

The membership of the Rio Grande Natural Area Commission is established in section (4)(c) of the [Rio Grande Natural Area Act](#). The Commission elects a chairperson and vice-chairperson on an annual basis. The following is a list of the current Commission members:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Organization</b>
Ruth Welch	BLM Colorado State Director
Mike Blenden	Project Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Craig Cotten	Division 3 Water Engineer, Colorado Division of Water Resources
Rick Basagoitia	Area Manager, Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife
Steve Vandiver, Commission Chair	General Manager, Rio Grande Water Conservation District
Rio de la Vista, Commission Vice-Chair	Citizen
Harold Anderson	Citizen
Mike Willet	Citizen
Michael Gibson	Citizen