

## 2023 MRGCD BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION CALENDAR

<b>ISSUE OF RFP FOR ELECTION MANAGEMENT AND TURNKEY ELECTION SERVICES</b>	APRIL 10, 2023
<b>BOARD APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONTRACT SERVICES, FOR MRGCD ELECTION MANAGEMENT, AND TURNKEY ELECTION SERVICES</b>	MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023
<b>RATIFICATION OF ELECTION DIRECTOR</b> "Election Director" means a person whom the Board of Directors may request to provide election services by a contract approved by the Secretary of State.	MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023
<b>RATIFICATION OF ELECTION OFFICER</b> "Election Officer" means a person appointed by the Board of Directors to conduct the election in the absence of the Election Director and who performs all election services as required by statute.	MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023
<b>RATIFICATION OF LIST COMPILER</b> The Board of Directors of the conservancy district may contract for a list compiler before each election to compile and produce a qualified elector's list for the District.	MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023
<b>RATIFICATION OF 2023 MRGCD RULE 20</b>	MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023
<b>RATIFICATION OF 2023 MRGCD ELECTION CALENDAR</b>	MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023
<b>RESOLUTION – NOTICE OF ELECTION &amp; PROCLAMATION</b>	MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023
<b>PROCLAMATION – NOTICE OF ELECTION</b>  Prior to the District election, the Board shall approve an election proclamation that shall be published to include a list of the offices for which a candidate may file, the date and place at which declaration of candidacy shall be filed and the date of the election. The election proclamation shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the counties in which the election shall be held.	MAY 2023  Albuquerque Journal El Defensor Chieftain Valencia County News Bulletin Corrales Comment Additional Publications
<b>DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION RATES FOR POLL WORKERS</b>  The Board of Directors will determine the rate of compensation for Presiding Judges and poll workers.	BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023
<b>ALL ELECTION FORMS APPROVED</b> All Election Forms prepared by the Election Director will be approved by the Board. Notice of Candidacy/Petition forms will give candidates a month to gather signatures. At the same Board Meeting, the Board will adopt a policy regarding distribution of election forms to the public.	BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023
<b>CANDIDATE PACKETS; CANDIDATE FORMS</b> First day to pick up Declaration of Candidacy and Petition Forms from MRGCD Election Officer at the MRGCD General Office. Forms must be picked up in person and will not be available on MRGCD website, US Mail or sent by electronic mail.	WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023

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<p><b>QUALIFIED ELECTOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION DEADLINE</b> (Ninety Days Prior)</p> <p>An individual who purchases property ninety days prior to an election and whose name does not appear on the qualified elector's list shall not vote in that election.</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023</p>
<p><b>DEADLINE TO RECEIVE ALL RECORDS FROM COUNTIES, PUEBLOS, NEW MEXICO VITAL RECORDS AND HEALTH STATISTICS</b></p> <p>Names of qualified electors shall be obtained from the records of the County Clerk of the appropriate county, the appropriate county assessor of the appropriate county, records of the District or from the census bureau and enrollment records provided by the Pueblos. The County Assessor of the appropriate county, the County Clerk of the appropriate county and the tribal representatives of the appropriate Pueblos shall deliver to the Election Director all records regarding qualified electors of the benefited area no later than the last day of July before a District election.</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023</p>
<p><b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY; SIGNATURES OF ELECTORS</b></p> <p>Any person who desires to become a candidate for election as a member of the District Board of Directors shall file a written declaration of candidacy with the Election Director or with the Election Officer at least sixty (60) days before the election. The Election Officer or the Election Director shall certify the candidates to the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2023</p>
<p><b>FILING DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES (SIXTY DAYS PRIOR)</b></p> <p>Declaration of candidacy; signatures of electors.</p> <p>A. Any person who desires to become a candidate for election as a member of the Conservancy District Board of Directors shall file a written declaration of candidacy with the Election Director or the Election Officer at least sixty (60) days before the election. The Election Director or the Election Officer shall certify the candidates to the Board of Directors.</p> <p>B. The declaration of the candidacy shall contain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A statement that the candidate is a qualified elector of the District and meets the qualifications of a director as required by law;</li> <li>(2) The name as the candidate wishes to appear on the ballot, address, county of residence and date of declaration of candidacy;</li> <li>(3) The numerical designation of the position on the Board of Directors for which he/she/their desires to be a candidate;</li> <li>(4) If a candidate for a position representing a county in the District, a petition signed by a least seventy-five (75) qualified electors of the District who reside in the county;</li> <li>(5) If a candidate for the position at large in the District, a petition signed by at least one hundred twenty-five (125) qualified electors; and</li> <li>(6) A statement that the candidate resides within the conservancy district and in the county for which he/she/their desires to be a candidate on the Board of Directors.</li> </ol>	<p>FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2023</p>
<p><b>CANDIDATES DRAW FOR POSITION ON BALLOT (FIFTY-SEVEN DAYS PRIOR)</b></p> <p>Position on the ballot will be determined when candidates file for office by drawing from numbers one (1) through twenty five (25). The candidate with the lowest number shall be first on the ballot with each following position being determined by the next lowest number. The name of the candidate shall appear on the ballot in the same form as it appears on the Declaration of Candidacy.</p>	<p>MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023</p>

