



Mid-Region Council of Governments

WATER RESOURCES BOARD

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

10:00 a.m. - Noon

MRCOG Board Room, 809 Copper Ave. N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87102

Steve Glass, Chair

Donald Lopez, Vice Chair

AGENDA

Call to Order:

The presence of a quorum will be noted.

Approval of Agenda for February 6, 2019

Tab 1 **Approval of Action Summary of November 7, 2018**

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Tab 2 **Public Comments** *[ANYONE WHO WISHES TO ADDRESS THE WRB MUST REGISTER WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD]*

Tab 3 **Board Questions and Comments**

ACTION ITEMS

Tab 4 **Approval of Letter of Support for EMWT Regional Water Association**

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Tab 5 **2019 Legislative Report –Adrian Oglesby**

Tab 6 **Update from the Technical Advisory Group – Bart Faris and Dan McGregor**
Adjournment

NOTES

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 2, 2019

10:00 a.m. to Noon

MRCOG Board Room

Anyone requiring special accommodations must notify the MRCOG office (247-1750) at least seven days prior to the meeting.



Mid-Region Council of Governments

Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board Wednesday, November 7, 2018 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

MRCOG Board Room, 809 Copper Ave. N.W. Albuquerque, NM 87102

Steven Glass, Chair

Donald Lopez, Vice Chair

	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	MEMBER	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
1	City of Belen		Dale Tafoya		David Carter
2	City of Moriarty	X	Art Swenka		Ted Hart
	Valencia County		James Aranda		Danny Monette
3	AMAFCA		Cynthia Borrego		Other board members Ron Brown
4	Town of Bernalillo	X	Jack Torres, Mayor		Ida Fierro
5	Bernalillo County		Debbie O'Malley, Commissioner	X	Dan McGregor Phillip Rust
	Village of Bosque Farms		Vacant		Wayne Ake, Mayor
6	Village of Corrales		Pat Clauser, Councilor		
	Village of Los Lunas		Vacant		Vacant
7	Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque	X	Donald Lopez, Mayor, Vice Chair		Mary Homan
	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District	X	Joaquin Baca		Joseph Griego
8	City of Rio Rancho	X	Marian Wrage		Steve Gallegos Jim Chiasson
9	Sandoval County		F. Kenneth Eichwald, Commissioner		Michael Springfield
10	SSCAFCA		James Fahey		Vacant
11	ABCWUA		Mark Sanchez	X	Frank Roth Carlos Bustos Kathryn Yuhas
12	Town of Edgewood		Vacant	X	Sherry Abraham
	Torrance County		Belinda Garland		Annette Ortiz
13	Town of Estancia		Ronnie Reynolds		Sylvia Chavez
14	City of Albuquerque	X	Bart Faris		Ken Ziegler
15	Ciudad Soil & Water	X	Steve Glass, Chair		Donald Rudy
16	Coronado Soil & Water	X	Lynn Montgomery		Marvin Mendelow Kathleen Groody
17	Edgewood Soil & Water	X	Brenda Smythe		
18	ESCAFCA		Sal Reyes		
19	EMWT		Bobby Ortiz		

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS					
	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	MEMBER	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
	Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly	X	Bob Wessley		Elaine Hebard John Brown
ELIGIBLE VOTING GOVERNMENTS NOT REPRESENTED					
	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	MEMBER	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
	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 Cuba		Vacant		Vacant
	Village of Jemez Springs		Vacant		Vacant
	Village of San Ysidro		Vacant		
	Village of Tijeras		Vacant		
MRCOG STAFF AND OTHERS ATTENDING					
	Barbara Thomas, Sandy Gaiser, Dewey Cave, Maida Rubin				

AGENDA

Call to Order

The November 7, 2018 meeting of the Mid-Region Water Resources Board (MRWRB) was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chair Steven Glass. The presence of a quorum was noted.

Approval of the Agenda for November 7, 2018

Action Taken:

Donald Lopez, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, made a motion to:

APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2018

The motion was seconded by Art Swenka, City of Moriarty, and passed unanimously.

Tab 1 Approval of Action Summary of May 2, 2018

Action Taken:

Mr. Lopez made a motion to:

APPROVE THE ACTION SUMMARY OF MAY 2, 2018

The motion was seconded by Brenda Smythe, Edgewood Soil and Water Conservation District, and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REPORTS

Tab 2 Public Comments

Mike Neese introduced himself as an advocate for water protection. He said that on November 8, 2018 there will be a vote in Sandoval County regarding oil extraction. He is in favor of banning fracking in the Albuquerque Basin and encouraged WRB members to view the video "Sacred Land Sacred Water".

Tab 3 Board Questions and Comments

Elaine Hebard noted that the Water Assembly is now called Water Advocates. She called members' attention to a document called "Making the Case for Change (Seeking Solutions to Important New Mexico Water Problems)" which was prepared pursuant to House Memorial 1, 2017 Legislature.

ACTION ITEMS

Tab 4 Review and Approval of 2019 Water-related Legislative Priorities

The legislative priorities from 2018 were handed out.

