



## *Approved Minutes*

### **Paso del Norte Watershed Council Executive Committee meeting October 11, 2013 – 11:30am – 1:30pm Andele's Restaurant Banquet Room 1950 Calle del Norte | Mesilla, NM**

**Conrad Keyes, Chair**  
**Hilary Brinegar, Asst Chair**

**Sue Watts, Secretary**  
**Ari Michelsen, Treasurer**

#### **Present:**

Chris Canavan-NMED  
Conrad Keyes, Jr.-Corps consultant  
Dorian Alcantar-City of LC  
Gill Sorg-City of Las Cruces  
Hilary Brinegar-Marron & Assoc  
Jack Kirby-NMSU  
Janae Reneaud Field-Frontera Land Allia

Kevin Bixby-SWEC  
Mike Landis-USBR  
Peter Bennett- City of LC  
Ryan Ward-NMDA  
Sue Watts-ecologist  
Woody Irving-USBR

1. The Executive Committee meeting of the Paso del Norte Watershed Council was called to order by Conrad Keyes at 11:35AM. All participants introduced themselves. Quorum was not attained.
2. There were no changes to the agenda.
3. There being no quorum, minutes of the August 2, 2013 meeting will be approved by email.
4. Reports
  - a. PdNWC Financial Report – no report.
  - b. Technical Committee Report – Mike Landis. Flooding from recent rains resulted in flows of 1000 cfs at the Courchesne Bridge and Ft Quitman. This was the worst irrigation season on record and the reservoirs are at 10% capacity.
  - c. Biological Committee –Kevin Bixby. Kevin will revise the proposition for USBR funding once the agreement has been finalized. He asks that the Council send a letter to the state engineer in support of the La Mancha wetland project that will help sustain native fish populations. Kevin will draft the letter and send

it to the EC for approval. When sent to the state engineer, it will be cc'd to the governor and NMED.

d. Clean Water Committee – no report.

e. PdNWC website –Hilary. Presentations from last meeting are posted. ~~Hilary is updating the gmail calendar.~~

5. City of Las Cruces Stormwater Program-Peter Bennett. ~~A~~ ~~They received~~ a new 5-year permit from EPA ~~in~~ ~~Decis~~ expected for the Lower Rio Grande. See presentation at:

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6. 319(h) Watershed Plan-Chris Canavan. The final plan was submitted to EPA for comment. Implementation RFP to be released in early 2014. Proposed projects must be related to mitigation of E.coli and related to watershed plan.

7. Next EC Meeting-will be annual meeting. Friday Dec 6 at IBWC. Sue will draft ballot for voting on EC members whose terms are expiring.

8. Meeting adjourned at 1:30PM.