.m. in the MRGCOG Third Floor Board Room, 317 Commercial NE, Albuquerque, NM

Adjournment:

The October 10, 2001 meeting of the MRG Water Resources Board was adjourned by consensus at 1:45pm.



Larry Blair, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGW RB)

ATTEST:



Acting Secretary

(THE ORIGINAL TAPE OF THE MEETING WILL REMAIN ON FILE FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR)

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, (MRGCOG)  
**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING**  
 MRGCOG Third Floor Board Room-317 Commercial NE-Albuquerque, New Mexico  
**11:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2001**

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

PRESENT	MEMBER	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
X	Larry Blair, Chair	City of Albuquerque		Lawrence Rael John Stomp
X	Richard Jaramillo Vice Chair, Councillor	City of Belen		Julie Baca
X	Charles Aguilar, Mayor	Town of Bernalillo		Vacant
X	Betty Behrend	Village of Los Lunas		Phillip Jaramillo
	Ken Bishop, Councillor	Village of Bosque Farms		Vacant
X	Hector Gonzales, Board Member	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District		Joseph Griego, Board Member Subhas Shah
	Danny Hernandez, Board Member	Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
	Mary Murnane	Bernalillo County		Jeff Peterson
	Henry Pacelli, Utility Commissioner	City of Rio Rancho		Larry Webb
	Aurelio "Al" Padilla, Commissioner	Valencia County		James Fernandez
X	Ed Richardson	Village of Corrales		Michele Minnis
	William Sapien, Commissioner	Sandoval County	X	Bradley Stebleton
	David Stoliker	Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
X	Marianne Woodard	Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque		Vacant
	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>ALTERNATE</b>
X	Bob Wessely	Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly		Bob Prendergast
X	Emmett Cart	Rio Jemez Subregion		Vacant
	Marion Woolf	Rio Puerco Subreion	X	Robert Cordova
	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>ALTERNATE</b>
	Vacant	Cochiti Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	Isleta Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	Sandia Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	San Felipe Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	Santa Ana Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	Santo Domingo Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	Village of Tijeras		Vacant

Note: X denotes member present at meeting

<b>MRGCOG STAFF</b>	
<b>ATTENDING</b>	<b>NAME</b>
	Chris Blewett
X	Janice Carolan
X	Linda Jackson
X	Joseph Quintana
X	Barbara Yelle

<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
F. Lee Brown	Water Assembly
Joseph Griego	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
Elaine Hebard	Water Assembly
Robert Prendergast	Water Assembly



Call to Order:

The November 14, 2001 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m. by Chairman Larry Blair, City of Albuquerque. Chair Blair noted the presence of a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

**Action taken:** Board Member Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 14, 2001 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mayor Charles Aguilar, Town of Bernalillo, and carried unanimously.

Tab 1. Chair's Report:

- Chair Blair announced that he will be retiring from the City of Albuquerque on December 31, 2001. November 30, 2001 will be his last day at work, therefore, this is his last MRGWRB meeting as Chair.
- Chair Blair noted the need to adjourn by 1:30 pm to accommodate the Regional Planning Organization (RPO) meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. in the same room.

Vice Chair Richard Jaramillo, City of Belen, said that he was sorry that Chair Blair was leaving and that the MRGWRB members would all miss him.

Tab 2. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Tab 3. Approval of Summary of Proceedings:

Discussion and Comments:

Chair Blair noted the following changes:

- Page 3, Discussion and Comments, bullet 1, the word "control" should be changed to "contract for".
- Page 3, Discussion and Comments, bullet 2, the words "or given" should be removed and "evaporation" is misspelled.
- Page 6, Discussion and Comments, bullet 2, the word "become" should be changed to "be considered in developing".

**Action Taken:** Vice Chair Jaramillo made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE OCTOBER 10, 2001 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Marianne Woodard, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and carried unanimously.

Tab 4. Subcommittee report on the Interim Goals and Objectives:

Mr. Joe Quintana, MRGCOG Staff and Ms. Woodard presented the following information:

Action Summary:

The Goals and Objectives Subcommittee met and prepared the Interim Goals and Objectives of the Regional Water Plan for transmittal to the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC). These goals and objectives will be subject to ongoing review and refinement throughout the duration of the alternatives analysis of the Regional Water Plan.

Background:

A Mission Statement, Goals, and Objectives are proposed elements of the Regional Water Plan. Interim Mission and Goals Statements have been approved by the MRGWWRB and the Water Assembly (WA). Since March of this year, discussion of the Objectives has been an item on the agenda at several meetings and workshops. Both the WA Action Committee and the MRGWWRB have been working concurrently on a set of objectives which are subordinate to the approved goals.

A working draft of consolidated suggestions for objectives was prepared by the WA and was distributed to the MRGWWRB at the last meeting. The attached Mission Statement, Goals, and Objectives is an interim document which will be used as reference in the development and analysis of water management alternatives. Further refinement is required and will be carried out during the alternatives analysis phase in the development of the Regional Water Plan.

Policy Ramifications:

Goals and Objectives provide a basis and a measure for the development and evaluation of the water planning alternatives to be recommended as part of the Regional Water Plan.

Financial Impact:

Goals and objectives are identified as deliverables in the Phase I Scope of Work for development of the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan which must close out before December 2001. Funding has been expended for the Phase I work.

Discussion and Comments:

- Chair Blair noted that the first sentence under Background should read "A Mission Statement, Goals, and Objectives are a requirement of the contract with ISC."
- The Interim Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives presented is the result of the MRGWRB Goals and Objectives subcommittee refining the original Goals and Objectives that were being reviewed by the WA and the MRGWRB. It is a consolidated version with WA variations noted and emphasized in brackets.
- There was general concern that even though this is an "interim" product, it will become an archive document and additional changes should be incorporated before forwarding it to the ISC. There was also concern that a document showing different perspectives from the MRWRB and the WA might reflect poorly on this region's planning efforts.
- It was re-emphasized that the purpose of this document is not to resolve disagreements. The document as shown is a good representation of the region's views on future water use issues.
- Ms. Woodard noted that the preamble was missing and suggested that it be put back in.
- Mr. Bob Wessely, WA, noted that he had several additions from the WA that should be included.
- Chair Blair asked Mr. Wessely to review these additions to see if they could be easily included in the existing document. (List attached)

Action Taken: Mayor Aguilar made the motion to:

**AUTHORIZE ADDING THE PREAMBLE AND THE WA CHANGES, AND TRANSMIT THE INTERIM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES TO THE ISC.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Woodard and passed unanimously.

Tab 5. Decision Making Process for the Regional Water Planning Program:

Background:

The Scope of Work for Phase II of the Regional Water Plan has been approved and will be attached to the contract between the MRGCOG and the ISC. Over the two-year contract period, various levels of product review and approval will need to be carried out as the Scope of Work is accomplished. At the request of the MRGWWRB, a revised flow chart showing standardized procedures for collaborative decision making between the MRGCOG and the WA has been prepared for discussion.

Discussion and Comments:

- Mr. Wessely presented the revised One Month Decision Making Process as approved by the MRGWWRB at the October 10, 2001 meeting.

Tab 6. General Report from the Water Assembly:

Mr. Wessely presented the following information:

- Public participation activities include a newsletter, initial draft of the website, scheduling of three community conversation meetings in January 2002, and progress on a formal media communications plan.
- The WA Alternatives Working Team is compiling and categorizing an interim final list of alternatives, their costs, legal options, what they will do, etc. There are approximately 260 alternatives. These alternatives will be put together in a spreadsheet for public review.
- The WA Analysis Team is identifying 3-4 facts for the alternatives that can be used to reduce the list to a workable size for analysis. The other alternatives will be kept as part of the package but will not be analyzed in detail.
- The WA Analysis Team is putting together a water balancing spreadsheet that can be presented to the public when asking for their comments on water distribution.
- The WA has received a small grant from Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA). They have received a request to send a proposal for funding to the Bureau of Reclamation, and are working on a grant proposal for foundations.
- The WA made a presentation on Middle Rio Grande regional water planning to the Legislative Committee on Water and Natural Resources emphasizing the complexity of this process. Initiatives regarding domestic wells and water banking may be discussed during the upcoming New Mexico legislative session.

Mr. Wessely stated that he has been asked how much the Middle Rio Grande Water Plan has cost in both actual dollars and in-kind services. He has access to current funding information but needs information from the MRGWRB regarding early funding.

- Response: Early funding was identified as \$90,000 from the ISC in 1989-1990, and \$20,000 from the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, and MRG Conservancy District for developing a proposal to the ISC in 1998. In-kind services were about one half of that.

Ms. Elaine Hebard, WA, noted that the WA needs everyone's support to prepare for the next community conversations. The topic for these meetings will be "what are you going to give up?"

Tab 7. New or Unfinished Business:

Response to John Salazar Letter:

Mr. F. Lee Brown, WA, reviewed the allegations in the subject letter and presented the following:

- This issue was discussed at the WA Action Committee last month. They gave a strong vote of confidence to Mr. Wessely and appointed a committee to develop a response.
- The MRGWRB has a partnership with the WA and should participate in the rebuttal.
- The letter does not correctly reflect the water planning process. Individuals participating in the process have a wide range of conflicting views, including those that are both pro- and con-development. There is no way that an individual could influence the outcome of the water planning process.
- The WA asks their officers to separate their personal views from their WA roles. Mr. Wessely does this very well. Many people were not even aware that Mr. Wessely had personal water issues.

Several MRGWRB members shared their own experiences and views regarding public vs. personal issues.

Tab 8. Future Agenda Items:

There were no future agenda items.

