

McKinley County Regional Water Commons Monthly Meeting Agenda Packet

Next Meeting:

WEDNESDAY, June 16, 2021 from 9:00AM to 10:00AM

MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

Agenda Packet Includes:

- A. *Next Meeting's Agenda*
- B. *Presentation Slides*
- C. *Attachments*
- D. *Training Opportunities*
- E. *Previous Meeting Packet (with Agenda, Meeting Notes, Presentation Slides, and Takeaways)*



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207 West Hill Avenue
Gallup, NM 87301



NW Council of Governments
106 West Aztec Avenue
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McKinley County Regional Water Commons (MCRWC)

a joint program with McKinley County and its partners

AGENDA PACKET

McKinley County Regional Water Commons

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 2021
9:00AM – 10:00AM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

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MCKINLEY COUNTY REGIONAL WATER COMMONS

MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

9 AM — 10 AM

Virtual Meeting

A G E N D A

WELCOME	<i>Angelina Grey, NWNMCOG</i>
PRESENTATIONS <i>Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project</i>	Dennis Romero, City of Gallup
COUNTY UPDATES	<i>Doug Decker, County Attorney</i> <i>Dominique Cartron, Attorney</i>
STANDING PARTNERS <i>Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund</i> <i>Operator Certification Programs</i>	<i>Jill Turner, NMED</i> <i>Karen Torres, NMED</i>
TOPICS OF DISCUSSION & UPDATES	<i>Angelina Grey, NWNMCOG</i>
TRAINING & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES	<i>Angelina Grey, NWNMCOG</i>
CLOSING	<i>Doug Decker, County Attorney</i>

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE:

These regularly scheduled meetings will be conducted as a “coffee hour” platform where attendees are free to discuss issues, provide updates and news, provide guidance, etc. This is your time to connect with the County and its working partners to establish a line of communication and support to work towards efficient strategies.

Third Wednesdays of every month, from 9am to 10am

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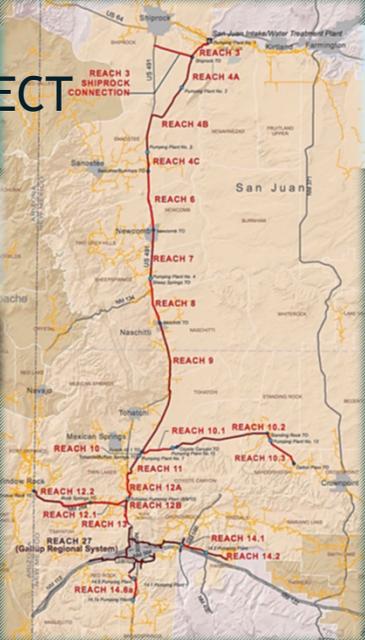
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Presented by McKinley County and its working partners

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NAVAJO GALLUP WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Dennis Romero, Water & Sanitation Director, City of Gallup



- Brief Background
- Project Updates

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COUNTY UPDATES

Doug Decker and Dominique Carton, Attorneys

1. General Count Updates
2. McKinley County Water Regionalization Initiative Update

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STANDING PARTNERS

Jill Turner and Karen Torres, NMED

1. Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund
2. Operator Certification Programs
3. WIIN Grant Update

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TOPICS OF DISCUSSION & UPDATES

1. Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund
2. Operator Certification Programs
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Other Issues & Announcements

Open floor for Water Systems and other attendees

- Are there any local updates that others should know about?
- Do you have any other questions or concerns?

