



Agenda

For Presentation at the
2,191st Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District



September 12, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting URL: <https://www.anymeeting.com/934-115-660>

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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 – September 12, 2022
 - b. Consideration/Approval of August 2022 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
 - c. Consideration/Approval of August 2022 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.
 - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – August 8, 2022
 - e. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for August 2022 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:10 4. **Convene Board of Equalization**
- a. Reclassification Hearing – Estella Gamboa, Assessment Clerk III
- 3:30 5. **Reconvene Regular Board Meeting**
- 3:31 6. **Updates on the Corrales Siphon Project**
- a. Consideration/Approval for Resolution M-09-12-22-193 Authorizing of the 2023 Water Trust Board Funding Application for the Corrales Siphon Project – Eric Zamora, COO
- 3:40 7. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**
- 3:55 8. **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
 - c. Discussion/Approval of New Staff Positions, Public Relations Specialist/Public Information Officer (PRS/PIO), and Heavy Equipment Operators
 - d. Status Update regarding Transition and Conversion from PERA SmartSave 457(b) Deferred Comp Plan to new MRGCD 457(b) Deferred Comp Plan and the Report on the Personnel Committee Meeting, September 12, 2022 – Vice Chair Dunning and Directors Kelly and Barbara Baca
- 4:10 9. **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
- 4:15 10. **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

- 4:20 11. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**
- a. Water Trust Board Project #5675-Socorro Main Canal North Channel Lining
 - 1. Consideration/Approval for Resolution M-09-12-22-192 Authorizing the Acceptance of Water Trust Board Project #5675-WFP Funding Offer; Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery Project; Socorro Division Conveyance Project from the NM Finance Authority – Eric Zamora, COO
 - 2. Consideration/Approval of Phase 1 Task Order-Planning for total cost of \$330,438.39. Cost includes NMGRT at 7.875%
 - b. Consideration/Approval for Contract between MRGCD and Wilson & Co. to Plan and Design Socorro Main Canal Improvements – Eric Zamora, COO
 - c. Consideration/Approval for SunZia Transmission Crossings within MRGCD Facilities – Eric Zamora, COO and Francesca Shirley, Lands & Licensing Supervisor
 - d. Report on the Local Election Act (LEA) Meeting with Maggie Toulouse Oliver, NM Secretary of State, August 24, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Doug Strech, Systems & Data Integration Manager, Chair Russo Baca and Director Barbara Baca
 - e. Report on the MRGCD Staff Drawing for the 2022 Elk Depredation Hunt – Casey Ish, Water Resources Specialist
 - f. Discussion of the Authorization to Loan the Village of Los Ranchos Funds received through the NM Environment Department (NMED) Construction Programs Bureau (CPB) for Improving Water Efficiency Measures – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Gabriella Coughlin, Soil Scientist/Agronomist
 - g. Notice of Funding--MRGCD was Awarded an FY23 NMDA Healthy Soil Grant for “Soil Health Strategies for Middle Rio Grande Salt-Affected Soils” in partnership with Bernardo Wildlife Management Area – Gabrielle Coughlin, Soil Scientist/Agronomist
 - h. Report on the Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting Regarding NRCS Projects, August 15, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Eric Zamora, COO
 - i. Report on the La Joya Acequia Association Meeting, August 25, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Dr. Charles DuMars and Chair Russo Baca
 - j. Report on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition Meeting, September 1, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga
 - k. Upcoming Events & Programs
 - 1. NM Water Law Conference, La Fonda on the Plaza, Santa Fe, September 29-30, 2022
 - 2. The Great NM Chile Taste-Off, Socorro Rodeo Complex, October 8, 2022
 - 3. NM Watershed & Dam Owners Coalition, Isleta Resort & Casino, October 12-14, 2022
 - 4. National Latino Farmers and Ranchers Congress, Isleta Resort & Casino, October 27-29, 2022
 - 5. Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust 25th Anniversary Celebration, Cinco Estrella Chile Farm, November 5, 2022
 - 6. 2023 Environmental Water Leasing and Following Program

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5:20 12. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**

5:30 13. **Report(s) from the Board**

- a. Report on the Willie Chavez Park Meeting, August 16, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca
- b. Report on Congresswoman Stansbury Press Conference on the Rio Grande Water Security Act and the WaterSMART Access for Tribes Act, August 17, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca
- c. Report on the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting, August 18, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca
- d. Report on the Legislative Committee Meeting, September 7, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca and Directors Barbara Baca and Joaquin Baca
- e. Report on Press Conference with Melanie Stansbury and Xochitl Torres Small – Chair Russo Baca
- f. Report on the Ground Breaking of City of Albuquerque’s New Bike Trail, 2nd St & Alameda Blvd – Chair Russo Baca and Director Barbara Baca
- g. Report on the Finance Committee Meeting, September 12, 2022 – Vice Chair Dunning and Directors Kelly and Barbara Baca

6:10 14. **Executive Session**

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

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