Time and Place of the Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board will be on Wednesday, December 12, 2001, at 11:30 a.m. in the MRGCOG Third Floor Board Room, 317 Commercial NE, Albuquerque, NM.

Adjournment:

The November 14, 2001 meeting of the MRG Water Resources Board was adjourned by consensus at 1:32 p.m.



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Larry Blair, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGW RB)

ATTEST:



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Acting Executive Director/Secretary

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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MRGCOG Board Room, 317 Commercial NE, Suite 300, Albuquerque NM 87102

**(Vacant), Chair**

**Richard Jaramillo, Vice Chair**

PRESENT	MEMBER	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
	Vacant, Chair			
	Richard Jaramillo Vice Chair, Councillor	City of Belen		Julie Baca
X	Charles Aguilar, Mayor	Town of Bernalillo		Vacant
X	Ted Asbury, Public Works Director	City of Albuquerque		John Stomp
X	Betty Behrend	Village of Los Lunas		Phillip Jaramillo
X	Ken Bishop, Councillor	Village of Bosque Farms		Vacant
X	Hector Gonzales, Board Member	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District	X X	Joseph Griego, Board Member Subhas Shah
X	Danny Hernandez, Board Member	Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
X	Mary Murnane	Bernalillo County		Jeff Peterson
	Henry Pacelli, Utility Commissioner	City of Rio Rancho		Larry Webb
	Aurelio "Al" Padilla, Commissioner	Valencia County		James Fernandez
X	Ed Richardson	Village of Corrales		Michele Minnis
X	William Sapien, Commissioner	Sandoval County		Bradley Stebleton
	David Stoliker	Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
X	Marianne Woodard	Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque		Vacant
	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>ALTERNATE</b>
X	Bob Wessely	Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly	X	Bob Prendergast
	Emmett Cart	Rio Jemez Subregion		Vacant
X	Robert Cordova	Rio Puerco Subregion		Marion Woolf
	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>ALTERNATE</b>
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	Vacant	San Felipe Pueblo		Vacant

	<b>Vacant</b>	Santa Ana Pueblo		Vacant
	<b>Vacant</b>	Santo Domingo Pueblo		Vacant
	<b>Vacant</b>	Village of Tijeras		Vacant

Note: **X** denotes member present at meeting

<b>MRGCOG STAFF</b>	
<b>ATTENDING</b>	<b>NAME</b>
	Lawrence Rael, Executive Director
	Janice Carolan
	Linda Jackson
<b>X</b>	Mike Trujillo
<b>X</b>	Joseph Quintana
<b>X</b>	Barbara Yelle

<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Elaine Hebard	Water Assembly



## ACTION SUMMARY

### **Call to Order:**

The February 13, 2002 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:52 am. As called out in the Rules of Procedures, in the event of the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Secretary of the Board may call the meeting to order. Mr. Joseph Quintana, Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRGCOG) Staff, called the meeting to order and asked for a nomination from the floor for the appointment of a Chair Pro-Tem.

### **Action Taken:**

Ms. Marianne Woodard, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, made the motion to:

**NOMINATE MS. MARY MURNANE, REPRESENTATIVE, BERNALILLO COUNTY, AS CHAIR PRO-TEM.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas, and carried unanimously

Chair Pro-Tem Murnane noted the presence of a quorum.

### **Approval of Agenda**

#### **Action Taken:**

Mayor Charles Aguilar, Town of Bernalillo, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 13, 2002 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, and carried unanimously.

### Tab 1 **Approval of Summary of Proceedings**

#### **Action Taken:**

Ms. Woodard made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 14, 2001 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Behrend and passed with a vote of 9 with 1 abstention.

Those voting in favor: Mayor Aguilar; Mr. Ted Asbury, Public Works Director, City of Albuquerque; Ms. Behrend; Councilor Ken Bishop, Village of Bosque Farms; Board Member Gonzales; Ms. Murnane; Mr. Ed Richardson, Village of Corrales; Commissioner William Sapien, Sandoval County; and Ms. Woodard.

Those voting in opposition: 0

Those abstaining: Board Member Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, as he did not attend the November 14, 2001 meeting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Tab 2 **Public Comments**

None.

Tab 2a **Reports**

None.

#### FINAL ACTION ITEMS

Tab 3 **Approve Draft 2002 Meeting Schedule**

**Action Taken:**

Commissioner Sapien made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE 2002 MEETING SCHEDULE AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mayor Aguilar and carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS – NON-ACTION ITEMS

Tab 4 **Close-out of Phase I Contract and Status of Phase II Contract**

Mr. Quintana stated that Phase I of the contract between MRGCOG and the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) has been closed out and the Phase II Contract is pending final signatures.

Mr. Bob Wessely, Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly (WA), presented the Local Government Update on Water Plan. This will be part of the presentation for the Community Conversations.

Tab 5 **Presentation of Alternative Action Screening Process**

Mr. Quintana presented a brief overview of the Alternative Action screening process that is being done by the Water Assembly Alternatives Working Group and the Water Assembly Analysis Team.

Tab 6 **General Report from the Water Assembly**

Mr. Wessely reported on:

- Community Conversations
- Water Balancing Spreadsheet
- Sandia Labs Modeling Project
- Sixth Water Assembly Meeting - April 6

Tab 7 **Water Planning Coordinator's Report**

Mr. Mike Trujillo, MRGCOG Staff, presented a review of legislative bills that relate to water issues.

Board Member Gonzales requested that Mr. Quintana and Mr. Trujillo set up a water presentation for the MRGCD.

**OTHER DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Financial Status Report**

**Adjournment**

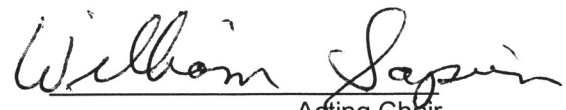
The February 13, 2002 meeting of the Water Resources Board was adjourned by consensus at 1:24 pm.

**NOTES**

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2002**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**MRGCOG Board Room**  
**317 Commercial NE, Third Floor**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87102**

*Anyone requiring special accommodations, please notify the MRGCOG office at 247-1750 seven (7) days prior to the meeting.*

  
Acting Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director/Secretary

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Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
MRGCOG

# MRGWRB

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

Wednesday, April 10, 2002

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MRGCOG Board Room, 317 Commercial NE, Suite 300, Albuquerque NM 87102

**(Vacant), Chair**

**(Vacant) Vice Chair**

PRESENT	MEMBER	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
	Vacant, Chair			
	Vacant, Vice Chair			
	Charles Aguilar, Mayor	Town of Bernalillo		Vacant
X	Ted Asbury, Public Works Director	City of Albuquerque		John Stomp
X	Betty Behrend	Village of Los Lunas		Phillip Jaramillo
X	Ginger Eldridge, Councilor	Village of Bosque Farms		Roger Baldwin, Mayor
X	Hector Gonzales, Board Member	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District		Joseph Griego, Board Member Subhas Shah
X	Danny Hernandez, Board Member	Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Other Board Members
	Mary Murnane	Bernalillo County	X	Jeff Peterson
X	Henry Pacelli, Utility Commissioner	City of Rio Rancho		Larry Webb
	Aurelio "Al" Padilla, Commissioner	Valencia County	X	James Fernandez
X	Ed Richardson	Village of Corrales		Michele Minnis
X	William Sapien, Commissioner	Sandoval County		Bradley Stebleton
	David Stoliker	Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
X	Marianne Woodard	Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque		Vacant
	Vacant	City of Belen	X	Julie Baca
	MEMBER	ORGANIZATION		ALTERNATE
X	Bob Wessely	Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly	X	Bob Prendergast
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X	Robert Cordova	Rio Puerco Subregion		Marion Woolf
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	Vacant	Cochiti Pueblo		Vacant
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	Vacant	Sandia Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	San Felipe Pueblo		Vacant

	Vacant	Santa Ana Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	Santo Domingo Pueblo		Vacant
	Vacant	Village of Tijeras		Vacant

Note: X denotes member present at meeting

MRGCOG STAFF	
ATTENDING	NAME
	Lawrence Rael, Executive Director
	Janice Carolan
	Linda Jackson
X	Mike Trujillo
X	Joseph Quintana
X	Barbara Yelle

## ACTION SUMMARY

### **Call to Order:**

The April 10, 2002 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:45 am. As called out in the Rules of Procedures, in the event of the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Secretary of the Board may call the meeting to order. Mr. Michael Trujillo, Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRGCOG) Staff, called the meeting to order and asked for a nomination from the floor for the appointment of a Chair Pro-Tem.

### **Action Taken:**

Commissioner Henry Pacelli, City of Rio Rancho, made the motion to:

**NOMINATE COMMISSIONER WILLIAM SAPIEN, SANDOVAL COUNTY, AS CHAIR PRO-TEM.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, and carried unanimously.

Chair Pro-Tem Sapien noted the presence of a quorum.

### **Approval of Agenda**

### **Action Taken:**

Board Member Hernandez made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE APRIL 10, 2002 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. James Fernandez, Valencia County, and carried unanimously.

### Tab 1 **Approval of Summary of Proceedings**

### **Action Taken:**

Board Member Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 13, 2002 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas, and carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **Tab 2 Public Comments**

None.

### **Tab 2a Reports**

Mr. Joseph Quintana, MRGCOG Staff, introduced Councilor Ginger Eldridge as the new representative for the Village of Bosque Farms.

## **NEW BUSINESS – NON-ACTION ITEMS**

### **Tab 3 Update on Alternative Action Screening Process**

Mr. Ed Payne, Water Assembly Alternatives Working Group, presented an update on the Alternative Action screening process that is being done by the Water Assembly Alternatives Working Group and the Water Assembly Analysis Team.

