



# Agenda

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

May 8, 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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*All items on Agenda are Subject to Action and times shown are approximate and are subject to change.*

- 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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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
**MAY 08, 2023**  
**Checks for the Period April 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023**

Check Number	Vendor Name	Check Amount	Description	Location
EFT	NEW MEXICO TAXATION & REVENUE DEPARTMENT	19,998.92	MARCH 2023 WITHHOLDING TAX	
EFT	PAYROLL	298,129.05	PAY PERIOD 7	
EFT	PERA	98,835.30	PAY PERIOD 7	
EFT	IRS	38,603.37	PAY PERIOD 7	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	7,071.00	PAY PERIOD 7	
EFT	PAYROLL	305,738.64	PAY PERIOD 8	
EFT	PERA	99,540.85	PAY PERIOD 8	
EFT	IRS	40,174.78	PAY PERIOD 8	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	7,111.00	PAY PERIOD 8	
	<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>	<b>915,202.91</b>		
146582	AL LAMI, HASAN A.	858.90	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146583	ALEXANDER, PHILLIP N	5,491.10	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146584	ARAGON, ALBINO J.	1,634.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146585	ARAGON, LUGE	2,295.50	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146586	ARMIJO, BENNIE	1,631.90	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146587	ARMIJO, FABIAN D.	1,575.20	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146588	ARMIJO, LAVERNE	1,734.80	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146589	BACA, ERLINDA	735.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146590	BACA, GILBERT M.	3,377.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146591	BACA, JEANETTE	1,665.50	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146592	BACA, OSWALD G.	873.60	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146593	BAKER, GALEN	980.70	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146594	BALDONADO, MARY C	879.90	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146595	BENAVIDEZ, COONEY	3,707.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146596	BERNAL, JAMES	4,280.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146597	BIZZARI, FATIN FARID	1,701.20	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146598	BLACKBURN, RANDALL M	2,062.40	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146599	BRUNACINI STABLES	2,597.90	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146600	C DE BACA, ROBERT	277.20	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146601	CARRILLO, RONNIE	842.10	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146602	CASTILLO, BENJAMIN	1,928.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146603	CHAPMAN, RICHARD	724.50	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146604	CORDOVA, MIGUEL	10,607.30	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146605	DAVIS, KENNETH L	462.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146606	DURKIN, DAWN	3,990.20	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146607	EICHERT, DIANA	357.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146608	ENGLISH, JOHN	2,650.40	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146609	FISCHER, WILLIAM F.	442.80	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146610	FOREMAN, ROBERT	735.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146611	FRASER, JOSEPH	1,993.10	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146612	FREEMAN, RALPH	2,253.50	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146613	GABALDON, DAVID	4,496.30	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146614	GARCIA, MICHAEL A.	9,437.90	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146615	GARCIA, RAY A.	2,230.40	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146616	GARLEY, LARRY B.	1,039.50	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146617	GHERARDI, ROBERT	928.20	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146618	HANCHETT, DAVID	573.30	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146619	HILL, ALAN T	357.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146620	JARAMILLO, VIOLA J	5,206.10	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146621	LARDNER, DAVID	819.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146622	LARRANAGA, LESLIE D	210.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146623	LOPEZ, VERONICA	602.70	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146624	LUCERO, LUIS F.	1,669.70	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS

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146625	LUNA RICHARD	840.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146626	LUNDMARK, MICHAEL	3,118.70	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146627	MARTINEZ ALETHEA	583.80	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146628	MARTINEZ, MARTIN	485.10	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146629	MCELVAIN, GUY W.	3,953.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146630	MESA VERDE FARMS	2,026.80	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146631	MONTANO, ISIDRO	3,551.30	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146632	MONTOYA, GEORGE	7,161.20	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146633	MONTOYA, JOHN A.	2,597.90	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146634	MORRIS, RONALD	630.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146635	NATZKE, ROSELLA A	7,854.20	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146636	PADILLA, ALFRED R.	745.50	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146637	PADILLA, DONNA	308.40	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146638	PAISANO, ERLAND S	2,390.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146639	PAISANO, STUART	6,092.30	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146640	PEREA, LOREN L.	548.10	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146641	PEYERL, FRED	1,728.50	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146642	ROJAS REVOCABLE TRUS	660.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146643	ROMERO SAHR GRACE	875.70	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146644	ROMERO, ALBERT	3,429.50	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146645	ROMERO, ANTHONY M.	2,501.30	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146646	ROMERO, MARTIN W.	440.40	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146647	ROMERO, MICHAEL P	961.80	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146648	ROMERO, ROSALIO G	3,299.30	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146649	SALAZAR, EMILIANO	854.70	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146650	SANCHEZ JR., CHARLIE	2,927.60	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146651	SANCHEZ KATHY	7,178.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146652	SANCHEZ PRISCILLA ES	3,326.60	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146653	SANCHEZ, ADELINO	5,745.20	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146654	SANCHEZ, BENITO	2,362.80	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146655	SANCHEZ, RAYMOND A.	921.90	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146656	SCHLOTTERBACK, ROGER	2,658.80	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146657	SELLERS, REBECCA	2,744.90	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146658	SICHLER, SCOTT	4,910.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146659	SILVA, JACOB	735.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146660	SNAKE RANCH LLC	1,467.60	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146661	SNOW, BARBARA B	3,566.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146662	THOMAS, STEPHEN W	315.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146663	TORRES, FLORENTINO	26,978.90	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146664	TORRES, JOHN P.	2,868.80	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146665	TRUJILLO, DAVID F.	3,181.70	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146666	VALLE VISTA LAND	2,287.10	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146667	WILLIS, ADAM	2,058.20	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146668	WILLIS, RICHARD	630.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146669	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	5,232.50	ADAPTER & PIN UNIT 47311	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,950.44	COUPLINGS, BEARINGS, SPACERS & MOTOR UNIT 8992.04	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		(901.91)	CREDIT PARTS INV 1435556 PO23005419	BELEN DIVISION
		541.96	THROTTLE CABLES UNIT 74903	ER & T
146670	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	627.92	AUTOMOTIVE ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146671	ALBUQUERQUE GRAVEL P	9,836.00	FY 2023 CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE - COCHITI	COCHITI DIVISION
146672	ALBUQUERQUE SUPPLY	1,012.90	FIELD TOOLS- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND

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146673	AMAZON CAPITAL	43.51	ACCOUNTING ORDER	ACCOUNTING
		899.99	ACCOUNTING PC	INFORMATION SYS
		190.37	PIO ORDER	ADMINISTRATION
		171.76	WATER FILTERS	GENERAL OFFICE
146674	BAKER UTILITY SUPPLY	20,893.00	BLACK PIPE ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146675	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	(170.00)	CREDIT CORE CHARGE INV AP26055 PO23006687	BELEN DIVISION
		596.68	FITTINGS	BELEN DIVISION
		2,020.60	GLASS & INJECTOR UNIT 57407	BELEN DIVISION
		989.29	MISC. PARTS UNIT 57024	BELEN DIVISION
146676	CINTAS FIRST AID	59.80	FIRST AID REFILL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		77.02	FIRST AID REFILL	ER & T
		84.56	FIRST AID REFILL	GENERAL OFFICE
146677	CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE	178,722.65	MAR23- PRESBYTERIAN COA001401362	GENERAL FUND
146678	CITY OF BELEN	683.88	25 GENERAL E BACA MAR23	BELEN DIVISION
146679	DOCUSIGN, INC.	5,118.82	DOCUSIGN- MAR 15, 2023-MAR 14, 2024	INFORMATION SYS
146680	DUGGINS, GLEN	308.27	MEAL REIMB NWRA CONFER. APRIL 16-20	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
146681	ENCHANTMENT SAFETY A	223.75	SAFETY	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
146682	FLEETPRIDE	1,541.85	NEW FILTERS FOR ATMAX MOWERS-INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146683	FRANK'S SUPPLY CO	18.50	STRETCH FILM	ER & T
146684	GEOTEL CORPORATION	225.87	MAR23 - ANNUAL PRESS CLIPPING SERVICE	GENERAL OFFICE
146685	GRAINGER	15.66	TARP ROPE	ER & T
146686	HEIGHTS SECURITY	207.42	Annual Gate Monitoring Feb23-Jan24	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146687	JOHN THOMPSON CONSUL	13,225.10	CY23 -LOBBYIST SERVICES Q2	GENERAL OFFICE
146688	LEVEL 3 FINANCING IN	1,414.39	INTERNET ACCT91761706 COCHITI	COCHITI DIVISION
146689	LINDE GAS	678.50	WELDING ROD ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146690	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTO	329.87	MAR23 -COPIER LEASE 3RD YEAR - 2022-2023	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		204.20	MAR23 -COPIER LEASE 3RD YEAR - 2022-2023	ER & T
		1,036.72	MAR23 -COPIER LEASE 3RD YEAR - 2022-2023	GENERAL OFFICE
146691	PARTS AUTHORITY	1,022.41	BALDWIN FILTER ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146692	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	47.58	FY23- UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		6.94	FY23- UNIFORM RENTAL	COCHITI DIVISION
		19.72	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	ER & T
146693	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	4.29	SUPPLIES	WATER OPS & CONS
146694	RED SHOVEL LLC	523.17	APR23 - MONTHLY GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	GENERAL OFFICE
146695	ROMERO, ALFRED	362.56	MAR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
146696	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	156.22	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		77.38	QUARTET GLASS DRY ERASE WHITEBOARD	ACCOUNTING
		102.25	SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		23.92	SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
146697	THE PRINTERS PRESS	1,875.00	BOSQUE PERMITS 2023 - 2024	GENERAL FUND
146698	TRANSCRIPTION	775.75	MAR23 -REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
146699	UNICOR	116.58	03/29/23- SHRED BINS PICKUP	ACCOUNTING
146700	UNIFORMS & MORE	788.00	ALBUQUERQUE MANANGERS SHIRT ORDER FY23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,603.00	ALBUQUERQUE SHIRT ORDER FY23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,668.50	BELEN DIVISION SHIRT ORDER FY 23	BELEN DIVISION
		536.50	COCHITI SHIRT ORDER FY23	COCHITI DIVISION
		116.50	ENGINEERING SHIRT ORDER FY23	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		813.75	ISO SHIRT ORDER FY23	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		53.50	JACKET	HUMAN RESOURCES
		107.00	NEW EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	GENERAL OFFICE
192.50	SOCORRO SHIRT ORDER FY23	SOCORRO DIVISION		

