



Mid-Region Council of Governments

WATER RESOURCES BOARD

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

10:00 a.m. - Noon

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

This will be a zoom meeting. The link is below.

Steve Glass, Chair

Donald Lopez, Vice Chair

AGENDA

Call to Order:

The presence of a quorum will be noted.

Approval of Agenda for May 12, 2021

Tab 1 **Approval of Action Summary of February 5, 2020**

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 Revised Meeting Schedule for 2021**

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

There are no Discussion Items for this agenda. However, since we have not met in a year, please do bring any issues you would like to discuss. We would like to keep the meeting to one hour in length.

Adjournment

NOTES

Next Proposed Meeting:

**Wednesday, November 3, 2021
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.

ZOOM LINK BELOW

Mrcog Zoom1 is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: WRB Meeting

Time: May 12, 2021 10:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95192326878?pwd=QVAXZ2FYdi9DNFVHVIVseVp0N0FTQT09>

Meeting ID: 951 9232 6878

Passcode: 054808

One tap mobile

+12532158782,,95192326878#,,,,*054808# US (Tacoma)

+13462487799,,95192326878#,,,,*054808# US (Houston)

Dial by your location

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 951 9232 6878

Passcode: 054808

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/abE2KORGF>

Join by Skype for Business

<https://zoom.us/skype/95192326878>



Mid-Region Council of Governments

Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board Wednesday, November 6, 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

	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	MEMBER	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
1	City of Belen		Dale Tafoya		Vacant
2	City of Moriarty	X	Art Swenka		Ted Hart
	Valencia County		Gabriel Luna		Danny Monette
3	AMAFCA	X	Bruce Thomson		Other board members Cynthia Borrego
4	Town of Bernalillo	X	Jack Torres, Mayor		Ida Fierro
5	Bernalillo County		Charlene Pyskoty, 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		Donald Lopez, Mayor, Vice Chair	X	Mary Homan
	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District		Joaquin Baca		Joseph Griego
8	City of Rio Rancho		Marian Wrage		Steve Gallegos Jim Chiasson
9	Sandoval County		F. Kenneth Eichwald, Commissioner	X	Makita Hill
10	SSCAFCA		James Fahey		Vacant
11	ABCWUA		Mark Sanchez	X	Diane Agnew Kathryn Yuhas
12	Town of Edgewood		Vacant		Sherry Abraham
	Torrance County		Belinda Garland		
13	Town of Estancia		Ronnie Reynolds		Sylvia Chavez
14	City of Albuquerque	X	Ken Ziegler		
15	Ciudad Soil & Water	X	Steve Glass, Chair		Vacant
16	Coronado Soil & Water	X	Lynn Montgomery		Kathleen Groody
17	Edgewood Soil & Water		Brenda Smythe		
18	ESCAFCA		Sal Reyes		
19	EMWT		Bobby Ortiz		Kay Brown

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					
	Sandy Gaiser, Barbara Thomas, Susan Small (Valencia Soils & Water)				

AGENDA

Call to Order

The November 6, 2019 meeting of the Mid-Region Water Resources Board (MRWRB) was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chair Steven Glass. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda for November 6, 2019

Action Taken:

Chair Glass, Ciudad Soil and Water, made a motion to:

MOVE "PUBLIC COMMENTS" TO BE HEARD WITH TAB 8 (UPDATE FROM THE OIL AND GAS TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP)

The motion was seconded by Ken Ziegler, City of Albuquerque, and passed unanimously.

Action Taken:

Mr. Glass made a motion to:

APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2019 AS REVISED

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

Tab 1 Approval of Action Summaries of May 1, 2019 and August 7, 2019

Action Taken:

Mr. Glass made a motion to:

APPROVE THE ACTION SUMMARIES OF MAY 1, 2019 AND AUGUST 7, 2019

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

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REPORTS

Tab 2 Public Comments

This item was moved to Tab 8.

Tab 3 Board Questions and Comments

Lynn Montgomery, Coronado Soil and Water, commented in opposition to the issue of fracking in the Permian Basin noting that people, land and water are being neglected. Mr. Montgomery said it is his belief that New Mexico would survive without the oil industry.

ACTION ITEMS

Tab 4 Approval of 2020 WRB Meeting Schedule

Action Taken:

Mr. Swenka made a motion to:

APPROVE THE 2020 WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The motion was seconded by Dan McGregor, Bernalillo County, and passed unanimously.

Tab 5 **Approval of Ken Ziegler and Charles Barber to the Technical Advisory Group**

Action Taken:

Bruce Thomson, AMAFCA, made a motion to:

TO APPROVE MR. ZIEGLER AND MR. BARBER AS MEMBERS OF THE OIL AND GAS TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

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

Tab 6 **Approval of 2020 Legislative Priorities**

Sandy Gaiser, MRCOG Regional Planning Manager, noted that the previously approved 2019 Legislative Priorities for Water Policy were included in the agenda packet. A discussion followed and several changes were agreed upon.

The Water Policies, as agreed upon, are as follows:

- Encourage coordination of regional water plans, including policies, projects and programs specified in water plans
- Support State funding to capitalize the Water Trust fund
- Establish and maintain an aquifer measurement and monitoring program
- Support statewide water conservation strategies
- Support Forest and Watershed Restoration programs

Action Taken:

Mr. McGregor made a motion to:

APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR WATER POLICY AS AGREED UPON BY THOSE WRB MEMBERS PRESENT

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

The Water Policy Legislative Priorities will be sent to the MRCOG Board for their final approval of the complete MRCOG 2020 Legislative Priorities.

