

Regional Water Commons Monthly Meeting Agenda Packet

Next Meeting:

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 21, 2022

9:00AM to 10:00AM

Agenda Packet Includes:

- A. Next Meeting's Agenda*
- B. Attachments*
- C. Previous Meeting Packet*
- D. Agenda, Meeting Notes, Takeaways*
- E. Presentation Slides*



McKinley County
207 West Hill Avenue
Gallup, NM 87301



**NWNM Council of
Governments**
106 West Aztec Avenue
Gallup, NM 87301



Regional Water Commons (RWC)

a joint program with McKinley County and its working partners

AGENDA PACKET

Regional Water Commons

Next Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 21, 2022
9:00AM – 10:00AM

Microsoft Teams Meeting



REGIONAL WATER COMMONS

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

9 AM — 10 AM

[Virtual Meeting](#)

A G E N D A

WELCOME	<i>Angelina Grey</i>
PRESENTATIONS <i>Water Regionalization Updates</i> <i>Funding Opportunities</i>	<i>Blanca Surgeon, RCAC</i> <i>Angelina Grey, COG</i>
WATER SYSTEMS LIGHTNING ROUND	<i>Water Systems</i>
COG REVIEW / UPDATES	<i>Angelina Grey</i>
STANDING PARTNER UPDATES	<i>NMED, RCAC</i>
CLOSING	<i>Angelina Grey</i>

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE:

These “coffee hour” meetings will give small water systems an opportunity to discuss issues, get updates and news, provide guidance, training, etc. This is your time to connect with the County and its working partners to establish a line of support and communication to work towards efficient planning strategies.

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

Meetings are virtual until further notice.

NEXT RWC MEETING

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, from 9AM to 10AM

Regional Water Commons Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2022
9AM — 10AM

Presented by McKinley County and its working partners



Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2022



McKinley County
207 West Hill Avenue
Gallup, NM 87301
(505) 863-1400
<https://www.co.mckinley.nm.us/>

NWNM Council of Governments
110 West Aztec Avenue
Gallup, NM 87301
(505) 722-4327
www.nwnmcog.org



AGENDA

WELCOME

Angelina Grey, COG

PRESENTATION

*Water Regionalization Update
Funding Opportunities*

*Blanca Surgeon, RCAC
Angelina Grey*

WATER SYSTEMS LIGHTNING ROUND

Water Systems

COG REVIEW/UPDATES

Angelina Grey

STANDING PARTNERS UPDATES

NMED, RCAC

CLOSING

Angelina Grey

PRESENTATION

WATER REGIONALIZATION OVERVIEW

Water Regionalization Initiative (WRI).

In early 2000s, a number of small water systems met with McKinley County, requesting to support initiatives to bring water to each community.

- Allison
- Catalpa
- Cipriano Lewis
- Coal Basin
- Crestview
- Gamerco
- Twin Buttes
- White Cliffs
- Williams Acres
- Yahtahey

Between 2008 and 2015, McKinley CO, COG, Navajo Nation, the US Bureau of Reclamation and other consultants worked on developing several key plans.

1. McKinley CO Small Water Systems Regionalization Plan
 2. McKinley CO Small Rural Water Systems Appraisal Level Investigation report
 3. Recommended Alternatives for Long-term Water Supply summary reports
- (2020) NMED reached out with a grant opportunity to kick start the WRI
 - (Sept 2021) grant awarded; COG partners with RCAC
 - (Jan 2022) start meeting with small water systems

PRESENTATION

WATER REGIONALIZATION UPDATE

Water Regionalization Initiative (WRI) Programming Activities to date.


The COG and RCAC have facilitated meetings with individual water system to gauge level of need and technical assistance and types of training for staff and board members.

1. Systems Workshop (Feb 8)
2. JPA Meeting (Feb 23)
3. Meetings with Systems (Feb 22-24)
4. Meetings with Systems (Mar 18-19)
5. Meetings with Systems (Apr 26-28)
6. Meetings with Systems (Jun 2-4)
7. Meetings with Systems (Jul 20-22)
8. Next scheduled RCAC Visits:

- a) Thursday, October 6th through Friday, October 7th, 2022
- b) Tuesday, November 15th through Thursday, November 17th, 2022

Met with:

- A. Catalpa WA
- B. Gameraco WSD
- C. Yahtahey WSD
- D. Ramah WSD



If you need assistance, please contact Angelina or Blanca

PRESENTATION

WATER REGIONALIZATION UPDATE

Water Regionalization Initiative (WRI) **Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Activities** to date.

