



For Presentation at the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District



February 13, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

This meeting will be a closed session for the Executive Session only and will not be open to the public for the purpose of meeting with legal counsel to discuss and obtain legal advice

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- 1:00 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 1:01 2. Approval of the Agenda
- 1:03 3. Executive Session
 - a. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)2
 - 1. Limited Personnel Matters
 - b. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)7
 - 1. Threatened or Pending Litigation
- 2:30 4. **Adjourn**



Agenda

For Presentation at the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District on the MRGCD Water Bank



February 13, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:

https://zoom.us/j/2765069278?pwd=V2d0SWppTkxGTTFMb0g5RFhmeERjZz09 Meeting ID: 276 506 9278 and Passcode: 504470

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- 3:00 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3:01 2. Approval of the Agenda
- 3:02 3. Water Availability Report Anne Marken, Water Operations Division Manager
- MRGCD Irrigation / Water Bank Committee Report & Recommendations on Water Bank Lease Rates & Fees – Chair Russo Baca, Director Duggins, Director Sandoval and Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- 3:17 5. Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)
- 3:23 6. Consideration/Approval of Resolution M-02-13-23-198 for the Adoption of Water Bank Rates & Fees for 2023 Irrigation Season
- 3:30 7. **Adjourn**

Water Supply Update

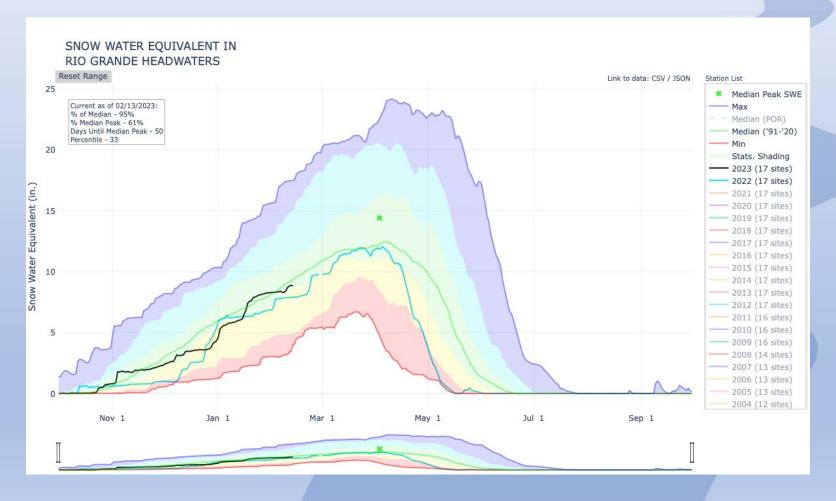
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board of Directors Meeting

February 13th, 2023



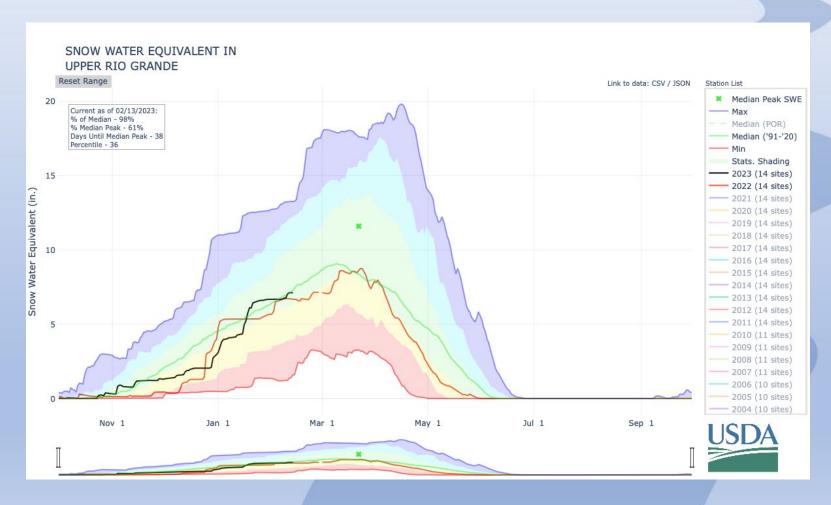
Rio Grande Headwaters SNOTEL



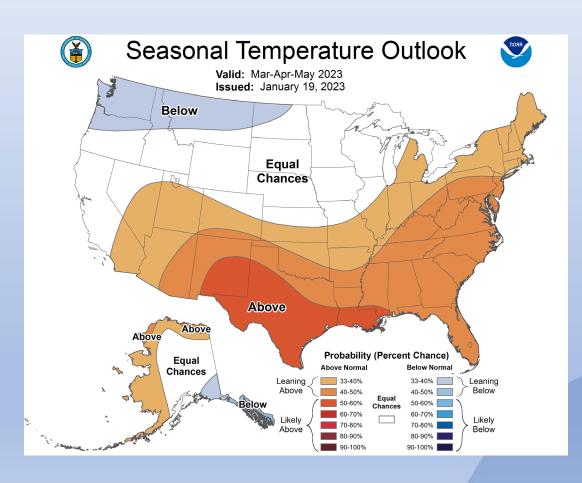


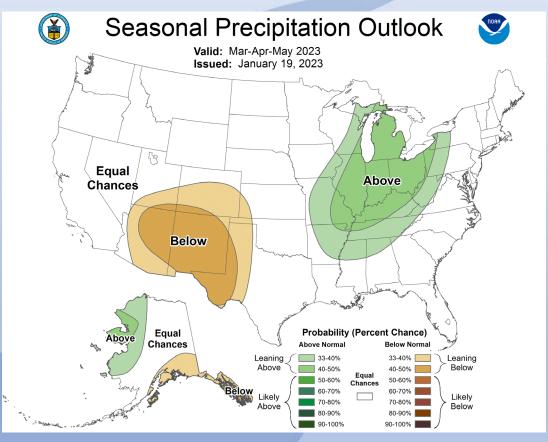
Upper Rio Grande SNOTEL





National Weather Service Seasonal Outlook





Questions?

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT	
ADOPTION OF WATER BANK RATES & FEES FOR 2023 IRRIGATION SEAS	ON
M-02-1	13-23-198
WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Middle Rio Grande Conserva District (District), has reviewed a recommendation from the Board's Water Bank Commendation from the 2023 irrigation season; and	
WHEREAS, at a Special Meeting of the Board held February 13, 2023, called for purpose of establishing Water Bank Rates and Fees, the Board approved the following 2023 irrigation season:	
Administration For	
Administration Fee	
\$100.00/per lease	
(for 5 years subject to "NO" changes to Water Bank Contract)	
Water Service Charge (per acre)	
\$43.82 per acre / per year	
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Lease Rate (per acre)	
\$50.00 per acre / per year	
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Mido Grande Conservancy District, hereby approves the fees and lease rates for the Water I hereinabove described.	
RESOLVED: in session this 13 th day of February 2023.	
ALGOLVED. III session this 13 day of 1 ebidary 2023.	
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY I	DISTRICT
Stephanie Russo Ba	aca, Chair
	,
ATTEST:	
Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM	
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO	

Agenda



For Presentation at the 2,196th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

February 13, 2023 – 3:30 p.m.



Zoom Meeting Link:

https://zoom.us/j/2765069278?pwd=V2d0SWppTkxGTTFMb0g5RFhmeERjZz09 Meeting ID: 276 506 9278 and Passcode: 504470

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- 3:30 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3:31 2. Approval of the Agenda
- 3:33 3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification February 13, 2023
 - b. Consideration/Approval of January 2023 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
 - c. Consideration/Approval of January 2023 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.
 - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting January 9, 2023
 - e. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting February 8, 2023
 - f. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for January 2023 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:35 4. Presentation on Albuquerque Police Department's Open Space Law Enforcement Plan Chief of Police Harold Medina
- 3:45 5. Report on the NM Legislature John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist
- 3:55 6. Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)
- 4:15 7. Report(s) from the Human Resources Department Christine L. Nardi, MBA
 - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
- 4:25 8. Report(s) from the Chief Procurement Officer Richard DeLoia, CPO
 - a. Consideration/Approval for Outfall Monitoring & Sampling Casey Ish, Water Resources Specialist
 - b. Consideration/Approval for Otero Lateral Culvert Crossing Alicia Lopez, Engineering & Mapping 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 Roland Becenti, Acting Designated Engineer
- 4:40 10. Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
 - a. Report on the FY22 Audit Report
- 4:45 11. Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO Jason M. Casuga, PE
 - Report on the Corrales Council Presentation regarding the Corrales Siphon Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
 - b. Discussion of Requests for Delivery of Water for Cannabis Production Within MRGCD's Service Area – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO & Casey Ish, Water Resources Specialist
 - c. Report on the Irrigation Leader Conference, January 10, 2023 Eric Zamora, COO

- d. Report on San Acacia Reach Meeting, February 1, 2023 Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- e. Report on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition Meeting, February 2, 2023 Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- f. Report on the Belen Watershed Stakeholders Meeting and Power Point Presentation, February 7, 2023 Eric Zamora, COO, Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Chair Russo Baca
- g. Upcoming Events
 - a. Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference, Reno, NV | February 23-24, 2023
 - b. Land & Water Summit, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center | March 2-3, 2023'
 - c. Farming in The Flyway Series, Soil Health Strategies for Salt-Affected Middle Rio Grande Soils Workshops, 164 NM-116, Bosque, NM | March 17 & May 12, 2023

5:45 12. Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) - Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel

5:50 13. Report(s) from the Board

- Report on the Irrigation Committee Meetings, January 18, 2023 & February 6, 2023 Chair Russo Baca and Directors Duggins and Sandoval
- b. Report on the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting, January 19, 2023 Chair Russo Baca
- c. Report on the Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting, January 19, 2023 Chair Russo Baca
- d. Report on the Personnel Committee Meeting, January 25, 2023 Vice Chair Dunning, Directors Kelly and Barbara Baca
- e. Report on the Food and Farms Day at the NM Legislature and Senate Conservation Committee Meeting, January 26, 2023 Chair Russo Baca
- f. Report on the Finance Committee Meeting, January 27, 2023 Directors Kelly, Dunning and Barbara Baca
- g. Report on the Valencia Hispano Matanza, January 28, 2023 Chair Russo Baca
- Report on the Middle Rio Grande Fact-Sharing/Listening Session, February 1, 2023 Chair Russo Baca
- i. Report on the Review CEO Goals, February 9, 2023 Chair Russo Baca

6:00 14. Executive Session

- a. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)2
 - Limited Personnel Matters
- b. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)7
 - 1. Threatened or Pending Litigation

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT FEBRUARY 13, 2023

Checks for the Period January 1, 2023 through January 31, 2023

Check Number	Vendor Name	Check Amount	Description	Location
EFT	NEW MEXICO TAXATION & REVENUE DEPARTMENT	29,703.54	DECEMBER 2022 WITHHOLDING TAX	
EFT	PAYROLL	310,958.27	PAY PERIOD 1	
EFT	PERA	96,080.09	PAY PERIOD 1	
EFT	IRS	49,260.21	PAY PERIOD 1	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	6,576.00	PAY PERIOD 1	
EFT	PAYROLL	285,449.10	PAY PERIOD 2	
EFT	PERA	96,054.00	PAY PERIOD 2	
EFT	IRS	36,152.21	PAY PERIOD 2	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	6,576.00	PAY PERIOD 2	
	TOTAL PAYROLL	916,809.42		
144953	ABIQUIU RESERVOIR	(1,026.86)	VOIDED CHECK DATED 10/27/2022	
145037	GARCIA, ALEXANDER B.	(2,040.00)	VOIDED CHECK DATED 10/28/2022	
145092	MOYA, PAUL JOSEPH	(1,802.00)	VOIDED CHECK DATED 10/28/2022	
145107	ROH, MILDRED M	(527.00)	VOIDED CHECK DATED 10/28/2022	
145790	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	57,870.00	2022 THUNDERCREEK FUEL/OIL TRAILER	COCHITI DIVISION
		57,870.00	2022 THUNDERCREEK FUEL/OIL TRAILER	SOCORRO DIVISION
145791	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	695.00	TRUCK OIL DRAIN PAN	COCHITI DIVISION
145792	ALBUQUERQUE GRAVEL P	2,457.00	CONCRETE FOR ALBQUERQUE WELDING SHOP	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		4,256.00	FY 2023 CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE - BELEN	BELEN DIVISION
		3,135.00	FY 2023 CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE - COCHITI	COCHITI DIVISION
145793	ALL AMERICAN PUMPING	115.00	DEC22 - PORTABLE TOILET RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
145794	BANK OF AMERICA	2.19	DEC22- ZENDESK MONTHLY TALK CHARGE	INFORMATION SYS
		157.60	HOTEL DEPOST- CASEY- LAS VEGAS CONF	PLANNING
		38.88	JAN22- INTERMEDIA	INFORMATION SYS
		180.89	MAPS.MRGCD.COM CERT RENEWAL	INFORMATION SYS
145795	BRUCKNER TRUCK SALES	334.22	COOLANT RESEVOIR UNIT 34414	COCHITI DIVISION
		356.70	MISC PARTS UNIT 44415	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145796	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	615.31	BELT, TENSIONER, & PULLEY UNIT 57408	BELEN DIVISION
173/70	CENTURI EQUII MEMI			
		4,866.62	SPINDLE ASSEMBLY, NUT, & COTTER KEY UNIT 8425.21	SOCORRO DIVISION
145797	CENTURY LINK	290.92	DEC22 MONTHLY PHONE CHARGES	SOCORRO DIVISION
145798	CINTAS FIRST AID	116.35	FY 23 - FIRST AID CENTER SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
		196.64	REFILL FOR EMPLOYEES FIRST AID/SAFETY STATION	SOCORRO DIVISION
145799	CITY OF BELEN	215.07	DEC22 MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES	BELEN DIVISION
145800	CITY OF SOCORRO	916.75	DEC22 MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES	SOCORRO DIVISION

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145801	DELTA DENTAL	10,751.14	JAN23- DEC22 - DELTA DENTAL FY2023	GENERAL FUND
145802	DESERT GREENS EQUIPM	2,090.61	JOHN DEERE FILTER ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
145803	ENCHANTMENT SAFETY A	269.00	EYE WASH STATION	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
145804	FRESH AND CLEAN PORT	102.19	RESTROOM RENTAL 12/17/22-12/31/22	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145805	GENSLER, DAVID	321.59	DEC22- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145806	GEOTEL CORPORATION	226.80	DEC22 - ANNUAL PRESS CLIPPING SERVICE	NON DIVISION
145807	GPS, LLC	105.00	REPLACE TIRE ON UNIT# 67018	SOCORRO DIVISION
145808	ISH, JAMES CASEY	434.24 170.43	HOTEL FOR CRWUA CONFERENCE 12/13/12/16/2022 PER DIEM/ACTUAL EXPENSES REIMB. LAS VEGAS,NV	PLANNING PLANNING
145809	JIVE COMMUNICATIONS,	1,898.78	JAN23 MONTHLY PHONE CHARGES	GENERAL OFFICE
145810	LEVEL 3 FINANCING IN	909.60	INTERNET: DEC22	BELEN DIVISION
		1,152.08	INTERNET: DEC22	COCHITI DIVISION
		4,356.98	INTERNET: DEC22	INFORMATION SYS
		1,013.81	INTERNET: DEC22	SOCORRO DIVISION
145811	LINDE GAS	212.57	EXTENSION CORDS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
143011	LINDE GAS	1,087.40	GATE & FENCING GRANT	GRANTS
145812	MRGCD PETTY CASH EA	4.20	PETTY CASH FOR DEC2022- WALMART	BELEN DIVISION
		12.30	PETTY CASH FOR DEC22- REFILL PROPANE	BELEN DIVISION
145813	NAPA AUTO PARTS	83.25	DISCS UNIT 57308	BELEN DIVISION
		35.97	SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR THE WELDING TRUCK	SOCORRO DIVISION
145814	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	825.16	DEC22 MONTHLY CHARGES	BELEN DIVISION
145815	ONERAIN INCORPORATED	5,500.00	22 CARRY FWD: HYDROLOGY SOFTWARE	WATER OPS & CONS
145816	PNM	2,444.50	DEC22 MONTHLY CHARGES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS NON DIVISION
145817	POWER EQUIPMENT	1,177.09	SENSORS UNIT 47313	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145818	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	6.94	FY23 UNIFORM RENTAL	COCHITI DIVISION
		19.72	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
145819	QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	55.60	DOT RANDOM	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
14001)	ZODOL DILIGITODITOD	55.60	DOT RANDOM	COCHITI DIVISION
		55.60	DOT RANDOM	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		55.60	DOT RANDOM DOST ACCIDENT & DDE EMBLOYMENT SCREENING	SOCORRO DIVISION
		40.20	POST ACCIDENT & PRE EMPLOYMENT SCREENING	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		40.20	POST ACCIDENT & PRE EMPLOYMENT SCREENING	EXEC TEAM

