



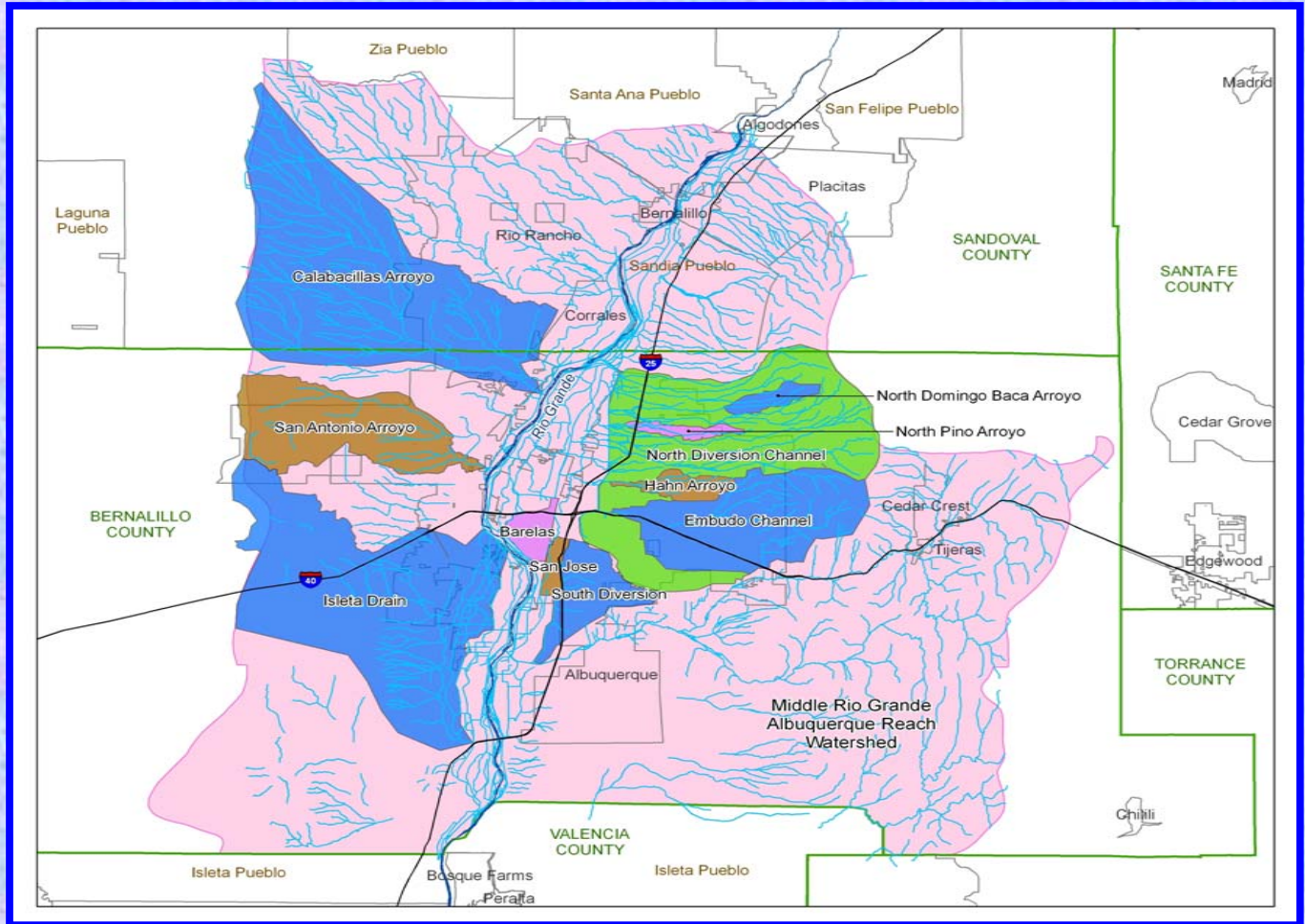
# **Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan**

