



ALTERNATIVE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS SHORTAGE SHARING

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ROADMAP

Introduction of the Utton Center

Alternative Management Options to Priority
Administration

Shortage Sharing Pilot Listening Session &
Story Map

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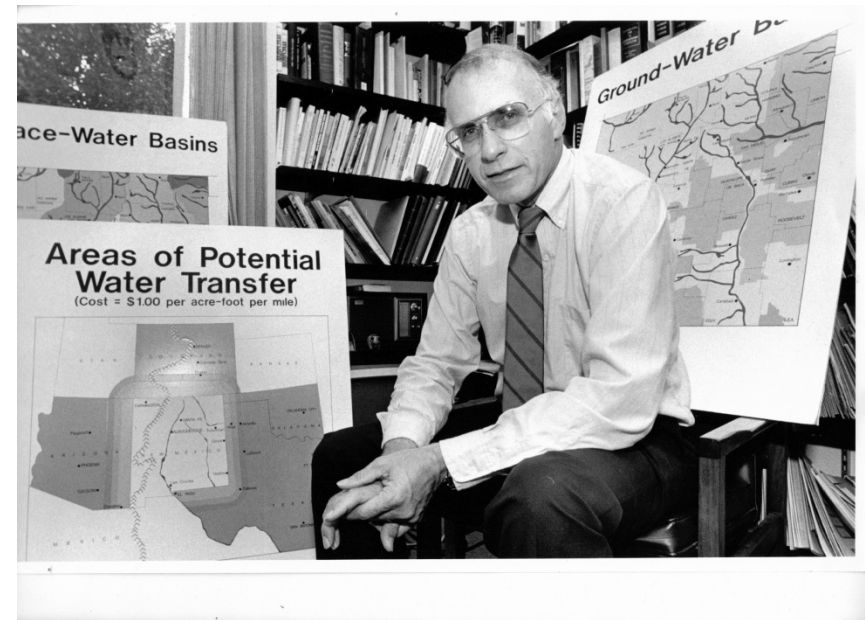


History of the Utton Center

Founded in 2001.

The Center's origins date back to over four decades of work by Professor Albert E. Utton.

Utton spent his career at the University of New Mexico (UNM) School of Law working on transboundary resource issues in the United States and abroad.



Professor Albert E. Utton (1930–1998), founder of the Utton Center and professor at the University of New Mexico School of Law, dedicated his career to working on transboundary water and resource issues



Our Mission

The mission of the Utton Center is to serve communities by fostering the sustainable and equitable management of transboundary natural resources through engagement in applied scholarship, public policy and planning, preventative diplomacy, and conflict resolution.

Our Vision

Our vision is a world where natural resources are managed sustainably, collaboratively, and equitably across borders and within communities.

Active Water Rights Management and Water Shortage Sharing Agreements

AWRM

- The State Engineer has been authorized to administer water right priorities in unadjudicated basins.
- Water districts and water masters, OSE can enforce priorities or local agreements, even in the absence of fully adjudicated water rights

WSSA

- Voluntary agreements
- All users get water and share in the shortage
- Contrasts with traditional priority date administration in which senior water rights holders must make a “call”
- Priority administration can and are often still taken into consideration
- These voluntary agreements can still give the senior users the better priority, while still allowing junior users to receive water



Chama Basin, The Brazos, picture courtesy of Holly Wilkie,
Upper Chama Water Master

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