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Check Number	Vendor Name	Check Amount	Description	Location
145820	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	18.14	MATERIALS NEEDED FOR MASTER WO ON 4024PERID	SOCORRO DIVISION
145821	RED SHOVEL LLC	523.17	JAN23 - MONTHLY GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	GENERAL OFFICE
145822	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	202.48 59.22	RESERVOIR UNIT 34200 WINDSHIELD WASHER FILLER NECK UNIT 54421	COCHITI DIVISION BELEN DIVISION
145823	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	43.10 26.94	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 444190 TIRE REPAIR UNIT 80004	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION WATER OPS & CONS
145824	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	258.21	GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
145825	TAS SECURITY SYSTEMS	37.66 113.78	BELEN SECURITY- JAN23 JAN23-MAR23 Q3 SECURITY	BELEN DIVISION NON DIVISION
145826	TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	3,763.76	MISC. VOLVO EXCAVATOR PARTS UNIT 47312	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145827	UNICOR	116.58	12/28/22 - SHRED BINS PICKUP	ACCOUNTING
145828	VALENCIA COUNTY CLER	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
		75.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
145829	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	56.13	O-RING UNIT 47205	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145830	WASTE MANAGEMENT	174.87	JAN23 - MONTHLY SERVICE- COCHITI	COCHITI DIVISION
145831	ABCWUA	1,597.38	DEC22 MONTHLY CHARGES	NON DIVISION ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
145832	ALBUQUERQUE GRAVEL P	614.25 772.00	FY 2023 CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE FY 2023 CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION BELEN DIVISION
145833	ANSWER NEW MEXICO	638.71 381.09	DEC22 MONTHLY ANSWERING SERVICE CHARGE DEC22 MONTHLY ANSWERING SERVICE CHARGE	NON DIVISION BELEN DIVISION
145834	BANK OF AMERICA	361.95	E.ZAMORA IRRIGATION LEADERS WORKSHOP -AZ	EXEC TEAM
		100.00 161.61	MEMBERSHIP- RICHARD DELOIA & RICARDO VARELA PORTABLE SPEAKER FOR FIELD DEMOS	PURCHASING SOILS LAB
		600.00	REG. IRRIGATION LEADERS WORKSHOP CHANDLER, AZ	EXEC TEAM
145835	BERNALILLO COUNTY CL	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
145836	CENTURY LINK	233.43	DEC22 MONTHLY PHONE CHARGES	BELEN DIVISION
145837	CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	1,080.00	REPLACE BELEN DIVISION- DEMO SAW	BELEN DIVISION
145838	FAMILY FARM ALLIANCE	2,500.00	FY23 FAMILY FARM ALLIANCE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION	NON DIVISION
145839	FINANCE AUTHORITY	13,215.47	JAN23 EQUIPMENT	GENERAL FUND
		17,859.71	PPRF-4727 JAN23 EQP. PURCHASE	GENERAL FUND
145840	GPS, LLC	37.69	REPAIR TIRE ON UNIT# 23433 2017 F150 4X4 SUPERCAB	SOCORRO DIVISION
145841	HM LIFE INSURANCE	1,500.38	JAN23 - DAVIS VISION FY2023	GENERAL FUND
145842	JARAMILLO, DANNY A.	1,209.38	JAN23 - RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145843	JOHN THOMPSON CONSUL	12,318.75	CY23 -LOBBYIST SERVICES Q1	NON DIVISION
145844	MOERCH, MARTA	229.00 100.00	PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP M MOERCH - SHRM RECERTIFICATION M MOERCH - SHRM	HUMAN RESOURCES HUMAN RESOURCES
145845	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	338.13	DEC22 MONTHLY CHARGES	COCHITI DIVISION
145846	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	23.58 13.27	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION SOCORRO DIVISION
145847	SAN ACACIA MDWCA	14.70	DEC22 WATER SAN ACACIA	SOCORRO DIVISION
145848	SANDOVAL COUNTY LAND	463.05	LANDFILL DEC22	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

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Check Number	Vendor Name	Check Amount	Description	Location
		565.46	LANDFILL- DEC22	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145850	TRANSCRIPTION	834.87	DEC22 -REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
145851	TRIADIC ENTERPRISES	994.75	DEC22 - MONTHLY SERVICE	INFORMATION SYS
145852	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE	6,656.73 3,989.20 1,910.88	DEC22 - UNUM LIFE EMPLOYER - ACCT# 0692500-001 5 DEC22- LIFE, AD&D, STD, & LTD- ACCT# 0692501-001 2 DEC22-CRITICAL, HOSPITAL & ACCIDENT ACCT# E0742064	GENERAL FUND GENERAL FUND GENERAL FUND
145853	VALENCIA COUNTY	13,593.30 200.00	DEC22 FUEL COSTS DEC22 FUEL COSTS ADMIN FEE	BELEN DIVISION NON DIVISION
145854	VALENCIA COUNTY CLER	50.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
145855	WEX BANK	20,536.40	WEX FUEL DEC22 - UNLEADED \$9,308 DIESEL \$11,210.51 FEES \$17.59	ALL DIVISIONS/DEPTS
145856	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	90.64 95.71 93.22	JAN23 - ABQ JOURNAL BOARD MEETING NOTICE JAN23- EL DEFENSOR BOARD MEETING NOTICE JAN23 -VALENCIA -BULLETIN BOARD MEETING NOTICE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
145857	CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM	27,508.58	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT	ACCOUNTING
145858	CENTURY LINK	144.66	JAN23 MONTHLY PHONE CHARGES	COCHITI DIVISION
145859	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORC	1,045.42	GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
145860	ESPINOSA, LAWRENCE	128.87	JAN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145861	GOMEZ, RAY	3,037.57	JAN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145862	GRAINGER	111.32	55 GAL. MANUAL OIL PUMPS FOR SOCORRO DIVISION	SOCORRO DIVISION
145863	GARNISHMENT	225.00	GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
145864	LAW & RESOURCE	14,128.36	DECEMBER 22	NON DIVISION
145865	MARTINEZ, DANIEL	528.22	JAN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145866	MONTANO, JERRY	471.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT- GARCIA DITCH	BELEN DIVISION
145867	MORA, RUBEN	564.10	JAN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145868	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	103.44	DOT RECERT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145869	PARTS AUTHORITY	444.20	FILTER ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
145870	PENA BLANCA SANIT	74.49	SYSTEM# 38 DEC22	COCHITI DIVISION
145871	SOCORRO ELECTRIC	679.47 457.93	10268007 DEC22 10268012 DEC22	SOCORRO DIVISION SOCORRO DIVISION
145872	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	258.21	GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
145873	V-VARGAS, ERMELIND	351.86	JAN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145874	VALENCIA COUNTY CLER	25.00 25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING ACCOUNTING
145875	WIGGINS, WILLIAMS	6,708.78	DEC22 - COUNSEL	NON DIVISION
145876	U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS	1,026.86	FY22-MOA WATER STORAGE ABIQUIU RESERVOIR (REISSUED)	GENERAL FUND
145877	ACTION HOSE INC.	143.75 74.84 51.03 34.82	HYDRAULIC HOSE ASSEMBLY UNIT 44422 HYDRAULIC HOSE ASSEMBLY UNIT 47019 HYDRAULIC HOSE ASSEMBLY UNIT 47023 UNIONS UNIT 44421	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145878	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	1,326.60 1,264.63	R&R HYDRAULIC CYLINDERS UNIT 44422 R&R HYDRAULIC CYLINDERS UNIT 57308	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION BELEN DIVISION
145879	AVALLONE, SARAH	280.67	JAN23-RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145880	BANK OF AMERICA	373.28	SAMS CLUB -WORKSHOP PO 20232080	SOILS LAB

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147001	DENAMINEZ CAROL	451.45	AANOO DETINEE	HUMAN DECOMPORE
145881	BENAVIDEZ, CAROL	451.45	JAN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145882	BOHANNAN HUSTON	770.57	14: BELEN HIGH LINE MAIN CANAL- DEC22 FINAL	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		1,344.16	6- IRRIGATION INFRASTURCTURE ASSESSMENTS DEC22	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		192.33	SAN ACACIA LEVEE CERT- USACE CO- DEC22	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
145883	CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE	177,709.05	DEC22 - PRESBYTERIAN COA001401362	GENERAL FUND
143003	CITT OF ALBOQUERQUE	177,707.03	DEC22 - I RESD I TERMIN COMMITMUTSO2	GENERAL POND
145884	CRANE, JOHN	210.42	JAN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
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145885	DESERT GREENS EQUIPM	819.78 129.07	ALTERNATOR & CENTER SHEAVE/PULLEY UNIT 57024 SEAL UNIT 8992.08	BELEN DIVISION ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		129.07	52.12 G1(11 67)2.00	MEDOQUENÇEE DIVISION
145886	DON CHALMERS FORD	36,274.00	NEW 3/4 TON TRUCK- UNIT 53613	BELEN DIVISION
1.45007	CADCIA ALEVANDED D	2.040.00	EWI D 2022 2ND DAVMENT (DEIGGLIED)	CD ANTE
145887	GARCIA, ALEXANDER B.	2,040.00	EWLP 2022 2ND PAYMENT (REISSUED)	GRANTS
145888	GENUINE NAPA	61.45	MISC PARTS UNIT 53443	BELEN DIVISION
		19.64	SHOP SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
15000	GILBERT GARCIA & SON	170.50	MISC DADTS UNIT 52452	BELEN DIVISION
145889	GILDER I GARCIA & SUN	179.59	MISC PARTS UNIT 53453	DELEN DIVISION
145890	GM PIPE, LLC	9,052.54	LEMITAR RIVERSIDE DRIAN 84" CMP	SOCORRO DIVISION
145891	GPS, LLC	77.68 150.76	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 67004 TIRE REPAIR UNIT 68613	SOCORRO DIVISION SOCORRO DIVISION
		150.76	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 08013	SOCORRO DIVISION
145892	GREENWOOD, JEFFREY C	450.57	JAN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145893	INTRAWORKS, INC.	138.88	FY23 SOCORRO ALARM- JAN23 THROUGH MAR23	SOCORRO DIVISION
145894	MAINTENANCE SERVICE	414.58	JAN23 -ABQ DIVISION JANITORIAL CLEANING	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		2,038.39	JAN23 -GENERAL OFFICE JANITORIAL CLEANING	NON DIVISION
145895	MARQUEZ, BELLINA C	720.74	JAN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145896	MARQUEZ, DENNIS M	1,222.58	JAN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
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145897	MOYA, PAUL JOSEPH	1,802.00	EWLP 2022 2ND PAYMENT (REISSUED)	GRANTS
145898	NED'S PIPE & STEEL	180.00	SHOP SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
143070	NED STILE & STEEL	100.00	SHOT SOTTENES	BELEIV BIVISION
145899	NEW MEXICO MUTUAL	19,361.94	ACCT# 212978753- INSTALLMENT & DEDUCTIBLE	NON DIVISION
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145900	NMWRA	3,365.36	FY23- RESOURCE DUES	NON DIVISION
145901	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	103.44	PRE EMPLOYMENT & DOT RECERT	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		459.02	PRE EMPLOYMENT & DOT RECERT	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
1.45002	DNIM	41.4.55	052707401 0552070 2 DDC22	DELEN DIVIGION
145902	PNM	414.55	052707401-0553979-2 DEC22	BELEN DIVISION
145903	RANCHERO BUILDERS	7.19	MISC SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
145904	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	(218.31) 579.40	CREDIT FLUID INV X814049129:01 PO 23004491 TRANSMISSION FLUID & SHOCK UNIT 44422	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		3/9.40	TRANSPIRESTON FLUID & SHOCK UNIT 44422	ALDUQUERQUE DIVISION
145905	ROH, MILDRED M.	527.00	EWLP 2022 2ND PAYMENT (REISSUED)	GRANTS
145906	TAFOYA, MARK A	600.93	FEB23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145907	WILSON & COMPANY	18,033.41	12/3/22-12/30/22 - BELEN WATERSHED DOCUMENTS	GRANTS
145908	WILSON & COMPANY	38,965.61	DEC22- SOCORRO MAIN CANAL LINING	SOCORRO DIVISION
145909	A-1 QUALITY REDI-MIX	3,498.76	FY2023 BUDGET CONCRETE/ SHOTCRETE - SOCORRO	SOCORRO DIVISION
1 10/0/	A L QUALITI KEDI-MIA	3,924.90	RIP RAP NEEDED FOR MASTER WO ON 4024PERID	SOCORRO DIVISION
		3,519.51	RIP-RAP NEEDED FOR MASTER WO ON 4024PERID	SOCORRO DIVISION
145910	ACTION HOSE INC.	25.51	HOSE UNIT 34414	COCHITI DIVISION
145911	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	2,840.55	R&R RAKE ATTACHMENT UNIT 6045.17	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
	AMAZON CAPITAL	7,759.20	TABLETS ISO'S	INFORMATION SYS

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145913	ANM, INC.	2,783.71	TRUEBILL SQL PROJECT	INFORMATION SYS
145914	BERNALILLO COUNTY CL	25.00	BERN CO RELEASE OF LIEN (DEUTSCHE BANK# 35222)	ACCOUNTING
145915	BERNALILLO COUNTY PW	20,000.00	ISLETA DRAIN MASTER PLAN- CCN 2021-0223 -FINAL PMT	NON DIVISION
145916	BERNALILLO COUNTY PW	50,000.00	ALAMEDA DRAIN STORM MOU: CCN 2019-0678- FINAL PMT	NON DIVISION
145917	BJW VENTURES, LLC	275.00	NERF BARS UNIT 80001	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
145918	BRUCKNER TRUCK SALES	143.50	SENSOR, PLUG, & FITTINGS UNIT 34414	COCHITI DIVISION
145919	CASTLE BRANCH, INC.	31.10	PRE EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND CHECK	HUMAN RESOURCES
145920	CELLCO PARTNERSHIP	595.15 5,288.10	GPS DEVICES NOV22 -GPS MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
145921	CENTURY LINK	295.94	JAN23 MONTHLY PHONE CHARGES	SOCORRO DIVISION
145922	CINTAS FIRST AID	9.45 9.45	CABINET SERVICE CABINET SERVICE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		130.12	CABINET SERVICE CABINET SERVICE	NON DIVISION
		94.40	RESTOCKED FIRST AID STATION	BELEN DIVISION
145923	CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE	125.00	ADMIN FEE DEC22	NON DIVISION
		19,900.12	DECEMBER FUEL CHARGES UNLEADED/DIESEL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		609.50	DECEMBER FUEL CHARGES UNLEADED/DIESEL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		508.59 86.13	DECEMBER FUEL CHARGES DECEMBER FUEL CHARGES	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV SAFETY DEPARTMENT
145924	COUCHLIN CADDIELLA	142.40		PLANNING
	COUGHLIN, GABRIELLA		80% ADVANCE PER DIEM RUIDOSO, NM JAN2.25-27, 2023	
145925	DESERT GREENS EQUIPM	246.08 153.17	BOLTS, NUTS, WASHERS, & SPACERS UNIT 67018 LOUVER UNIT 67004	SOCORRO DIVISION SOCORRO DIVISION
145926	DMC LOGISTICS	519.81	JAN23 -DELIVERY OF BOD MEETING PACKETS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
145927	GENUINE NAPA	48.28	PARTS AND REPAIRS UNIT 54422	BELEN DIVISION
		4.07	PARTS AND REPAIRS UNIT 57025	BELEN DIVISION
		46.27 40.08	PARTS AND REPAIRS UNIT 57026 SHOT TOOL	BELEN DIVISION BELEN DIVISION
145928	HIGHWAY SUPPLY	4,008.20	GAS POWERED DRIVER GPD45 - LANDS & SALES	GRANTS
145929	IRON HORSE WELDING,	3,369.17	MISC. CATERPILLAR EXCAVATOR PARTS UNIT 57308	BELEN DIVISION
145930	JIFFY LUBE	32.31	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 13451	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
140,00		31.88	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 63439	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
145931	LOPEZ PRECISION, LLC	2,300.00	SP-310-2022 DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND	GENERAL FUND
145932	MCBRIDE'S INC	388.08	R&R LEAF SPRINGS UNIT 34407	COCHITI DIVISION
145933	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	620.20	PINTLE HITCH & HARDWARE UNIT 44422	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145934	MENDOZA ADAM	2,300.00	SP-325-2022 DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND	GENERAL FUND
145935	MESA OIL, INC	125.00	WASTE FOR USED OIL AND FILTERS-BELEN	BELEN DIVISION
145936	MOXIECRAN MEDIA, LLC	6,300.00	MOXIECRAN MEDIA-VIDEO SERVICES AGREEMENT-NFWF	PLANNING
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145937	NAPA AUTO PARTS	20.13 57.86	CABLE UNIT 8921.09 MISC PARTS UNIT 43619	COCHITI DIVISION SOCORRO DIVISION
		85.94	MISC PARTS UNIT 43019 MISC PARTS UNIT 63340	SOCORRO DIVISION
		5.44	MISC. PARTS	COCHITI DIVISION
		26.01	MISC. PARTS UNIT 43453	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		91.16 17.96	MISC. PARTS UNIT 43618 MISC. PARTS UNIT 63446	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION LICENSING & LAND SALES
145938	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	1,063.08	022638203-0301840-0 JAN23	NON DIVISION
173/30	NEW MEATOU GAS CO	175.44	022638203-0301840-0 JAN23 023488000-0308786-0 JAN23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		2,565.41	064166213-0665790-9 DEC22	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS

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145939	NEW MEXICO TRACTOR S	98.99 1,005.52	DOOR HANDLE UNIT 57026 WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENT UNIT 57025	BELEN DIVISION BELEN DIVISION
145940	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	92.66	PLUGS, FILTER, GASKET, & ADDITIVE UNIT 23419	WATER OPS & CONS
145941	PNM	59.00 33.41 635.21 83.70 21.86	022638203-0415631-1 JAN23 036707300-0415630-2 DEC & JAN 037715300-0423617-1 JAN23 050387501-0536103-4 JAN23 050411100-0536271-1 JAN23	COCHITI DIVISION COCHITI DIVISION COCHITI DIVISION BELEN DIVISION BELEN DIVISION
145942	POWER FORD	13.54	NOZZLES UNIT 43618	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145943	SANDOVAL COUNTY CLER	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
145944	SOCORRO ELECTRIC	137.53	10268009 - JAN23	SOCORRO DIVISION
145945	SORBCO	9.60	LOCK NUT UNIT 4445.12	BELEN DIVISION
145946	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	26.94 26.94 169.78 581.70 569.52	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 63439 TIRE REPAIR UNIT 80004 TIRES UNIT 23419 TIRES UNIT 54110 TIRES UNIT 68613	ENGINEERING & MAPPING WATER OPS & CONS WATER OPS & CONS BELEN DIVISION SOCORRO DIVISION
145947	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTI	5,243.70	TRACKS, PLATES, BOLTS, & NUTS UNIT 57308	BELEN DIVISION
145948	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	15.41 235.10	GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	HUMAN RESOURCES NON DIVISION
145949	TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATI	2,141.38 520.56	JAN23 - DATTO ANNUAL RENEWAL JAN23 -DATTO SAAS PROTECTION	INFORMATION SYS INFORMATION SYS
145950	THE PRINTERS PRESS	875.00 327.00	2023-2024 BOSQUE ACCESS PRMT WINDSHIELD STICKERS NMDA HSG PRINTED MATERIALS	GENERAL FUND SOILS LAB
145951	UNICOR	116.58	01/06/23 - SHRED BINS PICKUP	ACCOUNTING
145952	VALENCIA COUNTY CLER	25.00 75.00	RELEASE OF LIEN RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING ACCOUNTING
145953	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	1,539.74	PIN, BUSHINGS, BOLT, & NUT UNIT 47311	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145954	ABCWUA	2,360.48	1468420400 SJCPCA DUES & ASSESS- 1/11/23 MINUTES	NON DIVISION
145955	ACTION HOSE INC.	26.89 236.32	CABLE TIES UNIT 44422 GREASE LINES UNIT 47018	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145956	ALBUQUERQUE SUPPLY	696.60	SEALANT ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
145957	ALL AMERICAN PUMPING	115.00	JAN23 - PORTABLE TOILET RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
145958	AMAZON CAPITAL	1,068.28 399.99 688.51 182.80	BACKUP BATTERIES MONITOR TABLET COVERS WATER FOUNTAIN FILTERS	INFORMATION SYS INFORMATION SYS INFORMATION SYS NON DIVISION
145959	BAKER UTILITY SUPPLY	20,128.80 2,710.00 1,270.00	BLACK PIPE ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY HDP BLACK PIPE ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY STUB FLANGE ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND GENERAL FUND GENERAL FUND
145960	BANK OF AMERICA	1,999.94 1,097.61 284.30 867.69 965.40 38.87 224.25 1,720.00 18.29 234.71 253.85 195.00 428.96	COMPUTER SUPPLIES- NEW ACCOUNTANT GIS ANALYST CONFERENCE ROOM COSTCO SUPPLIES E.ZAMORA IRRIGATION LEADERS WORKSHOP AZ FAMILY FARM ALLIANCE ANNUAL CONF- RENO,NV FEB23- INTERMEDIA LABOR POSTERS LICENSING CONFERENCES REGISTRATION MEAL REIMBURSEMENTS RUIDOSO, NM JAN.25-27, 2023 MEALS REIMBURSEMENT CHANDLER, AZ JAN.10-13 2023 MISC. SAFETY DECALS PRESSURE WASHER RENTAL SW AIRLINES FAMILY FARM ALLIANCE CONF, RENO	INFORMATION SYS NON DIVISION NON DIVISION EXEC TEAM PLANNING INFORMATION SYS SAFETY DEPARTMENT LICENSING & LAND SALES EXEC TEAM EXEC TEAM SAFETY DEPARTMENT WATER OPS & CONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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		267.00 408.82 150.00	SW AIRLINES FAMILY FARM ALLIANCE CONF, RENO SOUTHWEST HAY CONFERENCE RUIDOSO, NM SOUTHWEST HAY CONFERENCE RUIDOSO, NM	EXEC TEAM EXEC TEAM PLANNING
145961	BERNALILLO COUNTY CL	25.00 25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING ACCOUNTING
145962	BLAND, MICHAEL A.	64.26	JAN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145963	CARRILLO, RALPH	28.04	JAN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145964	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	2,924.64	MISC. JOHN DEERE MOWER PARTS UNIT 47025	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145965	CHACON, MARK	19.94 146.33	DEC22- DENTAL- RETIREE JAN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES HUMAN RESOURCES
145966	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORC	1,276.19	GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
145967	CONCRETE SYSTEMS INC	412.74	CONCRETE PATCH	WATER OPS & CONS
145968	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	66.30 27.54	BATTERIES UNIT 63807 BATTERIES UNIT 63807	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION COCHITI DIVISION
ĺ		207.06	BATTERIES UNIT 63807	SOCORRO DIVISION
Ì		164.64	BATTERIES UNIT 67112	SOCORRO DIVISION
		368.32 340.34	BATTERIES UNIT 67305 BATTERY	SOCORRO DIVISION BELEN DIVISION
		74.46	BATTERY UNIT 44010	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		47.26	BATTERY UNIT 8921.09	COCHITI DIVISION
		(224.16)	CREDIT BATTERIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		(30.00)	CREDIT CORE	SOCORRO DIVISION
		(48.00)	CREDIT CORE CHARGE	BELEN DIVISION
		(119.00)	CREDIT MISBILLED FROM INV 17942211221220	BELEN DIVISION
145969	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	25.75	DIAGNOSTICS SERVICE UNIT 80010	BELEN DIVISION
		117.42	DISMOUNT/REMOUNT NEW TIRES UNIT 54110	BELEN DIVISION
		60.79	DISMOUNT/REMOUNT UNIT 54420	BELEN DIVISION
		28.84	FLAT REPAIR UNIT 54110	BELEN DIVISION
		39.14 32.59	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 57306 TIRE REPAIR UNIT 80011	BELEN DIVISION WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
1.45070	DECEDIT OBEENG FOURM	70.06	DOLTG LINET 47022	AT BUOLIEROUE DIVISION
145970	DESERT GREENS EQUIPM	70.96 160.21	BOLTS UNIT 47022 LOUVER & SCREWS UNIT 67016	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION SOCORRO DIVISION
		28.28	O-RINGS, SCREW, & CLAMPS UNIT 47025	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145971	ESPINOSA, LAWRENCE	128.87	FEB23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145972	GENSLER, DAVID	338.63	JAN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145973	GONZALEZ, JOSE A	168.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT- NEW BELEN	BELEN DIVISION
145974	GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO	876.04	DEC22 -INVESTMENT ADVISOR FEES	ACCOUNTING
145975	GRAINGER	359.07 358.57	ABQ DIVISION GAS CANS PVC FOR BIG CHICAL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION WATER OPS & CONS
145976	GARNISHMENT	225.00	GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
145977	HEIGHTS SECURITY	29.80	DUPLICATE KEYS	COCHITI DIVISION
145978	HI-LINE ELECTRIC CO.	435.76	SHOP SUPPLIES- BELEN DIVISION	BELEN DIVISION
145979	HUNTER BOWER LUMBER	6,439.98	LUMBER ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
145980	INLAND TRUCK PARTS	248.59	COVER UNIT 44422	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145981	JARAMILLO, DANNY A.	1,209.38	FEB23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
145982	JIFFY LUBE	31.88	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 43461	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145983	KRONOS SAASHR, INC.	1,186.10	DEC22 - UKG KRONOS READY SOFTWARE	INFORMATION SYS
145984	LEGALSHIELD	473.85	JAN23 - GROUP# 34628- LEGALSHIELD FY2023	GENERAL FUND
145985	LINDE GAS	(126.68)	CREDIT SWITCH INV 31298244 PO 23001510	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS

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		169.98	TIPS, OXYGEN, & ACETYLENE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145986	MRGCD PETTY CASH	11.95	HOME DEPOST- SUPPLIES	WATER OPS & CONS
		8.58	LOWES SUPPLIES	WATER OPS & CONS
145987	MRGCD PETTY CASH EA	34.66	DROP OFF TRASH (2 TRUCK LOADS)	BELEN DIVISION
		30.00	REFILL PROPANE	BELEN DIVISION
		48.43	REFILL PROPANE TANKS	BELEN DIVISION
145988	NAPA AUTO PARTS	(24.83)	CREDIT FILTER INV 141506 PO 23004594	COCHITI DIVISION
		0.15	MISC PARTS UNIT 44415	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		53.54	MISC PARTS UNIT 73432	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		155.37	MISC SHOP SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		19.16	MISC. PARTS UNIT 23419	WATER OPS & CONS
		103.59	MISC. PARTS UNIT 34414	COCHITI DIVISION
		18.02 5.39	MISC. PARTS UNIT 3577.1 & 3577.41 MISC. PARTS UNIT 43622	COCHITI DIVISION ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		14.44	MISC. PARTS UNIT 44012	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		73.56	MISC. PARTS UNIT 44418	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		48.42	MISC. PARTS UNIT 57308	BELEN DIVISION
		11.76	MISC. PARTS UNIT 57308	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		47.16	MISC. PARTS UNIT 73432	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		33.61	SUPPLIES NEEDED TO STOCK MECHANIC TRUCK	SOCORRO DIVISION
45989	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	36.22	CONNECTOR UNIT 23419	WATER OPS & CONS
		3.91	DRAIN PLUG UNIT 23419	WATER OPS & CONS
45990	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	229.51	PER EMPLOYMENT SCREENS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
45991	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	23.58	FY23- UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		6.94	FY23- UNIFORM RENTAL	COCHITI DIVISION
		70.74	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		20.82	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	COCHITI DIVISION
		78.88	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		56.23	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
145992	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	46.16	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 44412	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		57.38	TIRE REPAIRS UNIT 33435	COCHITI DIVISION
		26.75	TIRE REPAIRS UNIT 43621	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		69.55 342.20	TIRE REPAIRS UNIT 47502 TIRES UNIT 44108	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
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145993	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	40.35 31.45	CLIPS DOOR HINGES	WATER OPS & CONS ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		12.58	DRAIN CLEANER	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		45.87	PPE NEEDED FOR FREDDIE MARTINEZ #1224	SOCORRO DIVISION
		61.76	FOR BELEN HIGHLINE	WATER OPS & CONS
		30.01	FOR PERCN	WATER OPS & CONS
		31.78	FOR SAN JUAN WEIR	WATER OPS & CONS
		21.36	RAKS PVC BELEN HIGHLINE ISLETA	WATER OPS & CONS
		4.19	SNAPTOGGLE BOLTS FOR TV MOUNT ABQ DIV	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		60.14 41.99	SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR CONCRETE WORK SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR MASTER WO HEADWALLS	SOCORRO DIVISION BELEN DIVISION
1 4 500 4	DELIANCE OFFICE WAS			
145994	RELIANCE STEEL #12	754.15	METAL ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
		415.45	TIRE UNIT 44418	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
145995	SOUTHERN TIRE MART			
	SOUTHERN TIRE MART SPECIALTY COMMUNICAT	323.25	JAN23 - RADIO REPEATER	NON DIVISION
145996			JAN23 - RADIO REPEATER TONER	NON DIVISION NON DIVISION
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145996 145997 145998 145999 146000	SPECIALTY COMMUNICAT STAPLES ADVANTAGE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAS SECURITY SYSTEMS UNIFORMS & MORE	323.25 175.53 258.21 37.66 264.00 91.50 50.00	TONER GARNISHMNET BELEN SECURITY- FEB23 UNIFORMS UNIFORMS UNIFORMS	NON DIVISION GENERAL FUND BELEN DIVISION EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS ENGINEERING & MAPPING WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
145996 145997 145998 145999	SPECIALTY COMMUNICAT STAPLES ADVANTAGE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAS SECURITY SYSTEMS	323.25 175.53 258.21 37.66 264.00 91.50	TONER GARNISHMNET BELEN SECURITY- FEB23 UNIFORMS UNIFORMS	NON DIVISION GENERAL FUND BELEN DIVISION EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS ENGINEERING & MAPPING

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146002	VERIZON WIRELESS	4,700.64	JAN23 MONTHLY CHARGES	ALL DIVISIONS/DEPTS
146003	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	214.22 59.46 2,267.68 5,319.55	BEARING SLEEVES UNIT 57308 GASKET UNIT 57308 OIL PAN UNIT 64413 PUMP UNIT 47205	BELEN DIVISION BELEN DIVISION SOCORRO DIVISION ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146004	WELLS, VALERIE L.	54.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT- OTERO LATERAL	BELEN DIVISION
146005	WRIGHT FARM	138.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT- JARAL # 1 & JARAL #2	BELEN DIVISION
		916,809.42 896,619.26 \$ 1,813,428.68	TOTAL PAYROLL TOTAL CHECKS GRAND TOTAL	
	Pamela S. Fanelli, CFO		Stephanie Russo Baca, Chair	

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1 2 3 4 5	MINUTES OF THE 2,195 th REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT								
6 7	JANUARY 9, 2023 - 3:00 PM								
8 9 10	Directors having been duly notified; Madam Chair Russo Baca called the regular meeting to order at 3:02 pm. The following Directors and Staff were present:								
10	DIRECTORS			STAFF					
	Stephanie Russo Baca, Madam Chair Karen Dunning, Vice Chair Barbara Baca, Director John Kelly, Director Joaquin Baca, Director Glen Duggins, Director Michael T. Sandoval, Director	Present Present Present Present Present Present Present	Jason Casuga Lorna Wiggins Dr. Charles DuMars Pamela Fanelli Anne Marken Matt Martinez	Chief Engineer/CEO General Counsel Chief Water Counsel Secretary-Treasurer/CFO Water Distribution Division Mgr. Water Operations Division Mgr.					
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12 13	The following names of individuals were interested viewers, callers and/or participants.								
	Carol Van Dorn Holly Dietz Hank Taliaferro, La Joya Acequia Association	Anthony Algermissen Susan Navarro Josh Hind, MRGCD		Derek Jarner, MRGCD Casey Ish, MRGCD Rhett Sanders-Spencer, MRGCD					
	Linda Dietz Luke Smith, Wilson & Co. Estella Gamboa, MRGCD Larissa Gorden Page Pegram, NMISC	Judith McSweeney, MRGCD Ashley Veihl, MRGCD Paul Parmentier Peter Rice Yasmeen Najmi, MRGCD		Kathleen Holmes Cates Anders Lundahl, NMISC Neal Hurley Mike Apodaca, MRGCD Bernadette Sinclair					
14	Roland Becenti, BIA Danielle Feygin, MRGCD Ray Hartwell								
15 16	Director Barbara Baca led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting. Madam Chair Russo Baca declared a quorum, and the meeting was publicly noticed. This meeting was a hybrid meeting.								
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21 22	AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROV	AL OF THE	<u>AGENDA</u>						
23 24 25	There were no changes made to the agenda.								
26 27 28	Vice Chair Dunning made the MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA . Director Barbara Baca seconded the motion. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY .								
29 30	AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF 2023 OPEN MEETINGS ACT RESOLUTION BD-01-09-23-53 - Pamela Fanelli, Secretary/Treasurer-CFO								
31 32 33 34 35	Pam Fanelli asked that the Open Meetings Act resolution to be approved. Jason Casuga added that counsel did review to which Lorna Wiggins stated there were no substantive changes from previous years.								

 Director Kelly made the MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT RESOLUTION BD-01-09-23-53. Vice Chair Dunning seconded the motion. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - CONSENT AGENDA

a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification - January 9, 2023

 b. Consideration/Approval of December 2022 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins

 Consideration/Approval of December 2022 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.

d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting - December 12, 2022

e. Consideration/Approval of Per Diem, Mileage & Expense Reimbursement regarding New Mileage Rates as of January 1, 2023

 f. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for December 2022 (For Informational Purposes Only)

There were no questions or discussions.

Madam Chair Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA**. Seconded by Director Sandoval. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - REPORT ON PROPOSED LAND SALES - Eric Zamora, COO

a. MRGCD Map 87 Gabaldon Lateral Extension - Mike Lundmark

Eric Zamora explained the properties were determined to be excess right-of-way; and introduced Ashley Veihl from the Lands and Licensing Department. She asked for approval for the excess land to be sold saying Mike Lundmark brought this to the District's attention when he applied to purchase it on behalf of his daughter. Ms. Veihl explained the land in question was the westerly 11 feet for the Los Chavez Interior Drain adjacent to Map 87, Tract C, owned by Kelly Lundmark. She continued to explain the 11 feet was part of the 16 feet purchased by the District in 1933 with the intent to be right-of-way for the Gabaldon Lateral Extension which was never executed. She also stated that per the MRGCD Land Sale Policy, the land to be sold shall be excess land and have no use for the District; because this land was purchased as additional right away for a project that was abandoned, and because the District has not had access to the land, for at least 30 years it is the staff's opinion that this land qualifies to be disposed of. Thanked the Board for their consideration.