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146701	WIPER SUPPLY INC	603.50	SHOP TOWEL ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146702	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	681.49	BUCKET LINK UNIT 57108	BELEN DIVISION
		17.31	CONNECTORS, HOUSING, & LOCKING DEVICE UNIT 67109	SOCORRO DIVISION
		294.50	KIT & FILTERS UNIT 57116	BELEN DIVISION
		32.10	LOCKS & FASTENERS UNIT 47113	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		83.71	SEDIMENT BOWL UNIT 37011	COCHITI DIVISION
146703	A & A LOCK & KEY	130.00	BELEN BOSQUE ACCESS LOCK AND KEYS 2023-2024	BELEN DIVISION
		2,769.00	BELEN BOSQUE ACCESS LOCK AND KEYS 2023-2024	GENERAL FUND
146704	ACOSTA EQUIPMENT INC	11.99	INVENTORY ISSUED TO BUILD CHAINSAW CHAIN	SOCORRO DIVISION
146705	ACTION HOSE INC.	177.95	A/C HOSE UNIT 57407	BELEN DIVISION
		114.69	AIR LINE UNIT 34603	COCHITI DIVISION
		85.08	CAPS & PLUGS UNIT 57310	BELEN DIVISION
		72.68	HOSE & CABLE TIES UNIT 47113	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		990.10	HOSE ASSEMBLY UNIT 47018	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		70.89	HOSE UNIT 1760.14	ER & T
146706	ALBUQUERQUE BOLT	24.00	SELF TAPPING SCREWS	ER & T
146707	ALBUQUERQUE SUPPLY	119.00	GRAB HOOKS- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146708	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	308.68	R&R CYLINDER UNIT 37011	COCHITI DIVISION
		658.52	R&R CYLINDER UNIT 57024	BELEN DIVISION
		3,151.77	R&R CYLINDERS UNIT 57310	BELEN DIVISION
146709	AMERIGAS PROPANE	170.07	PROPANE	COCHITI DIVISION
146710	ANSWER NEW MEXICO	454.44	123-5266-061 MAR23	GENERAL OFFICE
		195.58	123-5267-721 MAR23	BELEN DIVISION
146711	BADGER DAYLIGHTING	1,157.52	VACTOR SERVICE	GENERAL OFFICE
146712	BOBCAT OF ALBUQUERQU	405.36	BLADE KIT UNIT 8992.06	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146713	CENTURY LINK	234.50	505-864-7466 429B MAR23	BELEN DIVISION
146714	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORC	1,111.54	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
146715	CHOICE STEEL COMPANY	466.20	1" PIPE GALVANIZED THREADED SCH 40	WATER OPS & CONS
		320.00	6" C PURLIN FOR ALBUQUERQUE WELDING SHOP	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146716	CITY OF SOCORRO	959.36	04-009470-001 MAR23	SOCORRO DIVISION
146717	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	75.14	BATTERIES UNIT 43456 & 1765.25	BELEN DIVISION
		66.30	BATTERIES UNIT 43456 & 1765.25	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		87.04	BATTERY UNIT 53465	BELEN DIVISION
146718	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	91.69	FLAT REPAIR UNIT 57306	BELEN DIVISION
		22.24	TIRE REPAIR ON TRAILER UNIT 53905	BELEN DIVISION
146719	DESERT GREENS EQUIPM	484.14	JOHN DEERE FILTER ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
		582.64	MISC PARTS UNIT 67016	SOCORRO DIVISION
146720	FRANK'S SUPPLY CO	489.60	2 SCISSOR LIFT RENTAL ALBUQUERQUE WELDING SHOP	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146721	GENUINE NAPA	292.26	MISC PARTS	BELEN DIVISION
146722	GPS, LLC	24.23	TIRE REPAIR NEEDED ON UNIT# 80031 2022 FORD F150	SOCORRO DIVISION
		72.15	TIRE REPAIR ON UNIT# 35801 1994 JD TRACTOR	SOCORRO DIVISION
146723	GARNISHMENT	225.00	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
146724	HEIGHTS SECURITY	22.50	KEY TAGS	ER & T
146725	HUNTER BOWER LUMBER	4,275.00	LUMBER ORDER FOR BELEN DIV- INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146726	JIFFY LUBE	28.66	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 33416	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		25.86	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 43434	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		25.86	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 43447	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		31.90	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 43448	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		28.66	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 43449	ER & T
		28.66	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 53423	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		25.86	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 53460	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146727	JIVE COMMUNICATIONS,	2,252.64	CN-384945-2004 APR23	GENERAL OFFICE
146728	LARRY H. MILLER CASA	52.62	GASKET & SEALS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		199.96	HEADLAMP	SOCORRO DIVISION

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146729	LOPEZ PRECISION, LLC	27,077.32	PERALTA MAIN EMERGENCY CHECK REPAIR	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
146730	MAINTENANCE SERVICE	2,038.39	APR23 -GENERAL OFFICE JANITORIAL CLEANING	GENERAL OFFICE
		414.58	APR23 -ABQ DIVISION JANITORIAL CLEANING	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146731	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	353.42	TARP TUBE & TARP UNIT 54021	BELEN DIVISION
146732	MRGCD PETTY CASH	20.90	REPLENISH PETTY CASH- MAR23	HUMAN RESOURCES
		10.84	REPLENISH PETTY CASH- MAR23	WATER OPS & CONS
146733	NAPA AUTO PARTS	(37.36)	CREDIT SPARK PLUG PO 20233208	SOCORRO DIVISION
		62.41	CONNECTOR & GUAGE	ER & T
		315.40	MISC PARTS	ER & T
		19.06	MISC SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		131.08	PARTS NEEDED FOR UNIT# 68613 2016 CHEVY PICKUP	SOCORRO DIVISION
		33.73	REPAIR ON GATE LIFTER/PROPERTY 2765.1	SOCORRO DIVISION
		33.82	RETAINER & TORX BIT	ER & T
		43.66	STRAPS, DRILL BIT, GREASE, & SPRAY	COCHITI DIVISION
		107.88	STRAPS, DRILL BIT, GREASE, & SPRAY	ER & T
		4.74	TOGGLE SWITCH UNIT 44602	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146734	NATIONAL AUTO PARTS	73.00	MIRROR UNIT 43449	ER & T
		441.00	REAR BUMPER UNIT 43456	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146735	NED'S PIPE & STEEL	63.00	SHOP SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
146736	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	206.93	052707401-0553979-2 MAR23	BELEN DIVISION
146737	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	42.34	079084112-0814966-2 MAR23	COCHITI DIVISION
		27.95	079084212-0814967-9 MAR23	COCHITI DIVISION
		54.96	081518001-0839304-7 MAR23	COCHITI DIVISION
146738	NEW MEXICO TRACTOR S	1,205.75	CRACKED RIM REPAIRS UNIT 57025	BELEN DIVISION
146739	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	47.15	BELT & PULLEY UNIT 63442	SOCORRO DIVISION
		(149.19)	CREDIT TIE ROD PO 20232787	BELEN DIVISION
		139.99	MISC PARTS UNIT 63442	SOCORRO DIVISION
		199.84	SPARK PLUGS & BEARING UNIT 33603	COCHITI DIVISION
		75.92	SPARK PLUGS UNIT 63442	SOCORRO DIVISION
		17.99	STEERING WHEEL COVER UNIT 43456	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146740	PARTS AUTHORITY	232.65	BALDWIN FILTER ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146741	PENA BLANCA SANIT	80.39	SYSTEM# 38 MAR23	COCHITI DIVISION
146742	PNM	17.97	022638203-1448347-6 MAR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		18.29	090599001-0928871-4 MAR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		24.65	091655202-0937641-7 MAR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146743	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	19.72	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	ER & T
		83.29	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
146744	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	1,157.45	TIRES UNIT 74903	ER & T
146745	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	259.51	MISC PARTS	BELEN DIVISION
		750.00	MISC PARTS	SOCORRO DIVISION
146746	RUSH TRUCK CENTERS	125.00	HOOD LATCH UNIT 44420	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146747	SAFETY COUNSELING	862.00	SAFETY TRAINING -SCISSOR LIFT/SKY TRAK FORKLIFT	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
146748	SANDOVAL COUNTY LAND	490.98	LANDFILL MAR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146749	SNELLING	1,184.16	TEMP HELP- 16 HRS- CONTROLLER	ACCOUNTING
		407.06	TEMP HELP- 5.50 HRS- CONTROLLER	ACCOUNTING
		399.60	TEMP HELP- 6 HRS - BUDGET	ACCOUNTING
		466.20	TEMP HELP- 7 HR- BUDGET	ACCOUNTING
146750	SOCORRO COUNTY CLERK	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
146751	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	43.10	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 44416	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		241.99	TIRE UNIT 23609	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		569.52	TIRES UNIT 53452	BELEN DIVISION
		1,156.00	TIRES UNIT 54422	BELEN DIVISION
146752	SOUTHWEST SEWER SERV	3,222.52	UNPLUG SIPHON AT BIG CHICAL AT THE TR10	BELEN DIVISION
146753	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	258.21	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
146754	TRUENORTH	66,879.00	RFB - BRIDGE	GRANTS

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146755	VALENCIA COUNTY CLER	50.00	RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING
146756	WASTE MANAGEMENT	174.87	APR23 - MONTHLY SERVICE- COCHITI	COCHITI DIVISION
146757	ABCWUA	623.27	1931 2ND SW 4382929560 MAR23	GENERAL OFFICE
		542.74	3062929560 MAR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		260.38	4158566487 HYDRANT MAR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146758	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	104.09	APR23- ABQ JOURNAL BOARD MEETING NOTICE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		103.04	APR23- EL DEFENSOR BOARD MEETING NOTICE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		101.31	VAL CO NEWS-BULLETIN BOARD MEETING NOTICE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
146759	AMAZON CAPITAL	147.96	DIGITAL ANEMOMETER HANDHELD	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
		239.99	DRIVE TORQUE WRENCH	BELEN DIVISION
		239.99	TORQUE WRENCH	ER & T
		15.99	LUMBAR SUPPORT	ACCOUNTING
146760	ANM, INC.	1,064.10	BARRACUDA FIREWALL FOR COCHITI	INFORMATION SYS
146761	BOOT BARN	150.00	FY23- HARRIS MATHEW- BOOT VOUCHER	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		150.00	FY23- HERRERA JESUS- BOOT VOUCHER	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		140.24	FY23- STRECH DOUG- BOOT VOUCHER	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
146762	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	2,793.64	MISC. JOHN DEERE TRACTOR/MOWER PARTS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		351.10	PINS UNIT 57026	BELEN DIVISION
146763	CENTURY LINK	143.62	5054652298 281B APR23	COCHITI DIVISION
146764	CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE	125.00	ADMIN FEE MAR23	GENERAL OFFICE
		28,428.10	MAR23 FUEL COSTS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,019.30	MAR23 FUEL COSTS	ER & T
		1,122.68	MAR23 FUEL COSTS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		80.79	MAR23 FUEL COSTS	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
146765	CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	172.37	CABLE UNIT 4448.03	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146766	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	139.36	TIRE REPLACEMENT UNIT 53452	BELEN DIVISION
146767	DELOIA, RICHARD	194.40	80% ADVANCE MEAL EXPENSES NMPPA CONFERENCE	PURCHASING
146768	DEMAND SAFETY	246.70	SAFETY SUPPLY ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146769	DESERT GREENS EQUIPM	179.92	JOHN DEERE FILTER ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146770	FEDEX	25.66	SOIL SAMPLE SHIPPING	GENERAL OFFICE
146771	FRESH AND CLEAN PORT	17.04	PORTA POTTY /HALE LATERAL PROJECT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146772	GREENWOOD, JEFFREY C	350.57	APR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
146773	JIFFY LUBE	28.66	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 53441	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146774	MAXIMUS US SERVICES,	3,000.00	CONTRACT- FY2024 INDIRECT COST RATE PROPOSAL	ACCOUNTING
146775	NAJMI, YASMEEN	396.00	REIMB. AMER. PLANNING ASSOC. MEMBERSHIP	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
146776	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTO	190.67	MAR23 - OVERAGES CUSTOMER# 635984	GENERAL OFFICE
146777	POWER EQUIPMENT	227.68	COUPLINGS & O-RING	BELEN DIVISION
		163.60	SEAT COVER	BELEN DIVISION
		22.62	SPARE KEYS-PER DEREK JARNER	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		313.58	VOLVO FILTER ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146778	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	23.79	FY23 UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		6.94	FY23 UNIFORM RENTAL	COCHITI DIVISION
		13.27	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
146779	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	96.25	ALIGNMENT UNIT 43456	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		1,306.50	TIRE ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146780	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	371.38	SHOCKS & FILTER UNIT 44421	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146781	SAFETY-KLEEN CORP.	378.42	SERVICE PARTS CLEANER	SOCORRO DIVISION
146782	SAN ACACIA MDWCA	14.70	MAR23 WATER SAN ACACIA	SOCORRO DIVISION
146783	SANDOVAL, MICHAEL T	30.00	REIMBURSEMENT LAW OF THE RIO GRANDE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
146784	SDV CONSTRUCTION,	4,373.00	REPAIR WATER ISSUE	BELEN DIVISION
146785	SOCORRO ELECTRIC	681.30	10268007 MAR23	SOCORRO DIVISION
		439.35	10268012 MAR23	SOCORRO DIVISION
146786	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	666.86	TIRES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		568.77	TIRES	BELEN DIVISION



