

Session 2 – New Mexico Region Water Issues

Speakers: John W. Longworth, Charlie Liles, Mike Kenna

(No Value)

(Extremely Valuable)

1 0 2 4 3 17 4 34 5 6

- [4] Good information/too long – OSE was best; Golf – double bogey
- [5] Good perspective and new concepts introduced
- [3] Great reports from New Mexico. Good overview. Kenna should have been a concurrent session – industries...stats reports??? Liles was great, very informative for everybody!
- [3] Too detailed.

Sessions 3 through 8 – Concurrent Initiative Group Reports

- Some of this is reflected by me, others of interest as well as quality of presentations
- We need overviews and not dissertations!!!

RGBI:

(Unsatisfactory)

(Excellent)

A. Task 1: Irrigation District Studies

1 0 2 5 3 21 4 20 5 6

- [3] Audio/sound was better
- Need to balance the engineering technical info and impacts of economic institutions
- Couldn't always hear
- [2] Too detailed-repeat
- Econ – 5, Engineering – 3

B. Task 2: Irrigation Education and Training

1 0 2 3 3 15 4 24 5 8

- [2] Hard to read power point
- [2] Very lengthy

C. Task 3: Institutional Incentives for Efficient Water Use

1 0 2 0 3 20 4 24 5 8

- [4] Great and to the point

D. Task 4: On-Farm Irrigation System Management

1 0 2 1 3 9 4 25 5 15

- [2] Hard to listen to, finally caught on...

E. Task 5: Urban Water Conservation

1 0 2 1 3 11 4 31 5 14

F. Task 6: Environment, Ecology and Water Quality Protection

1 0 2 1 3 11 4 36 5 10

G. Task 7: Saline and Wastewater Management and Water Reuse

1 0 2 1 3 17 4 29 5 8

H. Task 8: Basinwide Hydrology, Salinity Modeling and Technology

1 0 2 2 3 18 4 29 5 6

I. Texas County Programs Reports – District 12

1 0 2 1 3 5 4 26 5 16

J. Texas County Programs Reports – Districts 6 & 10

1 0 2 1 3 7 4 24 5 15

K. New Mexico County Program Reports

1 0 2 2 3 8 4 25 5 7

- Too much that was not RGBI

TSUS:

A. Rio Grande Basin Biological Resources Inventory Research

	1 <u>0</u>	2 <u>1</u>	3 <u>3</u>	4 <u>13</u>	5 <u>2</u>
B. Geochemical Groundwater and Surface Water Availability Assessment	1 <u>0</u>	2 <u>0</u>	3 <u>2</u>	4 <u>11</u>	5 <u>4</u>
C. Public Education, Information and Outreach	1 <u>0</u>	2 <u>1</u>	3 <u>6</u>	4 <u>8</u>	5 <u>2</u>
D. Surface Water Quality Investigations	1 <u>0</u>	2 <u>0</u>	3 <u>3</u>	4 <u>11</u>	5 <u>2</u>
E. TSUS Researchers Special Sessions	1 <u>0</u>	2 <u>0</u>	3 <u>3</u>	4 <u>8</u>	5 <u>3</u>

UT:

A. UT Physical Assessment Project	1 <u>0</u>	2 <u>1</u>	3 <u>3</u>	4 <u>5</u>	5 <u>3</u>
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Session 8:

A. Other Project Reports	1 <u>0</u>	2 <u>1</u>	3 <u>5</u>	4 <u>15</u>	5 <u>3</u>
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Session 9 – Wrap-Up Discussions

Speakers: Kevin Urbanczyk, Craig Runyan, Bill Harris

(No Value)

(Extremely Valuable)

1 0 2 1 3 6 4 18 5 10

- [5] Incredible, wonderful, outstanding
- [6] (added)

4. Rate the following administrative details of the conference.

(Unsatisfactory)

(Excellent)

