

Cooperative Modeling

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Sandia researchers Vince Tidwell (6115) and Howard Passell (5324) have taken a Sandia-developed Dynamic Water Budget Model and are applying it to a real-life New Mexico. They are adapting the model -- built originally by lab researchers Dick Thomas and Steve Conrad (both 6515) -- to help the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments and the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly meet the goal of establishing a comprehensive water plan. The process involves local governments and a variety of regional stakeholders in Bernalillo, Sandoval, and Valencia counties. It's a tough area for policy making, with limited water resources and high demands from industry, agriculture and our growing population. Vince and Howard wrote about their work in an op-ed piece for the September 4 edition of *The Albuquerque Tribune*.