### **Tab 4 Water Planning Coordinator's Report**

Mr. Trujillo presented:

- Phase II ISC Contract Status Update
  - RFP Process
  - Rio Puerco/Rio Jemez Agreement
- Regional Water Plan Presentations to Local Governments
  - Implementation Plan

### **Tab 5 General Report from the Water Assembly**

Mr. Bob Wessely, Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly (WA), reported on:

- Community Conversations (Water Balancing Exercise)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Assembly
- Water Planning Project Plan Components

## **OTHER DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Financial Status Report**

### **Adjournment**

The April 10, 2002 meeting of the Water Resources Board was adjourned by consensus at 1:24 pm.

NOTES

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2002**

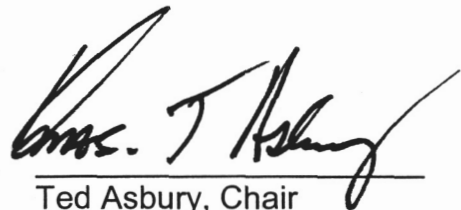
**11:30 a.m.**

**MRGCOG Board Room**

**317 Commercial NE, Third Floor**

**Albuquerque, NM 87102**

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Ted Asbury, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board  
(MRGWRB)

ATTEST:



Executive Director/Secretary

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**Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments  
MRGCOG**

**MRGWRB**

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER RESOURCES BOARD  
Wednesday, May 15, 2002  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

MRGCOG Board Room, 317 Commercial NE, Suite 300, Albuquerque NM 87102

**Ted Asbury, Chair**

**A. Terese Ulivarri, Vice Chair**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>
X	<b>Ted Asbury, Chair</b> Public Works Director	City of Albuquerque		John Stomp
X	<b>A. Terese Ulivarri, Vice Chair</b> Councillor	City of Belen		Julie Baca
X	<b>Charles Aguilar, Mayor</b>	Town of Bernalillo		Vacant
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X	<b>Danny Hernandez, Board Member</b>	Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
	<b>Henry Pacelli, Utility Commissioner</b>	City of Rio Rancho		Larry Webb
	<b>Aurelio "Al" Padilla, Commissioner</b>	Valencia County		James Fernandez
	<b>Ed Richardson</b>	Village of Corrales		Michele Minnis
X	<b>William Sapien, Commissioner</b>	Sandoval County		Bradley Stebleton
X	<b>David Stoliker</b>	Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
X	<b>Juan Vigil, County Manager</b>	Bernalillo County		Mary Murnane
X	<b>Marianne Woodard</b>	Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque		Don Lopez
<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS</b>				
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X	<b>Bob Wessely</b>	Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly		Bob Prendergast
X	<b>Emmett Cart</b>	Rio Jemez Subregion		Vacant
X	<b>Robert Cordova</b>	Rio Puerco Subreion		Marion Woolf

**ELIGIBLE VOTING GOVERNMENTS NOT REPRESENTED**

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**MRGCOG STAFF**

<b>ATTENDING</b>	<b>NAME</b>
X	Lawrence Rael, Executive Director
	Janice Carolan
X	Linda Jackson
X	Joseph Quintana
	Marisol Sanchez
X	Mike Trujillo
X	Barbara Yelle

## ACTION SUMMARY

### Call to Order:

The May 15, 2002 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:28 am by Chair Ted Asbury, Public Works Director, City of Albuquerque. The presence of a quorum was noted.

Chair Asbury introduced himself as the new MRGWRB Chair and Councilor A. Terese Ulivarri, City of Belen, as the new MRGWRB Vice Chair.

Chair Asbury asked the Board Members to introduce themselves.

### Approval of Agenda

#### Action Taken:

Mr. Juan Vigil, County Manager, Bernalillo County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE MAY 15, 2002 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mayor Charles Aguilar, Town of Bernalillo, and carried unanimously.

Tab 1

### Approval of Action Summary

#### Action Taken:

Mayor Aguilar made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE APRIL 10, 2002 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Ulivarri, and passed with a vote of 10 and 1 abstention.

Those voting in favor: Chair Asbury; Vice Chair Ulivarri; Mayor Aguilar; Ms. Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas; Councilor Ginger Eldridge, Village of Bosque Farms; Board Member Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District; Board Member Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority; Commissioner Willaim Sapien, Sandoval County; Mr. David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority; and Ms. Marianne Woodard, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque.

Those voting in opposition: 0

Those abstaining: Mr. Vigil abstained as he did not attend the April 10, 2002 meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Tab 2      **Public Comments**

None

Tab 2a      **Reports**

None

## FINAL ACTION ITEMS

Tab 3      **Resolution to Use the Overall Program Management Team (OPMT) for the**  
R-02-01      **Procurement Process in Accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding**  
MRGWRB

**Action Taken:**

Mr. Vigil made the motion to:

**APPROVE RESOLUTION R-02-01 MRGWRB AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Stoliker.

Discussion followed.

**Action Taken:**

Mayor Aguilar called the question and it passed with a vote of 10 to 1

Those voting in favor: Chair Asbury, Vice Chair Ulivarri, Mayor Aguilar, Ms. Behrend, Councilor Eldridge, Board Member Gonzales, Board Member Hernandez, Commissioner Sapien, Mr. Stoliker, and Mr. Vigil.

Those voting in opposition: Ms. Woodard.

**Action Taken:**

The motion passed with a vote of 9 to 2.

Those voting in favor: Chair Asbury, Vice Chair Ulivarri, Mayor Aguilar, Ms. Behrend, Councilor Eldridge, Board Member Gonzales, Commissioner Sapien, Mr. Stoliker, and Mr. Vigil.

Those voting in opposition: Board Member Hernandez and Ms. Woodard.

## NEW BUSINESS – NON-ACTION ITEMS

- Tab 4      **Report on Rio Puerco/Rio Jemez Joint Powers Agreement**
- Mr. Michael Trujillo, MRGCOG Staff, Ex-Officio Member Emmett Cart, Rio Jemez Subregion, and Mr. Mike Wirtz, Rio Puerco/Rio Jemez Subregion, gave a status report on the Scope of Work for the Rio Puerco/Rio Jemez Subregional Water Plan.
- Tab 5      **Status Report on Program Expenditures To-Date**
- Mr. Trujillo gave a status report on the Regional Water Program expenditures to-date.
- Tab 6      **The Alternative Analysis Modeling by Sandia National Laboratory and the Utton Center**
- Mr. Howard Passell, Sandia National Laboratory, gave a presentation on the Alternative Analysis Modeling for the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan.
- Tab 7      **Report on Drought Contingency Planning**
- Mr. Joseph Quintana, MRGCOG Staff, gave a presentation on Drought Contingency Planning.
- Tab 8      **Water Planning Coordinator's Report**
- Mr. Trujillo discussed potential topics for a MRGW RB retreat.
- Tab 9      **General Report from the Water Assembly**
- Mr. Bob Wessely, Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly (WA), gave a report on activities of the Water Assembly.

## OTHER DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

### Financial Status Report for FY 2001-2002

### Adjournment

The May 15, 2002 meeting of the Water Resources Board was adjourned by consensus at 2:18 pm

NOTES

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, June 12, 2002**

**11:30 a.m.**

**MRGCOG Board Room**

**317 Commercial NE, Third Floor**

**Albuquerque, NM 87102**

*Anyone requiring special accommodations, please notify the MRGCOG office at 247-1750 seven (7) days prior to the meeting.*

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Ted Asbury, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water  
Resources Board (MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

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Lawrence Rael  
Executive Director

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**MRGWRB**  
**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER RESOURCES BOARD**  
**Wednesday, June 12, 2002**  
**11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

MRGCOG Board Room, 317 Commercial NE, Suite 300, Albuquerque NM 87102

**Ted Asbury, Chair**

**A. Terese Ulivarri, Vice Chair**

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1		<b>Ted Asbury, Chair</b> Public Works Director	City of Albuquerque		John Stomp
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3		<b>Charles Aguilar, Mayor</b>	Town of Bernalillo		Vacant
4		<b>Betty Behrend</b>	Village of Los Lunas		Phillip Jaramillo
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6	X	<b>Hector Gonzales, Board Member</b>	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District		Joseph Griego, Board Member Subhas Shah
7	X	<b>Danny Hernandez, Board Member</b>	Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Other Board Members
8	X	<b>Henry Pacelli, Utility Commissioner</b>	City of Rio Rancho		Larry Webb
9	X	<b>Aurelio "Al" Padilla, Commissioner</b>	Valencia County		James Fernandez
10	X	<b>Ed Richardson</b>	Village of Corrales		Michele Minnis
11	X	<b>William Sapien, Commissioner</b>	Sandoval County		Bradley Stebleton
12		<b>David Stoliker</b>	Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
13		<b>Juan Vigil, County Manager</b>	Bernalillo County	X	Mary Murnane
14	X	<b>Marianne Woodard</b>	Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque		Don Lopez
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	X	<b>Emmett Cart</b>	Rio Jemez Subregion		Vacant
		<b>Robert Cordova</b>	Rio Puerco Subreion		Marion Woolf

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		<b>Vacant</b>	Village of Tijeras		Vacant

<b>MRGCOG STAFF</b>	
<b>ATTENDING</b>	<b>NAME</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Lawrence Rael, Executive Director</b>
	<b>Janice Carolan</b>
	<b>Linda Jackson</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Joseph Quintana</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Marisol Sanchez</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Mike Trujillo</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Barbara Yelle</b>



## AGENDA

### **Call to Order:**

The June 12, 2002 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:35 am. As called out in the Rules of Procedures, in the event of the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Secretary of the Board may call the meeting to order. Mr. Michael Trujillo, Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRGCOG) Staff, called the meeting to order and asked for a nomination from the floor for the appointment of a Chair Pro-Tem.