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<p><b>FILING DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES (FIFTY FIVE DAYS PRIOR)</b> (Write-In Ballots – The Board of Director’s power to regulate procedure at polling places, instructions to voters and determination of voter eligibility does not include the authority to deny the privilege of casting a write-in ballot to elect a board member.</p> <p>A person desiring to be a write-in candidate shall file a written declaration of intent with the Election Officer at least fifty five (55) calendar days prior to the election. The declaration of intent shall be in the form established by the Board. At the time of filing the declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, the write-in candidate shall be considered a candidate for all purposes and provisions in relation to candidates in Rule 20 except that he/she/their shall not be entitled to have his/her/their name printed on the ballot.</p> <p>No unopposed write-in candidate shall have his/her/their election certified unless he/she/they have received at least the number of write-in votes as he/she/they would need signatures on a nominating petition pursuant to the requirements of Rule 20.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023</p>
<p><b>BOARD DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF POLLING LOCATIONS</b> After candidates are established, polling locations are recommended to the Board for approval. Approved list is given to Election Director to begin programming and assigning voting machines for the election.</p> <p>For every conservancy district election, the Board of Directors shall provide for adequate polling places within the boundaries of the District. In addition, the Board of Directors shall provide a polling place at the general office of the District and may provide such other locations as it deems necessary. The Board of Directors may also create absentee-early voter and absent voter precincts.</p> <p>If only one candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy for a position to be filled at an election, no declared write-in candidate has filed for a position and there are no questions or bond issues on the ballot, only one polling place for the election may be designated. The one polling place may be located in the office of the Election Director or in the office of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023</p>
<p><b>INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR ELECTION CANDIDATES</b> Candidates that have been qualified to run in the election will receive information on the various characteristics of the election, i.e. Rule 20, benefitted lands, boundaries of the MRGCD of as well as a brief history of the MRGCD.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023</p>
<p><b>ANNOUNCEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATES</b> The Election Director shall, fifty-three (53) days prior to election day, certify the name(s) of the declared write-in candidate(s) to the Election Director.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023</p>
<p><b>ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES</b> Candidates are announced at the first Board meeting following the filing deadline for candidates.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023</p>

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<p><b>DELIVERY OF QUALIFIED ELECTOR LISTS TO ELECTION DIRECTOR (FORTY-FIVE DAYS PRIOR)</b></p> <p>A master list is given to the Election Director for Absentee Voting purposes. The List Compiler puts the list together from data gathered from the County Assessors, Pueblo Governor approved enrollment lists, MRGCD water users, and it is edited to purge the list of deceased individuals (received from the New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics) as well as eliminate duplications as much as possible. Company names, corporations, limited partnerships, churches, and any listing other than an individual name are purged. Every effort is made to obtain spouse names (etux) and other names on deed (et al) at the respective county offices.</p>	<p>SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023</p>
<p><b>ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS</b></p> <p>Absentee ballots shall be distributed by the Election Director during regular hours and days of business from the fortieth (40) day preceding the election up until 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately prior to the date of the election.</p>	<p>THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023, TO SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023</p>
<p><b>NOTICE OF THE ELECTION</b></p> <p>Notice of the election shall be published three (3) times in a newspaper of general circulation within each county of the District. Each notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the election and shall be published twenty (20), ten (10) and five (5) days before the election.</p>	<p>20 DAYS WED., SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 10 DAYS SAT., SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 5 DAYS THURS., SEPTEMBER 28, 2023</p> <p>El Defensor Chieftain Valencia County News-Bulletin Corrales Comment Albuquerque Journal Additional Publications</p>
<p><b>EARLY VOTING BEGINS</b></p> <p>"Absentee-early voter" means a qualified elector who has voted early, prior to election day, on an electronic voting machine at a designated absentee-early voter precinct.</p>	<p>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023, TO SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023</p>

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<p><b>ELECTION DAY</b></p> <p>B. The members of the Board of Directors created pursuant to provisions of Section 73-14-18 through 73-14-32 NMSA 1978 shall be elected at an election held on October 3, 2023.</p> <p>C. The polls may be opened and closed in the same manner as provided for the general election under the Election Code (7:00 a.m. open polls/7:00 p.m. close polls)</p>	<p>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023</p>
<p><b>QUALIFICATION OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS</b></p> <p>An error or omission may occur whereby a Qualified Elector's name is inadvertently not included on the list of qualified electors. If an individual voter declares that there is indeed a qualified elector as defined under the law and an error has occurred resulting in their name not being included on the list, he/she/they may vote by paper ballot on a Provisional Ballot.</p> <p>The Provisional Ballot will not be counted until a Provisional Ballot voter provides one proof of ownership of property to the Election Director or Election Officer. The Election Director or Election Officer will confirm the individual's name in the Provisional Ballot Poll Book and shall initial in the notations column that proof has been received. The Election Director or Election Officer will verify or reject the proof of ownership provided within two business days of the election day. The Election Director or Election Officer will initial in the notations column of the Provisional Ballot Poll Book "ACCEPTED" or "REJECTED."</p> <p>On the next Thursday October 5, 2023; following the election day after 4:00 p.m., the Provisional Ballot Precinct Board shall obtain the Provisional Ballot "QUALIFIED" ballot bag or pouch from the Election Director or Election Officer and tally the qualified provisional ballots. The Presiding Judge shall have the authority to unseal the Provisional "QUALIFIED" ballot bag.</p> <p>Qualified Provisional Ballots shall be counted and tallied as are other ballots for the District election.</p>	<p>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023</p>
<p><b>ELECTION CANVASS</b></p> <p>On the morning of the first Friday following the election, the board of directors shall meet and canvass the returns certified to it by the election judges.</p>	<p>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023</p>
<p><b>DECLARATION OF RESULTS</b></p> <p>After canvassing the returns, the board shall issue election certificates to the candidate or candidates who received the highest number of votes for each position on the ballot. The board shall declare the results of the election in writing and forward a copy of the declaration to the secretary of state and to the state engineer.</p>	<p>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023</p>