Dominique Cartron and RCAC have developed a working relationship to help create a JPA water entity:

Legal portion:

1. Research case studies: process and formation
2. Draft Joint Powers Agreement: legal documentation to form JPA entity
3. NMDFA: final review and approval
4. JPA board selection
5. Naming new JPA entity – Northwest New Mexico Utility Authority (NWNMUA)

Programming for the NWNMUA:

1. Articles of Incorporation
2. Bylaws
3. Rules & Regulations
4. Policies & Procedures
5. First Year Budget

PRESENTATION

WATER REGIONALIZATION UPDATE

Water Regionalization Initiative (WRI) **Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Activities** to date.

Dominique Cartron and RCAC have developed a working relationship to help create a JPA water entity:

Next Steps:

1. Finalize actions and activities
2. Schedule 1st Board Meeting – (tentatively) Wednesday, October 19 or 26, 2022
3. Schedule Press Conference – invite all partners, legislators
4. Schedule Open House – of new NWNMUA office

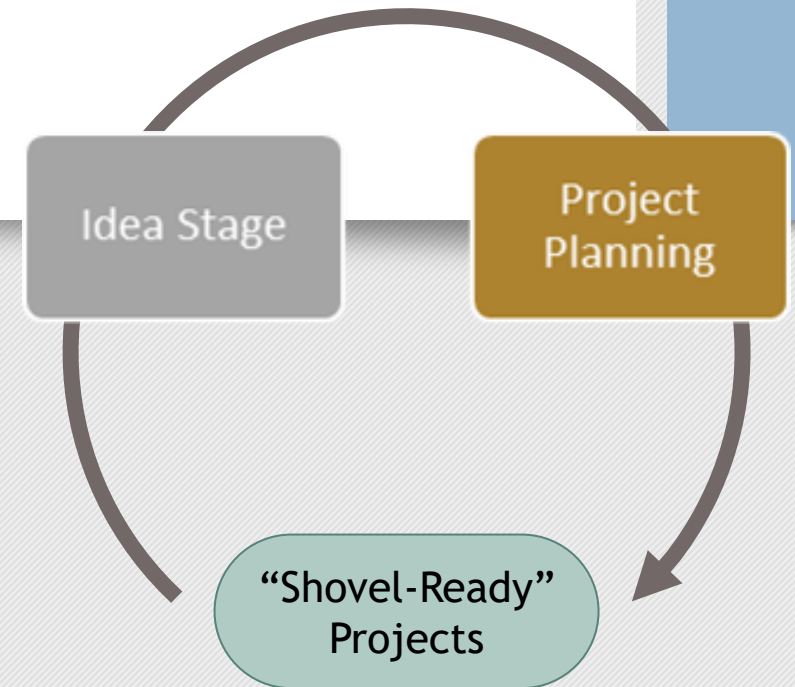


PRESENTATION

PROJECTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Projecteering:

- ❑ Strongly encourage local governments and small water systems to strategically plan for funding.
- ❑ **Timing is critical!**
- ❑ Taking a “shelved” project to “shovel-ready”...
- ❑ Steps to follow:
 1. ICIP
 2. Planning
 - a. Environmental, archeological studies
 - b. Land acquisition
 - c. Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)
 3. Match Funding (5% to 50%)
 4. Creating Partnerships
 5. Funding Programs



Timing Your Projects:

What are the available funding programs and deadlines?

1. CDBG ~ March through August
2. WTB ~ August through January
3. Capital Outlay ~ November through January
4. NMED funding programs ~ depends on program
5. NMFA Planning Grants ~ open year-round
6. CDBG Planning Grants ~ open year-round

PRESENTATION

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding Strategy:

It is highly unlikely to get one major project fully funded (by one source) and have it completed within a year. Crucial to plan in phases, especially for larger projects.

An example of a typical capital infrastructure project: New Water System

☐ Phase I — (a)

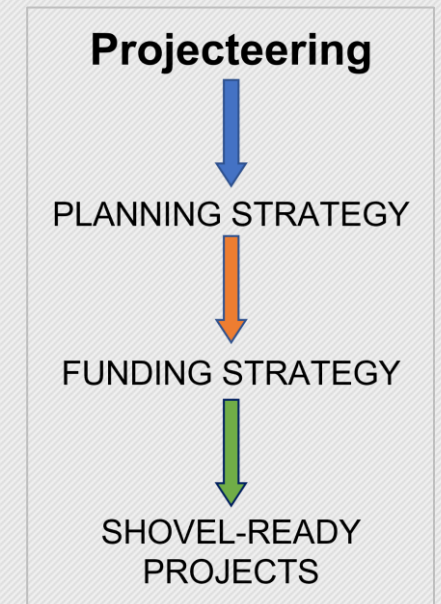
- a. acquire land/property, permits, and/or leases, and/or (if necessary)
- b. complete environmental and/or archeological studies, and/or (if necessary)
- c. develop a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)
- d. match funding: 5% to 50% of total project cost

