



AGENDA

FOR PRESENTATION AT THE
2,159th REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT



February 10, 2020 – 3:00 PM

MRGCD General Office * 1931 Second Street SW * Albuquerque, New Mexico
Meetings are held on second Mondays/month. Any questions please call the Board Liaison at (505) 247-0234
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All Items on Agenda are Subject to Action and times shown are approximate and are subject to change.

- 3:00 1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3:01 2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- 3:05 3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
- a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – February 10, 2020
 - b. Consideration/Approval of January 2020 Invoice for Wiggins Williams & Wiggins
 - c. Consideration/Approval of January 2020 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Associates
 - d. Consideration/Approval of Minutes for Special Board Meeting – January 13, 2020
 - e. Consideration/Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting – January 13, 2020
 - f. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for January 2020 (For Informational Purposes Only)
 - g. Consideration/Approval of Conservation Program Brochure
- 3:20 4. Western Spirit Transmission Line Project Update – Fernando Martinez, Executive Director, Renewable Energy Transmission Authority
- 3:30 5. **ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**
- 3:45 6. **REPORT(S) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**
- a. Bureau of Reclamation – Jennifer Faler, Area Manager
 - b. Bureau of Indian Affairs – Viola Sanchez, Designated Engineer
- 3:55 7. **REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER (Mike A. Hamman)**
- a. Report on Water Supply Conditions – David Gensler, Water Operations Manager
 - b. Update on the Bernalillo to Belen Levee Project – Mike Hamman, CE/CEO
 - c. Update on the Status of the El Vado Dam Corrective Action Schedule – Jason Casuga, Engineering Manager and Mike Hamman, CE/CEO
 - d. Report on the 2020 Legislative Session and Capital Outlay Process – John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist
 - e. Report on the US House Bill HR 4891, the Western Water Security Act – Mike Hamman, CE/CEO

- f. Report on the 8th Annual Irrigation Operations & Management Training Workshop, January 29-30, 2020 – Jason Casuga, Engineering Manager
- g. Report on the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant Application for Phase II of the MRGCD Conservation Program, January 30, 2020 – Mike Hamman, CE/CEO and Casey Ish, Water Resources Specialist
- h. Report on the Approval of State Engineer Permit to Change Point of Diversion and Place and/or Purpose of Use of Surface Water for Acequias Norteñas to Store Water at El Vado Reservoir – Mike Hamman, CE/CEO
- i. Report on the Coalition of the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos, February 6, 2020 – Mike Hamman, CE/CEO
- j. Announcements: Family Farm Alliance Conference February 20-21; Socorro Informational Board Meeting at the Socorro County Commission Office February 24 at 3 pm; Land and Water Summit February 27-28; Law of the Rio Grande Conference (La Fonda, Santa Fe) April 7-8, 2020; Rio Grande Compact Commission Colorado Texas NM Annual Meeting April 8 (La Fonda, Santa Fe).

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8. REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD ATTORNEY(S) – Chief Water Counsel and/or General Counsel

- a. Update on the Blue Buffalo/City of Santa Fe Water Rights Transfer Protest – Dr. Charles DuMars, Chief Water Counsel

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9. REPORT(S) FROM THE BOARD

- a. Report on the Conservation Advisory Meeting, January 23, 2020 – Director Moore
- b. Report on the Meeting with the BioPark Staff to Discuss Projects of interest to MRGCD – Director Baca, Mike Hamman, CE/CEO and Yasmeen Najmi, Planning Specialist
- c. Report on the Bernalillo County Acequia Meeting, January 27, 2020 – Director Baca
- d. Report on the NM Legislative Session, January 30, 2020 – Vice Chair Baca
- e. Report on the MRCOG Water Resources Board Meeting, February 5, 2020 – Vice Chair Baca
- f. Report on the NM Food Farms Day, February 6, 2020 – Director Russo Baca

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10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)7
 - 1. Threatened or Pending Litigation