



Water Task Force Meeting
September 19, 2022
10:00am to 2:00pm
Virtual

Attendees

Task Force Executive Committee

Mike Hamman, State Engineer, Office of State Engineer
Hannah Riseley-White, Deputy Director, Interstate Stream Commission
Rebecca Roose, Deputy Cabinet Secretary of Administration, NM Environment Department
Marquita Russel, CEO, NM Finance Authority (not present)

Task Force Members

AJ Forte, Executive Director, NM Municipal League (absent)
Aron Balok, Water Resource Specialist, Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District
Aaron Chavez, Executive Director, San Juan Water Commission
Dr. Ladona Clayton, Executive Director, Ogallala Land and Water Conservancy
Dr. Nelia Dunbar, NM Tech Professor, Leap Ahead Analysis
Elizabeth Anderson, Chief Planning Officer, ABCWUA
Jennifer Bradfute, Senior Counsel, Marathon Oil Company
Joy Esparsen, Deputy Executive Director, New Mexico Association of Counties
Kyle Harwood, Water Rights Attorney, Santa Fe
Norm Gaume, President, MRG Water Advocates
Patrick McCarthy, Water Policy Officer, Thornburg Foundation
Paul Tashjian, Director of Freshwater Conservation, Audubon
Paula Garcia, Executive Director, NM Acequia Association
Priscilla Lucero, Executive Director, SWNMCOG; Water Trust Board (absent)
Ryan Swazo-Hinds, Environmental Biologist, Pueblo of Tesuque Department of Environment & Natural Resources
Debbie Romero, Cabinet Secretary, NM Department of Finance and Administration
Todd Leahy, Tribal Liaison, NMEMNRD; proxy for Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst
Lt. Governor Carleton Bowekaty, Zuni Pueblo
Lynn Trujillo, Cabinet Secretary, NM Indian Affairs Dept.
Bill Conner, NM Rural Water Association
Ralph Vigil, President, NM Acequia Commission; William Gonzales, Proxy (absent)
Michael Sloane, Director, Department of Game and Fish Director (absent)
Daryl Vigil, Water Administrator, Jicarilla Apache Nation (absent)

Dr. Phil King, Retired NMSU Professor and Consultant to EBID (absent)
Jeff Witte, Director/Secretary of NM Department of Agriculture

Others

Danielle Gonzales, Executive Director, NM First
Theresa Cardenas, Civic Engagement & Policy Manager, NM First
Valerie Rangel, Civic Engagement Assistant, NM First
Lynne Canning, Task Force Design and Facilitation, NM First
Adrian Oglesby, Executive Director, Utton Center
John Fleck, Utton Center
Scott Sanchez
Lauren Rust, Utton Center
Cally Carswell
Laurie Weahkee, Proxy for Daryl Vigil
Max Henkels, Proxy for Secretary Witte
Jonas Armstrong, NMED
Mindy Bridges, NCSL
Judy Calman, Proxy for Paul Tashjian
Senator Pat Woods
Abigail Tiarks, Proxy for AJ Forte
Bob Wessley, Middle Rio Grande Water Advocates
Representative Tara Lujan
Doug Meiklejohn, CVNM
John Rhoderick, NMED
Stephanie Russo Baca, Utton Center
Rachel Conn, Amigos Bravos

Agenda

- Welcome- State Engineer Mike Hamman
- Updates and Reminders
- Group 1, 2, 3, Report Out and Facilitation
- Reflection, Discussion and Sharing for the Jamboard
- Full Group Discussion; Looking Globally Across Three Groups
- Adjourn

Meeting Start: 10:04am

Mike Hamman gives introduction

- Thank you group co-leads, group members, ambassadors, coordinators, etc.