☐ Phase II —

- a. complete full project design
- b. range from \$50K to \$350K

☐ Phase III —

- a. final construction
- b. final equipment and/or installation



Planning Funding

Planning Funding

- **Local Government Planning Fund**-Up to 100 % grant. Grant amount is based on system rates and median household income. A preliminary engineering report (PER), environmental document, asset management plan(s) and master plans are funded through this program. The funding applications are accepted on a monthly basis and can be applied for anytime. Up to \$50,000 award
- **USDA Search Grant**-Requires applicant to submit application under Rural Development Apply. Up to \$30,000

Funding Overview

Fund	Agency	Terms	Requirements	Funding Cycle
Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund	New Mexico Finance Authority(NMFA)	Loan/Principal Forgiveness up to 75%, Regional projects up to 90% Principal Forgiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financials OMA Resolution Governing Documents Compliance 	Ongoing
Water and Wastewater Disposal Loans and Grants	US Department of Agriculture(USDA)	Loans/Grant based on corporation and life expectancy of project and ability to pay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PER Financials Outstanding debt Other 	Ongoing
Water Trust Board	NMFA	Loan/Grant up to 90% New policy-systems may be eligible for 100% subsidy for design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shovel Ready Compliance 	Application starts late Summer and cycle lasts through Spring
Capital Outlay/Special Appropriation	NM State Legislature/Overseen by Construction Programs Bureau	Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance with financial reporting and audit reporting ICIP 	Annually in January
525 Program	Army Core of Engineers	Cost Sharing 75% federal, 25% non-federal		Ongoing/federal fiscal year
Colonias	NMFA	Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shovel ready Regional Urgent 	Annually starting in January

Drinking Water Infrastructure Funding and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law(BIL)

Information on the Drinking Water Infrastructure Funding Bill go to [Water Infrastructure Projects and Funding \(nm.gov\)](https://www.nm.gov/water-infrastructure-projects-and-funding)

- SFY23 Intended Use Plan details on this year's funding and terms
- Pre-application Form to get your systems project on the fundable list
- **Project Review Dates**
 - Quarter 1-ends March 31 (January, February, March)
 - Quarter 2-ends June 30 (April, May, June)
 - Quarter 3-ends September 30 (July, August, September)
 - Quarter 4-ends December 31 (October, November, December)

DWSRLF Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- Funding that will come through DWSRLF through the new BIL over next 5 years.
 - DWSRLF Base Funds 2023 = \$7,283,220
 - DWSRLF Supplemental Funds 2023= \$17,955,000
 - Emerging Contaminants Funding= \$7,540,000(future funding)
 - Lead Service Line Replacement Funds=\$28,275,000(future funding)
- The BIL also creates three new DWSRLF funds that include General Supplemental, Lead Service Line Replacement, and Emerging Contaminants funding with appropriations authorized through 2026.

BIL Mandates

- 49% of federal funds through the General Supplemental and Lead service Line Replacement Funding be provided in additional subsidy to water systems that meet disadvantaged criteria (MHI >75% and less than 100% of National MHI based on most recent 5-year average MHI)
- At least 25% of funds provided through Emerging Contaminants funding be provided as forgivable loans or grants to disadvantaged pws's serving fewer than 25,000 people.

Contact Information

Melanie Delgado

Regional Planning Specialist

NMED Drinking Water Bureau

Melanie.Delgado@state.nm.us

505-670-5897

Catherine Conran

Infrastructure Finance Specialist

NMED Drinking Water Bureau

Catherine.Conran@state.nm.us

505-231-2120



WATER SYSTEMS LIGHTNING ROUND

Open floor for Water Systems and other attendees

Brief Updates from Small Water Systems



STANDING PARTNERS

NMED, RCAC



News and Updates

- Water Regionalization Legislative Forum

Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 9am to 1pm

Santa Fe, NM and Virtual



New Mexico Department of
Finance & Administration

CLOSING

1. Closing Remarks
2. Questions or Comments
3. Issues or Concerns



*Do You Have
Any Questions??*

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2022

CONTACT INFORMATION



McKinley County

www.co.mckinley.nm.us/

Anthony Dimas
County Manager
anthony.dimas@co.mckinley.nm.us

Doug Decker
County Attorney
doug.decker@co.mckinley.nm.us



NWNM Council of Governments (COG)

www.nwnmcog.org

Evan Williams
Executive Director
(505) 722-4327 (office)
ewilliams@nwnmcog.org

Angelina Grey
Associate Planner II
(505) 722-4327 (office)
(505) 728-6198 (cell)
agrey@nwnmcog.org

CONTACT INFORMATION

Standing Partners



www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/

NM Environment Department

Jill Turner

Sustainable Water Infrastructure Group Manager

(505) 476-8623

jill.turner@state.nm.us

Catherine Conran

SWG Community Services Coordinator (NW region)