A. Conference announcement details	1 <u>0</u>	2 <u>0</u>	3 <u>3</u>	4 <u>32</u>	5 <u>26</u>
B. Web site Information	1 <u>0</u>	2 <u>0</u>	3 <u>6</u>	4 <u>25</u>	5 <u>32</u>
○ [3] Agenda					
C. Conference Materials, including Accomplishments Report	1 <u>0</u>	2 <u>0</u>	3 <u>4</u>	4 <u>17</u>	5 <u>44</u>
○ Very informative. Proud to share with elected officials.					
○ [6] (added)					
D. Registration Process	1 <u>0</u>	2 <u>1</u>	3 <u>3</u>	4 <u>19</u>	5 <u>41</u>
○ Great help from district office.					
○ [5] Registration could be easier online. Could not complete for online.					
○ [3] Materials needed to be better organized. Also, <u>all</u> pre-registered participants should have pre-printed name tags and all speakers should have printed name tags with their agency name as well, whether they are registered or not.					
○ [3] Materials needed to be better organized to avoid waiting in line. Many of us didn't have printed name tags even though we registered in advance.					
E. Monday evening social	1 <u>0</u>	2 <u>0</u>	3 <u>6</u>	4 <u>16</u>	5 <u>34</u>
○ Great time to catch up wit others.					
○ Excellent/excellent					
F. Meeting Facilities	1 <u>0</u>	2 <u>2</u>	3 <u>12</u>	4 <u>26</u>	5 <u>26</u>
○ [3] Poor lighting and acoustics					
○ [3] Need better facility with better acoustics					
○ [3] Acoustics					
○ [4] Exhibit hall too large for concurrent session					

- [3] Lighting and sound
- [4] Sometimes hard to hear and/or see
- [2] Room too large.
- [5] Acoustics weren't good, but this is the only facility in Ruidoso.

G. Refreshments 1 0 2 0 3 1 4 18 5 45

- Good/Great coffee

H. Catered Meals 1 0 2 1 3 6 4 22 5 34

I. Other: _____ 1 0 2 2 3 0 4 0 5 4

- Great location for meeting. Great organization!
- Maybe a couple hours "on your own" time – one afternoon and on morning
- [2] Length of workday
- [2] AV
- Would handouts or copies of slides be possible? Often it's hard to see slides. Or proceedings? Electronic?
- [5] Facilities, hotel and conference center, very helpful
- Format was good. Food planning. Perhaps there should be two tracks: one for the ag and one for FCS. Presenters should stick to objective – implementation and results!
- [5] Liked the convenience of hotel and meeting facility
- [5] Power points (set-up/delivery)
- [5] Just working with you ladies is excellent

5. Recommended conference length?

2 days 26 2-1/2 days 25 3 days 10 3-1/2 days 3 4 days 1

- [2 Days] Day 1: Evening Meal, Day 2: Conference, then go home
- Maybe 1-1/2 days?
- [2 Days] Half day, full day, half day
- [2-1/2 Days] with tour
- [2-1/2 Days] plus a half day tour

6. Should the following be added, continued or eliminated in future meetings?

<i>Component</i>	<i>Add</i>	<i>Continue</i>	<i>Eliminate</i>
Discussions of water issues in local area of meeting. ○ [Continue] Overview of local issues ○ [Continue] Only if it's brief	<u>13</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>7</u>
Focus on local programs, districts and collaborations. ○ We sure missed tours – reports too detailed	<u>3</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>4</u>
Updates and discussions from individual research and Extension faculty. ○ [Continue] Keep to 1 day (30-40 minutes/task)	<u>5</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>7</u>
Specific task group charges for joint planning.	<u>7</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>5</u>
Planning sessions for individual task groups. ○ [Add] 30 minutes ○ [Continue] Every other year ○ Pre-conference time allocated for this	<u>16</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>7</u>