- Goal: mid-October time frame to turn in to Legislature

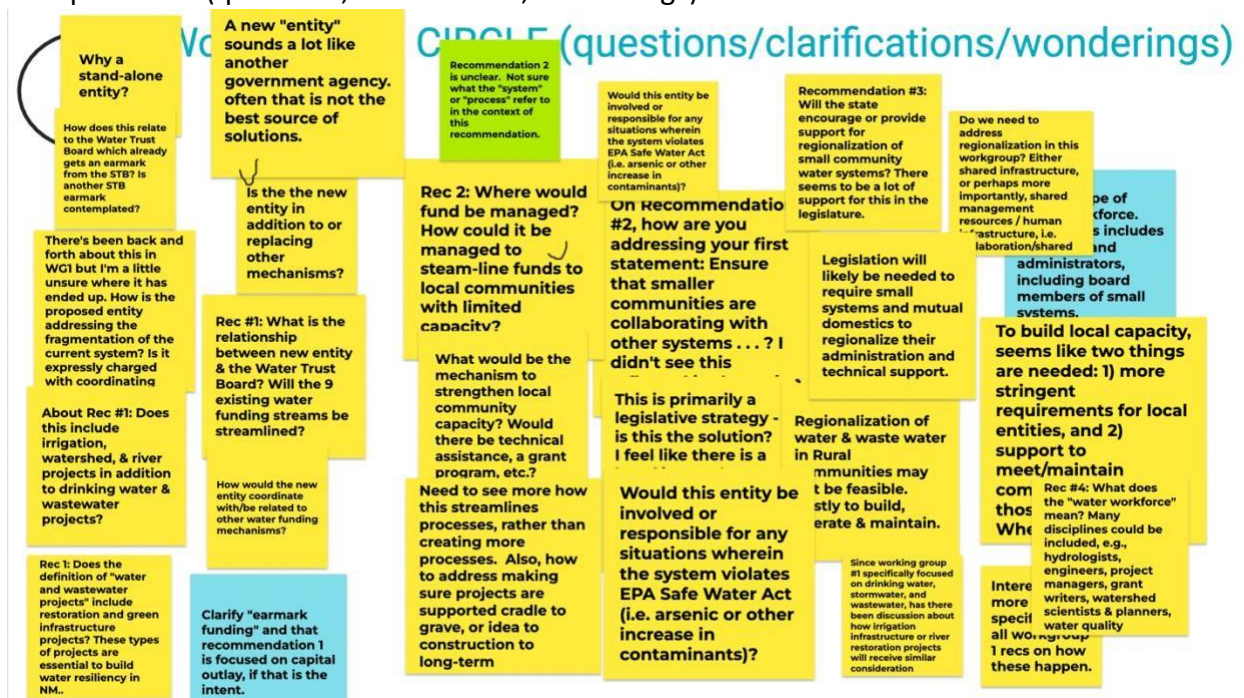
Theresa Cardenas shares screen

- Reminder of where the task force is in the process, we are on target - Today is about presenting/feedback on recommendations -
- Timeline:
 - o Sept. 26 mandatory, in-person meeting
 - o Oct. 3 (virtual meeting) final consensus day
 - o Oct. 5 report to NM First by Utton Center
 - o Oct. 10 distributing final report to task force members
 - o Oct. 13 deliberation and feedback from task force, reach consensus (1-5pm)

Danielle Gonzales shares screen (facilitation)

- NM First Consensus Definition
- Vote; does the document reflect the discussion?
- Feedback, forward to Utton Center & NM First team
- Point in time status check; JamBoard per group

Group 1: Circle (questions, clarifications, wonderings)