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TRAINING & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. NMED Drinking Water Bureau Training Schedule
(Open, Free)
2. 2021 NM Water Workshop: May 18-20, 2021
(Registration fees)
3. NMWA 42nd Annual Conference: August 3-5, 2021
(Registration Fees)

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CLOSING

1. Closing Remarks
2. Questions or Concerns



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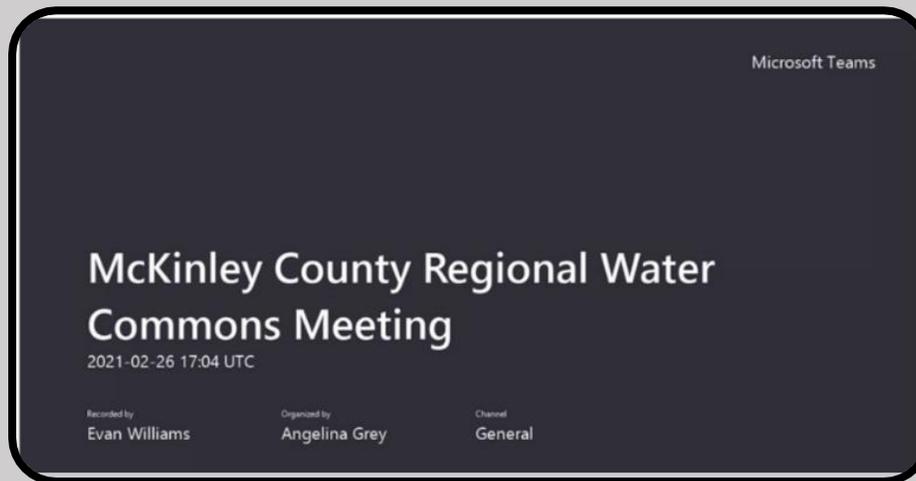
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McKinley County Regional Water Commons



Make Connection:

- Watch the recorded video (February 26th water commons meeting) to get informed on updates and issues related the small water systems. Access the [link here](#).
- Take the [online survey](#) to update project and administrative needs for water systems.
- Forward comments, suggestions, meeting topic ideas, etc. (*to contact info below*).

What you need to know:

- Outline organizational (members) and financial structure priorities.
- Identify and prioritize capital infrastructure projects (ICIP, asset management).
- Funding strategy planned to meet your local priorities (CDBG, WTB, Capital Outlay).
- Opportunity to increase capacity through training and certification programs.

What you can expect:

- Dedicated technical support from planning to implementation.
- Improved conditions through shared investment and capacity building.
- Innovative approach to community development through collaborative partnerships.

Questions?

Contact Angelina Grey, at agrey@nwnmcog.org or (505) 722-4327.



Abbreviations

CDBGCommunity Development Block Grant
CE.....Categorical Exclusion
COChange Order
CO SAP.....Capital Outlay Special Appropriations Program
CPB.....Construction Programs Bureau, NMED
CWSRF.....Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund
DFA.....NM Department of Finance and Administration
DP.....Discharge Permit
DR.....Disbursement Request
DWB.....Drinking Water Bureau, NMED
EAEnvironmental Assessment
EID.....Environmental Information Document
EIT.....Engineering Intern
ENMWUA.....Eastern NM Water Utility Authority
EPA.....US Environmental Protection Agency
EPA SAAP.....USEPA Special Appropriation Act Project
FoNSI.....Finding of No Significant Impact
GWQB.....Ground Water Quality Bureau, NMED
IAD.....State of NM Indian Affairs Department
IHS.....Indian Health Services
MBR.....Membrane Bioreactor
MDWCA.....Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association
MGD.....Million Gallons per Day
MRCOG.....Mid-Region Council of Governments
MSW.....
NCNMEDD.....North Central NM Econ Dev District
NECA.....Navajo Engineering & Construction Authority
NWNMCOG.....NW NM Council of Governments
NMED.....NM Environment Department
NMFA.....New Mexico Finance Authority
CIF.....Colonias Infrastructure Fund
NMFA-DWRF.....Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

NMFA PG.....NMFA Planning Grant
NMGRT.....New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax
NPDES.....National Pollution Discharge Elimination System
OM&R.....Operations, Maintenance, and Repair
OSE.....Office of the State Engineer
PE.....Professional Engineer
PER.....Preliminary Engineering Report
RCAC.....Rural Community Assistance Corporation
RD.....USDA Rural Development
REQ.....Requisition for Disbursement of Funds
RFP.....Request for Proposal
RIP.....Rural Infrastructure Program
ROW.....Right of Way
RWARural Water Association
SBOF.....State Board of Finance
SCADA.....Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
SCCOG.....South Central Council of Governments
SENMEDD.....Southeastern NM Economic Development District
SSCAFCA.....Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority
STAG.....EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grant
STB.....Severance Tax Bond
SWQB.....Surface Water Quality Bureau, NMED
TIF.....Tribal Infrastructure Fund
USACEUS Army Corps of Engineers
USDA.....US Department of Agriculture
USDA RD.....USDA Rural Development
VFD.....Variable Frequency Drive
WTB.....Water Trust Board
WTP.....Water Treatment Plant
WWTF.....Wastewater Treatment Facility
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https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/training-opportunities/