### **Action Taken:**

Board Member Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, made the motion to:

**NOMINATE COMMISSIONER WILLIAM SAPIEN, SANDOVAL COUNTY, AS CHAIR PRO-TEM.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, and carried unanimously.

Chair Pro-Tem Sapien noted the presence of a quorum.

### **Approval of Agenda**

### **Action Taken:**

Board Member Gonzales made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE JUNE 12, 2002 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Hernandez and carried unanimously.

### Tab 1 **Approval of Action Summary**

### **Action Taken:**

Commissioner Aurelio "Al" Padilla, Valencia County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE MAY 15, 2002 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henry Pacelli, City of Rio Rancho, and carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

### Tab 2 **Public Comments**

None.

### Tab 2a **Reports**

None.

Vice Chair A. Terese Ulivarri, City of Belen, arrived.

## NEW BUSINESS – NON-ACTION ITEMS

### Tab 3 **Issuance of Request for Proposals (RFP) – Evaluation of Alternative Actions and Legal Overview**

Mr. Trujillo gave a review of the status of the Request for Proposals for the Evaluation of Alternative Actions for the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan – Phase II.

Mr. Ed Payne, Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly (WA), gave a presentation on the Alternative Actions for the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan – Phase II.

Ms. Mary Murnane, Bernalillo County, arrived.

Mr. Trujillo noted that the RFP Selection Committee is composed of the following:

#### WA Constituency Group

- Chair Michelle Henrie, Specialists
- Chair Mary Murnane, Water Managers
- Co-chair Tom Luebben, Environmental Advocates
- Co-chair Janet Jarrett, Agricultural, Cultural, and Historic Water User Advocates
- Chair Dave Hill, Urban Users and Economic Development Advcates

#### MRGW RB Board Water Providers Council

- Mr. John Stomp, City of Albuquerque
- Mr. Subhas Shah, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

#### MRGCOG

- Mr. Michael Trujillo, Staff
- Mr. Joseph Quintana, Staff

Tab 4 **Water Board Retreat**

Mr. Trujillo reported on preparations for the MRGWBRB retreat. The retreat is open to the public and will have presentations from members of the WA.

The Board agreed by majority vote to set the date and time of the retreat as July 19, 2002, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, with August 9, 2002 as the date for a potential second session.

The Board agreed by consensus that the July 10, 2002 MRGWBRB meeting will be cancelled.

Tab 5 **Water Planning Coordinator's Report**

Mr. Trujillo reported that the Joint Powers Agreement with Rio Puerco/Rio Jemez is being negotiated with Mr. Emmett Cart, representing the Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District.

Tab 6 **General Report from the Water Assembly**

Mr. Bob Wessely, WA, gave a report on the activities of the Water Assembly.

**OTHER DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Financial Status Report for FY 2001-2002**

**Adjournment**

The June 12, 2002 meeting of the Water Resources Board was adjourned by consensus at 12:47 pm.

**NOTES**

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, August 14, 2002  
11:30 a.m.  
MRGCOG Board Room  
317 Commercial NE, Third Floor  
Albuquerque, NM 87102**

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Ted Asbury, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water  
Resources Board (MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

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Lawrence Rael  
Executive Director

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**Wednesday, September 11, 2002**

**11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

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**A. Terese Ulivarri, Vice Chair**

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5	X	<b>F. Lee Brown</b>	Village of Corrales		Michele Minnis
6	X	<b>Ginger Eldridge,</b> Councillor	Village of Bosque Farms		Roger Baldwin, Mayor
7	X	<b>Hector Gonzales,</b> Board Member	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District		Joseph Griego, Board Member Subhas Shah
8	X	<b>Danny Hernandez,</b> Board Member	Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
9	X	<b>Henry Pacelli,</b> Utility Commissioner (arrived at 12:15 pm)	City of Rio Rancho	X	Larry Webb
10		<b>Aurelio "Al" Padilla,</b> Commissioner	Valencia County		James Fernandez
11	X	<b>William Sapien,</b> Commissioner	Sandoval County		Bradley Stebleton
12		<b>David Stoliker</b>	Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
13		<b>Juan Vigil,</b> County Manager	Bernalillo County	X	Mary Murnane
14	X	<b>Marianne Woodard</b>	Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque		Don Lopez

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

		<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>ALTERNATE</b>
	<b>X</b>	Bob Wessely	Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly	<b>X</b>	Bob Prendergast
		Emmett Cart	Rio Jemez Subregion		Vacant
	<b>X</b>	Robert Cordova	Rio Puerco Subregion		Marion Woolf
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		Vacant	Santa Ana Pueblo		Vacant
		Vacant	Santo Domingo Pueblo		Vacant
		Vacant	Village of Tijeras		Vacant

**MRCOG STAFF**

<b>ATTENDING</b>	<b>NAME</b>
<b>X</b>	Lawrence Rael, Executive Director
	Janice Carolan
<b>X</b>	Hope Neelson
<b>X</b>	Joseph Quintana
<b>X</b>	Mike Trujillo
<b>X</b>	Barbara Yelle

## AGENDA

### Call to Order

The September 11, 2002 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:45 am. As called out in the Rules of Procedure, in the event of the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Secretary of the Board may call the meeting to order. Mr. Michael Trujillo, Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) Staff, called the meeting to order and asked for a nomination from the floor for the appointment of a Chair Pro-Tem.

### Action Taken:

Mr. Lee Brown, Village of Corrales, made the motion to:

**NOMINATE MAYOR CHARLES AGUILAR, TOWN OF BERNALILLO, AS CHAIR PRO-TEM.**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA), and carried unanimously.

Chair Pro-Tem Aguilar noted the presence of a quorum.

### Agenda

### Action Taken:

Board Member Hernandez made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2002 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and carried unanimously.

Chair Pro-Tem Aguilar called for a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

### Tab 1 **Action Summary**

### Action Taken:

Commissioner William Sapien, Sandoval County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE JUNE 12, 2002 ACTION SUMMARY AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hernandez and carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

### Tab 2 **Public Comments**

None.

### Tab 2a **Reports**

Chair Pro-Tem Aguilar announced that the Board of Directors confirmed the MRGWRB officers at the June 13, 2002 meeting.

Chair Pro-Tem Aguilar welcomed Mr. Brown who is replacing Mr. Ed Richardson as the representative for the Village of Corrales.

## OTHER DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

### Tab 3 **Community Conversations V – Context for Alternative Actions**

Mr. Bob Wessely, Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly (WA), gave an overview of the Community Conversations being held to discuss the Alternative Actions for the Regional Water Plan.

Ms. Leslie Kryder, WA, reviewed the forty-four Water Balancing Alternatives.

### Tab 6 **Water Planning Coordinator's Report**

Mr. Trujillo gave an update on the status of the Request for Procurement (RFP) for the Regional Water Plan.

Mr. Trujillo stated that there will be an additional RFP issued in April 2003.

Chair Pro-Tem Aguilar asked Commissioner Sapien to take over as Chair Pro-Tem.

### Tab 7 **General Report from the Water Assembly**

Mr. Wessely offered the new publication "Taking Charge of our Water Destiny" to members of the MRGWRB.

### Tab 8 **Financial Status Report for FY 2002-2003**

Chair Pro-Tem Sapien asked the Board Members to express their observations or comments regarding today's meeting.

Chair Pro-Tem asked the visitors to introduce themselves and express their observations or comments regarding today's meeting.



## Adjournment

The September 11, 2002 meeting of the Water Resources Board was adjourned by consensus at 1:30 pm.

### NOTES

**Next Meeting:**

**To be announced**

**11:30 a.m.**

**MRCOG Board Room**

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Charles Aguilar, Chair Pro-Tem  
Middle Rio Grande Water  
Resources Board (MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

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Lawrence Rael  
Executive Director

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11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Ted Asbury, Chair

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7	X	<b>Hector Gonzales, Board Member</b>	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District	X	Joseph Griego, Board Member Subhas Shah
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9		<b>John Hooker, Mayor</b>	Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque	X	Don Lopez
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	Janice Carolan
X	Hope Nealson
X	Joseph Quintana
X	Mike Trujillo
X	Barbara Yelle
X	Wendy Vigil

## AGENDA

### Call to Order:

The October 16, 2002 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:38 am by Chair Ted Asbury, Public Works Director, City of Albuquerque. The presence of a quorum was noted.

Chair Asbury welcomed Mr. Don Lopez, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, as the alternate Board Member for the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque.

### Agenda

#### Action Taken:

Mr. David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority (SSCAFCA), made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE OCTOBER 16, 2002 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mayor Charles Aguilar, Town of Bernalillo, and carried unanimously.

#### Tab 1 **Action Summary**

#### Action Taken:

Mayor Aguilar made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2002 ACTION SUMMARY AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Stoliker and carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

#### Tab 2 **Public Comments**

None.

## OTHER DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

#### Tab 3 **Presentation by New Mexico First Town Hall 28, "N.M. Water: Perceptions, Reality, and Imperatives"**

Ms. Judy Zanotti, President, New Mexico First, and Mr. Mike Trujillo, Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) Staff, gave a presentation on the New Mexico First Town Hall 28.

Tab 4 **MRCOG Legislative Policy for FY2003**

Mr. Trujillo reviewed the water related MRCOG Legislative Policies for FY2003.

Mr. Bob Wessely, Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly (WA), suggested that the January MRGWRB meeting date be changed to be more compatible with New Mexico State Legislative Session schedule.