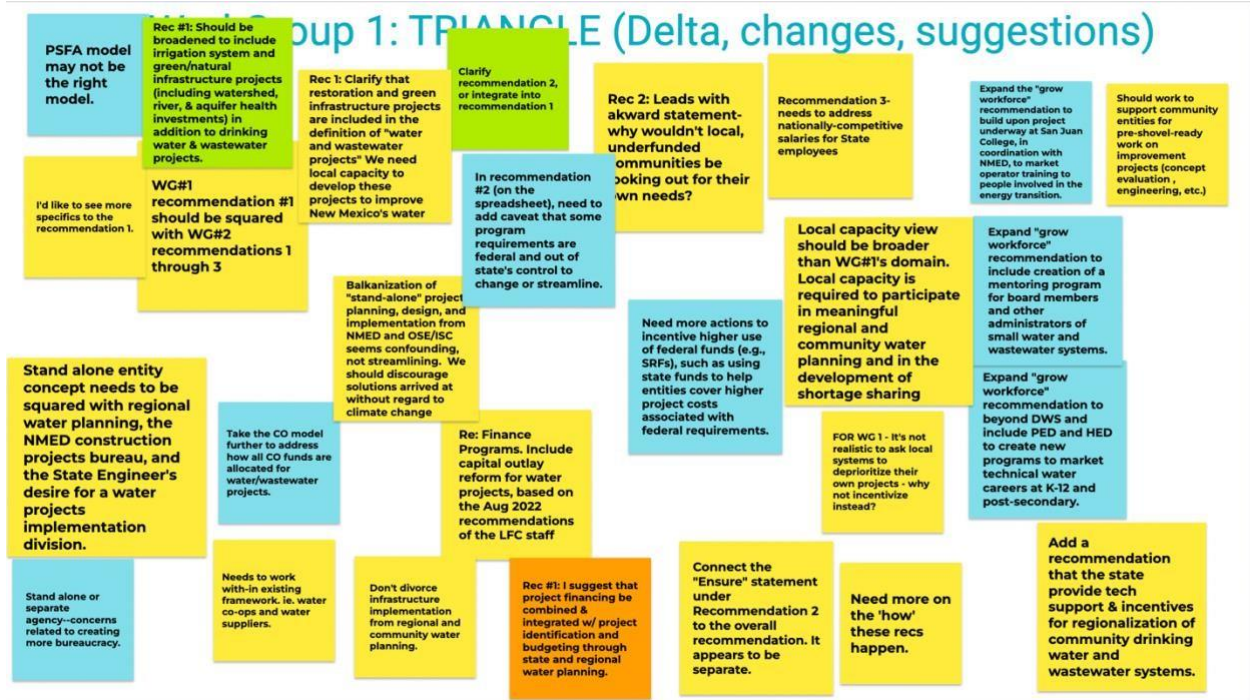


Group 1: Square (agreement)

WorkGroup 1: SQUARE (Agreement)

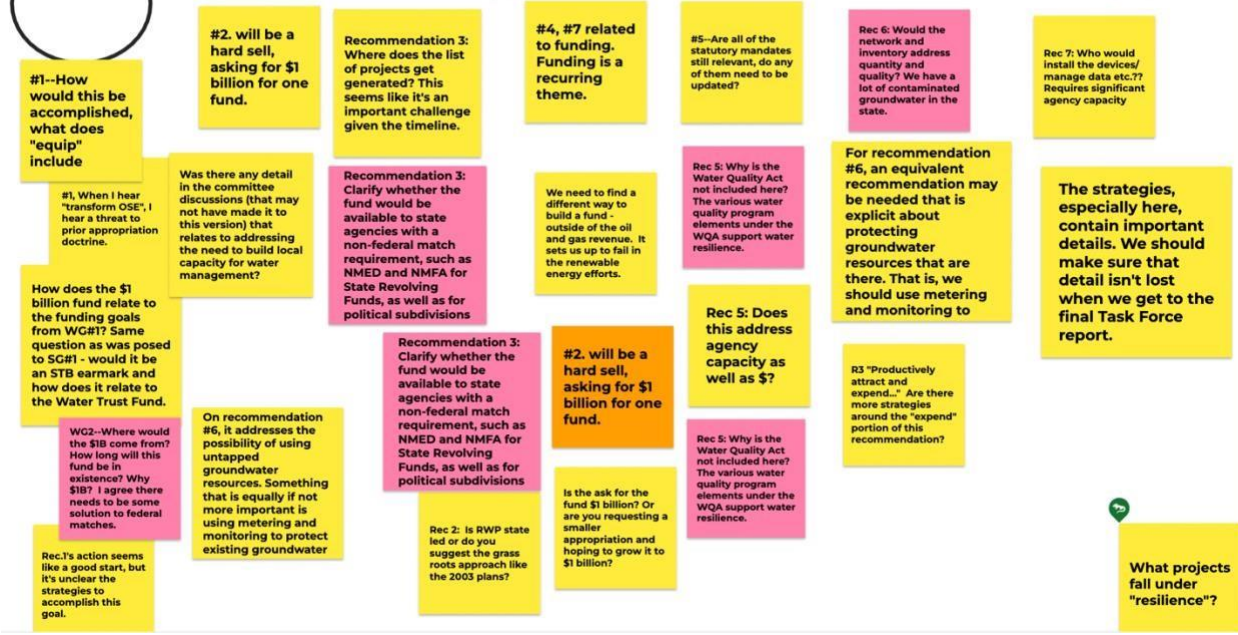


Group 1: Triangle (delta, changes, suggestions)

