Article 7. SCIENCE AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Science and Adaptive Management Committee is a non-decision-making body and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee. It will coordinate the implementation of Collaborative Program-related science initiatives and Signatory efforts by defining and delegating tasks to Science and Technical Ad Hoc Groups; compiling results from scientific studies, modeling, and monitoring efforts; and translating scientific findings into recommendations for best management practices in the Middle Rio Grande.

7.1. Membership

The Science and Adaptive Management Committee shall consist of eight-to-ten (8-10) subject matter expert members appointed by the Executive Committee. These positions will include:

* Four (4) specified subject matter experts with the following areas of expertise:
1. Aquatic ecology
2. Terrestrial ecology
3. Ecosystem function
4. Hydrology
* Up to six (6) flexible subject matter experts selected based on science-related needs, as determined by the Executive Committee. The Science and Adaptive Management Committee may provide input on which areas of expertise would benefit the group, but the final decision will be made by the Executive Committee.

An individual may not hold more than one position on the Science and Adaptive Management Committee at one time.

One (1) Executive Committee member shall serve in an *ex-officio* advisory capacity to the Science and Adaptive Management Committee. This position will not count towards membership, and will not participate as a subject matter expert.

The Science and Adaptive Management Committee will be chaired by the science coordination lead and supported by the Program Support Team (Article 10). Neither the science coordination lead nor members of the Program Support Team will count towards membership.