Sandy Gaiser, MRCOG Regional Planning Manager, explained that the Priorities will go before the COG Board of Directors in December. It was agreed that a statement endorsing "Making the Case for Change" be added to the list of priorities.

Action Taken:

Mr. Lopez made a motion to:

APPROVE THE 2019 WATER-RELATED LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The motion was seconded by Lynn Montgomery, Coronado Soil and Water District, and passed unanimously.

Tab 5 **Election of Officers**

Chair Glass opened the floor to nominations.

Mr. Lopez nominated the current officers for another term. There were no other nominations and nominations ceased.

Action Taken:

Dan McGregor, Bernalillo County, made a motion to:

MAINTAIN CURRENT OFFICERS FOR ANOTHER TERM

The motion was seconded by Ms. Smythe and passed unanimously.

Tab 6 **Approval of 2019 WRB Meeting Dates**

The 2019 Water Resources Board meeting schedule was presented.

Action Taken:

Mr. Swenka made a motion to:

APPROVE THE 2019 WRB MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lopez and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Tab 7 **Update on Oil and Gas Task Force**

Sandy Gaiser, MRCOG Regional Planning Manager, explained that the resolution on oil and gas development in the region was discussed at the last MRCOG Board meeting but action was not taken at that time. The matter will be on their agenda for action at their December meeting.

Copies of the resolution were distributed to the WRB member present.

Dewey Cave, MRCOG Executive Director, described the letter which had been received from the Water Protection Advisory Board requesting that the MRCOG oversee a task group to “review and address concerns related to the social, economic and environmental issues associated with oil and gas development throughout the region served by the MRCOG, to seek input and information from stakeholders and to create a model oil and gas ordinance for use by member governments.”

Ms. Gaiser explained that the WRB allows for the creation of a sub-committee to review the resolution and make recommendations. She said that they can create a template for an ordinance but not an actual ordinance which is not under the purview of the MRCOG.

The group will provide options and technical assistance for smaller communities as well as the larger agencies in the region.

Discussion followed regarding the membership on the sub-committee/task force. Ms. Gaiser said the members of the task force will come from the membership of the WRB and outside input will be sought as appropriate and needed.

Mr. Cave noted that this will be a long process and periodic reports should be made to the MRCOG Board of Directors.

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the WRB in January to decide how to proceed and establish a schedule, mission statement, etc.

Jack Torres, Town of Bernalillo, stressed that the process must be transparent.

Mr. Glass requested that the word "ordinance" be changed to "template."

Tab 8 **Presentation Regarding the 2017 House Memorial 1 Working Group**

Bob Wessely, MRG Water Advocates, and Theresa Cardenas, Member of the HN1 Working Group and consultant to the Union of Concerned Scientists, presented a progress report on the 2017 House Memorial 1 Working Group. They reviewed the background of the Memorial, and the current water situation in New Mexico at the present time as well as possible solutions for dealing with the situation and how to plan for the future.

The full report is available from Mr. Wessely or Ms. Cardenas.

Tab 9 **Update on the Efforts of the Regional Water Plan Database Task Force**

Elaine Hebard, MRG Water Advocates, presented an update on the work of the Regional Water Plan Database Task Force. She said the group had met twice and members are herself, Brenda Smythe, Bart Faris and Donald Lopez.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Steve Glass, Chair
Mid-Region Water Resources Board

ATTEST:

Dewey V. Cave, Executive Director



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January 30, 2019

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please send us your letter of support!

In 2018 the USDA obligated **\$3,994,500.00** in Federal funds to EMWT's Regional Water Project!

To begin the project, however, we also need funds from the state of New Mexico.

The 2019 State Legislature is considering EMWT's **Capital Outlay** funding applications. Your entity's Letter of Support will greatly increase EMWT's ability to receive these funds and be able to provide a reliable source of clean drinking water throughout the Estancia Basin area. A letter template is attached for your convenience. **Please place this item on your February agenda if necessary and return your letter to us before March 1, 2019.**

The Estancia Valley is a great place to live and work. Please help us ensure we will all have clean, safe water for generations to come! For more information about EMWT, please call us, email or reference www.emwtwater.org.

Sincerely,

The EMWT Regional Water Association Board of Directors

EMWT Letter of Support Template – 2019.01.30

Please Return Original Letter by March 1, 2018 to: EMWT REGIONAL WATER ASSOCIATION
email to: info@emwtwater.org
For questions, call 505-384-2369

(Entity Letterhead)

(Date)

Dear Legislator,

_____ fully supports **EMWT REGIONAL WATER ASSOCIATION** in its efforts to regionalize and link community water supplies throughout the Estancia Valley. We appreciate the EMWT Board's strong commitment to keep the water in the Valley and its dedication to protect and conserve our limited groundwater resources. Their goal is to link municipal supplies and to provide safe drinking water throughout the Valley.

As you consider EMWT Regional Water Association's requests for **Capital Outlay Funds** during the 2019 Legislative Cycle, please be aware that we believe EMWT's regionalized efforts demonstrate money well-spent for New Mexico. *The USDA has obligated \$3,994,500 of federal dollars to expire in February, 2020 which must be supplemented with State funds.*

Sincerely,

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