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Choosing Our Future

The 15th Annual Water Assembly

A Public Convocation

Sponsored by the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly

Saturday, November 5, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Light Breakfast & Conversation begins at 8:30 a.m.

UNM Dane Smith Hall - Room 125

Albuquerque, New Mexico

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We live in a finite world. In the second decade of the 21st century, the overriding question is whether, relative to our use of water, energy, and other resources, we're exceeding the world's limits. If we are, does it matter? Can we here in the Middle Rio Grande do anything about it? Should we? Can we choose a different future?

The premise of the Futures Project, an undertaking of the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly, is that the answer to the first question is yes. It's a premise backed up by a large and growing body of scientific evidence. The project's goal, therefore, and the focus of this year's annual Water Assembly, is finding answers to the rest, answers for our region that we can take action on.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, we'll start the process of answering those questions. Recognizing that there is a diversity of views relative to what the possible answers might be, we'll use the day to engage a diverse group of citizens in a scenario planning exercise. It may take more than the one convocation, but the created scenarios will then be distributed for community-wide discussion and debate.

Unlike previous planning, however, this won't be limited to the narrow – and therefore incomplete -- issues of water administration and management. Energy use, climate change, technology, growth, economics, environment, culture, social justice, etc. will all be considered in an effort to craft scenarios that are complete and compelling descriptions of different possible futures.

The Water Assembly is sponsoring this project to explore and help shape the future of our region together. Please join us! For more information, please see www.WaterAssembly.org.