(505) 476-3730

catherine.conran@state.nm.us



www.rcac.org

Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Blanca Surgeon

bsurgeon@rcac.org

Karen Tapias

ktapias@rcac.org

Ramon Lucero

rlucero@rcac.org



Regional Water Commons (RWC)

a joint program with McKinley County and its working partners

AGENDA PACKET

Regional Water Commons

Previous Meeting

Wednesday, July 20, 2022
9:00AM – 10:00AM

[Meeting Recording](#)



REGIONAL WATER COMMONS

BI-MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

9 AM — 10 AM

Virtual Meeting

A G E N D A

WELCOME	<i>Angelina Grey</i>
PRESENTATIONS <i>Water Regionalization Updates</i>	<i>Angelina Grey</i> <i>Blanca Surgeon, RCAC</i>
WATER SYSTEMS LIGHTNING ROUND	<i>Water Systems</i>
COG REVIEW / UPDATES	<i>Angelina Grey</i>
STANDING PARTNER UPDATES	<i>NMED, RCAC</i>
CLOSING	<i>Angelina Grey</i>

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE:

These “coffee hour” meetings will give small water systems an opportunity to discuss issues, get updates and news, provide guidance, training, etc. This is your time to connect with the County and its working partners to establish a line of support and communication to work towards efficient planning strategies.

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

Meetings are virtual until further notice.

NEXT RWC MEETING – Wednesday, September 21, 2022, from 9AM to 10AM

Regional Water Commons Meeting

Wednesday, July 20, 2022
9AM — 10AM

Presented by McKinley County and its working partners



Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2022



McKinley County
207 West Hill Avenue
Gallup, NM 87301
(505) 863-1400
<https://www.co.mckinley.nm.us/>

NWNM Council of Governments
110 West Aztec Avenue
Gallup, NM 87301
(505) 722-4327
www.nwnmcog.org



AGENDA

WELCOME

Angelina Grey, COG

PRESENTATION

Water Regionalization Update

*Angelina Grey
Blanca Surgeon, RCAC*

WATER SYSTEMS LIGHTNING ROUND

Water Systems

COG REVIEW/UPDATES

Angelina Grey

STANDING PARTNERS UPDATES

NMED, RCAC

CLOSING

Angelina Grey

WATER REGIONALIZATION UPDATE

PRESENTATION

Water Regionalization Initiative (WRI) Programming Activities to date:

The COG and RCAC have facilitated meetings with individual water system to gauge level of need and technical assistance and types of training for staff and board members.

1. **Systems Workshop (Feb 8)** — board overview of rules and regulations for small water systems.
2. **JPA Meeting (Feb 23)** — updates on the Joint Powers Agreement process.
3. **Meetings with Systems (Feb 22-24)** — [Bluewater WSD](#), [Catalpa WA](#), and [“Allison WA”](#)
4. **Meetings with Systems (Mar 18-19)** — [White Cliffs MDWUA](#), [Gamerco WSD](#)
5. **Meetings with Systems (Apr 26-28)** — [Ramah WSD](#), [JPA Meetings](#), [Gamerco WSD](#), [City of Gallup](#)
6. **Meetings with Systems (Jun 2-4)** — [Ramah WSD](#), [JPA Meetings](#), [Gamerco WSD](#), [City of Gallup](#)
7. **Next scheduled RCAC Visits:**
 - Tuesday, July 19 through Thursday, July 21, 2022
 - If your water system need assistance, please [contact Angelina or Blanca](#)

WATER SYSTEMS LIGHTNING ROUND

Open floor for Water Systems and other attendees

Brief Updates from Small Water Systems



STANDING PARTNERS

NMED, RCAC



News and Updates



New Mexico Department of
Finance & Administration

CLOSING

1. Closing Remarks
2. Questions or Comments
3. Issues or Concerns



*Do You Have
Any Questions??*

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2022

CONTACT INFORMATION



McKinley County

www.co.mckinley.nm.us/

Anthony Dimas
County Manager

anthony.dimas@co.mckinley.nm.us

Doug Decker
County Attorney

doug.decker@co.mckinley.nm.us



NWNM Council of Governments (COG)

www.nwnmcog.org

Evan Williams

Executive Director

(505) 722-4327 (office)

ewilliams@nwnmcog.org

Angelina Grey

Associate Planner II

(505) 728-6198 (cell)

agrey@nwnmcog.org

CONTACT INFORMATION

Standing Partners



www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/

NM Environment Department

Jill Turner

Sustainable Water Infrastructure Group Manager

(505) 476-8623

jill.turner@state.nm.us

Catherine Conran

SWG Community Services Coordinator (NW region)

(505) 476-3730

catherine.conran@state.nm.us



www.rcac.org

Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Blanca Surgeon

bsurgeon@rcac.org

Karen Tapias

ktapias@rcac.org

Ramon Lucero

rlucero@rcac.org