TITLE	DATE/TIME	AGENCY	DURATION	SPECIFIED FOR
<u>Basic Operator Math</u> Register: email quintin@nmrwa.org	May 5 & 6 & 12 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	NMRWA	4 hours (per session)	Operator
<u>Building Resilience & Climate Adaptation: GREAT Toolkit</u>	May 11 & 13 & 18 & June 1 11:00 to 1:00 (MST)	EPA	2 hours (per session)	Board
<u>Basic Board Training</u> (Series 1 of 4) The Safe Drinking Water Act	May 12 10:00 to 12:00 (MST)	RCAC	2 hours	Board
<u>Releases to Sources of Drinking Water: National Occurrence and Resources to Identify Risks</u>	May 13 11:00 to 12:00	EPA	1 hour	Operator
<u>Successfully Accessing Water Infrastructure Funding Programs: Advice from Two Former Loan Officers</u>	May 18 12:00 to 1:00 (MST)	RCAP	1 hour	Board & Operator
<u>GIS Field Data Collection using Trimble GPS Unit</u>	May 19 11:00 to 12:00 (MST)	EFC	1 hour	Board
<u>Valves and Fire Hydrant Training</u> (Email Quintin Cox to register) quintin@nmrwa.org	May 19 and 27 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (MST)	NMRWA	4 hours	Operator
<u>Water Operator Test Preparation Series</u>	May 19 (link coming soon)	RCAC	—	Operator
<u>Basic Board Training</u> (Series 2 of 4) Applicable Laws and Responsibilities	May 26 10:00 to 12:00 (MST)	RCAC	2 hours	Board
<u>Biosolids Part 2: Wastewater Treatment Sludge Disposal Methods</u>	May 27 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM (MST)	EPA	1.5 hours	Operator
<u>Basic Board Training</u> (Series 3 of 4) Board Responsibilities	June 2 10:00 to 12:00 (MST)	RCAC	2 hours	Board
<u>Pumps and Motors</u> (Email Quintin Cox to register) quintin@nmrwa.org	June 3rd and 10th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm	NMRWA	4 hours	Operator
<u>Setting Effective Rates for Small Systems- New Mexico</u>	June 7 and 8 8:30 to 11:30 (MST)	AWWA	6 hours	Operator
<u>Basic Board Training</u> (Series 4 of 4) Regional Collaboration	June 9 10:00 to 12:00 (MST)	RCAC	2 hours	Board
<u>Protecting your Utility from Disasters (Part 1 of 2)</u> Resiliency	June 24 11:00 to 12:30 (MST)	EPA	1.5 hours	Operator
<u>Building Resilience and Adapting to Climate Change Impacts for Drinking Water and Wastewater Utilities</u> (Part 2 of 2)	July 29 11:00 to 12:30 (MST)	EPA	1.5 hours	Operator
<u>Groundwater and Well Care for Public Water Systems</u>	FREE Anytime	Water Operators	2 hours	Operator