**Action Taken:**

Mr. Lee Brown, Village of Corrales, moved to:

**CHANGE THE DATE OF THE JANUARY 2003 MRGWRB MEETING TO  
JANUARY 15, 2003.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Stoliker and carried unanimously.

Tab 5 **Water Assembly Progress Report**

- Dot/Mailer Preferences – Community Conversations V

Mr. Wessely gave a presentation on the ten subtasks for the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan.

Mr. Wessely gave an update on the preferences and comments from the Community Conversations V.

Tab 6 **Water Planning Coordinator's Report**

- Status of RFP Procurements

Tab 7 **Presentation by Norm Gaume, Interstate Stream Commission (ISC)**

Mr. Norm Gaume, Chief Engineer, ISC, gave a presentation on the steps that need to be taken by the MRCOG and the WA to produce the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan, and their relationship with the ISC in this process.

Additional information was presented by Commissioner Bob Grant, ISC.

Chair Asbury suggested that the MRGWRB make a motion on how to proceed with this plan.

**Action Taken:**

Mr. Larry Webb, City of Rio Rancho, made a motion to:

**HAVE THE MRGWRB BOARD MEMBERS REVIEW AND APPROVE DELIVERABLES FOR THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER PLAN AS THEY ARE RECEIVED FROM THE WATER ASSEMBLY, BASED ON THE ANNOTATED TABLE OF CONTENTS AND FOR A TIMELINE TO BE PREPARED BY THE MRCOG STAFF, TO BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas, and carried unanimously.

**Tab 8      Comments from Board Members**

Mr. Webb requested a tabulation of assessments from MRGWRB Members, and their current status on payments.

**Tab 9      Rules of Procedure**

Mr. Trujillo stated that the Rules of Procedure were approved by the Board of Directors at their September 19, 2002 Board meeting.

**Tab 10     Travel Regulations**

Mr. Trujillo stated that the Travel Regulations were also approved by the Board of Directors at their September 19, 2002 Board meeting.

**Adjournment**

The October 16, 2002 meeting of the Water Resources Board was adjourned by consensus at 1:50 pm.

**NOTES**

**Next Meeting:**

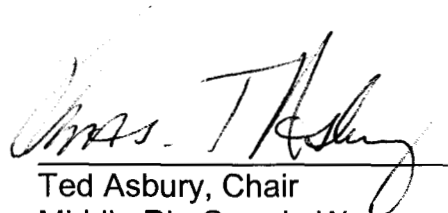
**Wednesday, November 13, 2002**

**11:30 a.m.**

**MRCOG Board Room**

**317 Commercial NE, Third Floor**

**Albuquerque, NM 87102**



Ted Asbury, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water  
Resources Board (MRGWRB)

ATTEST:



Lawrence Rael  
Executive Director

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Mid-Region Council of Governments



**Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board**  
**Wednesday, November 13, 2002**  
**11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

MRCOG Board Room, 317 Commercial NE, Suite 300, Albuquerque NM 87102

**Ted Asbury, Chair**

**A. Terese Ulivarri, Vice Chair**

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8	X	<b>Danny Hernandez, Board Member</b>	Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
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**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Bob Wessely</b>	Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly	Bob Prendergast
	<b>Emmett Cart</b>	Rio Jemez Subregion	Vacant
<b>X</b>	<b>Robert Cordova</b>	Rio Puerco Subregion	Marion Woolf

**ELIGIBLE VOTING GOVERNMENTS NOT REPRESENTED**

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**MRCOG STAFF**

<b>ATTENDING</b>	<b>NAME</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Hope Nealson</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Joseph Quintana</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Mike Trujillo</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Wendy Vigil</b>

## AGENDA

### Call to Order:

The November 13, 2002 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Chair Ted Asbury, Public Works Director, City of Albuquerque. The presence of a quorum was noted.

### Agenda

#### Action Taken:

Ms. A. Terese Ulivarri, Vice Chair, City of Belen, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 13, 2002 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Don Lopez, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and carried unanimously.

#### Tab 1 **Action Summary**

#### Action Taken:

James Fernandez, Valencia County, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE OCTOBER 16, 2002 ACTION SUMMARY AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Ulivarri and carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

#### Tab 2 **Public Comments**

Mr. Brian Burnett, Chairman of the Business Water Task Force, presented a letter to the Board with comments regarding the process for developing a Water Plan for the region.

## OTHER DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

#### Tab 3 **Regional Water Plan Program Schedule**

Mr. Mike Trujillo, Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) staff member, reviewed the timeline for review of a Water Plan.

#### Tab 4 **Future Board Review of Alternative Actions**

Mr. Trujillo presented a report regarding future Board review of the Alternative Actions for a Water Plan.

Tab 5 **Water Planning Coordinator's Report**

Tab 6 **Water Assembly Progress Report**

Mr. Bob Wessley, Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly, presented a progress Report for the Water Assembly.

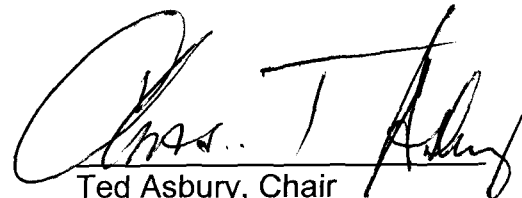
### **Adjournment**

The November 13, 2002 meeting of the Water Resources Board was adjourned by consensus at 1:30 pm.

### **NOTES**

#### **Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2002**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**MRCOG Board Room**  
**317 Commercial NE, Third Floor**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87102**

  
Ted Asbury, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water  
Resources Board (MRGWRB) 1/15/3

ATTEST:

  
Lawrence Rael  
Executive Director

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Mid-Region Council of Governments



**Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board**  
**Wednesday, December 11, 2002**  
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Ted Asbury, Chair

A. Terese Ulivarri, Vice Chair

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3		<b>Charles Aguilar, Mayor</b>	Town of Bernalillo	X	Ida Fierro
4	X	<b>Betty Behrend</b>	Village of Los Lunas		Phillip Jaramillo
5		<b>F. Lee Brown</b>	Village of Corrales	X	Michele Minnis
6	X	<b>Ginger Eldridge, Councillor</b>	Village of Bosque Farms		Roger Baldwin, Mayor
7	X	<b>Hector Gonzales, Board Member</b>	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District	X	Subhas Shah, Board Member
8	X	<b>Danny Hernandez, Board Member</b>	Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
9		<b>John Hooker, Mayor</b>	Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque	X	Don Lopez
10		<b>Henry Pacelli, Utility Commissioner</b>	City of Rio Rancho	X	Larry Webb
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		<b>Emmett Cart</b>	Rio Jemez Subregion		Vacant
	<b>X</b>	<b>Robert Cordova</b>	Rio Puerco Subregion		Marion Woolf
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<b>MRCOG STAFF</b>	
<b>ATTENDING</b>	<b>NAME</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Linda Jackson</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Hope Nealson</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Joseph Quintana</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Barbara Thomas</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Mike Trujillo</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Wendy Vigil</b>

## AGENDA

### Call to Order:

The December 11, 2002 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Vice chair, A. Terese Ulivarri, City of Belen. The presence of a quorum was noted.

### Agenda

#### Action Taken:

Mr. Don Lopez, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE DECEMBER 11, 2002 AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority, and carried unanimously.

#### Tab 1 **Action Summary**

#### Action Taken:

Mr. Don Lopez, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 13, 2002 ACTION SUMMARY AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas, and carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

#### Tab 2 **Public Comments**

There were no public comments. Mike Trujillo, Mid-Region Council of Governments staff member, introduced Ms. Barbara Thomas as the new secretary for the MRGWRB.

## ACTION ITEMS

#### Tab 3 **Establish a WRB Subcommittee on Goals and Objectives**

Mr. Lopez suggested that the subcommittee should revisit the Interim Goals and Objectives as well as the Annotated Table of Contents (Tab 6) and asked for volunteers for the subcommittee. The following Board members agreed to serve: Mr. Lopez; Danny Hernandez, AMAFCA; A. Terese Ulivarri; Bob Wessley, Water Assembly and David Stoliker as well as members of the MRCOG staff.

Mr. Lopez moved that:

**A SUBCOMMITTEE BE ESTABLISHED TO ADDRESS THE INTERIM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND THE ANNOTATED TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hernandez and was approved unanimously.

The subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, January 7, 2003 from noon until 2:00 p.m.

**OTHER DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Tab 4 Feasibility Analysis on Alternative Actions**

and

**Tab 5** Dominique Cartron, D.B. Stephens and Associates, presented and reviewed the 60% completion analysis on alternative actions.

**Tab 6 Water Planning Coordinator's Report**

Mr. Mike Trujillo presented the report which included the following:

- the procurement update has been given to the Executive Director of MRCOG
- the Rio Puerco/Rio Jemez Joint Powers Agreement has been approved by the State Department of Finance and Administration. A final executed copy has been sent to the Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District.
- the mid-year budget review will be done in the next month

**Tab 7 Water Assembly Report**

Mr. Bob Wessley, Member of the Water Assembly noted that

- there will be a regional forum on January 25, 2003 at UNM
- the Assembly is reviewing the alternatives not addressed by Ms. Cartron
- the Assembly is developing scenarios for the alternatives

**Adjournment**

The December 11, 2002 meeting of the Water Resources Board was adjourned by consensus at 1:40 pm.

