



## Mid-Region Council of Governments

### WATER RESOURCES BOARD

Wednesday, May 1, 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 May 1, 2019**

Tab 1 **Approval of Action Summaries of November 7, 2018, January 9, 2019 and February 6, 2019**

#### 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

There are no Action Items for this agenda.

#### DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Tab 4 **Report on HB 651 and Implementation of the Water Data Act – Melanie Stansbury**

Tab 5 **UNM Grand Challenge in Sustainable Water Resources – Adrian Oglesby**

Tab 6 **Update from the Technical Advisory Group – Bart Faris and Dan McGregor  
(The draft Oil & Gas Guidelines are available on the MRCOG website, WRB page.)**

**Adjournment**

#### NOTES

**Next Meeting:**

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

<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS</b>					
	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>
	Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly	X	Bob Wessley		Elaine Hebard John Brown
<b>ELIGIBLE VOTING GOVERNMENTS NOT REPRESENTED</b>					
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	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		
<b>MRCOG STAFF AND OTHERS ATTENDING</b>					
	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.

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Steve Glass, Chair  
Mid-Region Water Resources Board

ATTEST:

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Dewey V. Cave, Executive Director



## Mid-Region Council of Governments

### Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board Wednesday, January 9, 2019 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**

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4	Town of Bernalillo	X	<b>Jack Torres, Mayor</b>		Ida Fierro
5	Bernalillo County		<b>Debbie O'Malley, Commissioner</b>	X	Dan McGregor Phillip Rust
	Village of Bosque Farms		<b>Vacant</b>		Wayne Ake, Mayor
6	Village of Corrales	X	<b>Pat Clauser, Councilor</b>		
	Village of Los Lunas		<b>Vacant</b>		Vacant
7	Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque		<b>Donald Lopez, Mayor, Vice Chair</b>		Vacant
	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District	X	<b>Joaquin Baca</b>		Joseph Griego
8	City of Rio Rancho	X	<b>Marian Wrage</b>		Steve Gallegos Jim Chiasson
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16	Coronado Soil & Water	X	<b>Lynn Montgomery</b>		Marvin Mendelow Kathleen Groody
17	Edgewood Soil & Water	X	<b>Brenda Smythe</b>		
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	Village of San Ysidro		Vacant		
	Village of Tijeras		Vacant		
<b>MRCOG STAFF AND OTHERS ATTENDING</b>					
	Barbara Thomas, Sandy Gaiser, Dewey Cave, Forest Replogle				



## AGENDA

### Call to Order

The January 9, 2019 meeting of the Mid-Region Water Resources Board (MRWRB) was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chair Steven Glass. The presence of a quorum was noted.

### Approval of the Agenda for January 9, 2019

#### Action Taken:

Bart Faris, City of Albuquerque, made a motion to:

#### **APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 9, 2019**

The motion was seconded by Pat Clauser, Village of Corrales, and passed unanimously.

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

#### Action Taken:

Will be approved at the next WRB meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENT AND REPORTS

### Tab 2 Public Comments

The following people signed up for public comment: Gregory Bergmark, Elaine Cimino, Mario Atencio, John Arango and Eileen Shendo. These people called attention to Sandoval County's website which no longer has an "oil and gas" section, requested that the task force members reach out to the Navajo Chapter in the San Juan Basin, suggested that the oil and gas issue is inseparable from politics and spoke about organic farmers in the region and native water rights.

### Tab 3 Board Questions and Comments

Dewey Cave, MRCOG Executive Director, thanked Jack Torres, Town of Bernalillo, for bringing up the subject of fracking at the MRCOG Board meeting and stressed that the Council of Governments will remain neutral on the subject. Mr. Cave thanked Mr. Glass and the task force for their work and Mr. Torres thanked the COG for taking on this issue as a neutral party.

Lynn Montgomery., Coronado Soil and Water District, expressed concern about public trust and Mr. Glass explained how the process began with the Water Protection Advisory Board.

## ACTION ITEMS

### Tab 4 Approval of Technical Advisory Group Co-Chairs (Dan McGregor and Bart Faris)

Sandy Gaiser, Regional Planning Manager, said that Mr. McGregor and Mr. Faris have already put a lot of work into the Oil and Gas Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and noted that members of the Group will be members of the Water Resources Board. Other individuals with technical expertise will be called upon as needed.

#### Action Taken:

Mr. Torres made a motion to:

#### **APPROVE THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP CO-CHAIRS, DAN MCGREGOR AND BART FARIS**

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

## DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Tab 5 **Review of R-18-04 MRCOG (as approved by the full MRCOG Board of Directors) and Define Deliverables**

Ms. Gaiser said that the resolution had been passed by the full MRCOG Board and noted that the TAG will not be drafting any legislation as that is not in the purview of this organization.

Mr. McGregor said that currently there are five members: Dan McGregor (Bernalillo County), Bart Faris (City of Albuquerque), Bruce Thompson (AMAFCA) and Jack Torres (Town of Bernalillo). There will be no more than seven members.

Mr. McGregor said any suggestions for the other two positions should be forwarded to him.