New Mexico

VIRTUAL
WATER
WORKSHOP

May 18th-20th



DRAFT AGENDA *subject to change

Start	End	Title	Topic Area	Presenter	Affiliation
TUESDAY, MAY 18TH					
11:00 AM	11:10 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks			
11:10 AM	11:40 AM	HOT TOPIC/KEYNOTE: Fate of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Advanced Water Treatment for Potable Reuse	Water Treatment	Eva Steinle-Darling	Carollo Engineers
11:40 AM	11:45 AM	Stretch Break & Transition to Next Session			
11:45 AM	12:15 PM	HOT TOPIC/KEYNOTE: Extreme Drought Management and Risk Mitigation – The Wichita Falls Story	Management & Planning	Samir Mathur, P.E., BCEE	CDM Smith
12:15 PM	12:20 PM	Stretch Break & Transition to Next Session			
12:20 PM	12:50 PM	City of Santa Fe 2100 Water Planning; Why Now?	Management & Planning	Steven Schultz	Hazen & Sawyer
12:50 PM	12:55 PM	Stretch Break & Transition to Next Session			
12:55 PM	1:25 PM	Finding Opportunities for Green Stormwater Infrastructure in Arid Communities	Management & Planning	Vincent Steiner	Bohannon Huston
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH					
11:00 AM	11:10 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks			
11:10 AM	11:40 AM	HOT TOPIC/KEYNOTE: Make a Plan, Implement the Plan, Expect the Plan to Go Horribly Wrong, Throw Out the Plan: How the best laid plans are less important than your team and network	Emergency Management	Clarence Wittwer	City of Pearland, TX
11:40 AM	11:45 AM	Stretch Break & Transition to Next Session			
11:45 AM	12:15 PM	Successful Aquifer Storage and Recovery with Collaboration and Coordination	Management & Planning	Diane Agnew	Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority
12:15 PM	12:20 PM	Stretch Break & Transition to Next Session			
12:20 PM	12:50 PM	Efficient Destruction of Nitrate and Other Groundwater Contaminants Using Fixed-Bed Biological Treatment	Water Treatment	Jess Brown	Carollo Engineers
12:50 PM	12:55 PM	Stretch Break & Transition to Next Session			
12:55 PM	1:25 PM	Everything You Need to Know About Filter Surveillance - Plus Recent Results from Santa Fe	Water Treatment	Jason Assouline Kristin Johansen Ben Murphy	Carollo Engineers City of Santa Fe Carollo Engineers
5:00 PM	6:30 PM	HAPPY HOUR/SOCIAL EVENT			
THURSDAY, MAY 20TH					
11:00 AM	11:10 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks			
11:10 AM	11:40 AM	HOT TOPIC/KEYNOTE: The Ultimate Dream Job: Upgrading the Water Resource Recovery Facilities Serving the Grand Canyon	Water Resource Recovery	Joel Rife	Jacobs Engineering Group
11:40 AM	11:45 AM	Stretch Break & Transition to Next Session			
11:45 AM	12:15 PM	Aerobic Granular Sludge: Design of the First AGS WWTP in North America	Water Resource Recovery	Sean Scuras	Garver USA
12:15 PM	12:20 PM	Stretch Break & Transition to Next Session			
12:20 PM	12:50 PM	Communication for High Performing Teams	Management & Planning	Laura Suazo	Bohannon Huston
12:50 PM	12:55 PM	Stretch Break & Transition to Next Session			
12:55 PM	1:25 PM	City of Jal, New Mexico Wastewater Treatment: From out of compliance to 100% Re-use	Water Resource Recovery	Patricia Bolliger & Raj Chavan	Stantec
1:25 PM	1:30 PM	Closing Remarks			
2:45 PM	3:45 PM	(Optional Add-On Training) ETHICS: The Fork in the Road: What Impacts Ethics Decisions	Ethics	Dennis Gatlin	Boxelder Sanitation
3:45 PM	4:00 PM	Stretch Break & Transition to Next Session			
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	(Optional Add-On Training) ETHICS: Engineers Shall Hold Paramount the Safety, Health & Welfare of the Public: But How Safe is Safe?	Ethics	Bruce Thomson	University of New Mexico

Last updated: 4/19/21



Free Online Training for New Mexico Water Operators

Posted on April 7, 2020



NMED Drinking Water Bureau and New Mexico Rural Water Association are offering Free On-Line Training for New Mexico Water Operators

Update: ALL free online training spots have been filled.