**NOTES**

**Next Meeting:**

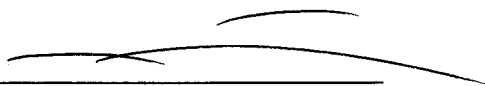
**Wednesday, January 15, 2003**

**1:30-4:30 p.m.**

**MRCOG Board Room**

**317 Commercial N.E., Third Floor**

**Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102**

  
A. Terese Ulivarri, Vice Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water  
Resources Board (MRGWRB)

ATTEST:



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Lawrence Bael  
Executive Director

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**Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board**

Wednesday, January 15, 2003

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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**Ted Asbury, Chair**

**A. Terese Ulivarri, Vice Chair**

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<b>MRCOG STAFF ATTENDING</b>	
<b>X</b>	<b>Hope Neilson</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Joseph Quintana</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Barbara Thomas</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Mike Trujillo</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Kendra Montanari</b>

## AGENDA

### Call to Order:

The January 15, 2003 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Chair, Ted Asbury, City of Albuquerque. The presence of a quorum was noted.

### Agenda

#### Action Taken:

Mr. Mike Trujillo, MRCOG staff member, requested that a presentation by staff members of the Interstate Stream Commission be heard at Tab 7, Water Coordinator's Report.

Ms. A. Terese Ulivarri, City of Belen, asked that Tabs 3 and 4 be tabled until after the subcommittee on Interim Goals and Objectives and the Annotated Table of Contents meets again. Mr. Trujillo added that the subcommittee will meet again at noon on January 28 and invited anyone interested in participating to attend. Their recommendations will be presented to the full Board at the February Water Resources Board meeting.

Mr. Lee Brown, Village of Corrales, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE JANUARY 15, 2003 AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by John Hooker, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and carried unanimously.

#### Tab 1 **Action Summary**

#### Action Taken:

Ms. Ulivarri made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE DECEMBER 11, 2002 ACTION SUMMARY AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas, and carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

#### Tab 2 **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

## ACTION ITEMS

- Tab 3 and  
Tab 4      **Approval of Goals and Objectives and Approval of Annotated Table of Contents**  
            Tabs 3 and 4 were tabled during approval of the agenda.

## OTHER DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Tab 5      **Feasibility Analysis on Alternative Actions**

Mr. Trujillo noted that today's presentation is an update to the presentation made at the December 11, 2002 meeting.

Ms. Dominique Cartron, D.B. Stephens and Associates, presented and reviewed the 90% completion analysis on alternative actions.

Tab 7      **Water Planning Coordinator's Report**

Mr. Trujillo introduced Elizabeth Zeiler, Mary Helen Follingstad and Rhea Graham, staff members of the Interstate Stream Commission. Ms. Graham presented a report from the Commission regarding the framework for the State Water Plan. Copies of the Interstate Stream Commission's Annual Report were distributed.

Mr. Trujillo reviewed the agenda items for the February Water Resources Board meeting and distributed copies of the Overview of Water Law Applicable to the Middle Rio Grande Region.

Tab 8      **Water Assembly Report**

There was no report from the Water Assembly.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Asbury noted the presence of Steve Lucero, Mayor of San Ysidro and Peggy Ohler, District Clerk of the Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District.

The January 15, 2003 meeting of the Water Resources Board was adjourned by consensus at 1:50 pm.

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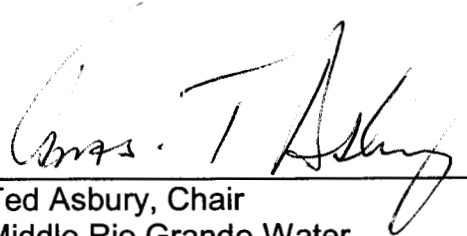
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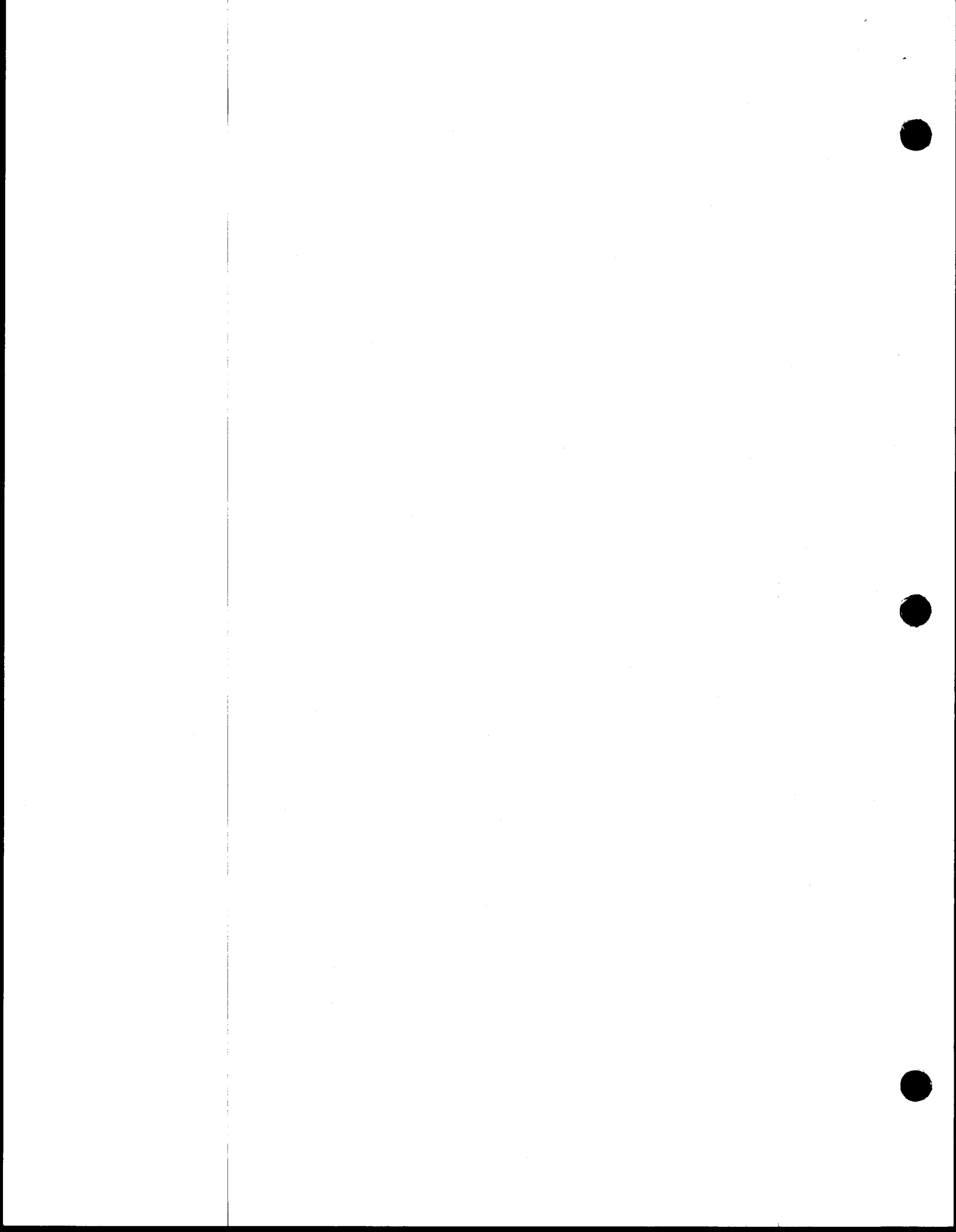
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ATTEST:



Lawrence Rae  
Executive Director

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<b>MRCOG STAFF ATTENDING</b>	
X	Hope Nealson
X	Joseph Quintana
X	Barbara Thomas
X	Mike Trujillo
X	Dave Abrams
<b>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE</b>	
X	Brian Burnett
X	Mike McGovern
X	Larry Blair
X	Michele Minnis
X	Sterling Grogan
X	Tom Menicucci
X	Elaine Hebard
X	Subhas Shah
X	Don Lopez
X	Bradley Stebleton
X	Joseph Griego
X	Bob Prendergast



## AGENDA

### Call to Order:

The February 12, 2003 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Chair, Ted Asbury, City of Albuquerque. The presence of a quorum was noted.

### Agenda

#### Action Taken:

Mr. Mike Trujillo, MRCOG staff member, asked that the Water Resources Board meeting schedule for the year be added to the agenda under "Action Items."

Board Member Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 12, 2003 AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas, and carried unanimously.

#### Tab 1 **Action Summary**

#### Action Taken:

Councilor A. Terese Ulivarri, City of Belen, made the motion to:

**APPROVE THE JANUARY 15, 2003 ACTION SUMMARY AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. F. Lee Brown, Village of Corrales, and carried (12-0) with Board Member Hernandez abstaining.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

#### Tab 2 **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

## ACTION ITEMS

#### Tab 3 **Approval of 2003 Meeting Schedule**

#### Action Taken:

Councilor Ulivarri made a motion to:

**APPROVE THE 2003 WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED.**

The motion was seconded by Trustee Donald Lopez, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Trujillo noted that additional meetings may be necessary.

### **Approval of Final Goals & Objectives**

#### **Action Taken:**

Chairman Asbury requested that the Water Board review and consider incorporating comments on the Goals and Objectives by the City of Albuquerque into the final document.

After a lengthy discussion, Trustee Lopez, made a motion to:

**APPROVE THE GOALS & OBJECTIVES AS PRESENTED WITH THE COMMENTS PRESENTED BY MR. ASBURY AS AN AMENDMENT.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County Flood Control Authority, and passed unanimously.

Councilor Ulivarri invited Mr. Asbury to attend the next meeting of the Water Board subcommittee to discuss the proposed amendments.

### **OTHER DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

At this point in the agenda, it was agreed that **Tab 5** (Population Projections) would be added to the March 12 Water Resources Board agenda.

