



Agenda

For Presentation at the
2,185th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

March 14, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting URL: <https://www.anymeeting.com/548-079-812>

Optional Dial-In Number: (716)273-1030 and PIN: 548-079-812#



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This meeting will be a hybrid event. **Effective, February 17, 2022, Governor Lujan Grisham has lifted the indoor mask mandate, masks are no longer required at the District.** Members of the public may call in and the Chair will ask individuals on the line to state their name for the record and whether they intend to address the Board under 'Items from the Floor' and up to six minutes will be provided for each person wishing to speak at that time. Otherwise, members of the public may only listen in, and your line will be muted to avoid any disruption.

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 – March 14, 2022
- b. Consideration/Approval of February 2022 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
- c. Consideration/Approval of February 2022 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Associates
- d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special Water Bank Meeting – February 14, 2022
- e. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – February 14, 2022
- f. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting regarding the Corrales Siphon Bids – February 28, 2022
- g. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for February 2022 (For Informational Purposes Only)

3:15 4. **Ratification of the Employment Agreement for Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO**

3:25 5. **Announcements**

- a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires – Christine Nardi, Human Resources
- b. Grand Opening of Middle Rio Grande Community Soil Health Lab, March 26, 2022

3:35 6. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**

3:40 7. **Report(s) from the Department of the Interior**

- a. Bureau of Reclamation – Jennifer Faler, Area Manager
- b. Bureau of Indian Affairs – Sandra Lucero, BIA/SWRO/Water Resources

4:00 8. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**

- a. FY21-22 MRGCD Audit Report - Corrine Zajac-Clarkson, CPA, Carr Riggs & Ingram (CRI)
- b. Report on the Ad Valorem Revenues Year to Date
- c. Report on the Meeting with Bernalillo County Deputy Assessor, February 16, 2022
- d. Report on the San Juan-Chama Project Annual Contractors' O&M Involvement Meeting, March 3, 2022

- 4:30 9. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**
- a. Report on the Water Supply Conditions – Anne Marken, Water Operations Division Manager
 - b. Report on the Irrigation Distribution – Matt Martinez, Water Distribution Division Manager
 - c. Report on the 2022 Legislative Session – John Thompson MRGCD Lobbyist and the Report on the Legislative Committee Meeting, March 1, 2022 – Director Barbara Baca (Chair), Vice Chair Russo Baca and Director Joaquin Baca
 - d. Report on the City of Belen MOU regarding Property Acquisition – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
 - e. Consideration/Approval of the Resolution #M-03-14-22-182 to Adopt the Bernalillo County Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Yasmeen Najmi, Planner
 - f. Consideration/Approval of the Resolution #M-03-14-22-183 to Adopt the Valencia County Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Yasmeen Najmi, Planner
 - g. Consideration/Approval of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) AFA (Alternative Funding Arrangement) – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Gabriella Coughlin, Agronomist/Soil Scientist
 - h. Report on the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting, February 17, 2022 – Casey Ish, Water Resources Specialist and Vice Chair Russo Baca
 - i. Report on the Agreement Between the Bureau of Reclamation and MRGCD for 2022 Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Surveys – Anne Marken, Water Operations Division Manager
 - j. Report on the Corrales Levee Vegetation Removal by the Village of Corrales – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Yasmeen Najmi, Planner
 - k. Report on the Middle Rio Grande Flood Control Association Annual Breakfast, March 8, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Chair Dunning, Directors Kelly and Russo Baca
 - l. Report on the MRG Pueblos Coalition Meeting, March 3, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Director Barbara Baca
- 5:30 10. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**
- 5:45 11. **Report(s) from the Board**
- a. Report on the 2022 Land and Water Summit, March 3-4, 2022 – Vice Chair Russo Baca
 - b. Report on the Irrigation Committee Meeting, March 8, 2022 – Vice Chair Russo Baca (Chair) and Directors Sandoval and Duggins
 - c. Report on the Mid-Region Council of Governments Executive Board Meeting, March 10, 2022– Director Barbara Baca
 - d. Report on the FarmRaise Retreat, Albuquerque Biosciences Center, March 10, 2022 – Vice Chair Russo Baca
- 6:25 12. **Executive Session**
- a. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)2
 - 1. Limited Personnel Matters
 - b. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)7
 - 1. Threatened or Pending Litigation

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