Classes offered are:

- Math Basics – 5 credits
- Pump and Motor Maintenance – 10 credits
- Small Water Systems 1 – 5 credits
- Valve and Hydrant Maintenance – 5 credits

These trainings are free for New Mexico Water Operators who register between April 1st and April 30th. Space is limited so registration preference will be given to participants associated with small water systems that serve a population of 500 or less.

Posted in [Uncategorized](#).

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Upcoming Events

42nd Annual Conference – NEW DATES!!!
August 3 - August 5

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The New Mexico Rural Water Association (NMRWA) is a non-profit organization with over 480 water and wastewater system members, representing over 1,297,000 New Mexicans. NMRWA strives to provide the highest quality training and technical assistance, and to represent the legislative and regulatory interests of our members.



New Mexico Rural Water Association is a proud member of the National Rural Water Association, America's largest utility membership.

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About the Conference – **NEW DATES!!!**



NMRWA's Annual Conference is the premier water and wastewater utility industry training event in the state and brings together board members, managers, operators, regulators, industry representatives, funding agency staff, lawmakers, and community leaders.

Cost: \$300 for non-members; \$225 for members

Due to State of New Mexico COVID numbers looking better, we are changing the dates of our annual conference with hope that this event will take place in person. State, local and facility COVID guidelines at the time of the conference will be strictly adhered to.

Stay safe and healthy, and stay tuned for more updates in the near future!

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Details

Start:
[August 3](#)
End:
[August 5](#)

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505-724-3800
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<http://www.isleta.com>

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**McKinley County Regional Water Systems
Water / Wastewater Projects List**

FY 2021-2026

ENTITY	ICIP INFO				PROJECT COST BREAKDOWN					FUNDING			WATER SUPPLY
	Project #	Priority	Project Title	Project Type		Plan \$	Design \$	Construction \$	Other\$	Secured	Needed	2021 Capital Outlay Requests	Storage and Conveyance
Williams Acres	2022-001	1	Williams Acres Water System & Upgrade	W	\$4,000,000	-	\$300,000	Phase I = \$1M		\$300,000	\$900,000	\$300,000	To connect to Gallup Regional Water Distribution System; connect to NGWSP
	2022-002	2	Lagoon and Pond Closure	WW	\$902,000	-	\$36,000	\$800,000	\$66,000	\$36,000	\$86,000	-	Sewer Connection to Gallup - Lagoons need to be decommissioned
Catalpa Water	2022-001	1	New Water Supply	W	\$5,535,050.00	-	\$461,254.00	\$4,029,546.00	\$1,044,250.00	-	\$5,535,050	-	Alternative #4: Connection to City of Gallup Regional Water Distribution System
Yah-ta-hey WSD	2022-001	1	Wastewater System Improvements	WW	\$250,000	-	-	\$225,000	\$25,000	-	\$250,000	\$250,000	Internal WW System
	2023-002	2	Yah-ta-hey Water Systems Monitoring Well	W	\$25,000	-	-	\$75,000	-	-	\$25,000	-	-
Gamerco WSD	2023-001	1	New Water Tank	W	\$225,000	-	-	\$225,000	\$50,000	-	\$225,000	-	Master metered; Fully connected to City of Gallup since 1983 for both sewer and water
	2024-001	2	New Well	W	\$2,100,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$1,850,000	-		\$2,100,000	-	
Allison	-	1	Water Supply Project	W					TBD				Connection to City Regional Water Distribution System - NGWSP



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OPENING & INTRODUCTIONS	<i>Angelina Grey, NWNMCOG</i>
McKinley County Regionalization: Discussion & Update	<i>Doug Decker, County Attorney Evan Williams, NWNMCOG</i>
County Water & Wastewater Project List: Status & Updates	<i>Marc DePauli, Engineer Angelina Grey, NWNMCOG</i>
Standing Partners: Program Overviews & Spotlights	<i>Angelina Grey, NWNMCOG</i>
OTHER ISSUES & ANNOUNCEMENTS	<i>Angelina Grey, NWNMCOG</i>
ADJOURNMENT	<i>Doug Decker, County Attorney</i>

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NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, March 10th or April 14th



