



# Agenda

For Presentation at the  
2,189<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

July 11, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.



Meeting URL: <https://www.anymeeting.com/068-797-673>

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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 – July 11, 2022
- b. Consideration/Approval of June 2022 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
- c. Consideration/Approval of June 2022 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.
- d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – June 9, 2022
- e. Notification of the Reclassification of Land to the MRGCD Official Plan and Appraisal Record – Doug Strech, Systems & Data Integration Manager
- f. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for June 2022 (For Informational Purposes Only)

3:10 4. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department**

- a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires – Christine L. Nardi, MBA
- b. Employee Award Presentation – Christine L. Nardi, MBA, Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Chair Russo Baca

3:15 5. **Corrales Siphon – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO**

- a. Update on the Alternative Analysis, Eric Zamora, COO and Tyler Ashton, Wilson & Company
- b. New Mexico Legislators Remarks

3:45 6. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**

- a. Letter from Wayne & Deborah Ciddio regarding MRGCD Denial of Claim Appeal

3:55 7. **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

4:10 8. **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

4:15 9. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**

- a. Review of End of FY22 and Fourth Quarter Financials
- b. Approval of Resolution BA-07-11-22-87 Adopting FY22 Fourth Quarter Financials

- c. Report on the Finance Committee Meeting, July 11, 2022 – Directors Kelly and Baca, and Pamela Fanelli, CFO

4:30 10. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**

- a. Discussion/Approval of MOU Between the City of Belen and the MRGCD for a Collaborative Effort to Prevent West Mesa Arroyo Flows From Breaching MRGCD Irrigation Facilities and Flooding the City of Belen – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- b. Consideration/Approval of Resolution 07-11-22-187 Authorizing Acceptance of Water Trust Board Project No. 5675-WPF Funding Offer; Water Storage, Conveyance and Deliver Project; Socorro Division Conveyance Project from the NM Finance Authority– Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- c. Consideration/Approval of Resolution 07-11-22-188 Abandonment of a Portion of the Jarales Interior Drain – Francesca Shirley, Licensing & Land Sales Supervisor
- d. Report on the WaterSMART Grant Application, June 20, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- e. Report on the Summer Outreach & Soil Lab Updates – Gabrielle Coughlin, Agronomist
- f. Report on the Six MRG Pueblos Coalition Meeting, July 7, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO

5:30 11. **Announcements of Upcoming Events – Jason M. Casuga, PE**

- a. NM Water Law Conference, Santa Fe, NM, September 29-30, 2022
- b. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Fair, Pueblo of Isleta Recreation Center, July 20, 2022

5:32 12. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**

5:45 13. **Report(s) from the Board**

- a. NM Cattle Growers and Sheep Association Mid-year Meeting, June 12-13, 2022. Ruidoso Convention Center – Chair Russo Baca
- b. Report on the Thornburg Foundation Meeting, June 17, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca and Gabrielle Coughlin, Agronomist
- c. Report on the NM Water Task Force Meeting, June 22, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca
- d. Report on the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting, June 23, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca
- e. Report on the State of the City 2022 Celebration: Albuquerque Rail Yards, June 25, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca and Director Joaquin Baca
- f. Report on the Mid-Region Council of Governments Metropolitan Transportation Board Meeting, June 24, 2022 – Director Barbara Baca
- g. Report on the Targeted Grazing for Fire Prevention and Ecosystem Restoration– Chair Russo Baca

6:20 14. **Executive Session**

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

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