<p>Reports from task groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ [Continue] But NO details – bullets and overview ○ [Continue] Only task leader give outcomes – put details in posters ○ [Continue] Every other year ○ [Continue] Only highlights! Brief – we have printed reports. ○ [Continue] Task groups should only highlight their results 	<u>1</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>1</u>
<p>Collaboration discussions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ [Add] Make it a 1-1/2 hour lunch ○ [Add?] Maybe all given task to report back (after conference) on a new or possible collaboration for next year ○ [Add] Perhaps set similar tasks together ○ These should be by task groups 	<u>16</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>2</u>
<p>Review of water policies and politics in the Rio Grande Basin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ [Eliminate] Part of Task 3 ○ [Add] And generally ○ [Add] Only if policy makers are present ○ [Eliminate] Or minimize 	<u>14</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>7</u>
<p>Tours of local points of aquatic interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ [Add] As option for third day ○ [Add] Before or after conference on a volunteer basis ○ [Continue] As able ○ [Add] We missed these!! What is being done by cities to assist homeowners in water conservation 	<u>32</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>
<p>Posters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ [Continue] Have a graduate student poster contest, pay for all graduate student travel and give cash award for 1 to 3 places ○ [Continue] Needs a scheduled time to visit with presenters (expand) ○ [Continue] Give time for poster presentations for those who want details ○ [Continue] Pre-conference opportunity to review posters or presentations ○ [Add more] Should have poster session one evening 	<u>5</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>2</u>
<p>Extra time for individual and/or task group meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ [Continue] Task groups can meet at night or at lunch as needed ○ [Add] As above ○ [Add] Sub-groups ○ This should be done after/before meetings ○ [Add] Not enough time allowed to visit with other members of project ○ [Continue] ? 	<u>24</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>
<p>Mid-year meetings for individual task groups. Which task group? _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ [Continue] Let task group decide, do not require ○ [Continue] Task 4 (3) ○ Can happen if they wish ○ [Add/Continue] Task 5 (3) – one day ○ [Continue] All or most ○ [Add] As required ○ [Continue] All task groups should meet before the conference to prepare their presentations and go thru their current activities in detail so then only a brief overview would be given at the conference. ○ [Continue] Task 8 	<u>8</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>4</u>

○ [Add/Continue] All task groups			
Reports from other agencies	<u>9</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>4</u>
○ Written to all and at concurrent session for people			
○ [Continue] A select few			
○ [Add] BRIEF			
○ [Add] Reports from representatives from other funding sources			
○ [Add again/Continue] Make it brief – but important to overall project			
○ [Continue] In moderation – only one or two speakers, no longer than an hour			
○ [Continue] ?			
Other:			
○ More concurrent options			
○ [Add] Titles of the talks			
○ Just RGBI – NOT TSU			
○ [Add] In-Home Water Conservation			
○ Allow time for poster sessions			
○ [Add] Tours – we need this in the conference. Report after report is hard to grasp!			
○ [Continue] Group CEAs reports			

7. What other issues or topics should be included in the annual conference?

- Set-up demos or displays – show/tell
- Can the meeting be held every other year? This would give more time for development of quality data and results.
- Great issues covered
- More on suggestions for outreach to families
- Overview of basin water budget – pre-RGBI and trends (total Colorado to Gulf including Mexico)
- Cut back (short and sweet). Need broad presentations and not each project
- Specific tools or programs developed for irrigation efficiency
- Rio Grande River Balance (Water Master)
- Budget for the Initiative
- Water pricing and delivery issues
- Something related to the economics of water savings
- Host a session or special invitation to elected officials. They need to know what we are doing. We need them to attend at least part of our conference. The date for the conference might have to be selected according to their schedules.
- More on water conservation. Some on water along health issue.
- Show relevance of some technical research to everyday life – some just too technical
- FCS Agent In-Home Water Conservation programming share between Texas and New Mexico agents and unit coordinators to see what each state is doing and to gain new ideas. Also, FCS water conservation in the home training and resources could be shared with agents during a special session.
- Poster session, put them in lobby where everyone can see them all the time. Bring back the tour!

8. During which month(s) would you prefer to have the annual conference?

February	March	April	September
<u>1</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>1</u>
October	November		
<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>		

- October and November – very busy with meetings
- LATE March or April (2)
- Late March, after stock shows
- July?

9. Please rank your preference for the location of the next Rio Grande Basin Initiative Conference to be held (in order of choice with 1 as your favorite, 2 as your second favorite and so on, ending with 8 as your least favorite).