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Tab 7 **Presentation Regarding the Role of the MRCOG**

Ms. Gaiser explained the role of the Mid Region Council of Governments in the work of the Oil and Gas Technical Advisory Group. She noted that the MRCOG serves as a neutral party which facilitates the work and gives them a place at the Water Resources Board table to present their work and updates on the issue.

Ms. Gaiser said that each person who signed up to speak on the subject would have two minutes per person for their comments.

Tab 8 **Update from the Technical Advisory Group**

Dan McGregor (Bernalillo County) and Ken Ziegler (City of Albuquerque) explained what the Advisory group has done to date. Mr. Ziegler said that work is moving along and that they have completed the first section and the legal section.

The group, Mr. Ziegler said, meets every other Monday. Their work is available on the MRCOG website and, as well, comments can be made through the MRCOG website.

Mr. McGregor said that the MRCOG is a venue for public comment and that the Group is cataloging all comments received.

Mr. Ziegler noted that the process is expected to take two years.

Mr. Montgomery asked that Valencia Soil and Water and Cuba Soil and Water be added to the membership.

Chair Glass noted that the WRB has made clear that this process is open and transparent.

Public comments were heard at this point.

Elaine Cimino said that she had sent out a "call to action" because she believes the Advisory Group is disingenuous and her group would like to have their own experts involved. She believes that the process is not transparent.

Mark LeClaire had signed up to comment but had left the meeting prior to this time.

Mike Neas, Placitas resident, said that there is undue influence on public officials and that the document is misleading. Mr. Neas went on to note the flaws he sees in the document as it is currently.

Will Herrera, Governor of Laguna Pueblo, described the letter from the Pueblos to the MRCOG Board of Directors. He requested that Laguna Pueblo be represented on the TAG as well as on the Water Resources Board and the MRCOG Board of Directors.

Mr. McGregor thanked everyone for their comments and said that the TAG will address their concerns.

Gregory Bergmark presented his comments in writing.

Dewey Cave, Executive Director of the MRCOG, said he appreciates all comments and explained that the work the TAG is doing is only to provide guidelines, not to write ordinances.

Mr. Swenka suggested getting input from the Land Grant organizations in Tarrant County and offered to get the contact information for those groups.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Steve Glass, Chair
Mid-Region Water Resources Board

ATTEST:

Dewey V. Cave, Executive Director



Mid-Region Council of Governments

Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board Wednesday, February 5, 2020 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		Vacant
2	City of Moriarty	X	Art Swenka		Ted Hart
	Valencia County		Gabriel Luna		Danny Monette
3	AMAFCA	X	Bruce Thomson		Other board members Cynthia Borrego
4	Town of Bernalillo	X	Jack Torres, Mayor		Ida Fierro
5	Bernalillo County		Charlene Pyskoty, Commissioner		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		Joaquin Baca		Joseph Griego
8	City of Rio Rancho		Marian Wrage		Steve Gallegos Jim Chiasson
9	Sandoval County		F. Kenneth Eichwald, Commissioner		Makita Hill
10	SSCAFCA		James Fahey		Vacant
11	ABCWUA		Mark Sanchez	X	Diane Agnew Rick Shean
12	Town of Edgewood		Vacant		Sherry Abraham
	Torrance County		Belinda Garland		
13	Town of Estancia		Ronnie Reynolds		Sylvia Chavez
14	City of Albuquerque	X	Ken Ziegler		
15	Ciudad Soil & Water	X	Steve Glass, Chair		Vacant
16	Coronado Soil & Water	X	Lynn Montgomery		Kathleen Groody
17	Edgewood Soil & Water		Brenda Smythe		
18	ESCAFCA		Sal Reyes		

19	EMWT		Bobby Ortiz		Kay Brown
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					
	Sandy Gaiser, Dewey Cave, Maida Rubin, Channing Payton				

AGENDA

Call to Order

The February 5, 2020 meeting of the Mid-Region Water Resources Board (MRWRB) was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chair Steven Glass. A quorum was not present and the agenda for the day as well as the Action Summary of November 6, 2019 could not be approved.

Approval of the Agenda for February 5, 2020

The agenda for February 5, 2020 could not be approved for lack of a quorum.

Tab 1 **Approval of Action Summary of November 6, 2019**

The Action Summary of November 6, 2019 was not approved for lack of a quorum

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REPORTS

Tab 2 **Public Comments** – There were none.

Tab 3 **Board Questions and Comments** – There were no comments from the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

Tab 4 **Election of Officers**

The election of officers did not take place due to lack of a quorum.

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Tab 5 **Legislative Update**

Information was presented on the upcoming legislative session.

Tab 6 **Update from the Oil and Gas Technical Advisory Group**

Ken Ziegler, City of Albuquerque, updated those present on the status of the work of the Oil and Gas Technical advisory Group and stood for questions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Steve Glass, Chair
Mid-Region Water Resources Board

ATTEST:

Dewey V. Cave, Executive Director

**Water Resources Board
Meeting Schedule 2021
(1st Wednesday, quarterly)**

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Proposed New Schedule for 2021

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 1000 a.m.