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146787	SOUTHWEST LANDFILL	5,085.14	LANDFILL- MAR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		3,890.93	MAR23 LANDFILL ACCT 10130	BELEN DIVISION
146788	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	753.90	COPY PAPER ORDER GENERAL OFFICE	GENERAL OFFICE
		420.66	PRINTER CARTRIDGE ORDER- INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146789	SURVEYORS SOURCE LLC	525.00	SURVEY ROD GLS30, GNSS TELESCOPIC POLE	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
146790	TRIADIC ENTERPRISES	997.05	MAR23- FINAL PAYMENT	INFORMATION SYS
146791	U.S. DISTRIBUTING	177.84	FORD MOTORCRAFT FILTER ORDER-INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146792	VARELA, RICARDO	194.40	80% ADVANCE MEAL EXPENSES NMPPA CONFERENCE	PURCHASING
146793	WEX BANK	37.50	0496002760635 WEX FUEL MAR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		5,552.70	0496002760635 WEX FUEL MAR23	BELEN DIVISION
		8,324.35	0496002760635 WEX FUEL MAR23	COCHITI DIVISION
		2,237.76	0496002760635 WEX FUEL MAR23	ER & T
		142.65	0496002760635 WEX FUEL MAR23	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
		81.45	0496002760635 WEX FUEL MAR23	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		496.45	0496002760635 WEX FUEL MAR23	EXEC TEAM
		278.47	0496002760635 WEX FUEL MAR23	LICENSING & LAND SALES
		4.99	0496002760635 WEX FUEL MAR23	GENERAL OFFICE
		11,166.52	0496002760635 WEX FUEL MAR23	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		1,158.89	0496002760635 WEX FUEL MAR23	WATER OPS & CONS
		87.18	0496002760635 WEX FUEL MAR23	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
		15,894.02	0496002760635 WEX FUEL MAR23	SOCORRO DIVISION
146794	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	(681.49)	CREDIT BUCKET LINK INV 1458966 PO 23006816	BELEN DIVISION
		7,463.89	MISC PARTS UNIT 57027	BELEN DIVISION
		42.20	SPACERS UNIT57027	BELEN DIVISION
146795	ACOSTA EQUIPMENT INC	84.99	WELDING SUPPLIES NEEDED	SOCORRO DIVISION
146796	ALBUQUERQUE GRAVEL P	1,682.50	FY 2023 CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE - ALBUQUERQUE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146797	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	85.98	LEGAL AD- RFP FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES	PURCHASING
146798	AQUA SYSTEMS 2000	36,500.00	AUTOMATIONOF 3-72" CANAL GATES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		55,075.00	NFWF BELEN OUTFALL STRUCTURE	BELEN DIVISION
146799	BAKER, CHARLES	213.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT- SAN ANTONIO ACEQUIA	SOCORRO DIVISION
146800	BENAVIDEZ, CAROL	451.45	APR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
146801	BERNALILLO COUNTY CL	125.00	RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING
146802	BJW VENTURES, LLC	250.00	MOUNTING KIT & SPOTLIGHT UNIT 80013	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		285.00	SEAT COVER UNIT 23608	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		265.00	SEAT COVER UNIT 80015	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146803	BOHANNAN HUSTON	7,704.13	6- IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENTS MAR23	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
146804	BOOT BARN	150.00	FY23- TIM TOWNSEND- BOOT VOUCHER	SOCORRO DIVISION
146805	CHOICE STEEL COMPANY	15,318.87	METAL FOR 20 GATES/ GATE PROJECT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146806	CINTAS FIRST AID	90.15	SAFETY SUPPLIES- BELEN DIVISION	BELEN DIVISION
146807	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	31.13	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 57204	BELEN DIVISION
		44.48	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 80010	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146808	CRANE, JOHN	210.42	APR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
146809	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 54019	BELEN DIVISION
		75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 80007	WATER OPS & CONS
		75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 80011	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 80026	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 80032	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146810	DESERT GREENS EQUIPM	241.21	JOHN DEERE FILTER ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146811	DMC LOGISTICS	410.80	APR23 -DELIVERY OF BOD MEETING PACKETS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
146812	FINANCE AUTHORITY	13,008.47	APR23 EQUIPMENT	GENERAL FUND
		17,731.99	PPRF-4727 APR23 EQP. PURCHASE	GENERAL FUND
146813	GENSLER, DAVID	338.63	MAR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES

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146814	GENUINE NAPA	(313.90)	CREDIT RODS INV 480454 PO23004893	BELEN DIVISION
		15.12	HYDRAULIC HOSE	BELEN DIVISION
		1,159.82	PARTS AND REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		183.61	TIE RODS	BELEN DIVISION
146815	GOMEZ, RAY	2,744.54	APR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
146816	GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO	925.37	MAR23 - INVESTMENT ADVISOR FEES	ACCOUNTING
146817	HIGH DESERT INDUSTRI	122.81	WELDING SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
146818	JIFFY LUBE	32.31	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 13451	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
146819	KRONOS SAASHR, INC.	1,244.80	FEB23 - UKG KRONOS READY SOFTWARE	INFORMATION SYS
		1,532.86	MAR23 - UKG KRONOS READY SOFTWARE	INFORMATION SYS
146820	LAW & RESOURCE	16,642.42	MAR23 - GENERAL	GENERAL OFFICE
146821	MARTINEZ, DANIEL	528.22	APR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
146822	NAPA AUTO PARTS	709.62	MISC. PARTS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		184.93	MISC. PARTS	ER & T
		15.95	MISC. PARTS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		9.84	PARTS NEEDED FOR UNIT# 64112 2012 BIG TEX TRAILER	SOCORRO DIVISION
146823	NED'S PIPE & STEEL	756.00	2 3/8 31' DRILL STEM NEEDED CONSTRUCTION SUPPL	BELEN DIVISION
		100.00	WELDING SUPPLIES NEEDED	BELEN DIVISION
146824	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	(28.84)	CREDIT BELT	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		(332.34)	CREDIT MISC PARTS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		149.92	MISC PARTS	BELEN DIVISION
		361.18	MISC PARTS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		313.15	MISC. PARTS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		17.86	MISC. PARTS	BELEN DIVISION
		205.99	MISC. PARTS	COCHITI DIVISION
		8.99	MISC. PARTS	ER & T
		1,680.82	MISC. PARTS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146825	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	229.51	PHYSICALS AND SCREENINGS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		103.44	PHYSICALS AND SCREENINGS	BELEN DIVISION
		103.44	PHYSICALS AND SCREENINGS	COCHITI DIVISION
		189.64	PHYSICALS AND SCREENINGS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146826	OLGUIN, FRANK	36.50	APR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
146827	PARTS AUTHORITY	730.46	BALDWIN FILTER ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146828	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	55.95	OFFICE AND CLEANING SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		5.27	SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR UNIT# 67016 2012 JD TRACTOR	SOCORRO DIVISION
146829	SANDIA OFFICE SUPPLY	1,435.63	HR PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
146830	SANDOVAL COUNTY CLER	75.00	RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING
146831	SOCORRO COUNTY CLERK	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
146832	TECHNA GLASS	235.81	WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENT UNIT 53468	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146833	VAISA, MORRIS	1,073.50	APR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
146834	VALENCIA COUNTY CLER	50.00	RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING
146835	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	851.27	WINDOW GROUP & GLASS UNIT 57309	BELEN DIVISION
146836	WIGGINS, WILLIAMS	9,834.72	MAR23 - COUNSEL	GENERAL OFFICE
146837	WILLIAMS WINDMILL	277.76	PARTS NEEDED FOR UNIT# 64014 2008 FORD F-350	SOCORRO DIVISION
146838	WILSON & COMPANY	22,764.77	MAR23 - SOCORRO MAIN CANAL LINING	SOCORRO DIVISION
146839	WILSON & COMPANY	38,488.94	#12 SOCORRO MAIN CANAL- MAR23	SOCORRO DIVISION
146840	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	1,061.52	LINK UNIT 57108	BELEN DIVISION
146841	ACTION HOSE INC.	29.58	FITTINGS UNIT 44420	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146842	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	157.80	MISC. PARTS UNIT 43445	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146843	ALBUQUERQUE BOLT	60.00	CONCRETE ANCHORS	WATER OPS & CONS
146844	ALBUQUERQUE GRAVEL P	1,369.00	FY 2023 CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE - BELEN	BELEN DIVISION
146845	ALL AROUND AUTO	21.00	TIRE REPAIR NEEDED ON UNIT# 63445	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146846	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	740.40	R&R CYLINDER UNIT 67017	SOCORRO DIVISION
		304.98	RODS UNIT 47022	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146847	AVALLONE, SARAH	280.67	APR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES

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146848	BANK OF AMERICA	1,005.00	AGA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING	ACCOUNTING
		38.87	APR23 - INTERMEDIA	INFORMATION SYS
		274.92	COSTCO ORDER	GENERAL OFFICE
		(619.00)	CREDIT REGISTRATION FOR GABBY COUGHLIN	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
		52.65	ERIC ZAMORA ACTUAL MEAL REIMBURSEMENT	EXEC TEAM
		565.00	TRAINING CLASSES- A VEIHL	LICENSING & LAND SALES
		565.00	TRAINING CLASSES- M PADILLA	LICENSING & LAND SALES
		565.00	TRAINING CLASSES- R SANDERS-SPENCER	LICENSING & LAND SALES
146849	BOOT BARN	150.00	FY23- GUGGINO PATRICK- BOOT VOUCHER	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		123.24	FY23- JARAMILLO DAVID- BOOT VOUCHER	BELEN DIVISION
146850	CARRILLO, RALPH	28.04	APR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
146851	CHACON, MARK	146.33	APR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
146852	CONSERVANCY OIL CO	2,047.10	OIL ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146853	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	150.28	BATTERIES UNIT 57108	BELEN DIVISION
		87.04	BATTERY UNIT 13450	WATER OPS & CONS
146854	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	78.28	TIRE DISMOUNT AND REMOUNT UNIT 57309	BELEN DIVISION
		28.84	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 54106	BELEN DIVISION
		91.67	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 57117	BELEN DIVISION
		22.24	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 80032	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146855	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 53468	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 80005	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 80027	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146856	ENCHANTMENT SAFETY A	508.50	FLAME RESISTANT FACE MASKS- INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146857	FEYGIN, DANIELLE	208.00	80% ADVANCE MEAL EXPENSES TYLER CONNECT 2023	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
146858	FLEETPRIDE	127.72	MISC PARTS UNIT 44422	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146859	GENUINE NAPA	22.33	CAB AIR FILTER UNIT 54414	BELEN DIVISION
		25.08	FILTERS UNIT 8921.32	BELEN DIVISION
		372.35	MISC PARTS UNIT 53612	BELEN DIVISION
		14.39	MISC PARTS UNIT 54422	BELEN DIVISION
146860	GPS, LLC	109.46	SERVICE NEEDED UNIT 80025	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		26.92	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 80030	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		72.69	TIRE TUBE REPAIR ON UNIT# 67017	SOCORRO DIVISION
146861	HEIGHTS SECURITY	22.50	KEY TAGS ER&T	ER & T
		26.31	KEYS FOR MIKE PADILLA AND RHETT SPENCER	GENERAL OFFICE
146862	HEIGHTS TRUE VALUE	295.00	TOOL ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146863	HOME DEPOT CREDIT	250.84	SHOP SUPPLIES/CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
146864	INLAND KENWORTH INC.	10.50	PANEL CLIPS UNIT 74803	ER & T
146865	JIFFY LUBE	32.31	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 23416	WATER OPS & CONS
146866	LARRY H. MILLER CASA	104.90	SOLENOID UNIT 43456	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146867	LINDE GAS	107.82	ACETYLENE & OXYGEN REFILL	ER & T
146868	LOPEZ, ALICIA	80.53	MEAL REIMBURSEMENT LAW OF THE RIO GRANDE	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
146869	MADERA ANGEL	175.00	REIMBURSEMENT OF FE CIVIL EXAM	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
146870	MORA, RUBEN	564.10	APR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
146871	NAPA AUTO PARTS	27.37	FILTERS UNIT 13450	WATER OPS & CONS
		98.82	MISC. PARTS & SHOP SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		73.33	MISC. PARTS & SHOP SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
		14.73	MISC. PARTS & SHOP SUPPLIES	ER & T
		185.15	MISC. PARTS & SHOP SUPPLIES	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		28.83	PARTS NEEDED	SOCORRO DIVISION
		20.65	REPAIR NEEDED ON UNIT# 64006	SOCORRO DIVISION
		23.34	SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		56.18	SUPPLIES FOR MAINTENANCE ON UNITS/DUMPS	SOCORRO DIVISION

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146872	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	(139.99)	CREDIT MISC PARTS INV 2742-430294 PO 23006561	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,099.31	MISC PARTS UNIT 23419	WATER OPS & CONS
		88.40	SHOP SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
146873	PNM	37.20	022638203-0415631-1 APR23	COCHITI DIVISION
		17.49	026426802-0332811-6 MAR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		16.58	036707300-0415630-2 APR23	COCHITI DIVISION
		317.80	037715300-0423617-1 APR23	COCHITI DIVISION
146874	POWER EQUIPMENT	174.08	VOLVO FILTER ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146875	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	23.79	FY23 UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		6.94	FY23- UNIFORM RENTAL	COCHITI DIVISION
		19.72	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	ER & T
		13.27	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
146876	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	306.75	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR TO HEADWALLS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		82.04	MISC. PARTS	ER & T
		26.97	SUPPLIES NEEDED TO ASSEMBLE T.O. HEADS TO PIPE	SOCORRO DIVISION
146877	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	8.00	PARTS NEEDED TO REPAIR UNIT# 67016	SOCORRO DIVISION
		21.51	SUPPLIES TO REPAIR UNIT# 8425.21 ALAMO MOWR	SOCORRO DIVISION
146878	ROMERO, ALFRED	362.56	APR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
146879	SNELLING	366.30	TEMP HELP- 5.5 HRS- BUDGET	ACCOUNTING
146880	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	43.10	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 54419	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,777.14	TIRES UNIT 44421	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		784.18	TIRES UNIT 80016	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146881	SOUTHWEST GENERAL TI	714.20	TIRES UNIT 33438	COCHITI DIVISION
		594.20	TIRES UNIT 53612	BELEN DIVISION
		143.36	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
146882	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	143.36	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
146883	TAFOYA, MARK A	600.93	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
146884	UNICOR	116.58	04/12/23- SHRED BINS PICKUP	ACCOUNTING
146885	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	121.92	SWITCH UNIT 47112	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146886	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	118.84	GASKETS UNIT 37108	COCHITI DIVISION
		1.88	O-RING UNIT 57027	BELEN DIVISION
		4.10	O-RINGS UNIT 57027	BELEN DIVISION
146887	ACTION HOSE INC.	115.00	A/C LINE UNIT 47403	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		9.93	FITTINGS	COCHITI DIVISION
146888	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	683.76	GREASE & GLASS CLEANER ORDER- INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
		440.67	SOAP ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146889	ALBUQUERQUE BOLT	40.00	BOLTS & WASHERS UNIT 47027	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146890	ALBUQUERQUE SUPPLY	454.00	WOOD SCREWS ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146891	BAKER UTILITY SUPPLY	6,928.00	HDP PIPE ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146892	BERNALILLO COUNTY CL	75.00	RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING
146893	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	111.84	BUSHINGS UNIT 47022	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146894	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORC	1,286.04	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
146895	CONSTRUCTION TRUCK	373.58	MISC. HERBICIDE NOZZLE PARTS UNIT 23801	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146896	GM PIPE, LLC	10,000.00	CMP PIPE ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146897	GRAINGER	13.58	COAX CONNECTOR ORDER	WATER OPS & CONS
		50.73	COFFEE MAKER	ER & T
		9.98	ROLL PIN PUNCH	ER & T
146898	GARNISHMENT	225.00	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
146899	LARRY H. MILLER CASA	130.78	FUEL FILTER/ PRIMER PUMP ASSEMBLY UNIT 43620	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146900	NAPA AUTO PARTS	1,451.81	CATALYTIC CONVERTORS & SENSORS UNIT 80004	WATER OPS & CONS
146901	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	39.98	A/C FLUSH UNIT 47403	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		20.68	CLEANER	ER & T
		45.92	LINKS & BUSHINGS unit 43364	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146902	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	103.44	PRE EMPLOYMENT & DOT RECERT	BELEN DIVISION
		229.51	PRE EMPLOYMENT & DOT RECERT	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV

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146903	POWER EQUIPMENT	398.23	HANDLE, MIRROR, SUPPORT, & SCREW UNIT 57311	BELEN DIVISION
146904	POWER FORD	57.48	BULB FOR ER&T	ER & T
146905	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	103.22	ALIGNMENT UNIT 43364	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		436.78	TIRE REPAIR/SERVICE CALL UNIT 47313	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,366.68	TIRES UNIT 74803	ER & T
146906	QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	55.60	DOT RANDOM	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		55.60	DOT RANDOM	BELEN DIVISION
		148.30	DOT RANDOM	SOCORRO DIVISION
		40.20	POST ACCIDENT SCREENINGS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		40.20	POST ACCIDENT SCREENINGS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146907	RANCHERO BUILDERS	40.82	POLY ROPE- SHOP SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
146908	SORBCO	403.99	HYDRAULIC LEAK REPAIRS UNIT 37104	BELEN DIVISION
146909	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	26.94	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 80013	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146910	SOUTHWEST GENERAL TI	297.10	TIRES UNIT 80020	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146911	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	258.21	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
146912	TECHNA GLASS	813.57	WINDSHIELD UNIT 80037	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146913	TLC CO INC	863.46	WATER FOUNTAIN SERVICE CALLS	GENERAL OFFICE
146914	TYLER BUSINESS FORMS	934.82	AP CHECKS	ACCOUNTING
146915	VALENCIA COUNTY CLER	100.00	RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING
146916	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	1,306.40	BRUSH KIT UNIT 8992.04	ER & T
146917	ACTION HOSE INC.	19.85	FITTING FOR COCHITI DIVISION	COCHITI DIVISION
146918	ALL AMERICAN PUMPING	115.00	APR23 - PORTABLE TOILET RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
146919	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	474.29	R&R HYDRAULIC CYLINDER UNIT 57025	BELEN DIVISION
146920	BARBA ANGELINA	669.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT- LAS NUTRIAS LATERAL	BELEN DIVISION
146921	BJW VENTURES, LLC	255.00	NERF BARS UNIT 80039	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146922	BOOT BARN	118.99	FY23- KAYSER DEAVON- BOOT VOUCHER	BELEN DIVISION
		150.00	FY23- TENORIO JAKE- BOOT VOUCHER	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146923	CASTLE BRANCH, INC.	91.00	PRE EMPLOYMENT SCREENINGS	HUMAN RESOURCES
146924	CINTAS FIRST AID	145.96	SAFETY SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
146925	CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE	184,832.65	APR23 - PRESBYTERIAN COA001401362	GENERAL FUND
146926	CONSTRUCTION TRUCK	37.96	NOZZLE CAP UNIT 23801	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146927	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	75.00	OIL CHANGE ON UNIT#80028	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 53452	BELEN DIVISION
		75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 80020	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 80034	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146928	D.R.B. ELECTRIC, INC	9,999.42	BELEN YARD LIGHTING	BELEN DIVISION
		1,803.61	REPAIR LIGHTS	GENERAL OFFICE
146929	DELTA DENTAL	11,034.44	APR23 - DELTA DENTAL FY2023	GENERAL FUND
		10,808.05	MAR23 - DELTA DENTAL FY2023	GENERAL FUND
146930	DEMAND SAFETY	299.80	SAFETY SUPPLY ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146931	GENUINE NAPA	47.42	CANISTER PURGE VALVE UNIT 54020	BELEN DIVISION
		23.75	MISC PARTS UNIT 53609	BELEN DIVISION
		36.26	MISC PARTS UNIT 54420	BELEN DIVISION
		29.64	SUPPLIES	WATER OPS & CONS
146932	GEOTECH ENVIRONMENTA	2,736.54	HYDROLOGY SUPPLIES- WATER LEVEL SENSORS	GENERAL FUND
146933	HI-LINE ELECTRIC CO.	69.00	CONNECTORS & SCREWS FOR ER&T	ER & T
146934	HM LIFE INSURANCE	1,582.86	APR23 - DAVIS VISION FY2023	GENERAL FUND
146935	JIFFY LUBE	32.31	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 13217	EXEC TEAM
		32.31	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 13218	WATER OPS & CONS
146936	LEGALSHIELD	495.80	MAR23 - GROUP# 34628- LEGALSHIELD FY2023	GENERAL FUND
146937	LEVEL 3 FINANCING IN	934.14	INTERNET ACCT91761706 COCHITI	COCHITI DIVISION
		909.60	INTERNET: APR23	BELEN DIVISION
		1,152.08	INTERNET: APR23	COCHITI DIVISION
		4,667.24	INTERNET: APR23	INFORMATION SYS
		1,013.81	INTERNET: APR23	SOCORRO DIVISION