Jason Casuga added that they were looking for agreeance that this Valencia County property qualified to be disposed of and that the approval for the sale itself would come at a later time once the process is done.

Director Kelly made the MOTION THAT THE BOARD CONCURS THAT THIS RIGHT OF WAY IS SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE MRGCD AND IS SUITABLE FOR SALE. Seconded by Madam Chair Russo Baca. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. MRGCD Map 93 Henderson Lateral - Mark Baca

Mr. Rhett Sanders-Spencer, Licensing & Land Sales Right of Way Specialist, reported on the proposed land sale to Mr. Mark Baca which is described as an abandoned portion of the Henderson Lateral being a strip of land 60 feet wide between NM 314 and the Garcia Lateral

No. 1 right of way on MRGCD map 93 in Valencia County. He stated that staff recommended the entirety of the portion of the Henderson Lateral described by Receipt & Conveyance #5927 be approved for disposal with only water rights pertinent to the property reserved. Mr. Spencer also added that Sloan Washburn (Belen Division Manager) confirmed the property remained of no value to District O&M. He said that Mr. Baca was also the owner of an adjacent tract, submitted a letter of intent to purchase, completed the standard application for the land sale, and submitted the associated application fee.

Director Kelly inquired if the property was any part of an informal trail system or walking or equestrian path. Mr. Spencer answered not to their knowledge.

Director Kelly made the MOTION THAT THE BOARD FINDS THE PROPERTY AS SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE MRGCD AND AUTHORIZES THE SALE OF SAME. Seconded by Vice Chair Dunning. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - APPEALS REGARDING DENIAL OF MRGCD CLAIM AND/OR LICENSE REQUEST

a. Ray Rodriguez regarding Denial of Claim Adjacent to the Albuquerque Acequia

Although the claimant, Ray Rodriguez, was not present for the meeting, Eric Zamora explained the reasonings for the Board's denial. Mr. Zamora explained that while mowing and working on the acequia, due to the tall weeds, they did not see a small adobe wall next to the gate which is when the District initiated contact with Mr. Rodriguez. The services of Mr. Ray Gomez were acquired to conduct an investigation and was determined that this structure is not a licensed structure within their maintenance responsibility. He stated that Mr. Rodriguez appealed the denial of the claim, but they had not received any correspondence through the Lands and Licensing Department for a special license to permit any structures within the area from the claimant, Mr. Rodriguez.





Mr. Casuga added for clarification that while the claim was submitted that the District's staff struck the wall, there was no evidence found to show that staff did in fact hit the wall. Although they were in the area, Mr. Rodriguez nor others witnessed this.

Discussion ensued regarding the claims process.

Vice Chair Dunning made the MOTION TO ACCEPT THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO DENY THE CLAIM FOR THIS PROPERTY. Seconded by Director Kelly. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Holly Dietz regarding Request for Ingress/Egress off the Barr Interior Drain

Holly Dietz, a south valley resident for over 20 years, returned to address the Board regarding the denial of her access to her property. She stated the south part is no longer legal. She provided two notarized letters from people who were on the property previously which stated that they had always used the drain's access for many years. She returned to again request access to her property. She mentioned that she considered getting an attorney after being told it would still be denied. Ms. Dietz reiterated that it was her livelihood and business to have the access. She added that everything on her property was built around that access so she would have to tear down buildings and trees to change the access to her property. She stated that some staff and some directors came out to assess her property which she appreciated the board members visiting and talking to her. Her daughter is her partner as well as a veterinarian and would like to see her assume the business and asked for suggestions.

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She did mention that she has all her boarders sign a waiver and release of liability on a regular basis not only for riding horses on her property. She stated she hasn't been sued in the 24 years and felt she is very safety conscious.

ALBUQUERQUE EQUINE CLINIC, P.C. 6901 SECOND STREET, N.W. ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87107 November 1, 2022 To Whom It May Concern. In 1983 and 1984 I worked for Michelle Hermann, who was the owner of the residence at 400 Shirk Lane To whom it may concern SW at the time. We used the ditch for access to the horses and the horse facility as it was the only way to get to that part of the property. The house and apartment have always taken up the front of the property making it necessary to use the ditch. began equine veterinary practice as an employee of 7ia Equine Clinic in June, 1978, Michelle Hermann was a client of the practice. Her residence was 400 Shirk Lane SW, Albuquerque, NM. Ms. Hermann bred and raised Arabian horses. The practice provided veterinary services to her horses at that property for the remainder of the years that she owned the property. Access to the horses was solely via an entrance off the adjacent ditch as there was no other access to that area of the property. Mader / Rod DW Subscribed to and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, on Signed and swom to (or affirmed) before me on DVM COLEXI BRAZIER STATE OF NEW MEXICO NOTARY PUBLIC Notary Public - State of New Mexico CODY M. SMITH Commission # 1127946 COMMISSION # 1103196 My Comm. Expires January 14, 2024 COMMISSION EXPIRES 11/09/2025

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Director Duggins stated that he visited the property and did not know where else she could get access other than the ditch and suggested working with her to provide access.

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Director Joaquin Baca said he also visited the property and did not see any viable alternative access and agreed they needed to figure something out. He also suggested locking the gate when not in use and a temporary permit issued.

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Mr. Casuga reminded the Board that the gate policy , legal access was not defined by an access that exists today, legal access is defined by the ability to create access as well and ed and stated the Board had denied access to others who had to create new access on their properties. Minutes of Middle Rio Grande Conservancy Regular Board Meeting January 9, 2023

MRGCD has given 12 months to others to secure additional access in the same situation. He recommended if the board conceived a policy change then they need to discuss it in closed session on the implications valley wide, for all permits of similar and permits that have already been denied.

Director Joaquin Baca added they had discussed revisiting the policy multiple times and should do that within the next year since they keep running into gate issues.

Director Kelly stated he also went to visit the property. He said as the policy stood right now, he would have to support the denial.

Ms. Dietz said that adding alternative access would impede on her daughter building a house on the property she purchased. Ms. Dietz adds that she had sent an aerial map to their emails to see how the property was laid out.

Director Kelly said he concurred with Directors Duggins and Joaquin Baca to attempt to work it out and to allow her business to stay viable during the interim. He suggested doing a temporary license agreement to give them time to work it out and give Ms. Dietz time to look at what it would cost to purchase an access easement.

Lorna Wiggins stated that she was not certain the board had the sufficient factual record to make a decision as of yet. She said there were questions to chronology and questions that needed to be answered before they could adjudicate the question. She stated they needed to know when the real estate contract was entered into and what it provided to fully understand the ownership of the property.

Dr. Chuck DuMars said he agreed with Ms. Wiggins.

Vice Chair Dunning said that while she sympathized with Ms. Dietz, she could not support overturning the decision because they had already denied other similar licenses. She said they needed to stick to the policy, but she was open for future policy change discussions.

Vice Chair Dunning made the MOTION TO TABLE THE ISSUE UNTIL THE MARCH MEETING TO GET MORE FACTS. Seconded by Director Kelly. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)

Hank Taliaferro

Mr. Taliaferro, current La Joya Acequia Association President, expressed gratitude for all the work that had been put in on the current relationship of the La Joya Acequia Association and the MRGCD. He stated also present was the mayordomo for the association, Matthew Sais. He continued as he believed they had a good community consensus and voted to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the MRGCD. He stated he was looking forward to getting expertise on the history and experience to bring together a huge amount of information into the future relationship. He reported that they will be needing to make a payment to the MRGCD in the form of a conveyance fee. He said they were in the process of raising money for their operation budget for the year. Mr. Taliaferro stated their current irrigation acreage amounts is \$42, and \$16 per acre for maintenance status lands. He mentioned that their budget was

strained and asked to *not* increase the conveyance fee for this irrigation season to allow them to finish operations this year.

Dr. DuMars added that if they could get the structure of the MOU going right away and decide on the components, it would give them a sense of how quickly to bring the La Joya Acequia Association within the boundaries of MRGCD. Then there might be some merit to the idea of deferring charges only because they're going to become a full-fledged member of the District at some point.

Jason Casuga suggested that after he does some groundwork for the board, discuss a recommended path at the February meeting.

Linda Dietz

Ms. Dietz stated she was the aunt of Holly Dietz and inquired about a memo Mr. Casuga sent to the board members earlier. She requested that Holly Dietz be able to review, the Board Liaison presented that memo to her at that time. She asked regarding how the board will determine the facts on her appeal, who should Holly Dietz talk to before the March hearing to set up what the board or legal counsel needs from her. She also inquired if there would be a public hearing on the matter of changing the policy.

Chair Russo Baca stated that the public has the ability to make comments on the policies or anything she would like whether in person or written. Discussion was had regarding when 30 days would begin in relation to the policy changes.

Glen Duggins

Director Duggins inquired about his son, Kyle Duggin's proposal from eight years ago about buying a piece of land that the board voted to proceed with. Jason Casuga reminded him the title transfer was not completed that long ago and staff had many actions and resolutions to review. Dr. DuMars added they were moving forward and would get to him on the list.

John P. Kelly

Director Kelly made public comment about the breakfast meeting of the Middle Rio Grande Flood Control Association. He stated each agency including the Bureau of Reclamation, all the local flood control people, the city, the state, the Corp of Engineers, and MRGCD had five minutes to speak. He recognized Alicia Lopez, MRGCD Engineering & Mapping Manager, for doing a great job on behalf of the District.

<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - REPORTS FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT</u> - Christine L. Nardi, MBA

a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires

Christine Nardi announced the new hires, including a new field maintenance tech for the Albuquerque Division; for the General Office, a new public information officer, a new accountant, two new irrigation system operators (ISOs) for the Belen service area. Lastly, she recognized Dale Straley who will transfer from an ISO after many years to a heavy duty mechanic in the Socorro Division. Ms. Nardi stated the vacancy rate was now at 13%.

<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER</u> - Richard DeLoia, CPO

a. Consideration/Approval of the Task Order for Three Phase Power Extension for HEI, Inc. through State Contract - Alicia Lopez, Engineering & Mapping Manager

Mr. DeLoia requested approval for contractor, HEI Electrical, per the New Mexico State Pricing Agreement for \$82,912.52. He said they would provide all parts, material, and labor to connect the three phase power electric for the irrigation pumps at the Corrales Siphon to complete the previously board approved PNM project.

Madam Chair Russo Baca made the MOTION TO APPROVE THE TASK ORDER FOR THREE PHASE POWER EXTENSION FOR HEI ELECTRICAL THROUGH STATE CONTRACT. Seconded by Director Joaquin Baca. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Consideration/Approval of the Socorro Main Canal North Channel Lining Design Phase (Water Trust Board Project) - Alicia Lopez, Engineering & Mapping Manager

Mr. DeLoia requested approval for the design phase of the Socorro Main Canal North Channel Lining Project. He stated MRGCD recommended award to Wilson & Company for \$587,411.74 with NMGRT (New Mexico gross receipts tax).

Director Kelly stated it was a big, important project that was 85% grant funded. He also added Wilson & Company would have to break it into two contract packages to perform the work over one irrigation season. He said he reviewed the scope of work and fees and found it reasonable.

Director Kelly made the MOTION TO APPROVE THE DESIGN PHASE SERVICES FOR THE SOCORRO MAIN CANAL NORTH CHANNEL LINING WATER TRUST BOARD PROJECT WITH WILSON & COMPANY. Seconded by Madam Chair Russo Baca. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Consideration/Approval for Tree Removal off Hale Lateral - Desert Gardens - Michael Padilla, Right of Way Specialist

Mr. DeLoia requested approval for the removal of up to 15 trees off Hale Lateral near Pueblo Solano Rd for an engineering project. The contractor, Desert Gardens, was obtained through the RFP process and is on MRGCD's on-call tree trimming & removal contract. He stated MRGCD staff recommended the award to Desert Gardens for \$60,631.56 with labor tax.

Director Kelly asked who would remove the stumps. Jason Casuga stated the stumps would come out as part of their portion of the project to rehabilitate and recut and raise the banks of the Hale Lateral.

Director Barbara Baca added that it was always sad to remove trees from the valley. She said the engineers met with the directors, along with adjacent property owners who pointed out the problems. It was something that was done with care and would be a good solution for the District as well as the adjacent properties.

Vice Chair Dunning made the MOTION TO APPROVE TREE REMOVAL OFF HALE LATERAL WITH DESERT GARDENS. Seconded by Director Barbara Baca. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - UPDATE ON THE UPCOMING 2023 IRRIGATION SEASON

a. Report on Water Supply Conditions - Anne Marken, Water Ops Division Manager

Anne Marken stated the NRCS January 1 Water supply forecast was projecting a 79% of median in flow to El Vado from March to July and 70% of median in flows to Otowi Gauge for the same period. She showed and explained the SNOTEL graphs which showed snowpack conditions up to 92% of median due to recent snowstorms.

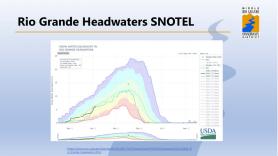
She said the current conditions in the watershed were 86% of median. Ms. Marken explained that soil moisture and groundwater conditions benefited from the 2022 monsoon season and would likely result in increased runoff efficiency for the 2023 spring runoff.

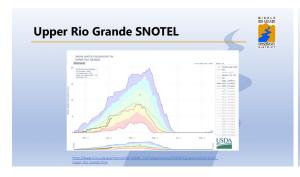
She said New Mexico ended 2022 in Rio Grande Compact debt, although final numbers had not been released. She also added that prior and paramount lands would be stored in Abiquiu in 2023. MRGCD carried over 2,000 acre feet of its San Juan Chama (SJC) project allocation into 2023. SJC project water is water imported from the San Juan basin through reclamation San Juan Chama project. Since this water does not originate in the Rio Grande Basin, it's not subject to Rio Grande compact storage restrictions. She reported that the snow-pack conditions in the San Juan Basin are about 117% of Median conditions for the State, which is promising but again, it's too early to tell what the MRGCD SJC project allocation will be.

Ms. Marken announced the National Weather Service's three month outlook indicated conditions through March would likely be warmer and drier than average. Regardless of snow-pack conditions. The only SJC water available for storage to MRGCD water users will be dependent upon monsoon rains. If supplies get tight in the summer, and there will be little water available to augment the natural flows into the Middle Valley. Monsoons have been good for the past 2 years, but they're difficult to predict, and can be a bit of a wild card in the middle valleys.

Ms. Marken also updated the board on the 2023 irrigation season startup plan. She said they planned to employ staggered startup strategy that was utilized in 2022 and diversions for charging would begin on March 6th. She said they would start in the south and work north but no deliveries would be made in any division while it was being charged. Ms. Marken announced they would not be delivering to newly planted seed or winter crops before any other crops this year and decided to adhere to a demand schedule that was reduced to 80% of full irrigation while the river is connected.









Jason Casuga added they are not prioritizing any cropping pattern this season. They plan to make deliveries from the top of the system to the bottom in any division and if farmers wanted available water, they would let them schedule and work their way through. He also reminded them that this is the startup plan and have limited water in the river, and can't dry it for environmental purposes.

b. **Status Report on Water Distribution -** Matt Martinez, Water Distribution Division Manager

Matt Martinez reported that after having limited time off during the irrigation season, many took well-deserved leave for an extended holiday break. Also, stating unfortunately, many took off time due to illness, but despite these absences, made progress on winter work during November and December. He stated that ISOs participated in the latest phase of the infrastructure assessment project with the goal of creating a GIS database to qualitatively assess and manage infrastructure assets. He added that it also allowed Albuquerque ISOs to get to know how the Belen Division irrigation worked. He said Belen ISOs were busy with the vegetation management project, Albuquerque ISOs were supporting turnout surveys and various structure maintenance, and Socorro and Cochiti ISOs helped knock out routine maintenance, structure repairs, and crossing installations. Mr. Martinez said they would be training on the next phase of the application pilot project and would be holding an annual training session on automatic gate operation and basic troubleshooting.

Mr. Martinez said they had reviewed the strength and weaknesses of last year's irrigation season startup plan and believed their 2023 plan was a good one. He stated they needed to gradually bring up the system again, and a staggered start was an effective way to charge the system and begin irrigation deliveries. He stated that once they complete charging, division irrigation deliveries would begin on a rotational basis to effectively share short supplies. He added that irrigators may begin contacting ISOs in early March to get more details.

Madam Chair Russo Baca asked when they would find out which ISO is assigned to which are for the ones who may not have one assigned yet. He said they would announce that to the farmers as soon as possible and have one more position to fill in the Belen service area.

Director Kelly asked why not start at the bottom and go up to switch it around this time, so the guy at the top did not have the advantage.

Director Duggins stated he thought it would be better to leave it all unsaid and give water as farmers needed it no matter if where they were. He added that if farmers planted seed and then got a little rain, they would be in trouble, so that's why it would be better to give the water as it is needed.

Jason Casuga again pointed out it was a startup plan to get them off the ground without drying the river. He said drying the river at the start of irrigation season would be bad for them environmentally. Mr. Casuga stated the reality was they do not have the water they used to have and do not have water on demand where someone can call for water and have it the next day.