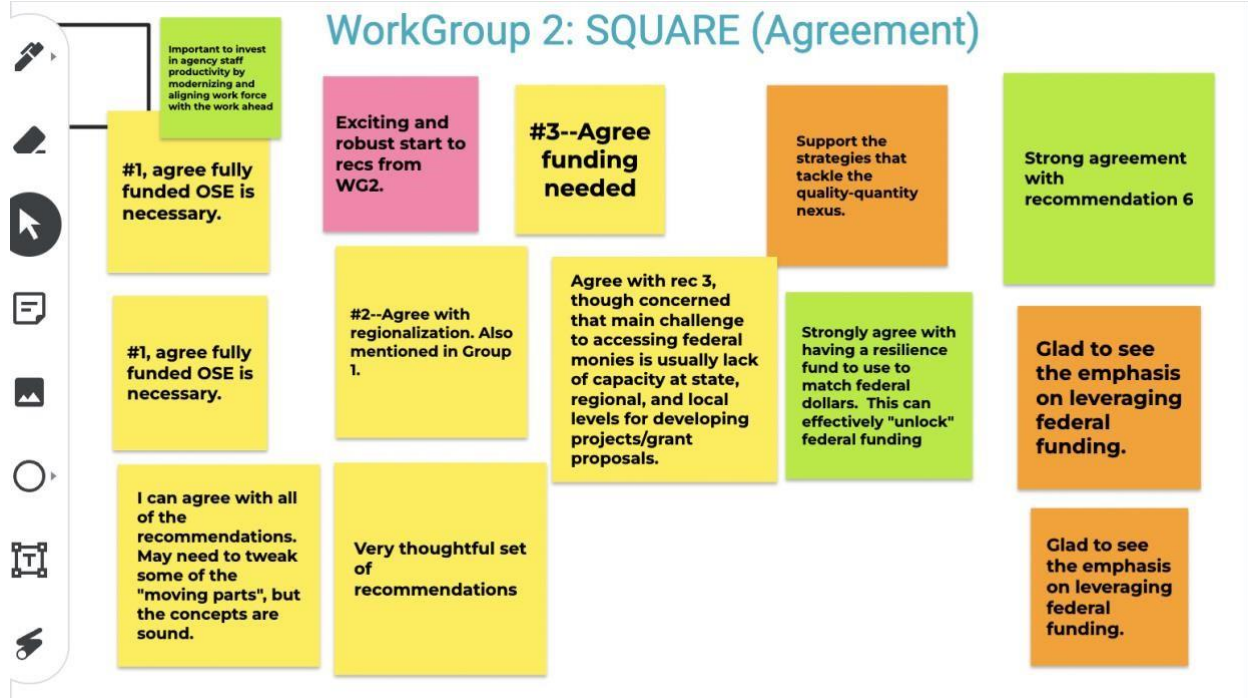


Group 2: Circle (questions, clarifications, wonderings)

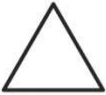
WorkGroup 2: CIRCLE (questions/clarifications/wonderings)



Group 2: Square (agreement)



Group 2: Triangle (delta, changes, suggestions)



WorkGroup 2: TRIANGLE (Delta, changes, suggestions)

I may have missed it but I didn't see weather modification here.

I think all recommendations need to more explicitly address capacity needs

Rec. 3: Based on cross-agency discussions on infrastructure investments and improvement, there may be traction building for a state fund for match for all types of infrastructure projects, from

Rec 5: As you build out the strategies further, include education for key stakeholders of what these existing authorities and tools do. Sometimes we need start there, because lack of understanding of

Rec 7: Explore how implementation and oversight of Water Conservation Fund could incentivize adding/replacing meters at drinking water systems. This could be an additional strategy. (Connect with NMED to unpack

More attention may be needed on irrigation infrastructure. WG#1 did very detailed work on a reformed mechanism for drinking water/ww/sw. There is no equivalent recommendation for

Authorize & fund the OSE Water Use & Conservation Division to provide technical support to communities for ag & DCM water conservation technology & practices.

