Land & Water Planning in the Middle Valley

Friday, October 17, 2008
8:00 am – 5:00 pm at the UNM School of Law

8:00 Registration/coffee

8:30 **Welcome and overview** – Susan Kelly, Utton Transboundary Resources Center

8:45 **Big Picture of water supply and demand in Middle Valley** – Norm Gaume, Consulting Engineer, former Interstate Stream Engineer

9:15 **Big Picture of land development trends in Middle Valley**
Introduction, Michelle Henrie, Of Counsel Atkinson & Thal, P.C.
Dale Dekker – AIA, AICP, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini

9:50 **Role of the State**
Regional Water Plans/State Water Plan – Angela Schackel-Bordegaray, Interstate Stream Commission
OSE water availability opinions – John Longworth, Office of the State Engineer
40 year plans – Martha Franks, Attorney

10:30 Break

10:40 **Bernalillo County**
How the County planning process works – Sandy Fish, Planning & Zoning Director, Bernalillo County
Water utility conservation initiatives – Kathryn Yuhas, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority

11:20 **Integration of land use/water regulations in Santa Fe City/County**
Santa Fe County growth management plan – Mary Helen Follingstad, Santa Fe City/County Regional Planning Authority
City of Santa Fe water conservation strategies – Dale Lyons, City of Santa Fe

12:10 Lunch – provided

1:00 **More on-the-ground local perspectives:**
Farming – Cecilia McCord, Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust, Socorro
Non-urban County – Jim Lane, Valencia County Planning and Zoning Commissioner

1:40 **Are we making the land/water connection?** – Anita Miller, moderator
Regulating Water Use – Joe Quintana, Mid Region Council of Governments
New Mexico Subdivision Act – Lora Lucero, AICP
2:30 Another State’s perspective – Kathy Chavez, Water Policies Manager Pima County, Tucson, Arizona

3:00 Roundtable discussions – where do we go from here?
Introduced by NM State Representative Mimi Stewart. The smaller groups will give participants an opportunity to discuss issues and ideas.

Tentative topic areas:
Land use – consistency; zoning: sustainability, rural preservation
Water – domestic wells; coordination of water plans; water transfers; OSE opinion process
Water Conservation, Economic Development and New Technologies

3:15 Move into roundtables

4:15 Reports/wrap-up/future steps

4:45 Adjourn

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