NEW MEXICO WATER DIALOGUE---Minutes of the Meeting, October 12, 2017 FINAL 10/14/17

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Secretary-Treasurer Eileen Dodds. Other Board members present: Consuelo Bokum, John Brown, Gary Esslinger, Don Diego Gonzales, Sharon Hausam, Dennis Inman, Jeffery Samson, Bruce Thomson, Bob Wessely, and Katherine Yuhas. Joining by phone: Dael Goodman, Simeon Herskovits, and John Leeper. Visitor by phone: Elaine Hebard.

Announcements:

1. NM First Town Hall on the State Water Plan December 13 and 14 - see http://nmfirst.org/legislative\_updates/save-the-date-2018-state-water-plan-town-hall.
2. AWWA Talk by Rolf Schmidt-Petersen on the “Rio Grande Compact with Emphasis on the Middle Rio Grande Compact Compliance” on October 8, 11:30-1:00 at Le Peep Restaurant.

Approval of the Agenda: The board agreed to move the presentation before the annual meeting discussion. There was agreement to generally have any presentation as the first item after Financial Statements on a case-by-case basis.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1) Approval of the Minutes: August 10 and the September 17 were approved. See attachments in this email.

2) Approval of the Financial Statements: The September statements were not yet available for approval.

3) Presentation by Gary Esslinger – see attachment in this email.

4) Dialogue Annual Meeting. See current draft agenda below. The names listed below will be invited. If they cannot come, we will ask alternatives suggested at the meeting or discuss other alternatives by email.

For those of you who were at the meeting, you will notice some changes to the times. There was an issue: we did not include time for Lucy to introduce the breakout groups. Also, if we aren’t going to use the word “nominations” does the phrasing of that item on the agenda work? Please comment if you think there are better alternatives.

Breakout groups: 13 tables total. 2-4 for ISC/SWP; 7+ Dialogue Board members; and 2 “rouge” tables.

Suggestions for tables (final to be worked out with Lucy and board members who are interested in leading a table):

Tribal/State Water Plan (Sharon Hausam).

Shortage sharing strategies (Phil King).

What does water right mean?

Data Acquisition and Management.

What does “impairment” mean?

What is meaningful public input?

Infrastructure in settlement agreements.

Instreamflow and wildlife.

Scholarships: Eileen donated $600 for scholarships for high school students. Katherine, Simeon and Elena Kayak to help (who will contact Elena for help?) to work on finding scholarship attendees.

5) HM 1 Taskforce Update: The HM 1 group has an invitation list of 2,100 people. The group decided to write a “straw man” draft of a response to HM 1 that will be sent to the list with an invitation to a meeting(s) to prepare a final version to be presented to the legislature sometime between June and October 2018. The draft is ¼ to 1/3 done and is likely to be 30 to 50 pages long.

6) The Dialogue board by-laws do not adequately reflect our current process. A subcommittee of Sharon, Eileen, Katherine and Conci will work on draft changes to be presented at the next regular board meeting in April, 2018.

7) Updates from Board Members: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

There will be no meetings in November or December unless necessary to work on the annual meeting. Hopefully any questions that arise can be dealt with by email or conference call.

**DRAFT AGENDA**

BALANCING OUR WATER NEEDS:

ADJUDICATION AND ALTERNATIVES

8:00 – 8:30 Registration

8:30 to 8:45 Welcome and Introductions – Jason John and Lucy Moore

8:45 to 9:30 Keynote Speaker: Judge Valentine: Primer on adjudications

9:30 -10:00 Greg Ridgley, Office of the State Engineer Chief Counsel,

OSE Adjudication Practices and Developments

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:45 Panel: Adjudications and Alternatives

Peter Chestnut on tribal adjudications and regional water planning

Robert Fabian or Gary Esslinger on settlements of water rights issues

Kate Zeigler on agriculture

11:45 – 12:15 Interest in Dialogue Board Membership/Introductions to breakout groups

12:15-1:15 Lunch

1:15 – 3:15 Breakout Sessions – Adjudications, settlements, water planning and others

(7 Board members; 4 ISC/State Water Plan; and 2 Rogue Tables – facilitators provided by Lucy – 13 total)

3:15-3:30 Break

3:30 - 4:15 NM First/State Water Plan – Lucia and Heather. What is going into the State Water Plan? What did the Town Halls do?

4:15 - 4:30- Wrap-up

4:30 Adjourn