Mr. Cave suggested that the oil and gas industry be represented on the Advisory Group.

Mr. McGregor said that the number one issue is the protection of water and that tasks will be prioritized and comprehensive and based on issues of the region. Mr. Wessely suggested that protection of archeological and historical sites should also be considered.

Mr. McGregor reviewed the major bullet points which will be addressed from the first and second years of the TAG's work.

Mr. McGregor spoke briefly about public input and the scope of work and said the group will meet once a week. Public comment can be made to the Water Resources Board. Mr. Cave praised the group for their work.

Mr. Montgomery stated that there will be need to define stakeholders and to consider native communities. Ms. Gaiser said that tribal governments will certainly be considered and their input sought. Cynthia Borrego, AMAFCA, suggested taking the acequia systems into consideration as well.

Tab 6 **Presentation by Bob Wessely – Consideration for Oil and Gas Regulatory Guidelines**

Bob Wessely, Water Assembly, presented a report on what might be considered by the Technical Advisory Group during this process. Those include key oil and gas development issues, primary goals and incentives for responsible behavior, government subsidies, health and welfare of the public and regulatory limits.

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

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Steve Glass, Chair  
Mid-Region Water Resources Board

ATTEST:

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Dewey V. Cave, Executive Director



## Mid-Region Council of Governments

### Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

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

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	Village of Tijeras		Vacant		
<b>MRCOG STAFF AND OTHERS ATTENDING</b>					
	Barbara Thomas, Sandy Gaiser				

## AGENDA

### Call to Order

The February 6, 2019 meeting of the Mid-Region Water Resources Board (MRWRB) was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chair Steven Glass. A quorum was not present.

### Approval of the Agenda for February 6, 2019

#### Action Taken:

As a quorum was not present, the agenda was not formally approved.

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

#### Action Taken:

As a quorum was not present, the Action Summary for November 7, 2018 was not approved.

## PUBLIC COMMENT AND REPORTS

### Tab 2 Public Comments

There were no people present requesting to comment.

### Tab 3 Board Questions and Comments

There were no comments from the Board members.

## ACTION ITEMS

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

As a quorum was not present, no action could be taken. Art Swenka, City of Moriarty, briefly explained why the letter of support was being requested. He said that in order for the WMWT Regional Water Association to borrow money, a match is needed. The purpose of the EMWT is to provide water regionally for Estancia, Moriarty, Willard and Torrance County.

As a quorum was not present, approval of a letter of support was not possible.

Charlene Pyskoty, new Bernalillo County Commissioner, was introduced. Ms. Pyskoty said she lives in the East mountains and will host a community water forum at the Vista Grande Community Center on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

She also noted that she will sponsor two resolutions at the next Bernalillo County Commission meeting: one regarding the Healthy Soils Act and the other regarding HB 374. HB 374 is an act relating to water; requiring the identification of end users in applications for the appropriation of underground water; establishing prior decisions as legal precedent if not clearly incorrect or distinguished; providing grounds to reject an application.

Dewey Cave, MRCOG Executive Director, welcomed Commissioner to the Board.

## DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

### Tab 5 2019 Legislative Report

Adrian Oglesby, past chair of the Water Resources Board, introduced Lauren Rust, administrative assistant at the Utton Center. He presented information from the 2019 Legislature. Mr. Oglesby, said that HB187 requests funds in the amount of \$1.5 billion to the

Utton Center at UNM over a period of 2 ½ years which will be used for amendments to water law in New Mexico, work on adjudications and preparation for climate change. It will also provide for financing water projects.

Mr. Oglesby noted that the position of State Engineer has not yet been filled by the new Governor but that John Romero is Acting State Engineer. The budget from the last legislative session is the one currently in place and the LFC budget is currently moving through the Round House.

Mr. Oglesby distributed the list of water-related projects which were under consideration by the Legislature and reviewed a few which were of more interest to the WRB. He then stood for questions.

Tab 6 **Update from the Technical Advisory Group**

Bart Faris, City of Albuquerque, listed the members of the Oil and Gas Technical Advisory Group and reviewed what has been established to date. The TAG was approved on January 9, 2019 and the process is expected to finish work in about two years. Mr. Faris thanked Ms. Gaiser for her assistance. Mr. Faris said that the group has met several times and formulated seven major points for all governing boards to consider if the wish. The seven considerations include:

- 1) What characteristics are within the Middle Rio Grande basin?
- 2) What are the geology and demographics of the Middle Rio Grande valley?
- 3) What are the oil and gas resources in the region? (A Shell study showed zero resources in the 1970's. What resources exist on the West mesa?)
- 4) What drilling techniques are available?
- 5) What is the hydrology of the Region?
- 6) Who has regulatory authority?
- 7) What concerns does the community have?

In response to a question about updates from the TAG, Sandy Gaiser, MRCOG Regional Planning Manager, said that reports will be provided to the WRB as well as the MRCOG Board as needed.

Mr. Glass reiterated that the COG Board requires that the efforts of the TAG be neutral, transparent, open and balanced.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

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Steve Glass, Chair  
Mid-Region Water Resources Board

ATTEST:

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Dewey V. Cave, Executive Director