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1. **Opening & Introductions:** Angelina Grey started the meeting at 10:00am. Evan Williams provided a general overview of the COG, including its structure, designation, membership and services provided. Mr. Williams indicated that the meeting was convened based on desires of water systems and the need to ensure the County and its small water systems are aware of the work being done throughout the county.
2. **McKinley Water Regionalization:** Evan Williams and Doug Decker provided a brief overview of the county's overall initiative with small water systems.
 - Doug Decker – The county has been a supporter of small water systems for many years. Initially started a Water Advisory board. The discussion of regionalization has been in the apart of water system development for more than a decade. With the cost of operation and infrastructure build out continuing to rise, McKinley County has identified the needs to regionalize to reduce cost and simplify mechanisms. McKinley County's seat at the NGWSP table has provided benefit to small water systems in the county. Volunteer boards of small water systems have had issues maintaining board due to election rule changes. This has increased the need for consolidation of waters systems.
 - Mr. Williams provided a recap of water work from the last two decades, as well as of recent efforts to future work yet to be done.
 - Marc DePauli provided a brief overview of NMED's requirements for connection to NGWSP and some options that that systems can take including regionalization.
3. **County Water & Wastewater Project List:**
 - Mr. Williams – provided a brief overview of some recent water projects including White Cliffs CDBG.
 - Mr. DePauli – Provided an overview of the capital projects in the works and what each project requires.
 - Rockelle Lengefeld (Williams Acres WSD) provided a brief overview of current projects, and experience with day-to-day activities of managing a water system, as a newly selected delegate.
4. **Standing Partners:**
 - Ms. Grey provided an update from the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), including legislation that will impact water systems, as well as provided training and funding opportunities from various agencies and programs. Any water system that is interested in any of these programs should contact Ms. Grey for more information.
5. **Other Issues and Announcements:**
 - Mike Daly thought this meeting was to talk about regionalization.
 - Mr. Williams expressed the need to hear issues.
 - Ms. Lengefeld – once project is designed, one call line location will be an issue, maintenance through contracts are becoming a financial burdens to small water systems. Continuation of staff has also been an issue due to the lack of volunteers.
 - Marty Menapace – original idea was pay for design, get infrastructure built then hand over to the city.
 - Mr. DePauli – it is imperative that small waters systems know how they can connect to the Gallup regional water system. There are two routes.

- i. Annexation – the city builds out infrastructure, the city owns, operates and maintains system, as well as billing; or
 - ii. Establishing a water system – build out infrastructure with organizational resources, then request to tie into city distribution system, billing will be handled by either entity.
- o Jon Leeper - timing is critical as NGWSP is coming soon and small water systems should prepare for connection and make sure formalization and legal requirements are in place.
- o Ms. Grey – posed the question to attendees on whether these types of meetings should continue as a regularly scheduled meeting to continue conversations and to keep in contact with the county on progress and update. No feedback or input. Follow up on next steps with County.

6. Meeting was adjourned at 11:53am.

Note: This meeting was pre-recorded for reference purposes. Those who have missed this session can catch up with what was discussed during this meeting, and if you should have any other questions or concerns regarding rural water systems, please feel free to contact Angelina Grey (COG Planner) by email at agrey@nwnmcog.org or by phone at (505) 728-6198.

To access the recorded video, [click here](#).

Key Takeaways

McKinley County Regional Water Commons
February 26, 2021, Meeting

1. McKinley County Water Regionalization Initiative

- County establish alliance with water systems
- Discussed ways to regionalize for cost-effectiveness and efficiency
- County identified the need to develop a support network
 - past issues with water systems recognized
 - stresses the need to regionalize
- Relaunching the idea from decades ago
- Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project (NGWSP) overview
 - past discussions on connecting water systems to this project
 - option available for water systems

2. Water/Wastewater Project

- Reviewed list of local water/wastewater projects for water systems
- List will be continually updated
- Developed the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plans (ICIPs)
 - a step towards asset management strategies for water systems
- Williams Acres WSD project and history
 - new board members
 - Water Trust Board application

3. Standing Partners: NMED and RCAC

- New legislation will impact water systems, as well as provided
- Review of upcoming training and funding opportunities