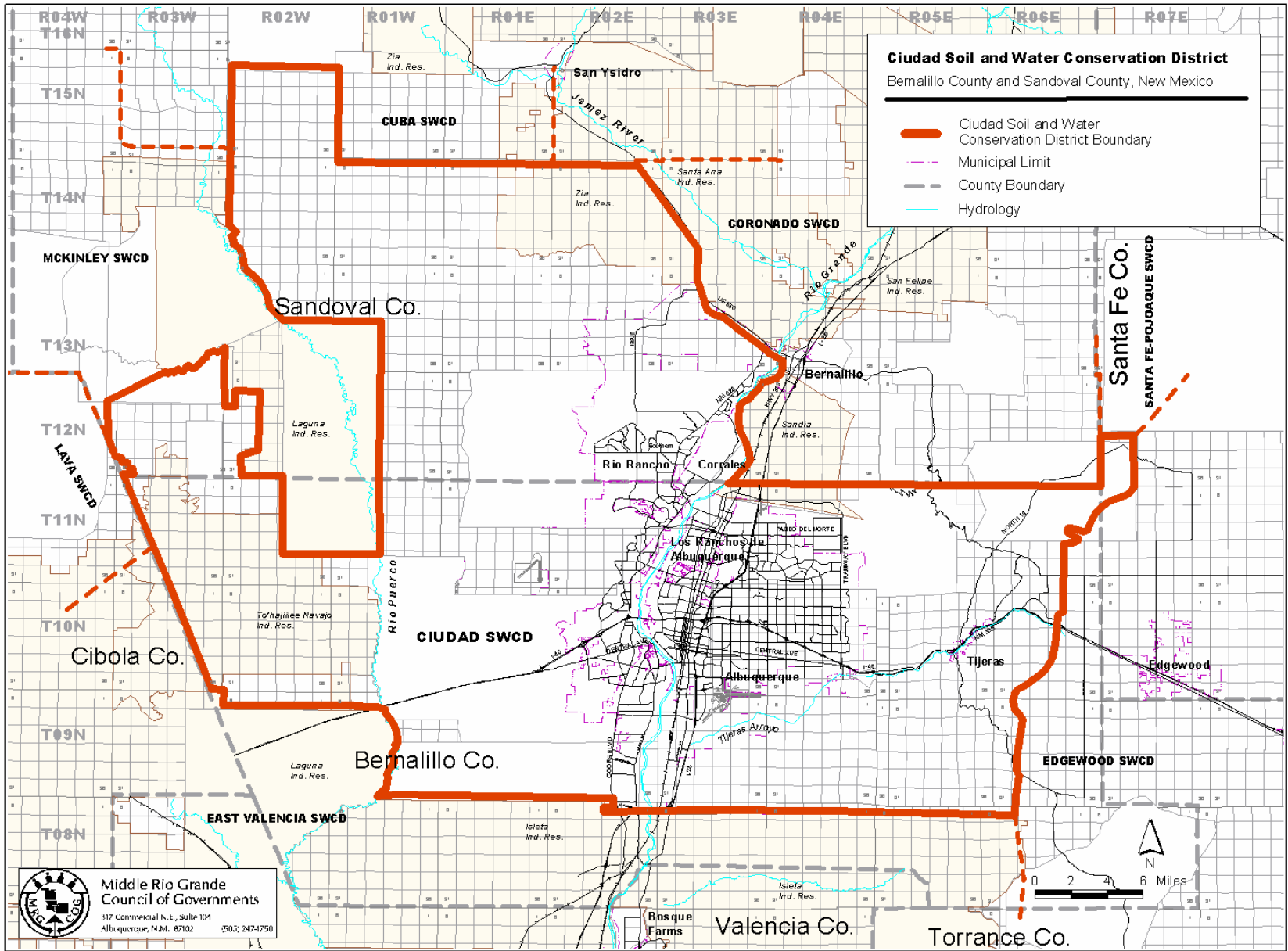
**The Role of Soil and Water  
Conservation Districts**

# New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Districts

- Political subdivisions of the State (73-20-25 et seq. NMSA 1978)
- 47 SWCDs across New Mexico, 4 in the Middle Rio Grande
- Some pertinent SWCD powers (73-20-44 NMSA 1978)
  - Conduct research, investigations and surveys ... concerning the *conservation, development, utilization and disposal of all waters*
  - Develop *comprehensive plans for natural resource conservation, development and utilization*
  - Foster, publish and promote district *natural resource development plans* and their adoption and development ...
  - Assist, contract with and render financial aid to district landowners and state or federal agencies ... engaged in ... the *conservation, development, utilization and disposal of water...*

# Rio Grande- Albuquerque Watershed






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# Ciudad SWCD Projects

## ■ *Water Quality*

- South Valley storm water improvements with BernCo: Reduce pollution discharge to Rio Grande

## ■ *Bosque and Other Riparian Habitat*

- Phreatophyte removal, native plant replanting: Bosque habitat restoration
- Tijeras Creek runoff mitigation: Riparian habitat restoration, pollution mitigation

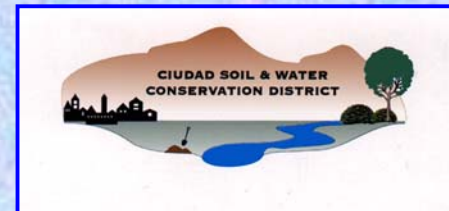
## ■ *Public Education*

- Rolling River watershed/erosion control demo
- Envirothon sponsorship



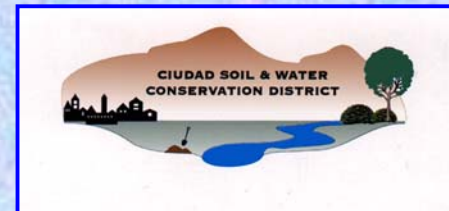
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- *Urban and Rural Conservation Activities*
  - East Mountain Community Wildfire Protection Plan: Minimize catastrophic watershed damage
  - East mountain forest thinning: Reduce fire potential, reduce ground water uptake
- *Agriculture*
  - South Valley Agricultural Land Preservation Committee: Local marketing with MRCOG
  - Annual Local Workgroup: Direct USDA/NRCS funds to irrigation efficiency and other resource conservation needs

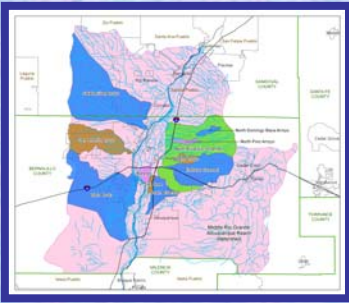


# Ciudad SWCD Projects

- *Water Resources Planning and Management*
  - *Watershed Restoration Management Strategy (2006):*  
Framework for multi-agency efforts
  - Watershed information exchange website (2009):  
*[www.nmwaterconnection.org](http://www.nmwaterconnection.org)*



# RG-Abq WRAS Framework



<b><i>Best Management Practices in ...</i></b>	Phase I (2006-2008)	Phase II (2008-2011)	Phase III (2011-2016)
Education	Establish media contacts and other alliances	Interagency outreach coordination; School curricula	Residential participation in storm water control
Engineering	Research pollutant sources and transport	Demonstration BMPs; Inter-jurisdictional database	Measurement of successes and BMP expansion
Enforcement	Septic management research	Neighborhood pet programs; Septic tank program	Subdivision planning; Zoning improvements

# Ciudad SWCD Mission



Promote conservation, protection, improvement,  
and responsible development of natural resources  
in our District