



Agenda

For Presentation at the
2,188th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

June 13, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.

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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. **Reorganization of the Board – Lorna M. Wiggins, MRGCD General Counsel**
- 3:15 4. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – June 13, 2022
 - b. Consideration/Approval of May 2022 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
 - c. Consideration/Approval of May 2022 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.
 - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – May 9, 2022
 - e. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting – May 31, 2022
 - f. MRGCD's Irrigation Committee's Review and Recommendation for Reimbursement of 2021 Environmental Water Leasing Program Payment to Lillie Chacon– Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
 - g. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for May 2022 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:20 5. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department**
 - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires – Christine L. Nardi, MBA
- 3:35 6. **Presentation on Canal Crossings – Natalie McCue, SunZia Southwest Transmission Project**
- 3:55 7. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**
- 4:15 8. **Update on the 2022 Irrigation Season**
 - a. Report on the Water Supply Conditions – Anne Marken, Water Ops Division Manager
 - b. Status Report on Water Distribution – Matt Martinez, Water Distribution Division Manager
- 4:35 9. **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
- 4:40 10. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**
 - a. Consideration/Approval of a Modification of the Endowment Resolution replacing BA-07-27-92-26 with BA-06-13-22-86– Pamela Fanelli, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

- b. Consideration/Approval of the new Investment policy replacing the investment policy adopted July 25, 2005 – Deanne Woodring, CFA, Government Portfolio Advisors
- c. Introduction/Discussion of the Budget Policy– Pam Fanelli, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
- d. Update on the Triadic to Truebill Conversion – Pam Fanelli, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO and Estella Gamboa, Assessments Clerk III

5:40 11. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**

- a. Presentation and Request for Sponsorship for the New Mexico Chile Taste-Off –Travis Day, Executive Director, NM Chile Association
- b. Update on the Big Hole and Simona Fires along with Future Plans in the Belen Division – Yasmeen Najmi, Planner
- c. Update of the 2022 Water Trust Board Award Letter – Project #5675-WPF; Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery Project, Socorro Division Conveyance – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Pam Fanelli, CFO
- d. Update on the NRCS Belen Watershed Study Grant Agreement – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- e. Report on the Valencia County Farmers Meeting, May 25, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Vice Chair Russo Baca, Directors Sandoval and Duggins and Consideration/Approval of the Report from the Board
- f. Report on the MRG Six Pueblos Coalition Meeting, June 1, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- g. Report on the Corrales Council Special Meeting, June 8, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO

6:40 12. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**

6:45 13. **Report(s) from the Board**

- a. Report on the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) Annual Conference, Washington DC, May 9-11, 2022 – Vice Chair Russo Baca
- b. Report on the AgriFuture Conference – NM Dept. of Agriculture, May 17-19, 2022 – Vice Chair Russo Baca and Gabrielle Coughlin, Agronomist
- c. Report on the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting, May 19, 2022 – Vice Chair Russo Baca
- d. Report on the Making Climate-Smart Agriculture Work Conference, May 24, 2022 – Vice Chair Russo Baca
- e. Report on the Irrigation Committee Meeting, May 26, 2022 – Vice Chair Russo Baca and Directors Sandoval and Duggins
- f. Report on Tour Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area with Senator Heinrich and VCSWCD Board, May 31, 2022 – Vice Chair Russo Baca

7:00 14. **Executive Session**

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

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