Are we making the land/water connection?

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Good intentions !! §§ 47-6-1 et seq. NMSA
Plains Galore!

- State Water Plan
- Regional Water Plans
- 72-1-9 water dev’t plans
- Local water plans
- Comprehensive plans
- Regional land use plans
- Transportation plans
The Disconnects

- Between adopted goals & results
- Between plans and regulations
- Between local control and regional impacts
- Between federal-state-regional-local
- Between transportation & land use
- Between outdated enabling laws & current challenges
- Between private property rights & public rights
Power struggle for future of the region
SunCal Owned Property in Relation to City of Albuquerque

Legend:
- Volcano
- Freeway/Lanes
- City of Albuquerque
- Petroglyph National Monument
- County Boundary
- SunCal Property
- River
- Kirland Air Force Base
- USAF Withdrawal Area
- Cibola National Forest Admin

Data Sources:
City of Albuquerque AGIS
Bernalillo County GIS

Connecting land, water & growth in the 21\textsuperscript{st} century requires:

- Breaking down silos
- Connecting federal, state, sovereign tribal governments, local governments, farmers, and a multitude of others in a new way
- Connecting plans, regulations, development decisions and actions as well as financial resources
A smarter process requires, at a minimum:

- Integrated planning systems
- Inclusive and participatory processes
- Informed decision-making *consistent* with the plan(s)
- A feedback loop and mitigation monitoring
Conservation for a New Generation
Redefining Natural Resources Management

Richard Knight,
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“The motion has been made and seconded that we stick our heads in the sand.”