



Agenda

For Presentation at the
2,198th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

April 10, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:

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- 3:00 1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3:01 2. **Approval of the Agenda**
- 3:03 3. **Consent Agenda**
- Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – April 10, 2023
 - Consideration/Approval of March 2023 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
 - Consideration/Approval of March 2023 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.
 - Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting – March 13, 2023
 - Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – March 13, 2023
 - Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for March 2023 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **MRGCD Board of Directors 2023 Election to be held October 3, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO**
- Consideration/Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Automated Election Services for the Administration of the 2023 Election Management and Turnkey Services
 - Consideration/Approval of 2023 Election Director, MRGCD Election Officer and List Compiler
- 3:25 5. **Update on the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) San Acacia Levee – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO**
- 3:35 6. **MRGCD Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust (RGALT) MOA 2022 Annual Report – Cecilia Rosacker, Executive Director**
- 3:45 7. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**
- 4:00 8. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department – Christine L. Nardi, MBA**
- Honoring Sloan Washburn, Belen Division Manager, for his 26 Years of Service
 - Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
- 4:15 9. **Report(s) from the Chief Procurement Officer – Richard DeLoia, CPO**
- Consideration/Approval for the Silvery Minnow Egg Monitoring
- 4:25 10. **Consideration/Approval for Proposed Land Sales – Eric Zamora, COO**
- MRGCD Map 57 Tract 10A2 – Randy Sena
- 4:45 11. **Update on the Upcoming 2023 Irrigation Season**
- Report on the Water Supply Conditions – Anne Marken, Water Ops Division Manager
 - Status Report on Water Distribution – Matt Martinez, Water Distribution Division Manager
- 5:05 12. **Report(s) from the Department of the Interior**
- Bureau of Reclamation – Jennifer Faler, Area Manager
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs – Roland Becenti, Acting Designated Engineer

- 5:15 13. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**
- a. Consideration/Approval to Develop the FY2024 Budget to Include the 1 Mill Increase
 - b. Report on the 3rd Quarter Financial Statements
 - c. Discussion/Approval of the Report on the Finance Committee Meeting, April 10, 2023 – Directors Kelly, Vice Chair Dunning and Director Barbara Baca
- 5:30 14. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**
- a. 2023 Legislative Session Update and Related – John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist
 - b. Consideration/Approval for the Corrales Interior Drain Joint Powers Agreement – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Yasmeen Najmi, Planner
 - c. Consideration/Approval for the MOA Between Bureau of Reclamation Technical Service Center, Fisheries and Wildlife Resources Group and the MRGCD – Anne Marken, Water Ops Division Manager and Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
 - d. Report on the Law of the Rio Grande Conference, Santa Fe, April 3-4, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chair Russo Baca and Directors Joaquin Baca and Sandoval
 - e. Upcoming Events
 1. Farming in The Flyway Series, Soil Health Strategies for Salt-Affected Middle Rio Grande Soils Workshops, 164 NM-116, Bosque, NM | May 12, 2023
 2. NWRA Federal Water Issues Conference, Washington, DC | April 17 – 19, 2023
- 6:00 15. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**
- 6:05 16. **Report(s) from the Board**
- a. Report on the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting, March 16, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca
 - b. Report on the 100-Year Celebration Kickoff Meeting, March 22, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca and Director Joaquin Baca
 - c. Report on the Agriculture Appreciation Day, March 25, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca and Director Joaquin Baca
 - d. Report on the Water Protection Committee Meeting, March 29, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca and Directors Joaquin Baca and Sandoval
 - e. Report on the Primera Aqua (Acequia Madre de Atrisco), April 1, 2023 – Directors Barbara Baca and Joaquin Baca
 - f. Report on the Meeting at BlueFly Farm with Senator Martin Heinrich, Representative D-2 Gabe Velasquez, and Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack, April 3, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca
 - g. Report on the District Urban Issues Committee Meeting, April 6, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca and Directors Joaquin Baca and Barbara Baca
 - h. Workshop to develop a climate-adapted revegetation design for Whitfield Complex lands along the Middle Rio Grande, April 7, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca
- 6:30 17. **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

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