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146938	MELLOY FORD LOS LUNA	304.79	COOLANT LEAK REPAIR UNIT 54016	BELEN DIVISION
146939	NAPA AUTO PARTS	27.38	PARTS NEEDED FOR REPAIR ON UNIT# 65104 DUMP TRUCK	SOCORRO DIVISION
		35.59	PARTS NEEDED FOR UNIT# 63445 2013 F150-TIM #1245	SOCORRO DIVISION
		23.46	SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE UNIT# 68613 2016 CHEVY TRUCI	SOCORRO DIVISION
146940	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	116.55	022638203-0301840-0 APR23	GENERAL OFFICE
		53.82	023488000-0308786-0 APR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		310.18	064166213-0665790-9 APR23	ER & T
146941	NEW MEXICO MUTUAL	19,950.06	ACCT# 212978753- INSTALLMENT & DEDUCTIBLE	GENERAL OFFICE
146942	NEW MEXICO TRACTOR S	584.18	MISC PARTS UNIT 57022	BELEN DIVISION
146943	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	50.95	JANITORIAL/SHOP SUPPLIES-	SOCORRO DIVISION
		383.31	OIL LEAK REPAIRS UNIT 54016	BELEN DIVISION
		56.99	VACUUM PUMP UNIT 33804	COCHITI DIVISION
146944	PARTS AUTHORITY	527.11	BALDWIN FILTER ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146945	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	23.79	FY23- UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		6.94	FY23- UNIFORM RENTAL	COCHITI DIVISION
		13.27	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
146946	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	5,058.00	TIRES UNIT 67115	SOCORRO DIVISION
146947	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	11.64	PARTS FOR UNIT#8425.21	SOCORRO DIVISION
		38.99	SHOP SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR AC	SOCORRO DIVISION
146948	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	188.70	DEF HEADER ASSEMBLY UNIT 54422	BELEN DIVISION
		289.92	HOSE & CLAMPS UNIT 44422	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		101.67	SEAT COVER UNIT 54420	BELEN DIVISION
		78.56	SENSOR UNIT 44422	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146949	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	26.94	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 80033	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		94.70	TIRES UNIT 1765.22	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		180.40	TIRES UNIT 43445	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146950	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	20.75	RECEIPT PAPER FOR VISA MACHINE ASSESSMENTS	GENERAL OFFICE
146951	SUNBELT	9,386.18	EXCAVATOR RENTAL -HALE LATERAL REHAB PROJECT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146952	TAS SECURITY SYSTEMS	124.00	APR23-JUN23 Q4 SECURITY CUST# 4230	GENERAL OFFICE
		37.66	CUST# 23247- BELEN - MAY23	BELEN DIVISION
146953	VALENCIA COUNTY	22,938.08	MAR23 FUEL COSTS	BELEN DIVISION
		200.00	MAR23 FUEL COSTS ADMIN FEE	GENERAL OFFICE
146954	WILLIAMS WINDMILL	67.75	SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR USE OF UNIT# 64014 2008 FORD	SOCORRO DIVISION
146955	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	80.69	MISC PARTS UNIT 57117	BELEN DIVISION
146956	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	(300.00)	CREDIT CORE INV 1463863 PO 23006766	BELEN DIVISION
		42.04	DIPSTICK UNIT 57027	BELEN DIVISION
		1,200.74	JOHN DEERE FILTER ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146957	ACTION HOSE INC.	222.77	HOSE & FITTINGS UNITS 8992.05 & 47311	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146958	AT&T	22.63	ACCOUNT# 287324413901 APR23	ACCOUNTING
		23.06	ACCOUNT# 287324413901 APR23	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		20.48	ACCOUNT# 287324413901 APR23	HUMAN RESOURCES
		1,727.09	ACCOUNT# 287324413901 APR23	INFORMATION SYS
		40.96	ACCOUNT# 287324413901 APR23	LICENSING & LAND SALES
		20.48	ACCOUNT# 287324413901 APR23	PURCHASING
		1,250.55	ACCOUNT# 287324413901 APR23	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146959	BACA, CAROLYN J.	3,026.30	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146960	BERNALILLO COUNTY CL	150.00	RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING
146961	BOR UC REGION: UPPER	174,551.25	FY23 O&M EL VADO RESERVED QTR 3- 178R-423	CONTRACT PAYMENTS
		174,868.80	FY23 O&M SAN JUAN CHAMA PROJECT QRT 3 - 178R-423	CONTRACT PAYMENTS
146962	BOWMAN HANDLES INC.	343.34	BANK BLADE ORDER (HALF MOON BLADE STYLE)	GENERAL FUND
146963	BURSTEIN, JEROME	210.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146964	C & C SERVICES	889.69	CONCRETE MILLINGS, 550 BOAT RAMP PROJECT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146965	CELLCO PARTNERSHIP	5,074.18	FEB23 - GPS MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	ER & T
146966	CENTURY LINK	15.54	5054652298F 2812 MAY23	COCHITI DIVISION
		288.57	575-835-1454 245B APR23	SOCORRO DIVISION

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146967	CHAVEZ JR., DEMETRIO	210.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146968	CINTAS FIRST AID	60.05	FIRST AID CABINET	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		56.51	FIRST AID CABINET	ER & T
		79.14	FIRST AID CABINET	GENERAL OFFICE
146969	CLARK TRUCK	340.00	SPOTLIGHTS & BRACKETS UNITS 33608 & 43459	COCHITI DIVISION
		40.00	WINCH GUIDE	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
		477.00	WINCH ROPE UNIT 32432	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
146970	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	150.28	BATTERIES UNIT 37504	COCHITI DIVISION
		148.92	BATTERIES UNIT 54015	BELEN DIVISION
		148.92	BATTERIES UNITS 63427 & 63444	SOCORRO DIVISION
		154.70	BATTERY UNIT 80009	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
146971	D.R.B. ELECTRIC, INC	9,423.58	BELEN YARD ADD ON LIGHTING	BELEN DIVISION
146972	HILL, NICOLE	315.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146973	IMSCO DIVISION	776.10	2007 LOCKS ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
		2,895.00	CABLE SPOOL ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
		430.06	SAFETY SHACKLES FOR LIFTING STRAPS	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
146974	INTRAWORKS, INC.	138.88	FY23 SOCORRO ALARM- APR23 THROUGH JUN23	SOCORRO DIVISION
146975	JARAMILLO, TARAH	208.00	80% ADVANCE FOR MEALS TYLER CONNECT 2023	ACCOUNTING
146976	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	116.48	SEAL REPAIR KIT UNIT 1023.10	BELEN DIVISION
146977	MESA OIL, INC	81.80	FY23 FLEET PRODUCT DISPOSAL ENCUMBRANCE	ER & T
146978	NM TECH	1,568.47	2/13/23- 3/26/23- ASR FEASIBILITY SUTDY	GRANTS
146979	PNM	33.59	015803801-0241242-6 MAR&APR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		242.38	022089701-0297049-6 APR23	ER & T
		1,165.28	022638203-0301840-0 APR23	GENERAL OFFICE
		10.18	023488000-1253871-3 APR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		58.09	032302200-0382043-5 MAR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		22.12	050411100-0536271-1 APR23	BELEN DIVISION
		525.14	052707401-0553979-2 APR23	BELEN DIVISION
146980	PREVENTIVE PEST	112.06	PEST CONTROL- ACCOUNT # 128161	ER & T
146981	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	627.09	TIRE UNIT 54419	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146982	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	56.97	MISC. SWAMP COOLER/AC PARTS	ER & T
		17.58	TOILET PARTS FOR ABQ DIVISION LADIES BATHROOM	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146983	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	30.28	STUDS & NUTS UNIT 44420	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146984	ROMERO, LOUIS F.	1,764.00	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146985	SANCHEZ, MARIE	3,427.40	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
146986	SOCORRO COUNTY CLERK	50.00	RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING
146987	SOCORRO ELECTRIC	132.73	10268009 - APR23	SOCORRO DIVISION
146988	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	26.94	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 80036	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		795.18	TIRES UNIT 43463	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146989	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTI	22.08	PLOW BOLTS, NUTS, WASHERS, UNIT 47112	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		10.87	TOOTH UNIT 47112	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
146990	SPECIALTY COMMUNICAT	323.25	APR23 - RADIO REPEATER	GENERAL OFFICE
146991	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	87.21	TONER / HR- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND
146992	VALENCIA COUNTY CLER	300.00	RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING
146993	VERIZON WIRELESS	5,676.67	APR23 MOBILE SERVICE CHARGES	ALL DEPTS./DIVISIONS
146994	WATERMAN VALVE LLC	3,408.31	WATERMAN SUPPLY ORDER- REPLENISH INVENTORY	GENERAL FUND

915,202.91	TOTAL PAYROLL
<u>1,745,844.65</u>	TOTAL CHECKS
\$ 2,661,047.56	GRAND TOTAL

Pamela S. Fanelli, CFO

Stephanie Russo Baca, Chair

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**MINUTES OF THE  
2,198<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**APRIL 10, 2023 - 3:00 PM**

Directors having been duly notified; Madam Chair Russo Baca called the regular meeting to order at 3:04 pm. The following Directors and Staff were present:

**DIRECTORS**

**STAFF**

Stephanie Russo Baca, Madam Chair	Present	Jason Casuga	Chief Engineer/CEO
Karen Dunning, Vice Chair	Present	Lorna Wiggins	General Counsel
Barbara Baca, Director	Present	Dr. Charles DuMars	Chief Water Counsel
John Kelly, Director	Present	Pamela Fanelli	Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Joaquin Baca, Director	Present	Eric Zamora	Chief Operating Officer
Glen Duggins, Director	Present	Anne Marken	Water Operations Division Mgr.
Michael T. Sandoval, Director	Absent	Matt Martinez	Water Distribution Division Mgr.

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The following names of individuals were interested viewers, callers and/or participants

Sara Newton Juarez	Zoe Economou	Doug Strech, MRGCD
Eddie Baca	Josh Hind, MRGCD	LeAnn Corwin, MRGCD
John Fleck, Utton Center	Ashley Veihl, MRGCD	Sloan Washburn, MRGCD
Ryan Gronewold, USACE	Rhett Sanders-Spencer, MRGCD	Richard DeLoia, MRGCD
Brian Sanchez, USACE	Yasmeen Najmi, MRGCD	Mitch Georgena, MRGCD
Jared Runge, USACE	Gabrielle Coughlin, MRGCD	
Stephanie McKenna, USACE	Michael Padilla, MRGCD	

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Sloan Washburn led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting.

Madam Chair Russo Baca declared a quorum, and this hybrid meeting was publicly noticed.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Madam Chair Russo Baca stated Director Joaquin Baca was not able to attend on 14(d). Mr. Casuga stated they needed to remove the Joint Powers Agreement at 14(b) and to bring it back at next month's meeting. Vice Chair Dunning said to change Item 13 to (a) third-quarter financial, (b) consideration, and (c) to be the Finance Committee Report, and then add item (d) for the approval. Director Joaquin Baca also asked to have his name be added to 16(f).

Vice Chair Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA with the above changes**. Seconded by Director Barbara Baca. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - CONSENT AGENDA**

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- a. **Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification - April 10, 2023**
  - b. **Consideration/Approval of March 2023 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins**
  - c. **Consideration/Approval of March 2023 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.**



- 40 d. **Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special Meeting - March 13, 2023**  
 41 e. **Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Board Meeting -**  
 42 **March 13, 2023**  
 43 f. **Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for March 2023 (For Informational Purposes**  
 44 **Only)**

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 46 There was no discussion or changes made.