Madam Chair Russo Baca suggested talking about it more in the Irrigation Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - REPORT(S) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

a. Bureau of Reclamation - Jennifer Faler, Area Manager

Ms. Faler wasn't present at today's meeting.

b. Bureau of Indian Affairs - Roland Becenti, Acting Designated Engineer

Mr. Roland Becenti introduced himself as the active designated engineer. He would be working with Viola Sanchez and Sandra Lucero for the next four months to help out. He stated the Omni Appropriation Bill was approved by congress and signed into law in December. He also said the Corps of Engineers approved to temporarily store P&P water and the board approved extension of the O&M agreement through 2023.

<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - REPORT(S) FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER/CFO</u> - Pam Fanelli, CMA, CGFM

 a. Presentation/Approval of the 2nd Quarter Financial Statements for FY2023 and Report of the Finance Committee, Directors Kelly, Dunning and Barbara Baca

Director Kelly stated Ms. Fanelli provided a very extensive memo on the status MRGCD fiscal year, which showed they were in good shape. He said they did receive their tax distribution from Bernalillo County and were still waiting on Valencia County. Salary savings from about half million dollars although both herbicides and fuel costs are spiking. He felt we were well within range of what you'd expect in our budget, both on the revenue and expenditure sides at this point and had much grant money that would be coming through.

Director Kelly made the MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY2023 AND REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AS PRESENTED. Seconded by Director Barbara Baca. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 - REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER - Jason M. Casuga, PE

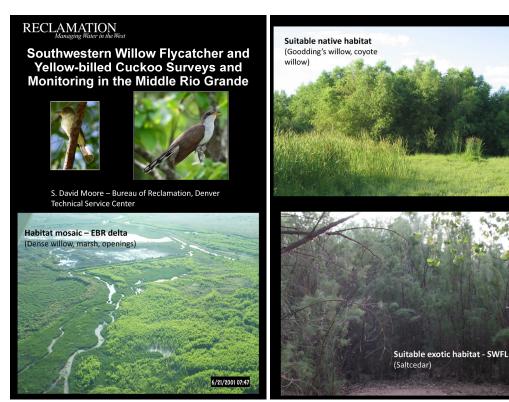
 d. Report from the MRGCD Lobbyist of 2023 Legislative Session Matters - John Thompson

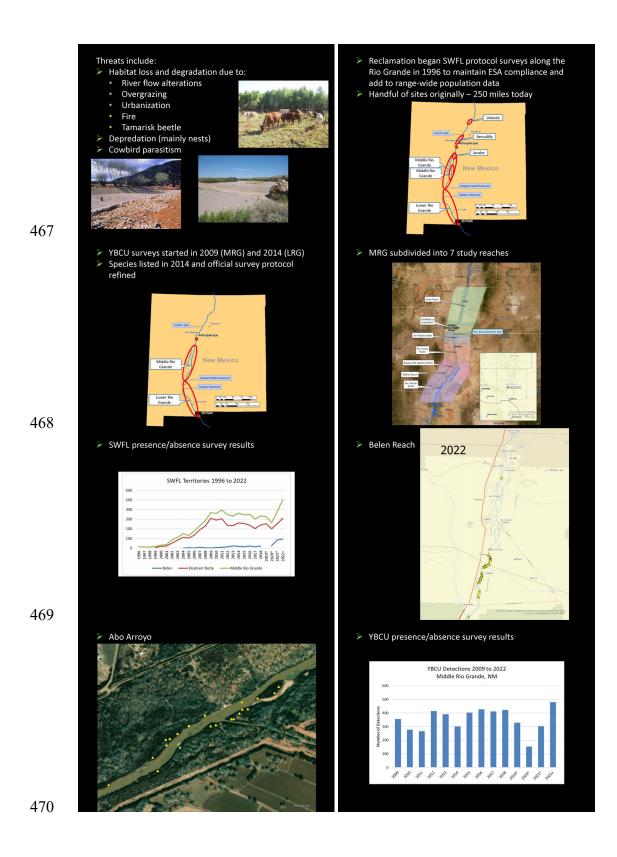
Mr. Thompson said the legislative session would kick off next Tuesday at noon. He said there would be a handful of issues to deal with in 2023, including Water Trust Board bill that has the Corrales Siphon in it and capital outlay request. He mentioned he found out you can't pick your legislator, that it would be picked based on location. He said he did not have many updates on the Secretary of State other than he did get her on the phone briefly and they were trying to get a meeting scheduled with the drafter. Mr. Thompson said he expected to see many water policy bills since the Water Policy Taskforce met and had many recommendations.

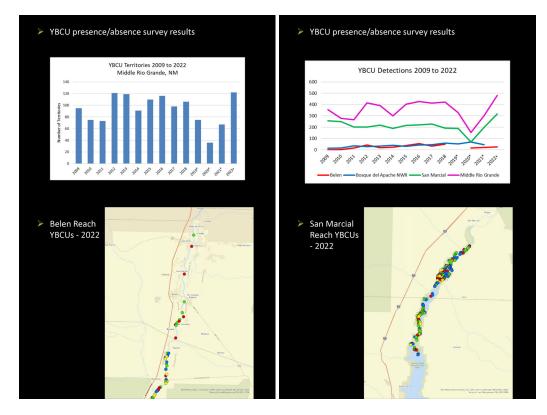
Director Duggins inquired about pesticides to see if Mr. Thompson watched for that. He replied he will add that topic to a tracking list and report back.

e. Presentation on the Willow Flycatcher and Yellow-billed Cuckoo Surveys in the Middle Rio Grande - S. David Moore, Bureau of Reclamation Wildlife Biologist

David Moore gave a brief background and continued with his presentation on the willow flycatchers and the yellow-billed cuckoo surveys in the Middle Rio Grande. He said yellow-billed cuckoos preferred the habitat of dense growth of native willows with water underneath. He said most of the time willow flycatchers would occupy salt cedar, but many times salt cedar didn't grow in many places that was suitable for flycatchers. He stated lack of water was a threat to the species, including altered flow regime, drought, and river alterations. He said they began doing cuckoo surveys in 2009 and the species was listed in 2014. He stated they had broken the Middle Rio Grande into seven study reaches. Mr. Moore explained that when he first started working with the willow flycatchers, they had a dozen to 15 territories for the first few years, but then it rapidly expanded after the Elephant Butte Reservoir started to recede. Mr. Moore also explained the yellow-billed cuckoo population fluctuated annually and they moved around much and occupied different habitats.







Vice Chair Dunning asked if either of those birds could get and carry avian bird flu. Mr. Moore stated while there had been instances of reported bird mortalities that attributed to bird flu, it was mostly domestic birds and had never been listed as a concern.

f. Report on the Bernalillo County Clerk's Coordination Meeting, January 6, 2023 - Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO

Mr. Casuga stated that he and Director Barbara Baca attended a meeting with the county related to what we call LEA, the local elections act. There were many good questions about where the MRGCD stood. He reiterated as it sits today with the LEA, our election would be run by the counties; administering our election for us. The District would be only be responsible for providing a qualified electors list. He stated Bernalillo County did affirm the co-mingling of databases and confirmed it would be difficult. He said they talked about the effort that was being looked into because of the difficulty of implementing MRGCD's election. He said he came out with understanding that it may be possible in the future but not possible with the amount of time they have left for the upcoming election and an extension of time was needed to explore how to properly implement the LEA.

Director Barbara Baca stated it was really positive because it was the first time they were face to face with the clerks and they said they would support them and agreed to the idea of the Secretary of State moving forward on legislation to request an extension. She added that Bernalillo's technical person did say it was possible to do a technological look at merging the databases.

Director Kelly made the MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORT ON THE BERNALILLO COUNTY CLERK'S COORDINATION MEETING. Seconded by Madam Chair Russo Baca. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

g. Report on the Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) Conference, December 14-16, 2022 - Casey Ish, Water Resources Specialist

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Casey Ish discussed the CRWUA Conference, where water managers across the west were focused on the second century of the Compact and rethinking water use in the need for unprecedented conservation. He said the conference comprise of serious conversations between upper and lower basin users, stating that Lake Powell and Lake Mead were two reservoirs quickly approaching critical low storage levels. He stated that 2020, demand for water on the Colorado River outpaced supply by approximately 1.5 times the annual average discharge of the Rio Grande at Otowi. Mr. Ish stated if additional conservation measures were not put in place by basing states, a scenario existed where Lake Powell and Lake Mead could both drop to or below minimum power pool elevations which would have implications for clean and inexpensive power supply for millions of people. He said that additional cuts are likely coming for users of Colorado River water, some voluntary and some involuntary. He stated that for MRGCD that meant there was likelihood that worsening precipitation conditions in the San Juan Chama Basin could force further diminishment of project water. Mr. Ish concluded by saying the hydrologic models on the Colorado River did not look good and there was much work to be done to keep the system stabilized; however, he stated he did come away from the CRWUA conference with a sense of encouragement and renewed focus.

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Jason Casuga still said San Juan Chama was their most flexible water source, but the water source was diminished right now. He said it highlighted the need for them to continue to seek whatever paths they could to restore the balance related to the Compact debt and take advantage of every storage opportunity in the future. Mr. Casuga reiterated that the Rio Grande Basin was not Colorado and MRGCD was not in the situation they were in.

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Dr. DuMars added the hydropower contracts belonged to the Department of Interior and if those contracts couldn't be fulfilled, the Interior would have to go into the private market to find alternative sources of power.

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h. Set Date for Special Meeting to Determine Water Bank Lease Rates - Pamela Fanelli, CFO

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Pam Fanelli said suggested they have the special meeting in February, right before the next regular meeting.

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Madam Chair Russo Baca suggested having the meeting at 2:50 right before the regular February meeting.

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i. Upcoming Events

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- Belen Water Shed Stakeholders Meeting, Belen Public Library February 7, 2023
- 2. Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference, Reno, NV February 23-24, 2023
- 3. Land & Water Summit, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center March 2-3, 2023
- 4. Farming in The Flyway Series, Soil Health Strategies for Salt-Affected Middle Rio Grande Soils Workshops, 164 NM-116, Bosque, NM March 17 & May 12, 2023

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Madam Chair Russo Baca asked that everyone respond to DeAnna's email and RSVP if they planned to attend any of the events. She also added that the *World's Largest Matanza* will be held in Belen on January 28th, and the scholarship money will go to kids in Valencia County for higher education.

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Mr. Zamora added there would be a Belen Water Shed stakeholders' meeting at the library at 2 p.m. and a public meeting from 5:30 to 7pm.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 - REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD Attorney(s) - Chief Water **Counsel or General Counsel**

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Dr. DuMars stated he believed it was in his purview to file a responsive pleading on behalf of MRGCD to the Wild Earth Guardians. He asked for authority to do that. He stated Wild Earth Guardians would not agree to their intervention until they had seen the pleading.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 - REPORT(S) FROM THE BOARD

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a. Report on the Middle Rio Grande Flood Control Association Annual Breakfast Meeting, December 13, 2022 - Madam Chair and Members of the Board

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b. Report on the NM Cattle Grower's Association Joint Stockmen's Convention, December 14-16, 2022 - Chair Russo Baca

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Madam Chair Russo Baca stated she liked to go to the annual meeting because they talked about legislation and policies that the cattle growers will be discussing and what would be coming from state and federal. She stated the farm bill would be a big issue coming up, so it was a good opportunity to talk and find out what the climate would be on that. She stated the Water Task Force would also be a big issue and how the recommendations would affect water users.

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c. Report on the Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting, December 20, 2022 - Chair Russo Baca

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Madam Chair Russo Baca stated they discussed the bridge funding at Whitfield Wildlife. She said they received appropriation from the New Mexico Legislature. She added the whole project would be on MRGCD property and the design was complete with the next phase being construction.

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d. Report on the Irrigation Committee Meeting, January 4, 2023 - Chair Russo Baca and Directors Duggins and Sandoval

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Madam Chair Russo Baca stated that she, Director Duggins, and Director Sandoval, Mr. Zamora, Mr. Casuga, and Mr. Ish were presented for the meeting. She said Mr. Martinez and Mr. Ish presented, as well as Mr. Casuga and Mr. Zamora on what the current policy was on the irrigation distribution policy. She stated she asked the team to put images with their policy and maybe revamp the irrigation policy to use it more as a guide to the ISOs and irrigators. She stated they wanted to encourage people to take advantage of their great programs but also give them time to take advantage of the programs. Madam Chair also said they would have degrees of enforcement to make it clear for ISO and constituents to follow what to do.

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Dr. DuMars said if they were in litigation with Wild Earth Guardians and people were taking a day to irrigate a two acre field, it would be noticed and would be the worst kind of testimony against them as an entity that prides themselves in efficiency.

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e. Report on the Legislative Committee Meeting, January 5, 2023 - Directors Barbara Baca, Russo Baca and Joaquin Baca

606 607 Madam Chair Russo Baca stated the Legislative Committee discussed the upcoming legislative 608 session and they would like to continue working with the New Mexico Secretary of State's 609 Office 610 Director Barbara Baca made the MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORTS FROM THE 611 612 BOARD. Seconded by Vice Chair Dunning. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 613 614 With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Madam Chair Russo Baca adjourned the 615 meeting at 6:03 pm. 616 617 Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of January 9, 2023. 618 619 620 ATTESTED: 621 622 623 624 Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM Stephanie Russo Baca, Madam Chair MRGCD Board of Directors 625 Secretary/Treasurer

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6 7 8	FEBRUARY 8, 2023 - 9:00 AM						
8 9 10	Directors having been duly notified; Madam Chair Russo Baca called the special meeting to order at 9:05 pm. The following Directors and Staff were present:						
10	DIRECTORS STAFF						
11	Stephanie Russo Baca, Madam Chair Karen Dunning, Vice Chair Absent Lorna Wiggins General Counsel Secretary-Treasurer/CFO John Kelly, Director Absent Joaquin Baca, Director Present Glen Duggins, Director Present Michael T. Sandoval, Director Present						
12 13	The following names of individuals were interested viewers, callers and/or participants.						
	Doug Strech, MRGCD Ernie Marquez, AES Greg Prudencio, AES John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist Eli Lovato, AES John Fleck, Utton Center Teresa Smith de Cherif, VSWCD						
14 15 16	AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE						
17 18	Jason Casuga, CE/CEO, led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting.						
19 20 21	Madam Chair Russo Baca declared a quorum, and the meeting was publicly noticed. This meeting was a hybrid meeting with some members attending online.						
22 23	AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA						
24 25	There were no changes made to the agenda.						
26 27 28	Chair Russo made the MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA . Director Sandoval seconded the motion. Rollcall vote was administered, and the MOTION CARRIED .						
20	Chair Russo Baca Yes Director Duggins Yes Director Sandoval Yes Director Dunning Absent Director Barbara Baca Yes Director Kelly Absent Director Joaquin Baca Yes						
29 30 31 32 33 34	AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION RELATING TO DELAYING UNTIL 2025 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCAL ELECTION ACT AS APPLIED TO DISTRICTS CREATED PURSUANT TO THE CONSERVANCY ACT OF NEW MEXICO						
35 36 37 38	Jason Casuga explained that the bill was proposed at the time the agenda was posted but had been introduced recently as Senate Bill 335 (SB0335). He continued to give a brief history regarding the local elections act which was passed in 2018. He stated it made significant changes to the way MRGCD elections would be administered. It would be changing the day						

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from within June to be November 7th, the first Tuesday after the first Monday. Most importantly it took the responsibility of administering the election from MRGCD and handed it to the counties under the direction of the Secretary of State. He reported it was communicated that that the Secretary of State needs more time to be able to work on fully implementing the Local Elections act as contemplated by the law passed in 2018. Presented the bill for review that would return the administration of MRGCD's election back to the MRGCD. Also, said that the date of our election would no longer be in November for this year, but the current bill before us moves election date to October third, which is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in October. He also said all other parameters of MRGCD's election would stay the same and would administer it based on land owners. Those are current qualified electors. We have done research and made sure that this is one of the crux and main reasons why they need to get it back to us. Mr. Casuga stated that this bill does not change who can vote. It just gives the election back to the MRGCD to administer.

Director Barbara Baca added that the committee kept it succinct and as simple as they could. She reported that the Legislative Committee has been working with the Secretary of State's office, with our lobbyist, John Thompson, and Jason Casuga. She felt it to be a good bill and very pleased. She thought the date certain of October third was important because there were so many changes that were being contemplated. They felt like it was important to actually have that for the public, for the Board itself, for the upcoming election, because there has been so many uncertainties that one. The other she wanted to reiterate what Jason (Casuga) spoke about working with the Secretary of State's office to address all of the other issues that they have talked about, and that they will be committed to working with us and taking the lead. She urged everyone's support.

Director Joaquin Baca reiterated what Director Barbara Baca said and felt that it's not an easy situation but the best that can be accomplished at this time.

Director Duggins also agreed that it's a good deal and wants to move forward.

Chair Russo Baca added that she appreciated the legislative committee due to the fact that she'll be up for re-election. She has been had somewhat of a screened between talking with the Secretary of State's office about these matters, and she appreciated Director Barbara Baca and Director Joaquin Baca taking this on fully. She also agreed that this is a good path forward, and that we do have a certain date of October third in the legislation although knowing this could change.

John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist, noted that the bill is tentatively scheduled for Monday in the Senate Rules Committee. Should it Rules Committee would advance to the Senate Judiciary Committee, and then from there go to the Senate floor and then repeat same process in the House. He noted that this is a legislative process, that it is the will of the legislature, but as the bill is drafted now, that is the form that will be heard on Monday. He stated should he hear of any amendments or any potential changes that come his way, he would surely advise Mr. Casuga.

