



Agenda

For Presentation at the
2,199th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

May 8, 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 – May 8, 2023
 - Consideration/Approval of April 2023 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
 - Consideration/Approval of April 2023 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.
 - Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – April 10, 2023
 - Consideration/Approval of the Grant Agreement for MRGCD Assistance with the Purchase and Installation of Automated Gates for the Low Flow Conveyance Channel West
 - Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for April 2023 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Consideration/Approval of 2023 MRGCD Election Formal Documents – Eli Lovato, Election Director and Election Committee and Report of the Election Committee Meeting, April 25, 2023 (Director Sandoval and Vice Chair Dunning)**
- MRGCD Election Calendar
 - MRGCD Election Rule 20
 - Resolution of the Notice of Election & Proclamation
- 3:20 5. **Update on the 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
- 3:35 6. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**
- 3:45 7. **Proposed Mill Levy Increase**
- Presentation of the FY24 Budget – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
 - Report from the Finance Committee Meeting, April 28, 2023 – Directors Kelly, Dunning and Barbara Baca
 - Public Comment Specific to this Agenda Item (limited to six (6) minutes)
 - Consideration/Approval of the Budget Adoption Fiscal Year 07-01-2023 to 06-30-2024 Resolution BA-05-08-23-88 – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
 - Consideration/Approval of the Creation of a Capital Investment, Debt Service and Grant Fund Resolution BA-05-08-23-89 – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
- 4:10 8. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department – Christine L. Nardi, MBA**
- Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
 - Employee Recognitions
- 4:15 9. **Report(s) from the Department of the Interior**
- Bureau of Reclamation – Jennifer Faler, Area Manager
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs – Roland Becenti, Acting Designated Engineer
- 4:30 10. **Report(s) from the Chief Operating Officer – Eric Zamora, PE**
- Report on the Maintenance Division Boundary – Eric Zamora, COO

- b. Report on the Meeting with Valencia County, April 11, 2023 – Eric Zamora, COO and Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- c. Report on the IRWA Training – Rhett Sanders-Spencer, Ashley Veihl and Michael Padilla, Right of Way Specialists

4:50 11. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**

- a. Consideration/Approval for the Corrales Interior Drain Joint Powers Agreement – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Yasmeen Najmi, Planner
- b. Consideration/Approval for the MOA Between Bureau of Reclamation Technical Service Center, Fisheries and Wildlife Resources Group and the MRGCD for ESA Bird Monitor – Anne Marken, Water Ops Division Manager and Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- c. El Vado Dam Construction Schedule Update– Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- d. Report on the Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition Meeting, April 13 & May 4, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- e. Report on the Rio Grande Compact Commission Meeting, April 21, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Casey Ish, Conservation Program Supervisor and Chair Russo Baca
- f. Report on the Presentation to Isleta, April 27, 2023 – Eric Zamora, COO and Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- g. Report on the NWRRA Federal Water Issues Conference, Washington DC, April 17-20, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chair Russo Baca, Vice Chair Dunning and Director Duggins
- h. Discussion on Informational Meetings – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- i. 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. Joint Rio Grande Tour - MRGCD/Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) | June 27-29
 - 3. Rio Grande Water Users Association Meeting | October 3-5, 2023

5:50 12. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**

5:55 13. **Report(s) from the Board**

- a. Report on the Lower San Acacia Reach Improvement Project, April 12, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca
- b. Report on the Earth Day Fiesta, April 22, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca
- c. Report on the Low Flow Conveyance Channel Info-Sharing & Listening Session, April 25, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca
- d. Report on the Summer Conservation Camp Planning Meeting with local farmers, Whitfield, and MRGCD, April 12 & 26, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca
- e. Report on the IRSA at Rio Abajo Conservation Area, April 28, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca
- f. Report on the Conservancy Act Centennial Meeting, May 2, 2023 – Vice Chair Dunning, Directors Joaquin Baca and Kelly

6:00 14. **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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