**Tab 4      Feasibility Analysis on Irrigation Alternative Actions**

Mr. Mike McGovern, Bohannon Huston, Inc., presented and reviewed the Feasibility Analysis on Irrigation Alternative Actions.

**Tab 6      Water Planning Coordinator's Report**

Mr. Trujillo presented his report. He explained that the draft Bylaws for the Water Resources Board with changes have been distributed as Tab 6. If there is disagreement, a minority report can be filed. This item will be on the March agenda. Mr. Trujillo also noted that there are several bills before the Legislature which the Mid-Region Council of Governments and the Water Resources Board have an interest in. (Please refer to Handout)

**Tab 7      Water Assembly Progress Report**

Mr. Bob Wessley commented that this is the second month that the Water Assembly report has been delayed or rushed. He said that there will be a Regional Forum held on March 1, 2003 and encouraged people to attend.

He also noted that the reports from the analysis contract would be delivered today and encouraged participation by WRB members.

Mr. Trujillo offered to switch places on the agenda every other month in order for the Water Assembly reports to be heard.

### **Adjournment**

The February 12, 2003 meeting of the Water Resources Board was adjourned by consensus at 1:30 pm.

## **NOTES**

### **Next Meeting:**

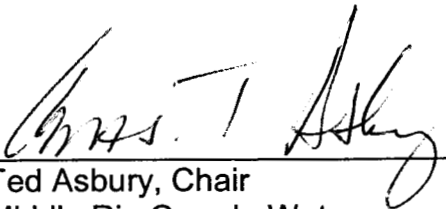
**Wednesday, March 12, 2003**

**11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**


**MRCOG Board Room**

**317 Commercial N.E., Third Floor**

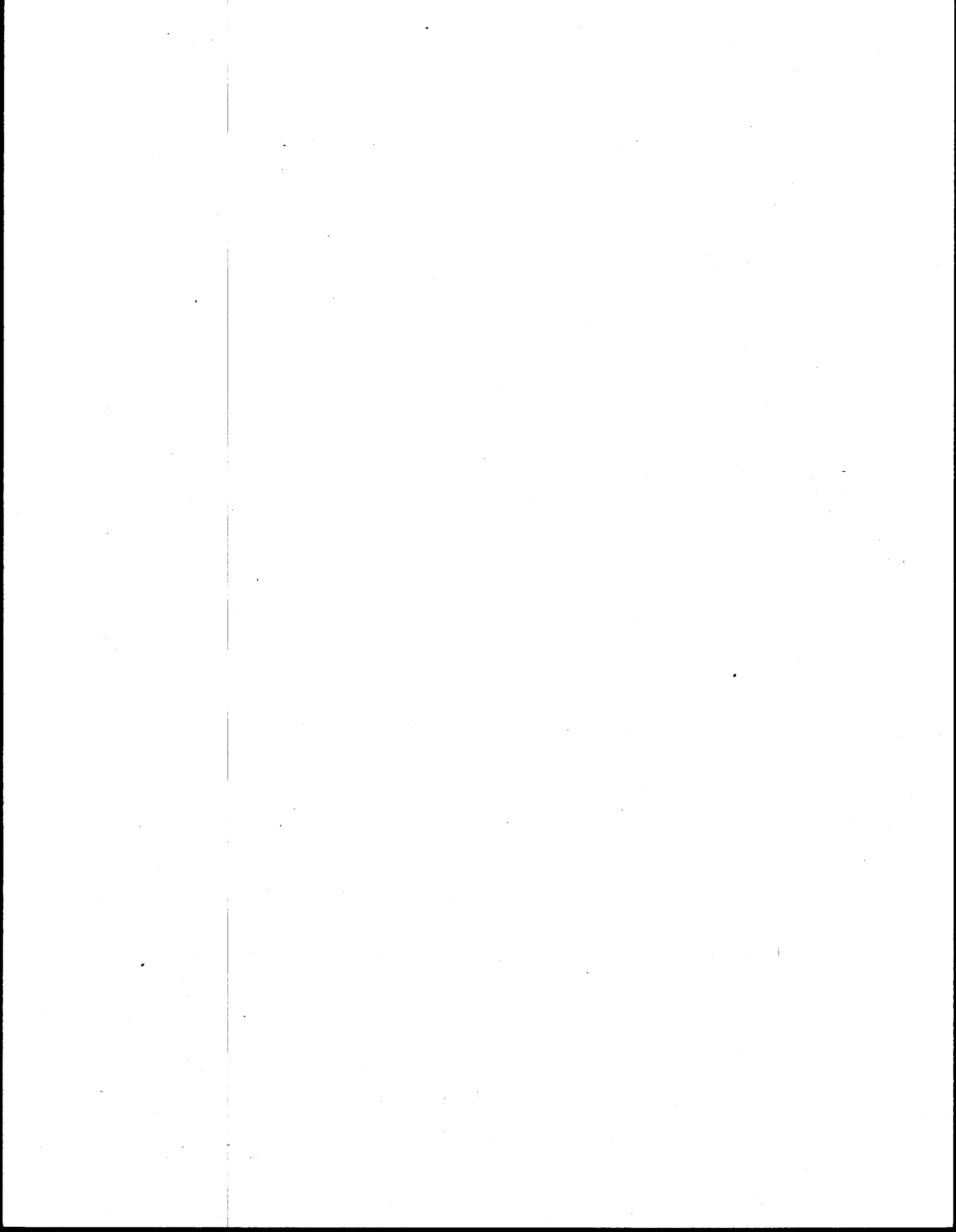
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Ted Asbury, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water  
Resources Board (MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

  
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Lawrence Rael  
Executive Director

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## Mid-Region Council of Governments



### Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board Wednesday, March 12, 2003 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MRCOG Board Room, 317 Commercial NE, Suite 300, Albuquerque, NM 87102

**Ted Asbury, Chair**

**A. Terese Ulivarri, Vice Chair**

	PRESENT	MEMBER	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
1		<b>Ted Asbury, Chair</b> Public Works Director	City of Albuquerque	<b>X</b>	John Stomp
2	<b>X</b>	<b>A. Terese Ulivarri,</b> <b>Vice Chair</b> Councilor	City of Belen		Sally Garley Julie Baca
3	<b>X</b>	<b>Charles Aguilar,</b> Mayor	Town of Bernalillo		
4	<b>X</b>	<b>Betty Behrend</b>	Village of Los Lunas		Phillip Jaramillo
5	<b>X</b>	<b>F. Lee Brown</b>	Village of Corrales		Michele Minnis
6	<b>X</b>	<b>Ginger Eldridge,</b> Councillor	Village of Bosque Farms		Roger Baldwin, Mayor
7	<b>X</b>	<b>Hector Gonzales,</b> Board Member	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District		Subhas Shah, Executive Engineer; Joseph Griego, Board Member
8	<b>X</b>	<b>Danny Hernandez,</b> Board Member	Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
9		<b>John Hooker,</b> Mayor	Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque	<b>X</b>	Don Lopez
10		<b>Henry Pacelli,</b> Utility Commissioner	City of Rio Rancho	<b>X</b>	Larry Webb Dee Fuerst
11		<b>Aurelio "Al" Padilla,</b> Commissioner	Valencia County	<b>X</b>	James Fernandez
12	<b>X</b>	<b>William Sapien,</b> Commissioner	Sandoval County		Bradley Stebleton
13	<b>X</b>	<b>David Stoliker</b>	Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority		Vacant
14		<b>Juan Vigil,</b> County Manager	Bernalillo County	<b>X</b>	Mary Murnane

<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS</b>				
		<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>
	<b>X</b>	<b>Bob Wessely</b>	Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly	Bob Prendergast
		<b>Emmett Cart</b>	Rio Jemez Subregion	Vacant
	<b>X</b>	<b>Robert Cordova</b>	Rio Puerco Subregion	Marion Woolf
<b>ELIGIBLE VOTING GOVERNMENTS NOT REPRESENTED</b>				
		<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>
		<b>Vacant</b>	Cochiti Pueblo	Vacant
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		<b>Vacant</b>	Santo Domingo Pueblo	Vacant
		<b>Vacant</b>	Village of Tijeras	Vacant

<b>MRCOG STAFF ATTENDING</b>	
<b>X</b>	<b>Dave Abrams</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Hope Neilson</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Joe Quintana</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Barbara Thomas</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Mike Trujillo</b>
<b>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE</b>	
<b>X</b>	<b>Larry Blair</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Brian Burnett</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Joseph Griego</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Bob Prendergast</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Subhas Shah</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Ernest Torrez</b>

## AGENDA

### Call to Order:

The March 12, 2003 Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWWRB) meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Vice Chair, A. Terese Ulivarri, City of Belen. The presence of a quorum was noted.

### Agenda

#### Action Taken:

Mr. Mike Trujillo, MRCOG staff member, made two changes to the agenda. He asked that (1) Tab 6 (Water Assembly Alternatives presentation) be deferred until the April 9, 2003 Water Resources Board meeting and (2) he noted that an updated Legislative Report (Tab 8) had been distributed to Board members, thereby allowing adequate time for Mr. Wessely's report.

Honorable Hector Gonzales, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, made a motion to:

#### **APPROVE THE MARCH 12, 2003 AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Honorable Don Lopez, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and carried unanimously.

#### Tab 1 **Action Summary**

#### Action Taken:

Mr. Lopez made a motion to:

#### **APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 12, 2003 ACTION SUMMARY AS WRITTEN.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Betty Behrend, Village of Los Lunas, and carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

#### Tab 2 **Public Comments**

Mr. Ernest Torrez, Village of La Jara, requested to address the Board under Tab 5.

