

Watershed Degradation

Increase cost of water – tax by all entities to raise money to save ourselves

Severance tax – Flagstaff is putting in dollars for restoration, rehabilitation and conservation

How to engage our legislators – when not in session

Engage Pueblos by providing information without any bias

- Look into how to engage Pueblos

Consider Chaco as an example; David Stuart's book; look at irrigation systems, etc.

Pueblo environmental offices – looking at watershed issues

Engage with agencies which are looking at grazing and other impacts

Quivira Coalition – focuses on grazing, etc.

Bust up hydrophobic soils, replant grasses to restore lands after fires

- Constraints due to federal land access, etc.

Don't just focus on taxation

Lots of volunteer effort, such as acequias

Get information out to agencies so they look at Water Assembly as a resource

Create a library source for information and action base

Create a more cohesive approach toward watershed administration – who is doing what

Be strategic; greater integration

How can the community know of the various efforts of agencies

Put together a data base of activities and folks working on these issues

- Create a Venn diagram

Need to have a flood plain which can operate as a flood plain

Share information – data base of water needs and water usages

State watershed assessment (WRRRI)

When we change nature, we may degrade it worse; look at it before we act

Replace appliances with water saving ones

Stop talking and start acting

Change attitude toward one of resilience

What role does the region have with the regional water plan?