

**Notes from Upper Rio Grande Basin Water Operations Review ID NEPA  
Team Meeting, November 10, 1999, 1:00 PM, Corps of Engineers Building**

In attendance:

Scott Anderholm, USGS

Tod Stevenson, NMG&F

Chris Gorbach, BOR

Leann Towne, BOR

Conrad Keyes, Jr., EWRI of ASCE

Pat Turney, NMISC

Charles Lujan, San Juan Pueblo

Rae Van Hoven, NMSHTD

Robert Padilla, BOR

Doug Wolf, COE

Lori Robertson, BOR

- ❖ Updates on the Upper Rio Grande Basin Water Operations Review
  - Chris Gorbach provided an update on the status of development of the Memorandum of Agreement with the three joint lead agencies.
  - He distributed a summary of the responses by agencies that were invited to participate as cooperating agencies.
  - He also informed the group about the pending public involvement contract.
- ❖ Questions raised:
  - Will public meeting notices be included with NOI?
  - Have there been discussions with FWS regarding their participation as a cooperating agency? It was suggested that perhaps we should wait until Jennifer Fowler-Propst's replacement is in place.
- ❖ Other issues discussed.
  - There is a need to define better the No Action alternative. This will help the technical teams and the public to get a handle on the purpose of the project. Most people will be considering impacts rather than water operations. Therefore, the technical teams need to characterize the existing conditions for all of the resources.
-  ❖ Action items.
  - Provide technical team points of contact to Tod Stevenson and Charles Lujan.
  - Provide technical team notebooks to Tod, Charles, and other participants who have not received them previously.