## ACTION ITEMS

#### Tab 3 **Approval of Amended Goals and Objectives**

#### Action Taken:

Vice Chair Ulivarri explained that the subcommittee on Goals and Objectives



had met on March 11 and had reviewed the recommendations of the City of Albuquerque. Most of those recommendations had been incorporated into the document with some changes in placement. Ms. Ulivarri noted that the definition of a "healthy" river will be incorporated at a later date. The motion was seconded by Trustee Donald Lopez, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Flood Control Authority, made a motion to:

**AMEND SECTION B.2 TO READ "...HEALTHY RIVER AS DEFINED IN THE REGIONAL WATER PLAN." (new language underlined)**

Mr. Lopez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Larry Webb, City of Rio Rancho, made a motion to:

**DELETE THE WORD "EXISTING" IN SECTION D-3.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. John Stomp, City of Albuquerque. The motion was defeated by a vote of 11 to 3.

Mr. David Stoliker, Southern Sandoval County Flood Control Authority, made a motion to:

**APPROVE THE GOALS & OBJECTIVES AS AMENDED.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hernandez.

After an extensive discussion, the motion was approved 12 to 1, with Mr. Lee Brown, Village of Corrales, abstaining and Mr. Larry Webb, City of Rio Rancho, voting "no."

**OTHER DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Tab 4     **Population Projections Update**  
Mr. Dave Abrams, MRCOG staff member, presented a report on Population Projections based on the 2000 Census data.
- Tab 5     **Legal Issues Specific to the MRG Water Planning Region and Overview of Water Law**  
Mr. John Utton of Sheehan, Sheehan & Stelzner, presented reports on the Legal Issues Specific to the MRG Water Planning Region and an Overview of Water Law.

Mr. Ernest Torrez, La Jara, New Mexico, noted that his region had been excluded from the planning process and that they do not have a vote on the Water Resources Board. Mr. Trujillo said he would explain the situation at the April Water Board meeting.

**Tab 6 Water Assembly-Alternatives Working Team-19 Alternatives Presentation**

The item was deferred until the April 9, 2003 meeting of the Water Board.

**Tab 7 Water Assembly Progress Report**

Mr. Bob Wessely of the Water Assembly reported on progress/plans in scenario building, contractor products, coordination with local government bodies, dealing with Elephant Butte evaporation and the Regional Forum. He thanked the various contributors to the Forum. He presented the problem of jurisdictional allocation of meeting the mission. He distributed data showing allocations of water planning funds and changes against them, noting points of possible concern.

**Adjournment**

The March 12, 2003 meeting of the Water Resources Board was adjourned by consensus at 1:45 p.m.

**NOTES**

**Next Meeting:**

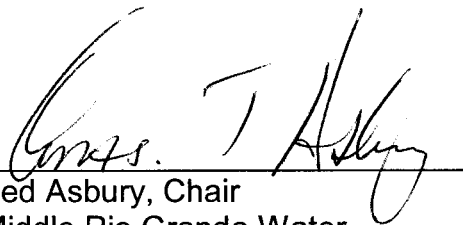
**Wednesday, April 9, 2003**

**11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**


**MRCOG Board Room**

**317 Commercial N.E., Third Floor**

**Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102**

  
Ted Asbury, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water  
Resources Board (MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

  
Lawrence Rael  
Executive Director

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**Mid-Region Council of Governments**  
**Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board**  
**Wednesday, September 10, 2003**  
**11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

MRCOG Board Room, 317 Commercial NE, Suite 300, Albuquerque, NM 87102

**Ted Asbury, Chair**

**A. Terese Ulivarri, Vice Chair**

	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>
1	City of Albuquerque	X	<b>Ted Asbury, Chair</b> Public Works Director		John Stomp
2	Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority	X	<b>Danny Hernandez,</b> Board Member		Other Board Members
3	City of Belen	X	<b>A. Terese Ulivarri,</b> <i>Vice Chair</i> Councilor		Sally Garley Julie Baca
4	Town of Bernalillo	X	<b>Charles Aguilar,</b> Mayor		Ida Fierro
5	Bernalillo County		<b>Juan Vigil,</b> County Manager	X	Mary Murnane
6	Village of Bosque Farms	X	<b>Ginger Eldridge,</b> Councilor		Roger Baldwin, Mayor
7	Village of Corrales		<b>F. Lee Brown</b>	X	Michele Minnis
8	Village of Cuba	X	<b>Robert Cordova</b>		Vacant
9	Village of Los Lunas	X	<b>Betty Behrend,</b> Utility Director		Phillip Jaramillo
10	Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque		<b>John Hooker,</b> Mayor		Don Lopez
11	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District	X	<b>Hector Gonzales,</b> Board Member		Joseph Griego Subhas Shah
12	City of Rio Rancho	X	<b>Henry Pacelli,</b> Utility Commissioner		Larry Webb
13	Sandoval County	X	<b>Bill Sapien,</b> Commissioner		Bradley Stebleton
14	Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority	X	<b>David Stoliker</b>		Vacant
15	Village of Tijeras		<b>Gloria Chavez,</b> Mayor		
16	Valencia County		<b>Aurelio Padilla,</b> Commissioner		James Fernandez

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Santo Domingo Pueblo		Vacant		Vacant
Village of Tijeras		Vacant		Vacant

<b>MRCOG STAFF AND OTHERS ATTENDING</b>	
	<b>Bob Grant</b>
	<b>Joseph Griego</b>
	<b>Mike McGovern</b>
	<b>Hope Nealson</b>
	<b>Bob Prendergast</b>
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	<b>Mike Trujillo</b>
	<b>Larry Webb</b>

## AGENDA

### Call to Order

The September 10, 2003 meeting of the Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board (MRGWRB) was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Chair Ted Asbury, City of Albuquerque. The presence of a quorum was noted.

### Agenda

#### Action Taken:

Councilor A. Terese Ulivarri, City of Belen, made a motion to:

**APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2003 AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ginger Eldridge, Village of Bosque Farms, and passed unanimously.

#### Tab 1 **Action Summary of August 13, 2003**

#### Action Taken:

Mr. Bob Wessely, Water Assembly, noted a spelling error on page 5, Tab 6: "eminent" should be corrected to "imminent."

Board Member Danny Hernandez, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, made a motion to:

**APPROVE THE ACTION SUMMARY OF AUGUST 13, 2003 AS CORRECTED.**

The motion was seconded by Mayor Charles Aguilar, Town of Bernalillo, and passed unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

#### Tab 2 **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

## ACTION ITEMS

#### Tab 3 **Consideration of Proposed Change to Goals & Objectives**

#### Action Taken:

Commissioner William Sapien, Sandoval County, made a motion to:

**DEFER CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE GOALS & OBJECTIVES UNTIL THE OCTOBER 8, 2003 WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING.**

The motion was seconded by Councilor Eldridge and passed unanimously.

**OTHER DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Tab 4 Discussion on WRB Bylaws Relating to Water Providers Council**

Mr. Joe Quintana, MRCOG staff member, explained to the Board that the Water Providers Council has been established and may be called into session to address issues specifically concerning water rights. Mr. Quintana noted that the responsibilities, membership and voting mechanism of the Water Providers Council are included in the Bylaws of the Water Resources Board.

**Tab 5 Principle Policies for Maintaining the Region's Future Water Supply**

At a special meeting of the Water Resources Board on August 22, 2003, three Principle Policies for the Regional Water Plan were approved. Those Principles were discussed at length and changes agreed upon as follows: (changes noted in italics)

**Water Principle I: Ground Water**

We encourage adoption and implementation of policies that conserve use of groundwater in the Middle Rio Grande sub-region to create a reserve to deal with drought, prevent subsidence and mitigate other negative effects of groundwater depletion.

**Water Principle II: Surface Water**

We encourage adoption and implementation of policies that conserve use of surface water. *Any additional water that is available should be stored upstream and/or returned to the aquifer using appropriate technology. This principle is to reduce evaporative losses.*

**Water Principle III: Designing Implementation Mechanisms**

We encourage jurisdictions in the region to work together to design implementation mechanisms for the plan that are *effective, fair, wise, equitable, legal* and appropriate to local community *concerns*.

The Principles will come before the Water Resources Board as an Action Item at the October 8 meeting.

Tab 6      **Report on Development of Converged Scenario**

Mr. Wessely reported that the Converged Scenario is now the Preferred Scenario. It is available as Item 9.3 in the Regional Water Plan which is available at the website, [www.waterassembly.org/1wamast/chplan.html](http://www.waterassembly.org/1wamast/chplan.html).

Tab 7      **Discussion of Draft “Public Welfare” Statement**

Discussion of the Draft Public Welfare Statement was postponed due to time constraints.

Tab 8      **Water Assembly Progress Report**

There was no Water Assembly Progress Report due to time constraints.

Tab 9      **Water Planning Coordinator’s Report**

There was no Water Planning Coordinator’s Report due to time constraints.

Tab 10     **Comments from Board Members**

There were no comments from Board Members.

**Adjournment**

The September 10, 2003 meeting of the Water Resources Board was adjourned by consensus at 1:30 p.m.

**NOTES**

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, October 8, 2003**

**11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**MRCOG Board Room**

**317 Commercial N.E., Third Floor**

**Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102**

**Special Meeting:**

***Joint Meeting of the Water Resources Board and the Water Assembly***

**Saturday, September 20, 2003**

**9:00 a.m.-4:00 .m.**

**INTEL, RR8, room 115**

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Ted Asbury, Chair  
Middle Rio Grande Water  
Resources Board (MRGWRB)

ATTEST:

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Lawrence Rael  
Executive Director