4. Other Issues/Announcements

- Keep regionalization on the table
- Water systems need to know how to connect to NGWSP or the city's distribution system
- NGWSP: Timing is critical.
 - Small water systems should prepare for connection
 - Make sure formalization and legal requirements are in place

5. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 26, 2021

McKINLEY COUNTY REGIONAL WATER COMMONS MEETING

Friday, February 26, 2021
10AM —12PM



Presented by McKinley County and COG



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AGENDA

OPENING & INTRODUCTIONS

Angelina Grey, NWNMCOG

McKinley County Regionalization:
Discussion & Update

Doug Decker, County Attorney
Evan Williams, NWNMCOG

County Water & Wastewater Project List:
Status & Updates

Marc DePauli, Engineer
Angelina Grey, NWNMCOG

Standing Partners:
Program Overviews & Spotlights

Angelina Grey, NWNMCOG

OTHER ISSUES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Angelina Grey, NWNMCOG

ADJOURNMENT

Doug Decker, County Attorney

Introductions



McKinley County

- Anthony Dimas, County Manager
- Doug Decker, County Attorney



Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments

- Angelina Grey, Planner
- Evan Williams, Executive Director



McKinley County Regionalization

McKinley County

Doug Decker, County Attorney



COG

Evan Williams, Executive Director



County Water / Wastewater Project List

The County develop a **Water & Wastewater Projects List** for the small water systems and districts that highlight what each community needs to complete these projects.

- Review and discuss projects list
- Update information



Current Project

White Cliffs MDWUA Water System Improvement Project:

In 2018, the COG and DES assisted the County with the 2019 CDBG Application process. The County was successfully awarded \$500,000 in October 2019 to complete this project. *Currently still in progress.*

- Public participation meetings
- Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) methodology and surveys
- Application prep
- Final presentations

Project Detail:

New construction of a 50,000-gallon water storage tank, a 6,000 primary storage tank, including an 8"-waterline, a duplex pump station, chlorination system, sensors, pump controls, electrical, sitework and fencing. Also, the removal and replacement of access gravel road. The project costs includes preliminary studies (i.e. archeological clearance, environmental assessment, etc.).



CDBG Funded Projects

[CDBG GAMERCO WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT \(2014\): \\$50,000](#)

Developed an Asset Management Plan for McKinley County
Developed a Preliminary Engineering Report for the Thoreau WSD

[CDBG COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE \(2010\): \\$50,000](#)

Comp Plan provided vision on growth & development within the jurisdiction of McKinley County

[CDBG THOREAU WSD WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT \(2009\): \\$450,000](#)

- Lining ponds
- Regulating discharge
- Compliance
- Mitigated public health (ground water pollution)
- Reduced operations and maintenance costs
- Increased efficiency and safety

[CDBG RURAL WELL & WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PLAN \(2008\): \\$50,000](#)

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Recent Project Applications

U.S. EPA — WIIN Grant:

In 2020, the County and COG were selected a potential awardees for the 2021 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Grant program that addresses, supports, and improves America's drinking water infrastructure. County is awaiting next steps from its partner, the NM Environment Department's Drinking Water Bureau (DWB). This fund will advance the county's water systems regionalization initiative that is more than a decade in the making.

Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities

Section 2104 of the WIIN Act establishes the "Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities" grant to "establish a program under which grants are provided to eligible entities for use in carrying out projects and activities the primary purposes of which are to assist public water systems in meeting the requirements of this title." [Learn more](#)

<https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/water-infrastructure-improvements-nation-act-wiin-act-grant-programs>

Recent Project Applications

Williams Acres WSD Water Distribution System Project:

In 2020, the COG and DES assisted the Williams Acres WSD and the County with the 2021 Water Trust Board (WTB) Application process. Application award yet to be determined. Request amount of \$900,000 to complete Phase I of III.

Project Detail:

The proposed project is a critical need for the community of Williams Acres that has no reliable water supply infrastructure in place. Residents utilize various methods to secure water for daily needs. By establishing a water delivery system connected to the Gallup Regional Water distribution system and the Navajo Gallup Water Supply infrastructure, the community of Williams Acres can be assured safe and reliable water for the foreseeable future.