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 48 Director Barbara Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.**  
 49 Seconded by Director Kelly. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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 51 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - MRGCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023 ELECTION TO BE HELD**  
 52 **OCTOBER 3, 2023 - Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO**

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 54 a. **Consideration/Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Automated**  
 55 **Election Services for the Administration of the 2023 Election Management and**  
 56 **Turnkey Services**

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 58 Mr. Casuga stated the original contract was brought before the Board in 2019 with the ability to  
 59 pick up option years in 2021 and 2023. He said the purpose was to exercise that option year  
 60 2023. Mr. Casuga added that an updated version was passed out to show the change by the  
 61 Board Liaison.

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 63 Mr. DeLoia stated 2023 would be the final year for Automated Elections Services contract to  
 64 end out the original request.

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 66 Director Joaquin Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT.** Seconded  
 67 by Chair Russo Baca. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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 69 b. **Consideration/Approval of 2023 Election Director, MRGCD Election Officer and**  
 70 **List Compiler**

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 72 Mr. Casuga stated there was a memo in their packet that recommended Eli Lovato as the  
 73 election director, Doug Strech as the list complier, and DeAnna Philips as the election officer.  
 74 Mr. Casuga added the Election Committee consisted of Director Joaquin Baca, Vice Chair  
 75 Dunning, and Director Michael T. Sandoval and they would have more material before the  
 76 Board in May.

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 78 Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION.** Seconded  
 79 by Director Barbara Baca. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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 81 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - UPDATE ON THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) SAN**  
 82 **ACACIA LEVEE - Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO**

83  
 84 Mr. Ryan Gronewold, Chief of Planning in Albuquerque District Corps of Engineers, talked about  
 85 the San Acacia Levee, the Corps of Engineers, and the Bernalillo to Belen Levee Project. He  
 86 stated there were two main items they needed to complete before they turned the San Acacia  
 87 Levee over to the MRGCD, which were completing the O&M manual and doing the final levee  
 88 inspection. He said they were looking at an August 18th date for finalization of the O&M manual  
 89 and submittal package to MRGCD for turnover.

91 Mr. Bruce Jordan, Deputy Chief of Engineering and Construction and levee safety program  
92 manager for the District, stated part of the complicating factor associated with the inspection  
93 was that the San Acacia Levee, which is actually the Socorro Rio Grande Levee, and it is tied to  
94 the Socorro Diversion Levee. It is a two-segment system that they have to compile and inspect  
95 the entire system. He said they have sent out the pre-inspection form and are trying to get that  
96 completed with 30 days' notice. No inspection date at this time though.

97  
98 Director Kelly asked if MRGCD would have all the inspection reports and density tests required  
99 to submit a letter of map revision to FEMA.

100  
101 Mr. Jordan stated part of their intention was that the O&M manual include the embankment  
102 report to go with the data associated with the certification process. He said that all the data did  
103 not seem to match up with the embankment report so that was complicating the process.

104  
105 Director Kelly asked if the levee was full of elm trees and rodent burrows and if anyone had  
106 done a windshield tour of it. Mr. Casuga answered that the levee is maintained. He stated that  
107 his greater concern related to the internal drainage on the lower end, but they did not know what  
108 degree that concern would be.

109  
110 Director Kelly asked what their expectation was on getting the submittal into FEMA. Mr. Casuga  
111 answered their expectation would be to submit it prior to the end of the calendar year.

112  
113 Director Kelly then asked if they had all the preparation for the letter of map revision submittal  
114 for Bernalillo to Belen. They answered they would and updated that they did receive federal  
115 funding to start the design of the mountain view portion of the levee and were looking to enter  
116 the designed agreement within the next two months. Mr. Casuga went on to explain that they  
117 were limited until they reached a construction contract that would be more favorable to get into  
118 construction.

119  
120 Director Kelly asked if they were going to look at a typical design bid and build project or will it  
121 be a negotiated 8A contract. He also asked if the Isleta Pueblo Reach would be 100% federally  
122 funded. They answered they had not had that discussion yet, but the assumption was it would  
123 be a design and bid build. Mr. Casuga stated they had not settled whether or not there was any  
124 way to offset the Isleta Pueblo Reach cost.

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126 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - MRGCD RIO GRANDE AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST (RGALT)**  
127 **MOA 2022 ANNUAL REPORT - Cecilia Rosacker, Executive Director**

128  
129 Ms. Cecilia Rosacker touched on some items since their annual report was issues stating they  
130 hired two new full-time staff. She thanked Director Duggins for hosting the 25th Anniversary  
131 event. She discussed their outreach video and would love to share it on the MRGCD website.  
132 She stated they developed five new partners in their MRG conservation efforts which included  
133 the Land Trust Alliance, Western innovation folks, Thornberg Foundation and American  
134 Farmland Festival. Ms. Rosacker explained the fund legislation was passed and would provide  
135 \$100 million appropriation for the Land and Water Conservation that would fund conservation  
136 programs that were already in place and had not received funding for years. She mentioned that  
137 conservation easement transaction funding was one of their biggest challenges in accessing  
138 federal programs, so they had been focusing on ways to address that. Ms. Rosacker stated she  
139 visited the hill with the Intermountain West Joint Venture group where they discussed the new  
140 farm bill and the Inflation Reduction Act.

142 Vice Chair Dunning asked if their partnership with Bernalillo County and Albuquerque were  
 143 about the transaction cost or if it would include more. Ms. Rosacker answered that for right now  
 144 it would be just for covering transaction costs on projects. Ms. Rosacker also mentioned they  
 145 would be doing a conservation workshop to be held on May 26th.

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147 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR (COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO SIX (6)**  
 148 **MINUTES)**

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150 **Santiago Maestas**

151 Mr. Maestas, president of the South Valley Regional Association of Acequias, stated their  
 152 commissioner was informed there would not be delivery of water down through the Rogers  
 153 Lateral this season. He stated they had a damaged acequia last year by an irrigator who had  
 154 been cited twice for interference with the acequia. He stated Mr. Eddie Baca filed a criminal  
 155 complaint in accordance with the acequia statute. Mr. Maestas asked if the District would  
 156 reopen the lateral so they could resume irrigating this season.

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158 **Eddie Baca**

159 Mr. Baca added to Mr. Maestas comment, stating they received a call from the ditch rider,  
 160 Anderson (Tolth), that the embankment had been compromised to allow water through and that  
 161 the water would not be distributed to them until the embankment was reinforced. He wanted to  
 162 know what could be done to get water back to the members of his community.

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164 Mr. Casuga stated they were aware of the situation and had notified counsel of it. He said they  
 165 would be taking their own action to serve the violator. He said much work had been done to  
 166 destabilize the embankment that abutted that irrigator's property and the landowner believed  
 167 MRGCD was a trespasser. He said it would take some time but were taking every step they  
 168 could.

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170 Director Kelly asked if the irrigator was a new owner in the neighborhood and how long of a  
 171 reach it was. Mr. Maestas stated no, she was not new and was an elected official. He also said  
 172 the reach was about 300 feet.

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174 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - REPORT(S) FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT -**  
 175 **Christine Nardi, MBA**

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177 **a. Honoring Sloan Washburn, Belen Division Manager, for his 26 Years of Service**

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179 Ms. Nardi stated Mr. Washburn would be retiring and they wanted to recognize him for serving  
 180 the District for 26 years.

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182 Mr. Casuga spoke of Mr. Washburn and congratulated him for all his hard work over the years.  
 183 He's held a position as a laborer, which means he came to the District starting at the very entry  
 184 level of our field division positions, he's been a light equipment/medium equipment operator.  
 185 He's been a heavy equipment operator. He's been an ISO. He's been the equipment operations  
 186 and maintenance supervisor. He's been the construction and maintenance supervisor and the  
 187 position he currently holds as the Belen division manager. He has occupied every position from  
 188 a field division standpoint.

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190 He was also presented with gifts. Mr. Washburn thanked the board and spoke about his time at  
 191 the District since he was 19 years old. Many board members also thanked him for his service.

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194 **b. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires**

195  
196 Ms. Nardi stated they hired a new field maintenance tech, Francisco Padilla, in the Albuquerque  
197 Division and had one promotion to Casey Ish as the conservation program supervisor. She  
198 stated the vacancy rate was now at 9%.

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200 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER - Richard**  
201 **DeLoia, CPO**

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203 **a. Consideration/Approval for the Silvery Minnow Egg Monitoring**

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205 Richard DeLoia presented approval for the silvery minnow egg monitoring for the pumps at the  
206 Corrales Siphon. He said MRGCD staff recommended award to SWCA Environmental for  
207 \$66,830.30 and the project would be awarded through the New Mexico State Price Agreement.

208  
209 Jason Casuga added that this is a part of the compliance to operate the pumps, the District has  
210 to monitor for silvery minnow; and to monitor for eggs. He said they have an operational plan  
211 that if we see certain plumes of eggs, to temporarily shut off of the pumps to allow those eggs to  
212 pass. This is the level of environmental monitoring within the river channel that we have to do to  
213 operate the pumps.

214  
215 Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO ACCEPT THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION.**  
216 **Seconded by Vice Chair Dunning. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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218 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL FOR PROPOSED LAND SALES -**  
219 **Eric Zamora, COO**

220 **a. MRGCD Map 57 Tract 10A2 - Randy Sena**

221  
222 Mr. Zamora stated Mr. Strech and the GIS Department advised they had a box of property cards  
223 and thought it would be good to transfer that information to GIS. He said they asked their GIS  
224 analyst to prepare a summary to better analyze the properties that the District has which was  
225 shown in a web map. He said they asked the division managers to also take a look to see if  
226 there were potential sites for things like field maintenance offices to store equipment or stock  
227 pile material.

228  
229 Ms. Ashley Veihl sought approval for the tract of surplus land to be sold with only water rights  
230 pertinent to MRGCD Map 57, Tract 10A2, which totals 0.46 acres, property owned by Mr. Randy  
231 Sena. She stated Mr. Sena applied for the sale of the land in February 2018 and paid the \$250  
232 application fee. She said MRGCD staff determined there were no other adjacent landowners  
233 besides Mr. Sena. Ms. Veihl noted that the BOR continues to hold property interest in  
234 Albuquerque and Cochiti Divisions, which Mr. Sena was aware that the Bureau's easement  
235 would remain on this tract until the title transfer's completed for this property.

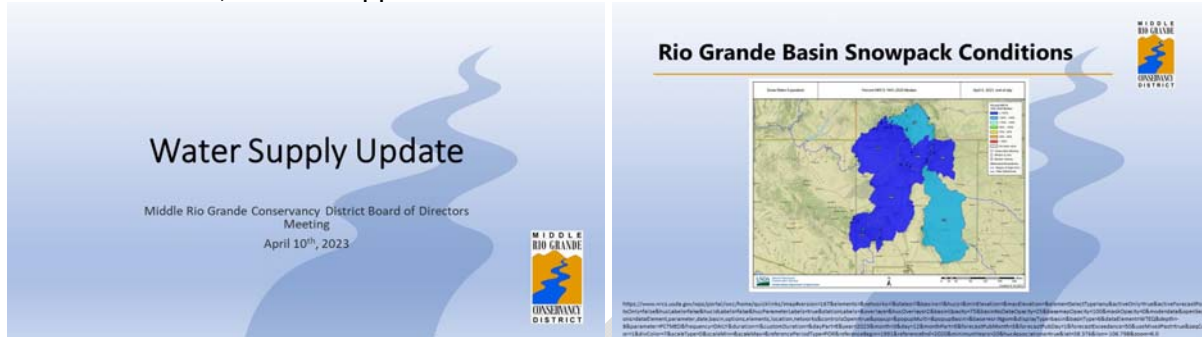
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237 She stated after completing the preliminary determinations, the staff recommendation is the  
238 excess land be disposed of.

