



# Agenda

For Presentation at the  
2,192<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District



October 10, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.

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- 3:00 1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3:01 2. **Approval of the Agenda**
- 3:05 3. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – October 10, 2022
  - b. Consideration/Approval of September 2022 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
  - c. Consideration/Approval of September 2022 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.
  - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – September 12, 2022
  - e. Consideration/Approval for Resolution M-10-10-22-195 Disposal of Obsolete Items – Andrew Melendez, ER&T Assistant Manager
  - f. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for September 2022 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:07 4. **Investigation of MRGCD Staff of Ashokra Farms Request for Ingress/Egress of the Albuquerque Riverside Drain – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO**
- 3:10 5. **Ashokra Farms Appeal regarding Denial of MRGCD License for Vehicular Access of the Albuquerque Riverside Drain - Anita Adalja and Ash Abeyta**
- 3:30 6. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**
- 3:45 7. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department**
  - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires – Christine L. Nardi, MBA
- 3:50 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
- 4:00 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
- 4:05 10. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**
  - a. Report on FY23 First Quarter Financials – Pam Fanelli, CFO and the Report on the Finance Committee Meeting, October 10, 2022 – Directors Kelly, Dunning and Barbara Baca

- 4:10 11. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**
- a. Consideration/Approval of Resolution #M-10-10-22-194 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
  - b. Report on the NM Water Law Conference, September 29-30, 2022 – Eric Zamora, COO, Marie VanDerGeest, Engineer II, Alicia Lopez, Engineering & Mapping Manager, Francesca Shirley, License & Land Sales Supervisor, Chair Russo Baca, Directors Sandoval, Barbara Baca and Joaquin Baca
  - c. Report on the San Juan Chama Contractors Association Meeting, September 15-16, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Pamela Fanelli, CFO
  - d. Update on the San Juan Chama Project Tour, October 4-6, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
  - e. Discussion on MRGCD's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in August 2025 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
  - f. Upcoming Events
    1. NM Watershed & Dam Owners Coalition, Isleta Resort & Casino, October 12-14, 2022
    2. 67<sup>th</sup> Annual NM Water Conference, Las Cruces Convention Center and Online, October 26-29, 2022
    3. National Latino Farmers and Ranchers Congress, Isleta Resort & Casino, October 27-29, 2022
    4. Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Cinco Estrella Chile Farm, November 5, 2022
- 5:10 12. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**
- 5:20 13. **Report(s) from the Board**
- a. Report on the Meeting with Niagara Bottling Regarding Los Lunas Project, September 14, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca
  - b. Report on the Legislative Committee Meeting, September 15, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca and Directors Joaquin Baca and Barbara Baca
  - c. Report on the Valencia County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting, September 27, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca
  - d. Report on the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting (Virtual), September 29, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca
  - e. Report on the Isleta Reach Stewardship Association at the Los Chavez Outfall Site, October 6, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca
  - f. Report on the Great NM Chile Taste-Off, October 8, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca, and Directors Glen Duggins, Barbara Baca and Joaquin Baca

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