



Agenda

For Presentation at the
2,193rd Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

November 14, 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**
- Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – November 14, 2022
 - Consideration/Approval of October 2022 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
 - Consideration/Approval of October 2022 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.
 - Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – October 10, 2022
 - Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting – October 21, 2022
 - Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for October 2022 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:07 4. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**
- 3:25 5. **NM Interstate Stream Commission Introduction & Updates** – Hannah Riseley-White, Deputy Director & Page Pegram, Rio Grande Basin Bureau Chief
- 3:35 6. **Consideration/Approval for the Selection of the MRGCD Consultant & Lobbyist** – Richard DeLoia, Chief Procurement Officer
- 3:40 7. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department**
- Introduction of MRGCD New Hires – Christine L. Nardi, MBA
- 3:45 8. **Update on the 2022 Irrigation Season**
- Report on the Water Supply Conditions – Anne Marken, Water Ops Division Manager
 - Status Report on Water Distribution – Matt Martinez, Water Distribution Division Manager
- 3:55 9. **Report(s) from the Department of the Interior**
- Bureau of Reclamation – Jennifer Faler, Area Manager
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs – Sandra Lucero, BIA/SWRO/Water Resources
- 4:00 10. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**
- Consideration/Approval of Resolution M-11-14-22-196 for Loan Agreement for the Water Trust Board Project No. 5675-WPF; Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery Project; Socorro Division Conveyance – Pam Fanelli, CFO
- 4:05 11. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**
- Report on the Belen Highline Alternative Analysis, Eric Zamora, COO and Craig Hoover, Bohannon Huston, Inc.
 - Report on the Local Election Act (LEA) Meeting with Maggie Toulouse Oliver, NM Secretary of State, October 12, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Doug Strech, Systems & Data Integration Manager and Directors Joaquin Baca and Barbara Baca
 - Consideration/Approval of Corrales Siphon PNM 3 Phase Electrical Services Contract – Alicia Lopez, Engineering & Mapping Supervisor and Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO

- d. Consideration/Approval of MOU between MRGCD and Valencia County for participation in the USDA-NRCS Watershed Operations Program – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- e. Report on the 3rd Annual National Latino Farmers & Ranchers Congreso, October 27- 30, 2022 – Eric Zamora, COO, Gabriella Coughlin, Agronomist/Agroecologist, Chair Russo Baca, Director Joaquin Baca and Director Barbara Baca
- f. Report on the NM Watershed & Dam Owners Coalition 2022 Fall Conference, October 12 - 14, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Alicia Lopez, Engineering & Mapping Manager, and Chair Russo Baca
- g. Report on the 67th Annual NM Water Conference, Las Cruces, October 26-27, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Casey Ish, Water Resource Specialist and Chair Russo Baca
- h. Report on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition Meeting, November 3, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- i. Report on the Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust 25th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Fundraiser, November 5, 2022 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chair Russo Baca and Directors Barbara Baca and Duggins
- j. Discussion for Future Informational Meetings – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- k. Upcoming Events
 - 1. Middle Rio Grande Flood Control Association Annual Breakfast, December 13, 2022
 - 2. 2023 Environmental Water Leasing and Fallowing Program
 - 3. Land and Water Summit: Community, Collaboration and Climate Change, March 2-3, 2023

5:05 12. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**

5:15 13. **Report(s) from the Board**

- a. Report on the Mid-Region Counsel of Governments Water Resources Board Meeting, October 5, 2022 – Director Barbara Baca
- b. Report on Meeting with Joseph Fickett, Babbitt Center, Perspectives on Ag Water Resilience, October 11, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca
- c. Report on NM Desalination Association, New Water for New Mexico, October 20, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca
- d. Report on the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting, October 24, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca
- e. Report on the Irrigation Committee Meeting, November 2, 2022 – Chair Russo Baca, Director Sandoval and Director Duggins
- f. Report on the Legislative Committee Meeting, November 2, 2022 – Director Barbara Baca, Chair Russo Baca and Director Joaquin Baca
- g. Report on the Finance & Personnel Committee Meetings, November 14, 2022 – Directors Kelly, Dunning and Barbara Baca

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