The Chair stated that this is the board making a motion to support this legislation, however, once it's finalized, voted and signed by the Governor, there will be adequate time for public comment. She encouraged individuals to reach out to their representatives, and both in the Senate and the House, to make comments to them directly, because the Board cannot approve, but can take a vote to approve the Board's consensus on this legislation. She thought it could change drastically, she clarified that the Board would be approving the consensus that they are in support of the bill, but the Board cannot approve this legislation.

90 91 92 93	Director Sandoval seconded the motion. Rollcall vote was administered, and the MOT CARRIED.					
)3	Chair Russo Baca	Yes	Director Duggins	Yes		
	Director Sandoval	Yes	Director Dunning	Absent		
	Director Barbara Baca	Yes	Director Kelly	Absent		
	Director Joaquin Baca	Yes	,			
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MEMORANDUM LICENSING AND LANDS DEPARTMENT

F.Y.I.

TO: Jason M. Casuga, P.E., Chief Executive Officer/Chief Engineer

THRU: Eric Zamora, P.E., Chief Operations Officer

FROM: Michael Padilla, Right-of-Way Specialist

DATE: February 8, 2023

RE: MRGCD Executed Licenses for January 2023

1. 287-2022—License with Windstream Communications to install and maintain a new aerial telecommunications utility line within the El Vado Reservoir right-of-way.

- 2. 316-2022—License with Public Service Company of New Mexico to install and maintain a (1) 50' Class 2 utility pole and an aerial utility crossing within the Los Chavez Interior Drain right-of-way.
- 3. 317-2022—License with Public Service Company of New Mexico to install and maintain a (1) 50' Class 2 pole and an aerial utility crossing within the Harlan Henderson Lateral right-of-way.
- 4. 318-2022—License with Public Service Company of New Mexico to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Los Chavez Interior Drain right-of-way.
- 5. 319-2022— License with Public Service Company of New Mexico to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Harlan Henderson Lateral rights-of-way.
- 6. 320-2022— License with Public Service Company of New Mexico to install and maintain a (1) 50' Class 2 pole and an aerial utility crossing within the New Belen Acequia right-of-way.
- 7. 321-2022— License with Public Service Company of New Mexico to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Belen Highline Canal right-of-way.
- 8. 329-2022—License with Comcast of New Mexico, LLC to maintain an existing parallel buried utilities within the Alameda Interior Drain right-of-way.
- 9. 336-2022—License with Public Service Company of New Mexico to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Corrales Acequia right-of-way.
- 10. 345-2022—License with New Mexico Gas Company to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the New Belen Wasteway right-of-way.
- 11. 349-2022- License Amendment to 192-2022 to include the installation and maintenance of a (1) 150' double circuit steel monopole structure located within the MRGCD Map 118, Tract 4C Lands of Les Gibson right-of-way.
- 12. 312-2022—Special Use License with BCD Racing to conduct the Hays Apple Farm Cyclocross Bike Race on January 8, 14, 22, 2023 within the east bank of the Peralta Main Canal right-of-way.
- 13. 335-2022—Special Use License with Compass Engineering Construction Services LLC to conduct the

Pueblo of Sandia Bosque Sewer and Water Project within the Albuquerque Main Canal and the Bernalillo Interior Drain right-of-way.

- 14. 337-2022—Special Use License with RUNFIT to conduct a half marathon within the Gallegos Lateral, Hackman Lateral, & Griegos Interior Drain rights-of-way.
- 15. 338-2022—Special Use License with NM Chips & Salsa to conduct a half marathon within the Gallegos Lateral, Hackman Lateral, & Griegos Interior Drain rights-of-way.
- 16. 339-2022—Special Use License with Sunflower Run to conduct a 5k and 10k run within the Chamisal Lateral right-of-way.
- 17. 014-2023—License Amendment to 304-2022 to extend the expiration date to February 10, 2023 within the Corrales Main Canal right-of-way.
- 18. 021-2023—License Amendment to 284-2022 to allow access to the Gun Club Lateral right-of-way.

PROTECTING OPEN SPACES





OPEN SPACE PATROL

• APD has dedicated 5 PSA's to patrol open spaces and is providing them with specialized training





SEARCH AND RESCUE COLLATERAL

- The prior Open Space Officers are now a new Problem Response Team (PRT) based in the southeast part of the city.
- The officers are retained as collateral search and rescue.
- Additional officers are now added to the collateral search and rescue program.



CITY PARTNERSHIPS

- APD is utilizing existing partnerships with City departments to provide the best service possible to open space areas
 - Community Safety Department
 - Solid Waste
 - Albuquerque Fire Rescue
 - APD PRT and Search and Rescue collateral officers



LONG TERM SOLUTIONS

- The current model may provide an improved solution to securing open spaces.
- The APD is exploring an Open Space Bureau within APD that is staffed with Rangers dedicated to a career long mission.





Memorandum

To: MRGCD Chair Russo Baca and Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO

From: Human Resources

Date: February 13, 2023

Re: Introduction of New Hires and Job/Title Change

General Office

HALEY	ORMSBEE	ENGINEERING INTERN	01/23/2023
RAYDELL	LATOMA	IRRIGATION SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR	01/23/2023 PROMOTION
MASEWA	MODY	IRRIGATION SYSTEMS OPERATOR	02/06/2023 PROMOTION
GILBERT	MAINA JR.	IRRIGATION SYSTEMS OPERATOR	02/20/2023
ANGELINA	JIMENEZ	ENGINEER I	02/20/2023

Socorro Division

DOMINIC	CHAVEZ	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	02/06/2023 RETURN TO
			WORK



Memorandum

To: MRGCD Chair Russo Baca and Board of Directors

Jason Casuga, CEO/CE

Pam Fanelli, CFO

From: Richard DeLoia, Chief Procurement Officer RD

Date: February 6, 2023

Re: APPROVAL FOR OUTFALL MONITORING & SAMPLING

MRGCD staff is requesting approval for the Drain Outfall Monitoring & Sampling MRGCD project. The Contractor SWCA Environmental Consultants were obtained through the RFP Process and is on MRGCD Contract. Cost is based on per/site sampling requests and is estimated at \$62,940.00 for 2023. Staff may request additional site sampling by contractor depending on hydrology and river conditions.

VENDOR	ESTIMATED TOTAL
SWCA Environmental Consultants	\$62,940.00



Memorandum

To: MRGCD Chair Russo Baca and Board of Directors

Jason Casuga, CE/CEO

Pam Fanelli, CFO

From: Richard DeLoia, Chief Procurement Officer 20

Date: December 1, 2022

Re: Recommendation for Otero Lateral Culvert Crossing

Request for Bid for Otero Lateral Culvert Crossing Project was advertised on January 27th and January 31st, 2023, six (6) bid packets were issued to General Contractors, and two (2) Bids were received by the deadline 10:00 am on February 7th, 2023. After thorough review and evaluation, MRGCD staff herby recommends award to Lopez Precision LLC. Below you will find the proposed costs for Crossing and associated charges;

The community utilizing this road crossing will reimburse the MRGCD for the Culvert Crossing total at \$71,582.37. The Turnout Relocation will be funded by the MRGCD.

Cost Breakdown:



MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT 1931 SECOND STREET, SW PO BOX 581 ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87103 505-247-0234



OTERO LATERAL CULVERT CROSSING ENGINEERS ESTIMATE & BID TOTALS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	MRGCD Estimate		Lopez Precision LLC.		Vital Consulting Group	
NO.				UNIT COST	TOTAL	UNIT COST	TOTAL	UNIT COST	TOTAL
	CULVERT CROSSING								
1	MOBILIZATION / DEMOBILIZATION	1	LS	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,275.50	\$6,275.50	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
2	REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL	1	LS	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,650.00	\$4,650.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
3	6" CONCRETE SLOPE PAVING	237	SY	\$150.00	\$35,550.00	\$107.81	\$25,550.97	\$150.00	\$35,550.00
4	HAND PLACED RIPRAP 6-9"	17	CY	\$142.50	\$2,422.50	\$158.50	\$2,694.50	\$240.00	\$4,080.00
5	FILTER FABRIC	40	SY	\$7.50	\$300.00	\$9.00	\$360.00	\$15.00	\$600.00
6	EXCAVATION AND BACKFILL	330	CY	\$19.50	\$6,435.00	\$56.55	\$18,661.50	\$30.00	\$9,900.00
7	CORRUGATED METAL PIPE 60" & FITTINGS	53	LF	\$432.00	\$22,896.00	\$175.28	\$9,289.90	\$375.00	\$19,875.00
8	TRAFFIC CONTROL	1	LS	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4.100	\$4,100.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	TOTAL CULVERT CROSSING BID W/OUT NMGRT				\$75,603.50		\$71,582.37		\$82,605.00
	TURNOUT RELOCATION								
9	MOBILIZATION / DEMOBILIZATION	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
10	REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,395.00	\$2,395.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
11	6" CONCRETE SLOPE PAVING	52	SY	\$150.00	\$7,800.00	\$107.81	\$5,606.12	\$160.00	\$8,320.00
12	EXCAVATION AND BACKFILL	175	CY	\$19.50	\$3,412.50	\$56.55	\$9,896.25	\$30.00	\$5,250.00
13	CORRUGATED METAL PIPE 24" & FITTINGS	40	LF	\$254.40	\$10,176.00	\$62.98	\$2,519.20	\$200.00	\$8,000.00
14	24" FRESNO TURNOUT WITH 6' EXTENSION	1	EA	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$2,105.54	\$2,105.54	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
	TOTAL TURNOUT RELOCATION BID W/OUT NMGRT						\$26,272.11		\$31,370.00



[DATE]

Ms. Linda M. Trujillo, Superintendent New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Cannabis Control Division 2550 Cerrillos Road Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Water Delivery to Lands Owned by [NAME] for the Purposes of Cannabis Production in the Middle Rio Grande Valley

Dear Ms. Trujillo,

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) provides surface water diverted from the Rio Grande for the purpose of agricultural production in the Middle Rio Grande Valley. The MRGCD does not have oversight of the types of crops grown in the valley but does, especially during times of low water supply, equitably distribute the water to all growers in the valley.

[NAME] has requested a letter stating that he has an active water service account with the MRGCD. [NAME] has one active account for a total [IRRIGATED ACREAGE] of cultivation. This account corresponds to property located at [ADDRESS]. This account is current on its annual water service fees.

Under the MRGCD's Water Distribution Policy, all surface deliveries are subject to MRGCD scheduling and equal sharing of available water supply. Any diversion or pumping from our facility into temporary storage facilities for irrigation would require a special use license from the MRGCD. A permit from the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer may also be necessary for any on-farm storage of surface water.

Sincerely,

Jason M. Casuga PE CEO / Chief Engineer

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Xc: [NAME], Licensing and Land Sales Department, file.

23-24 FEBRUARY Family Farm Alliance Annual

Reno, Nevada

Early bird registration
December 15th



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MARCH
Land and Water Summit

Registration deadline February 24, 2023 17
MARCH
Farming in the Flyway Series

Soil Health Strategies for Salt-Affected Middle Rio Grande Soils Workshops

164 NM-116, Bosque, NM

Stephanie Russo Baca Board Reports for February 13, 2023, MRGCD Board Meeting

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Pre-1907 Water Rights Inventory Update – Adrian Oglesby

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• Review latest work by Ray and Casey to finalize OFP Cost Share and Water Accounting

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Premier 2_{nd} Conservation Program video produced by Christi Bode https://vimeo.com/582159831/6c648a5842

January 19, 2023, Valencia County Soil and Water Conservation District Board meeting, virtual.

Please see the agenda attached. I attended this meeting in the event that VCSWCD requested an MRGCD update.

January 26, 2023, Food and Farms Day at the NM Legislature and Senate Conservation Committee Meeting, re SB 57 Water Trust Fund, NM Capitol Building

House and Senate memorials declaring **January 26, 2023** "New Mexico Food & Farms Day" in the House of Representatives in celebration of community food and farm initiatives toward ending hunger. The annual New Mexico Food & Farms Day Awards celebrate individuals and organizations in New Mexico who are actively fostering innovation, equity, access, and sustainability in our local food and farming economy. The Awards are intended to ignite a statewide passion around local food that ultimately creates change in thinking, systems, and approaches to food production, use, distribution, and policy.

Two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) is transferred from the general fund to the water trust fund in the fiscal year 2023. SCONC: Reported by committee with Do Pass recommendation.

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?Chamber=S&LegType=B&LegNo=57&year=23

January 28th, 2023, Valencia Hispano Matanza, Belen Eagle Park, 305 Eagle Lane, Belen, NM 87002.

The Annual Matanza tradition returned after not being held during the pandemic. Much of the proceeds of the Matanza are to raise funds for scholarships for higher education, and over \$150,000 has been awarded to Valencia County High School Seniors and continuing college students since the inception of this event. www.hispanochambervc.org

February 1, 2023, Middle Rio Grande Fact-Sharing/Listening Session, virtual.

Presentations were given by the ISC, BOR, and MRGCD regarding Middle Rio Grande water use and water operations. Please see the attached presentations.

February 6, 2023, Irrigation Committee Meeting, MRGCD Main Office.

Discussed the updated policy and guidance manual for ISOs and the Water Bank lease. The committee recommends no water bank this year except for Alternate Curtailment Locations (ACLs).

February 7, 2023, Belen Watershed Stakeholders Meeting, Belen Public Library, 333 Becker Ave Belen, NM 87002.

This community meeting was for public input regarding the Belen Watershed Flood Prevention Project. There were over 40 attendees at this meeting in person, and many attended through zoom. Please see the attached presentation.

February 9, 2023, Review CEO Goals, MRGCD Main Office.

Mr. Casuga and I sat down to review his CEO goals in preparation for the special board meeting on February 13, 2023.

Conservation Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda January 19th, 2023 **9:30-11:30 AM.**

Meeting URL: Meeting link will be provided in the group email. It will be a GoTO Meeting invite which will have both a computer option and or call in option.

https://meet.goto.com/james789

Topics for Discussion

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Move monthly CAC meetings to Hybrid Option for Remainder of 2023



Providing resource conservation for a quality environment demonstrated through active leadership, cooperation, and partnership

*NEW MTG DAY as of JANUARY 2023: 3rd Thursday of the Month

VSWCD Board of Supervisors

Abel Camarena, Chair
Teresa Smith de Cherif, Vice-Chair
Duana Draszkiewicz, Treasurer
Richard Bonine Jr., Supervisor
Gail Goodman, Supervisor
Duana Draszkiewicz, Supervisor
Priscilla Abeita, Supervisor



19JAN23: REGULAR MEETING

VSWCD Regular Meeting* via Video/Teleconference Jan. 19th, 2023 4-to-7 PM

MTG ID: 283 468 103 503 See
website &/or Page Two for
Video Conference Links, or
CALL-IN DIRECTLY:
+1 469-965-2602,,116909656#
OR @ the VSWCD District
Office: 2424 Hwy 47, Belen, NM,

87002

*Plz See Page Two for VSWCD's <u>Public Comment Policy</u> (please send comments through USPS mail or via email at <u>public-input@valenciaswcd.org</u>)--Address & Name required

Final Agenda 19JAN2023: VSWCD Reg. Board Mtg.

CALL TO ORDER 4 P.M. (*revised from 4th Tuesday of the month)

- (1) 4:00—Verify quorum, conduct pledge of allegiance and agenda review with changes & approvalChair

- (4) 4:15—District Staff Monthly ReportStaff
- (5) 4:35—Recap of Greater Belen Chamber of Commerce's GALA Award to Friends of Whitfield.....FOW Prez. & DD
- (6) 4:40—Updates/Partner Reports / Correspondence/Other:
 - NMDA Monthly Report (Katie Mechenbier)
 - Monthly Report (Nick Goodman) (resetting Local Work Group Meeting from February 9, 2023 to April or May)
 - MRGCD Monthly Report
 - Friends of Whitfield Monthly Rpt. (Pres. Linda Frazer)
 - Correspondence (TBD)
- (7) 5:00--Review and Approval Resolution #7-2023: Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Tax Deferral
- (8) **5:15—Budget & Accounting:** (led by Treasurer Draszkiewicz, Business Manager McCready & CPA Fogel)
 - Month of Dec. 2022 expenditures review & approval
 - **Grant Updates** (FEMA, Peregrine Accelerator, Waterways4Wildlife (NWTF), Capital Outlay updates)
 - Review & Approval: FY23 2nd Quarter Report to DFA
 - Review & Approval: 19JAN23 District Needs List (e.g., \$1k for L&W Summit, Pay increase for CPM Chavez per his newly received degree in Wildlife Management)
 - Review & Approval: FY23 Mid-year Budget revisions
- (9) 6:30--Supervisor Round Robin......Board
 *NLT 7 PM ADJOURNMENT......Chair

Andrew Hautzinger--District Director (DD)

- Megan M^cCready Business Manager (BM)
- Johnny Chavez Conservation Program Manager (CPM)
- Laura M^cCann—Environmental Education Prog. Mngr. (EEPM)
- Delicias Salazar—Education Assistant Intern (EEA)
- YCC Field Crew I: Lexi De Graaf (Leader), Fran Keryte, Nate Kaib and Brayden Galarza
- EVUGP Garden Managers: Nohelia Cervantes & Gabi Padilla

NEXT VSWCD REG. BOARD MTG: Thursday, Feb. 16th, 2023

** All Agenda Items may be acted upon by the Board **
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VSWCD STAFF



Providing resource conservation for a quality environment demonstrated through active leadership, cooperation, and partnership

*NEW MTG DAY as of JANUARY 2023: 3rd Thursday of the Month

Please: If you are in need of special accommodations to attend, please contact the office at least 3 days prior to meeting *

Acronyms/Abbreviations:

BEMP = Bosque Environ. Monitoring Program
CPM = Conservation Program Manager
DD = District Director

DD = District Director
DFA = Department of Finance and Administration
EE / EEPM= Environmental Educ. / EE Prog. Mngr.
EVUGP = East Valencia Urban Gardens Program
FWWCA = Friends of Whitfield (501c3)
GRGWA = Greater Rio Grande Watershed Assoc.
HSP = Healthy Soils Program (NMDA)
IRSA = Isleta Reach Stewardship Association
MRGCD = Middle Rio Grande Conservation District
NACD = Nat'l Association of Conservation Districts
NMACD=NM Assoc. of Conservation Districts
NMDA=New Mexico Department of Agriculture
NRCS = Natural Resources Conservation Service
OMA = Open Meetings Act
WWCA = Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area

VSWCD HOSTED MONTHLY MEETING: INFORMATION TO

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- Make sure you have a good internet connection
- If you are joining by computer/laptop, you should be able to join by web or by Microsoft Teams app
- If you are joining by phone/tablet, you might have to download app to join. Or JUST USE *AUDIO ONLY*
- Do a test run and join the meeting when you have a chance, even if it is days in advance, so you can make sure your settings are correct.

