



# Agenda

For Presentation at the  
2,182<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District



December 13, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting URL: <https://www.anymeeting.com/243-533-539>  
Optional Dial-In Number: (716) 273-1030 and PIN: 243-533-539#

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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 – December 13, 2021
  - b. Consideration/Approval of November 2021 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
  - c. Consideration/Approval of November 2021 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Associates
  - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting – November 8, 2021
  - e. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – November 8, 2021
  - f. Discussion/Approval of 2022 MRGCD Holiday Schedule
  - g. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for November 2021 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:15 4. **Introduction of Recent MRGCD New Hires**
- 3:25 5. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**
- 3:40 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
- 3:50 7. **Recommendations for the Start, End and Operations of the Irrigation Season While New Mexico Remains in Significant Debit to the Rio Grande Compact – Mike Hamman, CE/CEO**
- 1) Spring Operational Goals Based on Water Supply – Diversions for charging will be staggered in March to leave approximately 50% of the baseflow in the river in order to provide Compact deliveries as well as providing irrigation deliveries for early crops starting the week of March 21 for Socorro Division and March 28 for the Belen Division. The Albuquerque and Cochiti Divisions will be targeted for irrigation deliveries starting the weeks of April 4 and April 11. Mature crops will be scheduled beginning in early April until all fields receive the first irrigation then scheduling on the rotational plan will begin and continue for as long as water is available above the prior and paramount flow for the Pueblos.
  - 2) Fall End Date – The District may run until October 15 to provide for fall planting but will be highly contingent upon water availability and the need to re-connect the river for efficient deliveries to Elephant Butte as the season ends and the winter delivery period begins.

- 4:20 8. **Consideration/Approval of Appointment of Acting Chief Engineer, New Organizational Chart, New or amended contracts for Acting Chief Engineer and Chief Financial Officer, and Retainer for CEO.**
- 4:25 9. **Honoring Mike A. Hamman, Chief Engineer/CEO for his 7 years of Service and Mike Lopez, Water Distribution Division Manager, for his 26 years of Service – Jason Casuga, COO**  
\*\*\*\*\* **RECEPTION BREAK** \*\*\*\*\*
- 4:50 10. **Report from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**  
a. Report of the Exit Interview for Fiscal Year 2021 Audit with Ricci & Company, December 10, 2021 – Pam Fanelli, CFO and Director Kelly, Chair Dunning and Director Barbara Baca and Approval of the Finance Committee Report
- 5:05 11. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Mike A. Hamman, PE**  
a. Water Supply Conditions Report – Anne Marken, Water Operations Division Manager  
b. Request to Perform a Study to Determine Methods for Delivery of Irrigation Water South of Feeder No. 3 Under Restricted Use of the Belen Highline Canal – Jason Casuga, COO  
c. 2021 Legislative Session Update and Related – John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist  
d. Report on the Harris Farm Tour, November 10, 2021 – Mike Hamman, CE/CEO, Jason Casuga, COO, Chair Dunning, Vice Chair Russo Baca, Directors Kelly and Duggins  
e. Report on the Meeting with Senator Lujan, November 10, 2021 – Mike Hamman, CE/CEO, Director Duggins and Kelly  
f. Report on Meeting With Corrales Residents Concerned About Drought Impacts to Riverside Drain Flows, November 15, 2021 – Mike Hamman CE/CEO and Chair Dunning  
g. Report on the Six MRG Pueblos Coalition Meeting, December 2, 2021 – Mike Hamman, CE/CEO
- 5:40 12. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**
- 5:55 13. **Report(s) from the Board**  
a. Report on Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting, November 18, 2021 – Vice Chair Russo Baca and Gabriella Coughlin, Agronomist/Agroecologist  
b. Report on the District Urban Issues Committee Meeting, November 19, 2021 –Vice Chair Russo Baca, Directors Joaquin Baca and Barbara Baca  
1) Introduction of Draft Resolution on Protection and Preservation of MRGCD Ditches & Facilities  
c. Report on Congreso De Las Acequias Meeting, December 4, 2021 – Vice Chair Russo Baca  
d. Report on the Personnel Committee Meeting, December 7, 2021 – Chair Dunning, Directors Kelly and Baca

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