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240 Chair Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE STAFF'S**  
241 **RECOMMENDATION.** Seconded by Director Barbara Baca. The **MOTION CARRIED**  
242 **UNANIMOUSLY.**

246 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - UPDATE ON THE UPCOMING 2023 IRRIGATION SEASON**

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

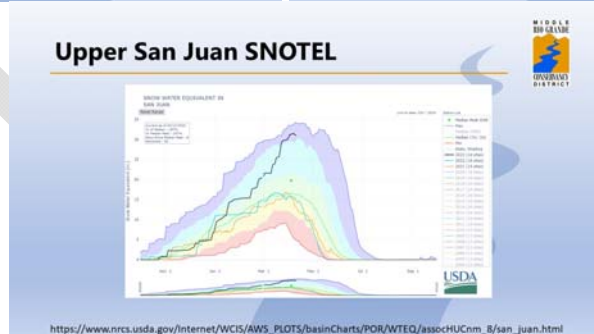
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249 Ms. Marken started off stating the snowpack conditions were well above median. She explained  
250 that snowpack is the measurement of the amount of moisture in the mountains held as snow  
251 and is measured as snow, water, equivalent (SWE). She said the Rio Grande Headwaters  
252 snowpack conditions was 136% of median, the Upper Rio Grande Rio Chama Watershed was  
253 160% of median, and the Upper San Juan Basin was 177% of median.



254 She said the SNOTEL graphs showed 16.2 inches SWE for Rio Grande Headwaters, 13.5  
255 inches of SWE for Rio Chama-Upper Rio Grande Basin, and 31 inches SWE for the San Juan  
256 Basin to Rio Chama Basin. Ms. Marken said New Mexico was in Rio Grande Compact debt to  
257 Texas of about 90,000 acre feet and El Vado was not available to MRGCD for storage until  
258 2025 due to construction on the dam. She said conditions indicated that the middle valley was  
259 likely to experience decent spring runoff in 2023 and expected to last through June. She stated  
260 the NCRS April 1 stream flow forecast showed the forecast for April to July for in-flows to El  
261 Vado were expected to be 190% of median and in-flows at the Otowi Gauge to be 166% of  
262 median.  
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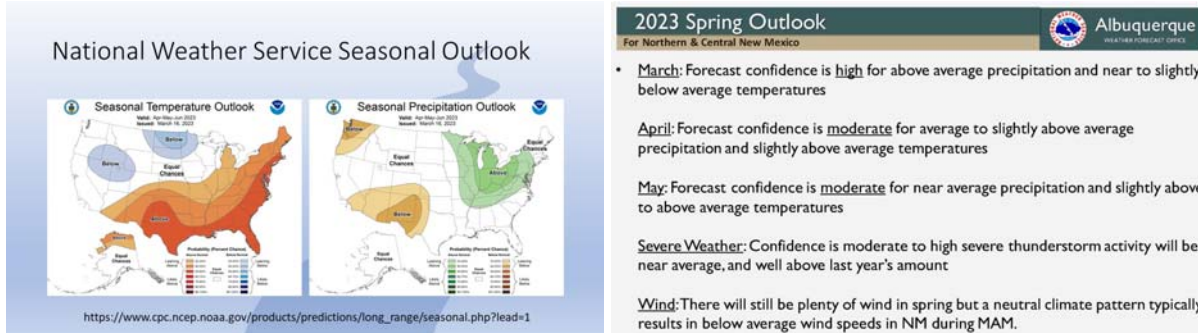


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265 Ms. Marken discussed that MRGCD was committed to a reduced demand curve in 2023 to  
266 maximize deliveries to Elephant Butte to minimize New Mexico's Rio Grande Compact debt.  
267 She stated a consequence of Compact restrictions were that MRGCD could not store native Rio  
268 Grande water to provide water delivery in summer and fall.  
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271 Ms. Marken said the National Weather Service’s seasonal outlook was showing higher than  
 272 average temperatures and below average precipitation for New Mexico, but the models did not  
 273 include some recent changes in conditions, so they would have closer to average conditions  
 274 through May.  
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 279 b. Status Report on Water Distribution - Matt Martinez, Water Distribution Division Manager  
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281 Mr. Martinez said Socorro Division completed charging and flushing on March 17th. He stated  
 282 they received an increase in water in north and central Socorro Divisions last week and  
 283 completed deliveries over the week. He said two of the four zones in Socorro Division were  
 284 done with their first delivery cycle. He said charging and flushing went according to plan in the  
 285 Belen Division and irrigation deliveries started on March 24th. He said they encountered  
 286 significant setbacks on the east side of Belen Division and irrigation deliveries did not start until  
 287 March 28th. Mr. Martinez stated the Valencia Acequia was up and running so irrigators there  
 288 should be able to get water soon. He said the Albuquerque Division startup plan was  
 289 accelerated, charging, and flushing began March 16th and irrigation deliveries started March  
 290 29th. He stated they would begin their first rotation for the Bernalillo area tomorrow. He stated  
 291 that things were going well with the updated pumping operation in Corrales. He stated Cochiti  
 292 Division startup plan was also accelerated and charging and flushing was moved up to March  
 293 21st. Mr. Martinez said elevated river flow was making for more drain water which meant less  
 294 water would need to be diverted to those areas to meet their apportion share of the supply.  
 295

296 Director Duggins expressed his concerns regarding a late start up. Mr. Casuga replied that the  
 297 valley is feeling the consequences of owing water to the compound and cannot foresee a day  
 298 that we will start like that and divert like the district did in our near future, and definitely not why  
 299 we're in compact debt the hydrology doesn't support it, and even if the hydrology did in a short  
 300 term like this year, the compact debt doesn't supply.  
 301

302 Mr. Martinez added that they were always open to feedback and would learn from their  
 303 strengths and weaknesses of the startup plan. He did state that water in Socorro was available  
 304 March 17th, and many people declined that water delivery, and he was confident Socorro had  
 305 received their portion share of the supply consistently.  
 306

307 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - REPORT(S) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**

- 309 a. **Bureau of Reclamation** - Jennifer Faler, Area Manager
- 310 b. **Bureau of Indian Affairs** - Roland Becenti, Acting Designated Engineer

311  
 312 Ms. Faler was not in attendance. There was no report given from the BIA.  
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314 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 - REPORT(S) FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER/CFO - Pam**  
 315 **Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**

316  
 317 a. Report on the 3rd Quarter Financial

318  
 319 Ms. Fanelli stated actual expenditures year to date totaled \$17,910,565. She said they did  
 320 expect revenues to come close to budgeted revenues by the year end with the exception of  
 321 grant revenues. She stated they experienced delay with some of the grant projects and it would  
 322 be moved to FY24. She stated the budgeted deficit for FY23 was \$2,189,477. She said they  
 323 recommended the District purchase some much needed equipment with salary savings, which  
 324 would keep the deficit at or around the budgeted deficit of \$2.1 million.

325  
 326 Director Kelly added the Finance Committee met to review the third quarter and recommended  
 327 they take the portions from the salary savings and apply it to buy two new mowers, which would  
 328 be about \$500,000.

329  
 330 Director Kelly modified his **MOTION TO ALLOCATE \$500,000 OF SALARY SAVINGS**  
 331 **TO THE PURCHASE OF TWO MOWERS AND TO ACCEPT THE THIRD QUARTER**  
 332 **FINANCIALS.** Seconded by Director Barbara Baca. The **MOTION CARRIED.**

333  
 334 Director Duggins asked about raising costs for the gopher tails. Vice Chair Dunning suggested  
 335 having staff look into that when the budget was developed and presented in May.

336  
 337 b. Consideration to Develop the FY2024 Budget to Include the 1 Mill Increase

338  
 339 Ms. Fanelli presented the proposal to increase the budget by one mill. She stated if they were to  
 340 move forward with that, the projected deficits would be around \$4 million per year and bring  
 341 approximately \$17 million into the budget to supplement the District's \$26 million in grants and  
 342 \$7.7 million in loans. She then asked the Board that the District be allowed to develop the fiscal  
 343 year 2024 budget, with the premise that an additional one mill be included in the MRGCD ad  
 344 valorem assessment to be used strictly for the capital investment fund, for capital investment  
 345 projects, debt service and district match on grants.

346  
 347 Director Kelly stated the increase was important and that if they lost the Atrisco Siphon there  
 348 would not be enough pumps to be able to pump that much water from the Rio Grande to feed  
 349 the whole south valley. He stated being a member of the Finance Committee he supported  
 350 including this in the budget prep.

351  
 352 Director Barbara Baca emphasized the problem they experienced with the Corrales Siphon and  
 353 felt this was very forward thinking. She said as they're talking about the birth of the agency of a  
 354 100 years, some of these facilities are that old, and the District needs to be looking at a  
 355 proactive mechanism by which to address these problems and avert those kinds of crises.

356  
 357 Vice Chair Dunning reminded the Board if they raised the mill rate, they could not do it again for  
 358 another five years. She stated if they did not do it, it would constrain their ability to go after other  
 359 funds because they would not be able to do the match for a grant.

360  
 361 Director Joaquin Baca said the priority list looks good. Regarding the five-year forecast, he was  
 362 very much against lining their canals other than a few, stating it was great from an engineering  
 363 standpoint but was bad for the system as a whole. He said he highly recommended saving  
 364 money by not lining the canals. He stated John Thompson helped him out with Senate Bill 251  
 365 to help economic development and it looked to be a promising way to raise some funds.

366  
367 Ms. Fanelli reminded the Board the only canal lining project in the five year forecast was for the  
368 Socorro Main Canal.

369  
370 Director Barbara Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE OF THE**  
371 **RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.** Seconded by Director Duggins.  
372 The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

373  
374 c. Approval of the Report on the Finance Committee Meeting, April 10, 2023 - Directors  
375 Kelly, Vice Chair Dunning, and Director Barbara Baca

376  
377 Chair Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE OF THE REPORT FROM THE**  
378 **FINANCE COMMITTEE.** Seconded by Vice Chair Dunning. The **MOTION CARRIED**  
379 **UNANIMOUSLY.**

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381 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 - REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER/CEO - Jason M.**  
382 **Casuga, PE**

383 a. **2023 Legislative Session Update and Related - John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist**

384  
385 Mr. Thompson stated the 2023 New Mexico Legislature's 60-day session ended March 18th,  
386 with 1,293 bills introduced and 220 passing. He stated that correlated to a high 17% pass rate.  
387 However, he stated they also had 35 bills vetoed for a 14% veto rate, which was also high. He  
388 said Senate Bill 335, the Local Election Act implementation delay, was passed and signed into  
389 law with an emergency clause without any dissenting votes. He stated the District was  
390 successful in obtaining and surviving veto authority on \$210,000 for siphon power funds. Mr.  
391 Thompson said House Bill 547, Water Trust Fund Projects, passed. He said 15 million of House  
392 Bill 2 was reauthorized this year to expand for usage in the Low Flow Conveyance channel  
393 operations and maintenance. Mr. Thompson also spoke about some bills that did not pass.