If you need help, Contact VSWCD's <u>Johnny Chavez</u>: <u>johnnychavez@valenciaswcd.org</u> or phone : <u>505-917-0657</u>

Join our MS-TEAMS Mtg. via computer or mobile app: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_Mzc3YjYyOWMtNmI4OC00NGNiLTIm

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Public Comment Policy Statement:

Due to the need to minimize spread of COVID-19 across New Mexico, to keep our communities safe and well, there is a temporary policy for public comments to be read during the

livestream remote regular Board meetings until further notice. All public comments for presentation at the meeting must be submitted in writing, with NAME & ADDRESS provided, by mail or email (send to publicinput@valenciaswcd.org) UP TO ONE HOUR PRIOR to the start of the meeting. We will check USPS mail no later than 1:00 pm the day before the meeting. Provided comments will be read aloud by a District designate at the meeting. The Chair will keep with the three-minute comment policy per comment to ensure timely conductance of the meeting. The regular policy cited here is for your information when we return to regularly assembled meetings.

WHEREAS: The Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978, Chapter 10, Article 15, III Section 10-15-1, Subpart A states "an open public meeting is not necessarily an open forum and, so long as the Act is complied with, public bodies may limit, or not allow public debate and may take steps necessary to maintain public order" and Subpart F states "meeting notices shall include an agenda containing a list of specific items of business to be discussed or transacted at the mtg.". WHEREAS: The Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District (VSWCD) desires to provide opportunity for public comment at meetings under its purview;

THEREFORE: In accordance with the Open Meetings Act

- Persons who wish to give comment will so indicate on the sign in sheet prior to start of the meeting.
- Comments need to be received no later than one hour prior to the start of the meeting (either at <u>public-input@valanciaswcd.org</u> or via USPS Post the day prior).
- All comments will be limited to 3 minutes and compliance will be enforced to ensure timely conductance of District business.
- Board of Supervisors are under no legal obligation to accept, concur with or record any offered public comment(s).
- Appropriate action(s) will be taken as necessary by the board at the meeting, or otherwise in a timely manner.
 *While this policy pertains to conductance of VSWCD meetings, public comments may also be submitted at any time to the District Director, or public email, as shown below:

Phone: 505-864-8914

Letters: VSWCD Attention District Director

PO Box 170, Belen, NM 87002

Email: andrewhautzinger@valenciaswcd.org
Public Input email: public-input@valenciaswcd.org



Water Operations Flexibility for Species, and Lower Reach River Realignments within the Middle Rio Grande

Actions for moving forward

Sharon Wirth, Assistant Manager - Albuquerque Area Office

Discussion Points

Basin Study update

Flexibility in current water operations for species

Lower Reach River Realignments



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MRG Basin Study Update

- MOA signed 01/24/23
 - 3-year process
 - 34 signatories
- Stakeholder input
 - values and long-term needs
- Study output
 - Baseline climate projections until 2099
 - Adaptation strategies, projects, or actions to adjust to the climate projections
 - Basis for additional federal funding (WaterSMART)





Discussion Points

Basin Study update

Flexibility in current water operations for species

Lower Reach River Realignments



Flexibility in current water operations for species

- ✓ Continue close coordination
- ✓ NFWF leasing
- ✓RM 60 project
- **✓** Conservation storage



Discussion Points

Basin Study update

Flexibility in current water operations for species

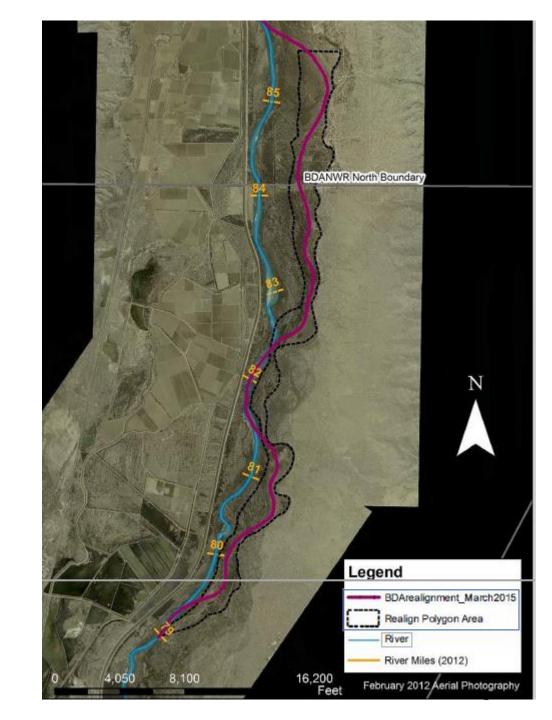
Lower Reach River Realignments



Lower Reach River Realignments

Align river with natural topography:

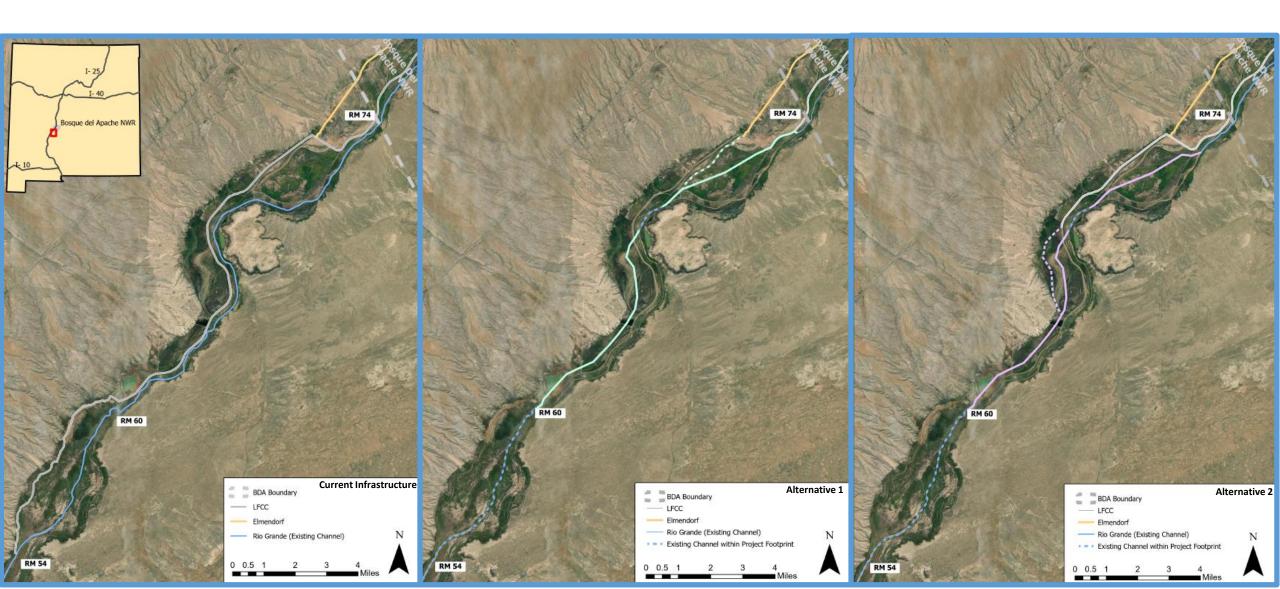
- Landscape approach with multiple benefits
- To support habitat resilience
- To improve connectivity and conveyance



Lower Reach Channel Incisions



River Realignments – Lower San Acacia Reach Improvements (LSARI)



River Realignments – LSARI Timeline

	Tasks		Tasks
2017	Lower Reach Plan	2023	Draft EIS NOI planned for March, public scoping, field surveys and data collection
2019	Investigate Lower San Acacia Reach Options (w/ partners)	2024	Draft EIS draft
2021	Value Planning Study	2025	Final EIS and ROD
2022	Alternatives identified, Feasibility Study begins, draft EIS begins, technical teams established	2025	Construction Planned
2023	Feasibility Study complete, preferred alternative identified	2025 to 2028	Phased construction





Middle Rio Grande Water Use Operational and Environmental Connections Fact Sharing and Listening

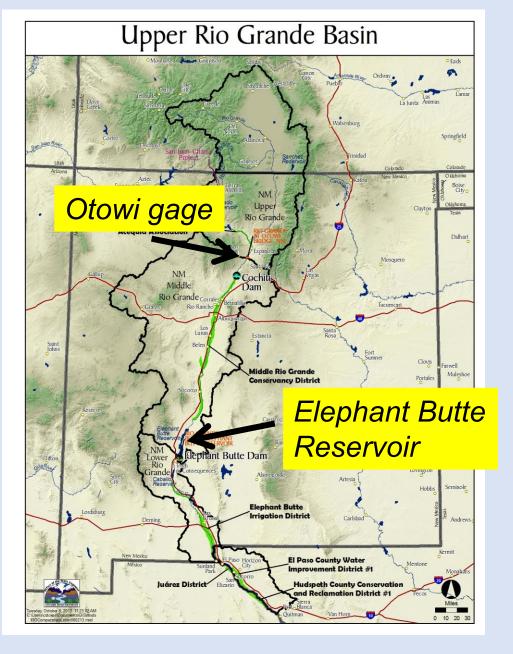
Mike A. Hamman, P.E., State Engineer
Office of the State Engineer

Hannah Riseley-White, Deputy Director Interstate Stream Commission

Page Pegram, Rio Grande Basin Manager Interstate Stream Commission

February 1, 2023



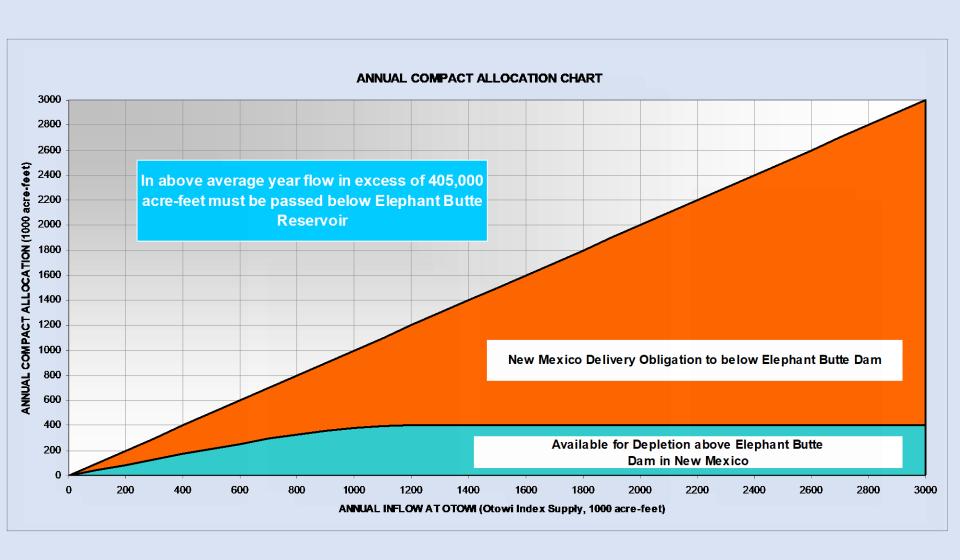


Rio Grande Compact

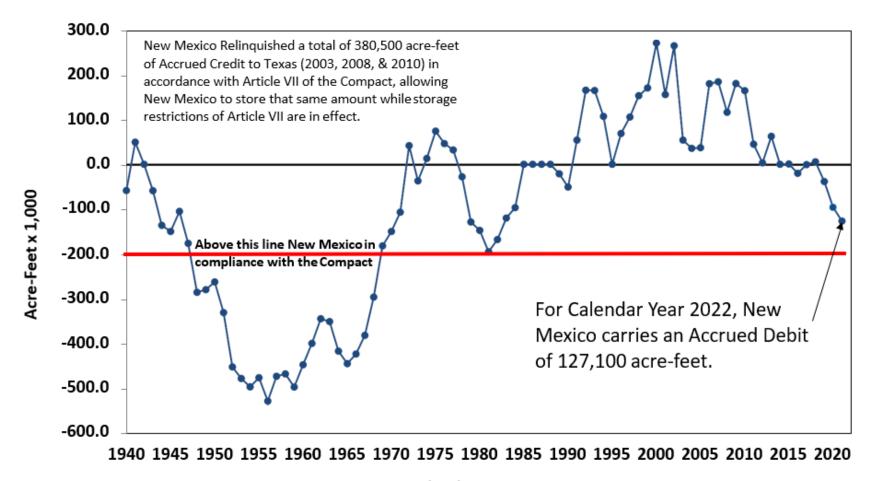
New Mexico is Required to Deliver Water to Texas at Elephant Butte Reservoir (the Rio Grande Project):

- If depletions change between the Stateline with Colorado and Otowi Bridge, modify Middle Rio Grande allocation
- An explicit Middle Rio Grande allocation and delivery
- 57% of the Rio Grande Project Supply used in New Mexico

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE ALLOCATION



Rio Grande Compact Cumulative Departures 1940 to 2021



Calendar Year

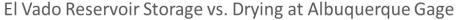
Notes: 1) The Compact Commission has not approved annual accounting since 2011. Values in the chart since that time are those calculated and proposed by the New Mexico Engineer Adviser as described in annual reports to the Compact Commission.

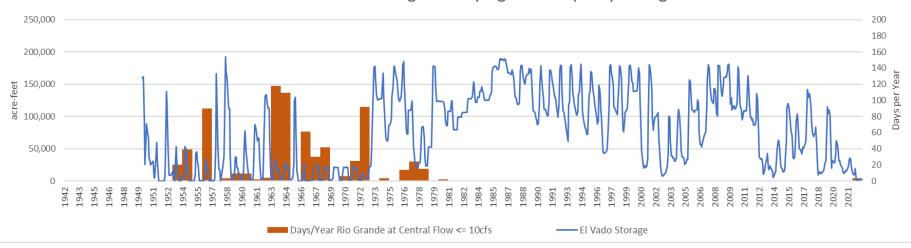
Article VII of the Compact

Whenever Usable Water in Rio Grande Project Storage is less than 400,000 acre-feet (AF), New Mexico is prohibited from increasing storage of native Rio Grande water in reservoirs constructed after 1929 upstream of Elephant Butte Reservoir.

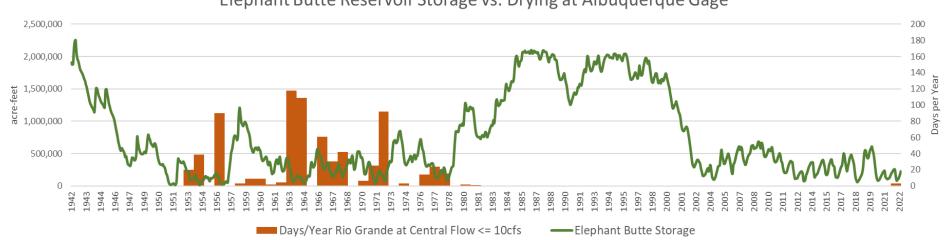
When the Article VII storage restriction is in effect, native water storage can only occur in upstream post-1929 reservoirs if New Mexico proposes to relinquish Credit Water and Texas accepts.