Austin, TX	1 <u>0</u>	2 <u>3</u>	3 <u>9</u>	4 <u>14</u>	5 <u>9</u>	6 <u>7</u>	7 <u>7</u>	8 <u>9</u>
College Station, TX	1 <u>1</u>	2 <u>4</u>	3 <u>4</u>	4 <u>6</u>	5 <u>12</u>	6 <u>14</u>	7 <u>6</u>	8 <u>9</u>
Del Rio, TX	1 <u>2</u>	2 <u>3</u>	3 <u>7</u>	4 <u>4</u>	5 <u>6</u>	6 <u>9</u>	7 <u>15</u>	8 <u>5</u>
Fredericksburg, TX	1 <u>8</u>	2 <u>11</u>	3 <u>11</u>	4 <u>7</u>	5 <u>7</u>	6 <u>6</u>	7 <u>8</u>	8 <u>1</u>
○ [1] Kerrville? (2)								
Laredo, TX	1 <u>0</u>	2 <u>4</u>	3 <u>3</u>	4 <u>3</u>	5 <u>4</u>	6 <u>5</u>	7 <u>9</u>	8 <u>27</u>
San Antonio, TX	1 <u>6</u>	2 <u>22</u>	3 <u>9</u>	4 <u>14</u>	5 <u>1</u>	6 <u>4</u>	7 <u>1</u>	8 <u>2</u>
San Marcos, TX	1 <u>11</u>	2 <u>8</u>	3 <u>10</u>	4 <u>7</u>	5 <u>12</u>	6 <u>4</u>	7 <u>4</u>	8 <u>1</u>
South Padre Island, TX	1 <u>35</u>	2 <u>6</u>	3 <u>5</u>	4 <u>5</u>	5 <u>3</u>	6 <u>3</u>	7 <u>1</u>	8 <u>1</u>

10. Additional Comments.

- You all did an outstanding job with the program agenda – interesting to listen and learned about all project areas. The only comment would be speaker time, but continue the same program agenda.
- Given everyone's busy schedule and increasing job demands, we should conduct this meeting every other or even better every three years. The CSREES Southern Region Water Quality Conferences are held on a two year basis. Meeting every year has resulted in presentations containing much the same information as before. Spacing out the meeting interval should allow time for collection and interpretation of more meaningful results and to collect more outcome-based programming results. Meeting should NOT be held before April 1 given TCE agent requirements to attend local, county and statewide livestock shows. This would give them time to spend a few days in the office and with their families before they have to go out of town.
- Expand poster session and include formal presentation time; Convention Center was good, screen in small room could have been larger though; Continue to emphasize collaboration; Location is important.
- Needed to make use of the classrooms for more short-timed presentations. Allows people to have time to get up and move (1-2 hours without any type of break was non-productive). The sound in the large Exhibit Hall was bad – but I like the location and accommodations. Question – Wasn't sure how the Biological K-12 education curriculum was connected – and if it was at a well-planned delivery place.
- TSUS Session A – two of six speakers were not present and their substitutes were not very familiar with their work.
- Should have 10 minute break every 1-1/2 hours. Some sessions were 2-1/2 hours without a break.
- Great conference. Well organized.

- Need to provide a synopsis of presentations with e-mail or contact information. Some of the presentations were difficult to understand and visibility was difficult.
- Social interactions and opportunities for informal interactions with colleagues with similar interests is very useful.
- I think the meeting room was too large for the size of the group. This resulted in bad acoustics. Overall I was impressed with the administrative details of the conference. The materials and t-shirt were wonderful and the food was great! Great job!
- We need time for task meetings. More networking time needed. We need to be able to keep lights on during sessions so we can take notes, fill out evaluations, etc. That would also cause folks to be more attentive.
- At annual conference, balance impact reports and technical details. Each group prepares the report presentation together. Encourage each task group to meet/share update of the individual projects around mid-year of the project.
- Thanks to all organizers, this was a different conference comparing to previous ones. I really enjoyed it.
- Overall the conference was very informative and well-planned, however I think that there should be different or separate sessions by task or interest group.
- Great conference. Thanks for all your efforts!
- Acoustics in room made hearing difficult at times and people standing in the back talking did not help the situation. As always – some speeches better than others – some better prepared than others. Moderators need to keep people to time constraints.
- Survey should not require one's name if you want his/her honest opinion.
- Give enough time for speakers to fully cover the work done.
- FCS Agents new to the In-Home Water Conservation Project need specific training during the conference. I think separate sessions for them are needed so they will gain from the conference. Presently, they feel that they are not getting enough FCS related subject matter in order to justify 3 days away from their county offices.
- Very good. I like it better than last years format. Combine RGBI and TSUS areas. It may be difficult, but I would like to be able to hear all of the talks.
- I think it would be nice to have an actual poster and demonstration table session. That way everyone can walk around, visit and look at all the posters and get more details. Organization of nametags at the social needs to be better coordinated. It took forever for them to find my nametag and then only my first name was listed! Both first and last names should be listed on all nametags.