

# Transparency Needed in All Multi-Regional Water Decisions

Everyone in the State of New Mexico and in the Region need to have input in water decisions in a transparent manner. The procedural problems from other water settlements should not be repeated in upcoming adjudications. The State Engineer's responsibility should be to the historic beneficial users **not special interest groups** and pose water resource decisions on a macro-regional application.

Upcoming decisions on water policy will have tremendous financial ramifications and in these times of financial difficulties sound water policy that protects our resources needs to be properly handled.

There has to be a comprehensive water plan of our resources to protect all communities.

We need proper scientific data, IE: (complete Hydrological Study from Top to Bottom of the Rio Grande River) to make proper decisions that will generationally affect the citizens of the State of NM and on a Regional Basis.

There are water rights holders that have not had an opportunity to have a seat at the position making table and now that has to and will be done.

The majority of the problems apply to Northern New Mexico, Middle and Lower Rio Grande, Datil, Gila and all other significant areas in this state and region!