



2022 Rural Water Summit

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

9:00AM – 4:00PM

Registration at 8:30AM

McKinley County Conference Center
207 West Hill Avenue, Gallup, New Mexico

Purpose: This event is designed to provide small water systems with critical information on the water regionalization initiative, identify key project and develop funding strategies. Water systems throughout the northwest region are welcome to attend this all-day event. Lunch will be provided.

AGENDA

TIME	SESSION
9:00AM – 9:10AM	Welcome and Introductions (15 mins) Billy Moore, McKinley County District 1 Commissioner Doug Decker, McKinley County Attorney
9:10AM – 9:55AM	Keynote Address (45 mins) Mike Hamman, NM Office of the State Engineer Statewide Perspective on Water Planning
9:55AM – 10:45AM	Water Regional Partnership Initiatives (50 mins) Blanca Surgeon, RCAC Karen Nichols, Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works
10:45AM – 11:00AM	15-minute Break
11:00AM – 12:00AM	Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Regional Entity Update (60 mins) Dominique Cartron, Esq., Cartron Law & Associates Karen Tapias, Rural Community Assistance Corporation Jason, McKinley County JPA
12:00PM – 1:00PM	LUNCH PROVIDED <i>Catered by Grandma's Joe's</i>

<u>TIME</u>	<u>SESSION</u>
1:00PM – 1:45PM	Panel Session: Case Study Review (45 mins) Karen Nichols, Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Invited member of other regional organization to discuss lessons learned, best practices on planning and funding strategies. Allow for a 10-minute Q&A.
1:45PM – 2:30PM	Panel Session: Regionalization Funding Projects Review (45 mins) Review state regionalization projects that have been funded and funding options for regionalization projects and challenges. (funding agencies invited)
2:30PM – 2:45PM	15-minute Break
2:45PM – 3:30PM	Legislative Preparation (45 mins) Patricia Lundstrom, NM District 9 State Representative
3:30PM – 3:50PM	Next Steps & Wrap-up (20 mins) Angelina Grey, Associate Planner
3:50PM – 4:00PM	Final Questions & Closing (10 mins)
4:00PM	Adjourn