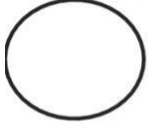
Add to Rec #1: Authorize & fund the OSE Water Use & Conservation Bureau to (a) develop accurate annual water consumption reports (by sector & geography) and (b) provide tech support to communities for ag

Agricultural water uses over 70% of total. In some areas ag uses are draining aquifers of fossil water that communities depend on.

Consider adding a recommendation to provide funding & tech support for community-based, science-informed sustainable groundwater management plans.

Group 3: Circle (questions, clarifications, wonderings)

WorkGroup 3: CIRCLE (questions/clarifications/wonderings)



Recommendation 1- If local water organizations are funded to do studies, the data and conclusions must be made public.

I like the water quality monitoring mentioned for tribal communities. Would it be possible to address the need for water quality testing in all communities?

Recommendation 1: I totally agree that we need a fundamental shift in human behavior to treat our water as a precious resource! I don't see an action step reflecting strategies to change human behavior. Will that be

I think these recommendations should be more specific. More of the specifics seem to be expressed in the excel sheet under strategies. There are some good specific recommendations there!

This applies across all workgroups. We should make sure to point out that a meaningful component of the funding/capacity need is establishing pay scales that allow sufficiently qualified staff to be

#1--I like this but wonder if there should be a public awareness component and what would that look like. Education is key.

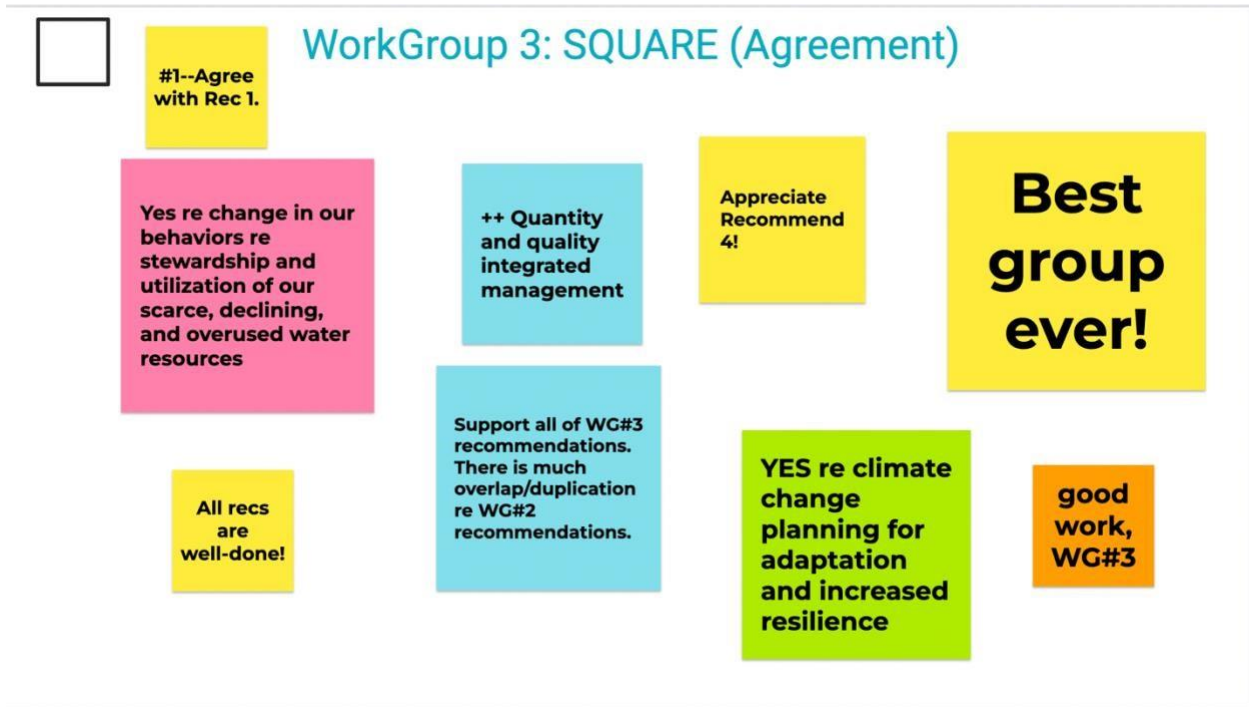
Is aquifer recharge generally being addressed by this group? For example, there is research that documents aquifer recharge that happens where there are earthen irrigation ditches. There is a need to expand

#4--Cultural Use of Water--should acequias be included in this section?