Compact Article VII Restrictions Impact Flow in the ABQ Reach

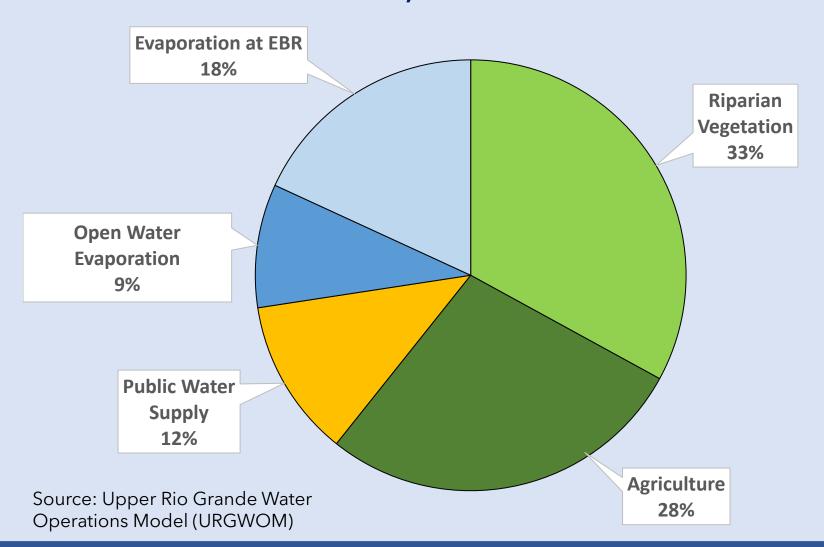




Elephant Butte Reservoir Storage vs. Drying at Albuquerque Gage



AVERAGE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER USE BY SECTOR, 2000-2014



FY24 Special Appropriation Request

San Acacia reach of the Rio Grande Improvements

FY23-28 \$30,000,000

To conduct river channel maintenance, habitat restoration, low flow conveyance channel maintenance, and flood control projects in the San Acacia reach of the Rio Grande to improve flood protection and water deliveries and benefit species and native riparian areas, which all can contribute to New Mexico's compacts compliance and its Endangered Species Act biological opinion commitments, for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 through 2028

Need to Balance the Functions of the River System

Water Delivery

Storage = Critical

Ecosystem

Flood Control

QUESTIONS?



BELEN WATERSHED FLOOD PREVENTION PROJECT

5:30 p.m. February 7, 2023 Belen Public Library



Agenda

- Introductions
- Meeting Purpose
- Project Overview/Location
- Draft Purpose and Need
- Example Practices
- Comments Invited
- Next Steps/Schedule



Virtual Meeting **Tips**



Mute your microphones when not speaking



Use chat to ask questions (preferred)



The **Hand** icon can also be used



Please **identify yourself** if asking a question



Introduction – Project Team

- USDA-NRCS
- Valencia County
- MRGCD
- Wilson & Company
 - WEST Consultants
 - WSP











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Purpose and Need

Purpose

The purpose of the Belen Watershed Flood Prevention Project is to minimize flooding impacts within the Belen watershed area in order to address potential damage to residents and businesses within the area, to stabilize agricultural production dependent upon irrigation waters, and to improve conservation of the soil resources damaged by erosion from flooding events. This project will identify and evaluate alternatives for minimizing impacts from flood events.

Need

In recent years, flooding events in the Belen watershed area have resulted in damage to numerous properties and local infrastructure within the area. Flooding has occurred on irrigable lands, Interstate-25, railroad right-of-way and within residential areas.

Project Overview and Goals

- USDA-NRCS, Valencia County and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District are studying various options to better manage stormwaters in the Greater Belen area to minimize flooding impacts.
- With development and under-regulated zoning in many of the of the unincorporated areas within the project boundaries, there are increasing levels of impact to the people and property in specific areas that can be prone to significant flooding.



Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program

Watershed Rehabilitation Program

USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service

Who we help?

Where we help?

How we help?

<u>Authorities</u>

- Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention
 Act of 1954 (Public Law 83-566)
- Pilot Watershed Program authorized under the Department of Agriculture Appropriations Act of 1954
- Flood Control Act of 1944(Public Law 78-534)
- Resource and Conservation Development Program authorized under the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981



ROLE OF NRCS

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Watershed Plan – Environmental Document is Phase 1 (Planning Phase) of a 3-Phase process

- Provides majority of project funding
- Primary Administrator of Project
- Conducts Reviews of Project Documents
- Coordinates with Public in conjunction with LSO
- Coordinates and Consults with other government agencies

ROLE OF LOCAL SPONSOR

Local Sponsoring Organizations – MRGCD & Valencia County

Sponsor Responsibilities:

- permits,
- land right acquisition,
- utilities coordination and
- long term operation and maintenance



Watershed Project Plan – Environmental Document

- Considers several project alternatives
- Evaluates project alternatives against environmental, social, economic and public concerns/existing conditions and known future development/plans
- Chooses one alternative that best meets the criteria of the NEE/NED
- Determines if project should move forward to meet the community need.





FLOOD VOLUME AND RATE REDUCTION

Infiltration Structures and Land Use Changes

 Infiltrate Rainfall or Snowmelt, Reducing Volume of Water Conveyed Downstream

LOW IMPACT SOLUTIONS FOR RI LAND DEVELOPERS

Conservation Development

An unintended consequence of large lot development has led to a loss of open space, increased runoff and additional pollutants to waterways. Plan to use compact neighborhood design and preserve maximum open space in new developments.

Wetland Buffers

help maintain good water quality. Preserving land along streams and rivers helps remove pollutants, protect against flood waters and stabilize stream banks. Preserving and restoring natural wetland buffers is considered to be the single most important management practice to protect water resources.

Circulation Design

can maximize efficiency and decrease total impervious surface by integrating a number of controls to help infiltrate stormwater and snow melt. Smaller parking lots, narrower sidewalks and driveways, porous pavements and replacing cul de sacs with vegetated islands can help mitigate polluted runoff.

LID Landscaping

Since native soils and plants play an important role in infiltrating stormwater, confine site disturbance to the smallest area possible. Replant disturbed areas with low-maintenance, native plants that encourage retention of water on-site and reduce lawns size to reduce water, fertilizer and pesticide use.

















Filter and Infiltrate On-Site

by diverting runoff from rooftops, driveways and other impervious surfaces to a natural vegetated or landscaped area (Qualified Pervious Area). Managing stormwater on individual lots is more cost effective than conveying it off-site to a central drainage area.

Rain Gardens and Bio Retention Areas

are landscaped depressions that **collect and filter stormwater** through layers of mulch, soil and plants. Pollutants are retained, degraded and absorbed, while clean water is then infiltrated or discharged into a stormwater system. Small rain gardens can be integrated onto residential lots, while larger bioretention systems are suitable for cul de sacs, road sides or parking lot drainage.

Water Harvesting

is an economical way to capture and re-use stormwater that can increase your project's marketability. Cisterns collect runoff from roofs and roadways, storing it for landscape irrigation, fire control or other non-potable applications.

Vegetated Swales

are shallow, vegetated channels that treat and convey stormwater. Unlike underground pipes or concrete drainage channels, vegetated swales slow runoff velocity, filter pollutants, reduce runoff temperatures and can facilitate infiltration while eliminating the need for costly curbs and infrastructure.





We Need Your Input

- This is a collaborative process
- We are looking for your input on:
 - Flooding and Erosion Issues
 - Water Resources
 - Cultural Resources
 - Wildlife and Biological Resources
 - Evaluation of Alternatives

Email Comments to: info@sunny505.com

Watershed Limits



Alternatives

- No Action
- Structural Alternative (Culverts, Channels, and Ponds)
- Sponsor's Alternative
- Non-Structural Alternative (Policy Changes and Green Infrastructure)
- Environmentally Preferred Alternative

All alternatives developed shall meet the objectives of the federal program

Possible Intervention Methods

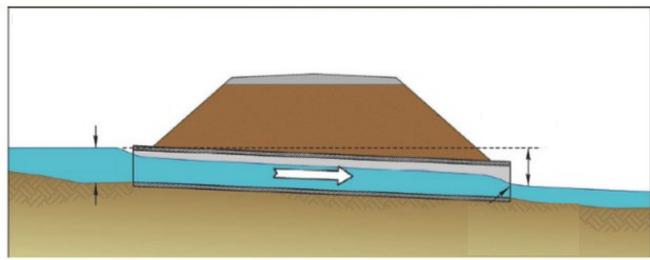
- Culverts
- Channels
- Green Infrastructure
- Ponds/Storage
- Buffers
- And other measures

Intervention Methods – Culverts

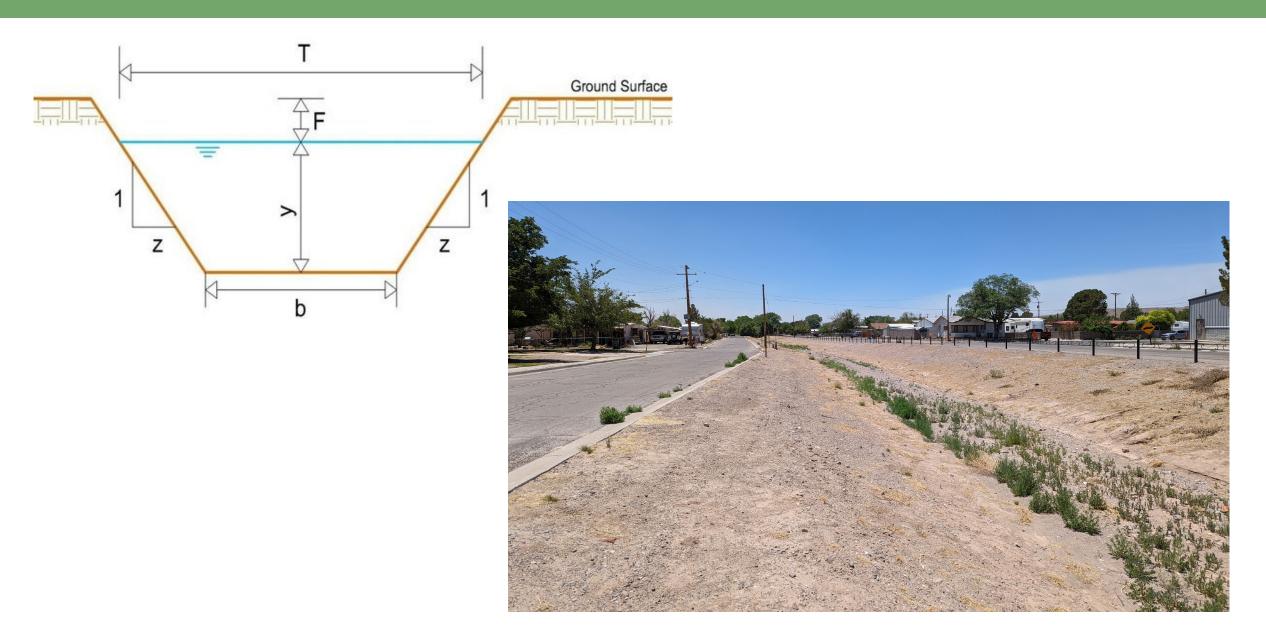




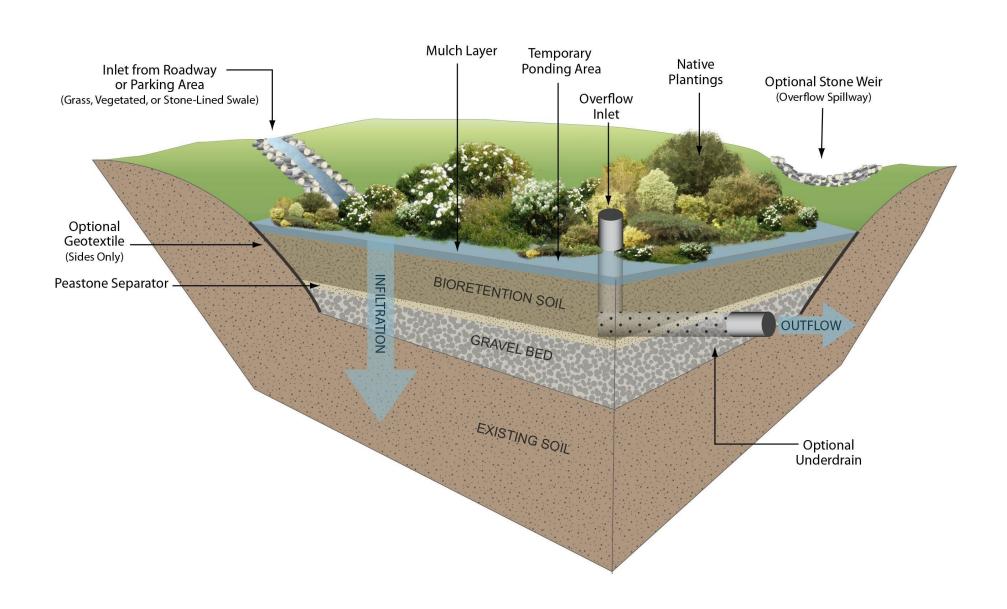




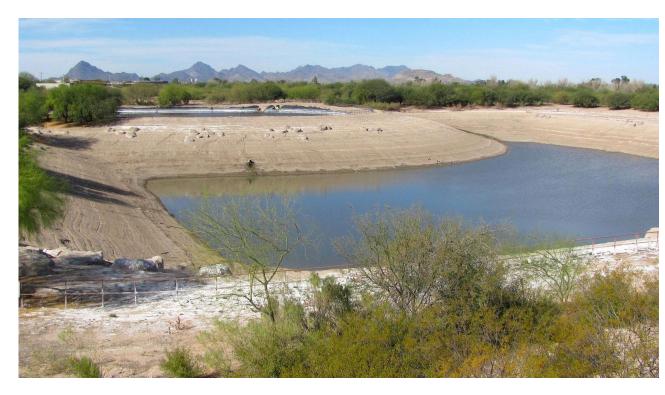
Intervention Methods – Channels

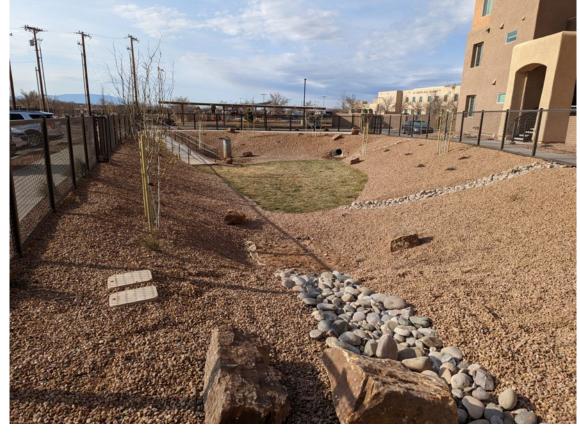


Intervention Methods – Green Infrastructure



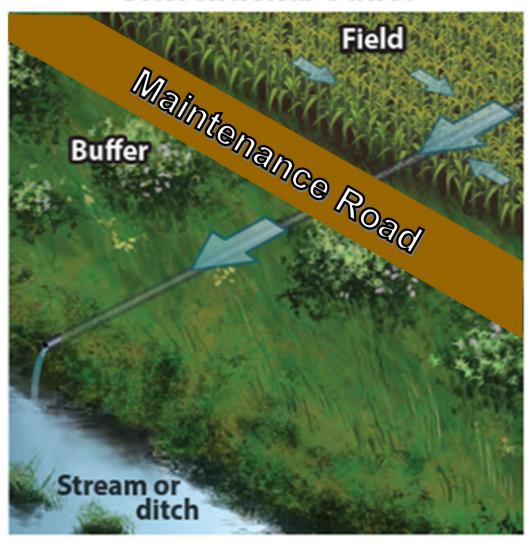
Intervention Methods – Ponds for Flood Water Storage



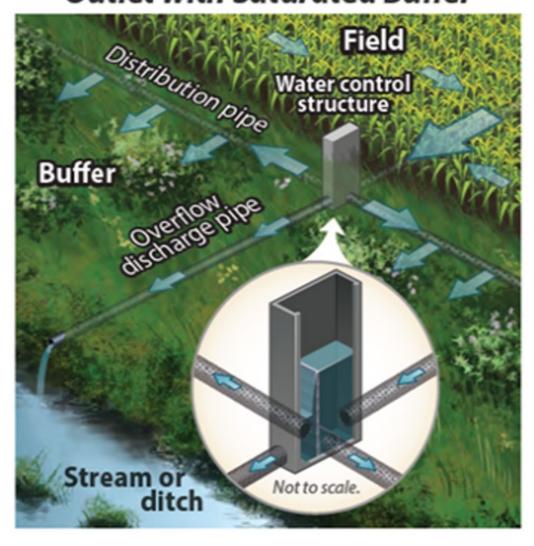


Intervention Methods – Buffers

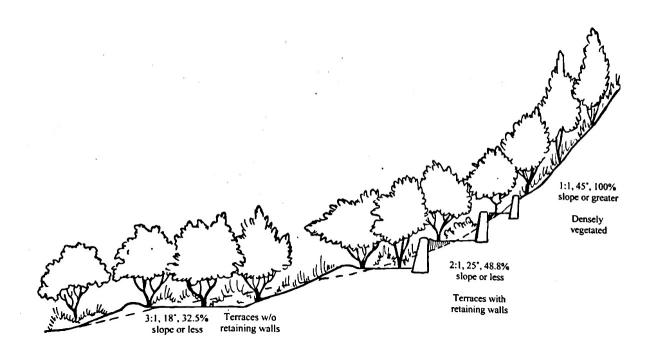
Conventional Outlet



Outlet with Saturated Buffer



Intervention Methods – Watershed Management





Terracing

Rainwater Harvesting

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Target Milestones

Public Meeting #1

Complete Draft Watershed Plan

Public Meeting #2

Final Watershed Plan

30-Day Public Comment Period

Estimated Start Date of Design Plans

Construction

February 2023

April 2024

TBD

December 2024

January 2025

TBD

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QUESTIONS

COMMENTS

- Online attendees Send comments and/or input to: info@sunny505.com
- In person attendees Pick up a comment form and submit