Total Capital Outlay funding: \$300,000



Standing Partners



New Mexico Department of
Finance & Administration



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ASSOCIATION

- Program Overviews
- Spotlights
- Funding Opportunities



Updates and Highlights

Rural Community Assistance Cooperation (RCAC)

There are two pieces of legislation related to public water systems:

1. **House Bill 92** which proposes to increase the water conservation fee from \$0.03 to \$0.05 for water produced to meet the increased cost of water sampling and laboratory testing.
2. **House Proposal 103** which increases the fees for utility operator certification which will provide access to computer -based exams for water and wastewater operators. Attached are two fact sheets for each bill with further detail.

Other Issues & Announcements

1. Upcoming Training Opportunities
2. CDBG Planning Grants
3. Brief Updates from Water Systems
4. Discuss/Establish quorum on meeting schedule

Upcoming Training Opportunities

NM Environment Department — Drinking Water Bureau: https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/training-opportunities/

- Small Systems Operator Training—March 23-25, 2021
- Flexible/Low-cost Compliance Solutions —March 25
- Small Systems Cybersecurity Workshop —April 6-7, 2021
- Groundwater and Well Care —*available anytime*

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency — Water Security Division:

- Community-Based Water Resiliency Case Study Webinar —March 3, 2021
- [**Register here**](#)...

CBWR assists drinking water and wastewater utilities, and the communities they serve, in increasing resiliency to water interruptions from all hazards

Upcoming Training Opportunities

U.S. EPA: *Creating Resilient Water Utilities (CRWU) Initiative:*

- CREAT Toolkit training to help drinking water, wastewater and stormwater utilities
- No cost resilience planning and adaptation planning
- 4 sessions scheduled in April 2021
- [**Register here**](#)

Training Objectives

- Conduct a risk assessment using CREAT.
- Identify and share information on adaptation strategies to build utility long-term resilience.
- Share information on available resources for financing resilience and adaptation.

Training Topics and Agenda Highlights

Session 1	Training Overview and CREAT modules 1 (Climate Awareness) and 2 (Scenario Development)
Session 2	CREAT modules 3 (Consequences and Assets) and 4 (Adaptation Planning)
Session 3	CREAT module 5 (Risk Assessment) and an overview of financial resources utilities can apply for to fund adaptation strategies
Session 4 (Optional)	An open agenda for attendees to ask questions on using CREAT, how to apply it to their circumstances, and how to seek funding for adaptation strategies

Upcoming Training Opportunities

NM Rural Water Association

<https://nmrwa.org/training/>

- System Operator Training: *(for water operators)*
- Free Online Learning and Training <https://www.suncoastlearning.com/courses/nm%20>
- 42nd Annual Conference: April 13-15, 2021
- Registration costs
- **More information at...**

CDBG Planning Grants

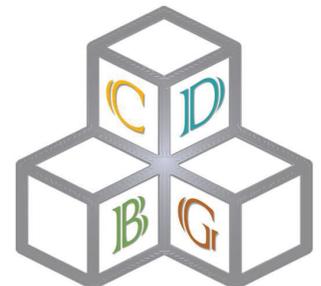
The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is an annual grant program founded under the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). There are several grant programs, including CDBG construction grants and CDBG planning grants.

Lead State Agency: NM DFA's Small Cities CDBG Grant Program

Funding/Request Limit: \$50,000

Grant assistance can be used to develop or update:

- a. comprehensive plan *(if not current or updated within the last five years)*;
- b. preliminary engineering report (PER);
- c. feasibility studies; base mapping, aerial photography, GIS systems;
- d. codes and ordinances



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT

Brief Updates from Water Systems

Open floor to attendees...

Regional Water Common Meetings

Discuss and form a regular meeting schedule

- Second Wednesdays of every month
- Next Meeting:
 - Wednesday, March 10th
 - Wednesday, April 14th
- Time:
 - Same or change? _____



Thank You!



*Questions
or
Comments?*



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