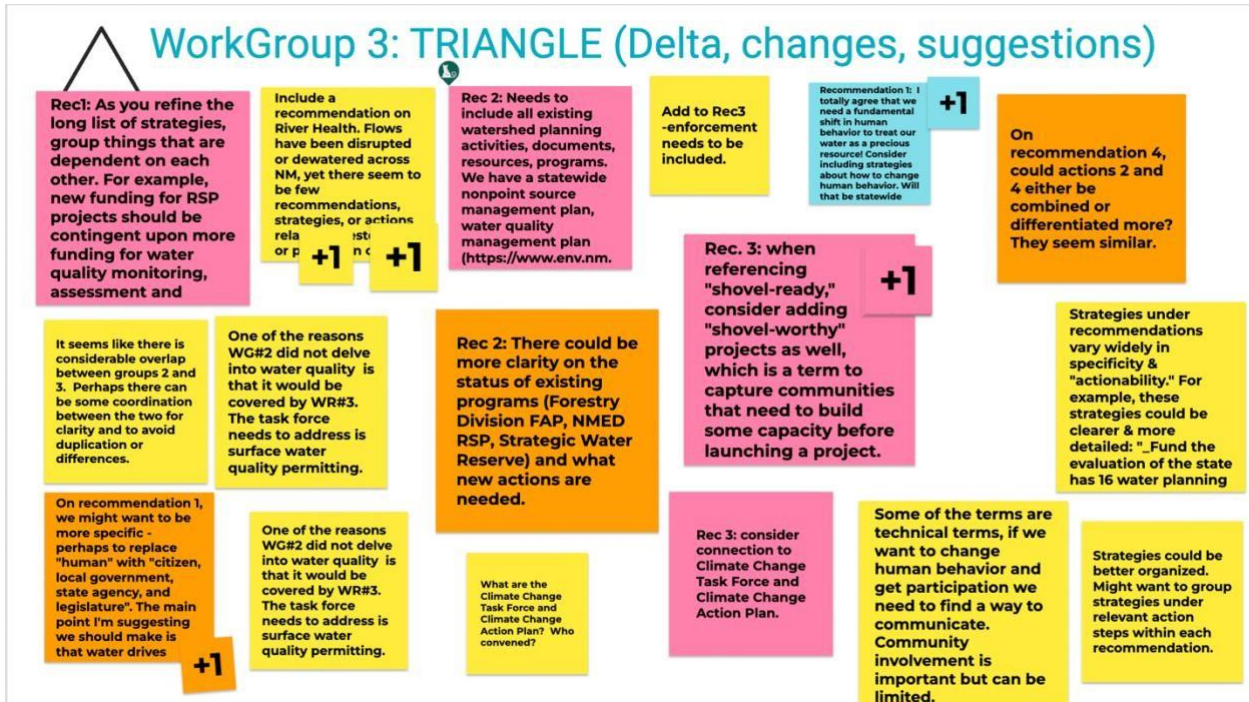
On rec #2 - need more info on the gap analysis. Want to make sure we are both 1) supporting the Forest Action Plan and 2) making it stronger through additional engagement, and ensuring it is

For areas of overlap with WG2 recs, need to determine where to possibly consolidate and where to leave like concepts as threads in multiple TF recs. If left in multiple recs, need to stay in close coordination btwn workgroups to

Group 3: Square (agreement)



Group 3: Triangle (delta, changes, suggestions)



(Facilitator) Feedback and discussion:

Work Group 2 - What are we looking for in the ultimate project?

- We don't need a specific dollar amount attached to the recommendation
- If funding range is known to us, we should include that
- Estimate amounts of funding and FTEs, be a "water resilience" fund?
- Investment in staff productivity; legislature has not invested in the resources (e.g., computer systems) to increase productivity of existing staff
- Identify financial needs, if we can't derive a number within the workgroup, how do we figure out a strategy to calculate the cost?

Break into workgroup breakout groups at 1:30pm for more discussion.

Adjourn