394  
395 Mr. Casuga thanked Mr. Thompson for a job well done and felt it was a wonderful learning  
396 experience regarding the process. He felt the District was well supported by the senators and  
397 representatives within the benefited area.

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399 b. **Consideration/Approval for the MOA Between Bureau of Reclamation Technical**  
400 **Service Center, Fisheries and Wildlife Resources Group and the MRGCD - Anne**  
401 **Marken, Water Ops Division Manager and Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO**

402  
403 Mr. Casuga stated the MOA was for funding they would be doing with BOR and tied to the  
404 infrastructure in the Low Flow Conveyance Channel (LFCC) at the southern end for gates. He  
405 stated the cost came in higher than his authority to authorize, therefore they needed to bring to  
406 the Board for consideration. He added it had been reviewed by counsel.

407  
408 Director Kelly asked about the timing of the construction of the drop structure. Mr. Casuga  
409 answered the construction was ongoing but had slowed down due to the amount of water the  
410 river produced and more water in the LFCC but were still pushing to have the outlet structure  
411 put in before monsoon season.

412  
413 Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MOA WITH THE BOR**  
414 **TECHNICAL SERVICE CENTER.** Seconded by Director Barbara Baca. The **MOTION**  
415 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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417 **c. Report on the Law of the Rio Grande Conference, Santa Fe, April 3-4, 2023 - Jason**  
 418 **M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chair Russo Baca, and Directors Joaquin Baca and Sandoval**  
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420 Mr. Casuga stated they were updated on Texas v. New Mexico settlement agreement. He  
 421 stated Texas talked about the ability to settle and how they could do it without the federal  
 422 government. He stated there would be another conference in November.  
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424 *See attached written report from the Chair.*  
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426 **d. Upcoming Events**

- 427 1. Farming in The Flyway Series, Soil Health Strategies for Salt-Affected Middle Rio  
 428 Grande Workshops, 164 NM-116, Bosque, NM - May 12, 2023
- 429 2. NWRA Federal Water Issues Conference, Washington, DC - April 17-19,  
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431 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 - REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD ATTORNEY(S) - Chief Water**  
 432 **Counsel or General Counsel**  
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434 Ms. Wiggins reported that they received notice that the City of Belen filed a crossclaim against  
 435 MRGCD for negligence in the maintenance of the Belen Highline Canal and the New Belen  
 436 Acequia for damages they alleged MRGCD caused in connection with the flood event on July 6,  
 437 2021. She believed they would receive immunity from the claim under the Tort Claims Act but  
 438 would keep them posted.  
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440 Dr. DuMars stated the Wild Earth Guardians (WEG) were unsuccessful in persuading the  
 441 administrative office of the state engineer and the hearing examiner ruled WEG was improper.  
 442 However, the judge stated that the reason the state engineer listed in their decision did not  
 443 show it was in the public's best interest. He stated the state engineer and MRGCD would take  
 444 the opportunity to put on a case as to why it was in the public's best interest to grant the  
 445 extension of time.  
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447 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 - REPORT(S) FROM THE BOARD**

448 **a. Report on the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting, March 16, 2023 - Chair**  
 449 **Russo Baca**  
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451 *See the Chair's attached written report.*  
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453 **b. Report on the 100-Year Celebration Kickoff Meeting, March 22, 2023 - Chair Russo**  
 454 **Baca and Director Joaquin Baca**  
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456 Director Joaquin Baca said they came to a fairly good decision on 1923 v 1925 and it was a  
 457 great meeting. He mentioned the PIO, Brittany Bade, and John Fleck also in attendance.  
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459 *See the Chair's attached written report.*  
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461 **c. Report on the Agriculture Appreciation Day, March 25, 2023 - Chair Russo Baca**  
 462

463 *See the Chair's attached written report.*  
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465 **d. Report on the Water Protection Committee Meeting, March 29, 2023 - Chair Russo**  
 466 **Baca and Directors Joaquin Baca and Sandoval**  
 467

468 *See the Chair's attached written report.*

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e. **Report on the Primera Aqua (Acequia Madre de Atrisco), April 1, 2023 - Directors Barbara Baca and Joaquin Baca**

Director Barbara Baca said it was a wonderful event and fed into the 100-year birthday of MRGCD. She stated they would all be working together moving forward to educate the public about the importance of what MRGCD and what their ditches and canals do.

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 and Director Joaquin Baca**

See the Chair's attached written report.

g. **Report on the District Urban Issues Committee Meeting, April 6, 2023 - Chair Russo Baca and Directors Joaquin Baca and Barbara Baca**

See the Chair's attached written report.

h. **Workshop to develop a climate-adapted revegetation design for Whitfield Complex lands along the Middle Rio Grande, April 7, 2023 - Chair Russo Baca**

See the Chair's attached written report.

Chair Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**. Seconded by Director Kelly. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 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

Mr. Casuga did not believe the executive session was needed still; which legal counsel concurred.

With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Madam Chair Russo Baca adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of April 10, 2023

**ATTESTED:**

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Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Stephanie Russo Baca, Madam Chair  
MRGCD Board of Directors

Grant Agreement for the  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Assistance with the Purchase and Installation of  
Automated Gates for the Low Flow Conveyance Channel West

## **1.0 Introduction**

1.1. Justification/Authority. The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) is authorized to award this financial assistance by the 2016 Biological Opinion (BO), specifically in accordance with the following provision: “Fort Craig to RM 60 Restoration includes improving the LFCC for water delivery and construction at the RM 60 site of a structure to allow return flows to the main channel and also provide the ability to control flows into wetlands and silvery minnow designated critical habitat. This Measure will provide the ability to deliver more water back to the river channel that will improve the silvery minnow survival by providing up to 13 km (8 mi) of additional wetted river in silvery minnow habitat that has historically dried.”

1.2. Public Purpose of Support or Stimulation. The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), supports and assists BOR in its implementation of the BO through funding the design and installation of the automated gates for the Rio Grande outfall. This support and assistance serve the public's interest by conserving and protecting the endangered Rio Grande silvery minnow and Southwestern willow flycatcher, and the threatened Western yellow-billed cuckoo on the Middle Rio Grande. The general public benefits by the preservation of these federally listed species.

1.3. Background. The RM 60 Project (Project) is in the Middle Rio Grande and is presently being constructed. MRGCD's engineering contractor has designed the two culverts being installed at RM 60 and BOR's Socorro field division is performing the construction of the site. MRGCD is funding the automated gate for the culvert that returns flow back to the Rio Grande. The grant will provide funding to MRGCD to install automated gates that control flow from the LFCC (Low Flow Conveyance Channel) through culverts to the LFCC West. The Project will help conserve habitat in the LFCC West while creating habitat in the Rio Grande. This Project will also help prevent over banking water losses that occur within the LFCC West by reducing flow to the LFCC West. BOR is providing a grant to MRGCD to purchase and install the automated gates for the LFCC West culvert.

## **2.0 Goal**

MRGCD will assist BOR in controlling the flow of water to the LFCC West to conserve habitat. The goal of this assistance is to conserve water by reducing over banking in the LFCC West and to conserve existing habitat within the LFCC West with the least amount of water needed. The water conserved from restricted flows to the LFCC West will be diverted to the Rio Grande to help establish habitat within the Rio Grande channel.

## **3.0 Objective and Benefit**

Provide MRGCD with financial assistance funds to accomplish work associated with the following effort: This effort includes that MRGCD will purchase and install automated gates at the culverts of LFCC West at RM 60.

Automation of the gated culverts to the LFCC West will allow the gates to move automatically to meet desired downstream flow conditions. This means that the gates can move to meet the desired flow rates (if there is enough available water) even when water levels in the main low flow channel fluctuate. Automation will provide more reliable flows and will eliminate the need to send individuals down to make regular changes to the gate openings. Twice monthly calibration checks will still need to be conducted to ensure the equipment is operating as intended. The automation equipment includes telemetry that has remote read and write capabilities. The telemetry will provide both near real-time monitoring of flows and water levels at the automated gates and the ability to write new flow setpoints remotely from the MRGCD office in Albuquerque. The remote monitoring data will be tied into the existing MRGCD telemetry system and available to the public. Automation of the LFCC West culverts will ultimately provide better control of flows to the LFCC West and a more robust flow data collection framework than if the automation equipment was not installed.

#### **4.0 Period of Performance**

This Grant Agreement will be in effect for three months, (1 May 2023 – 1 August 2023).

#### **5.0 Deliverables**

5.1 Purchase and install automated gates at LFCC West.

5.2 Copy of all Contractor Deliverables

#### **6.0 Budget Estimate and Funds Availability**

The total estimated cost ceiling for this grant is \$48,803.82, No legal liability on the part of the BOR for any payment may arise until funds are made available, through written modification of the grant by a BOR Grants Officer (GO).

Estimated costs for the services across the three months of this grant are shown in Table 1. As Federal financial assistance agreements are cost-reimbursable, the budget provided is for estimation purposes only. Final costs incurred under the budget categories listed may be either higher or lower than the estimated costs. All costs incurred by MRGCD as the recipient under this Grant Agreement must be in accordance with any pre-award clarifications conducted between the MRGCD and BOR, as well as with the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement. Final determination of the allowability, allocability, or reasonableness of costs incurred under this agreement is the responsibility of the GO. MRGCD is encouraged to direct any questions regarding allowability, allocability or reasonableness of costs to the GO for review prior to incurrence of the costs in question.

#### **7.0 Cost Sharing Requirement**

Non-Federal cost-share is not required for this Agreement.

#### **8.0 Pre-Award Incurrence of Costs**

MRGCD shall be entitled to reimbursement for costs incurred on or after March 1 2023, which if had been incurred after this Grant Agreement was entered into, would have been allowable, allocable, and reasonable under the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement.

## **9.0 Responsibilities of the Parties**

MRGCD shall carry out the Scope of Work (SOW) in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. MRGCD shall adhere to Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and codes, as applicable, and shall obtain all required approvals and permits, if needed. If the SOW contains construction activities, MRGCD is responsible for construction inspection, oversight, and acceptance. If applicable, the MRGCD shall also coordinate and obtain approvals from site owners and operators.

BOR will monitor and provide Federal oversight of activities performed under this Grant Agreement. Monitoring and oversight includes review and approval of financial status and performance reports, payment requests, and any other deliverables identified as part of the SOW. Additional monitoring activities may include site visits, conference calls, and other on-site and off-site monitoring activities. At MRGCD's request, BOR may also provide technical assistance to MRGCD in support of the objectives of this Grant Agreement.

### **10.0 Allowable Costs (2 CFR Part §225)**

Costs incurred for the performance of this Grant Agreement must be allowable, allocable to the project, and reasonable. The following Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular, codified within the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), governs the allowability of costs for Federal financial assistance:

2 CFR Part 225 (OMB Circular A-87), "Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments"

Expenditures for the performance of this Grant Agreement must conform to the requirements within this Circular. MRGCD must maintain sufficient documentation to support these expenditures. Questions on the allowability of costs should be directed to the GO responsible for this Grant Agreement.

MRGCD shall not incur costs or obligate funds for any purpose pertaining to operation of the program or activities beyond the expiration date stated in the Grant Agreement. The only costs which are authorized for a period of up to 90 days following the Project performance period are those strictly associated with closeout activities for preparation of the final report.

### **11.0 Modifications**

Any changes to this Grant Agreement shall be made by means of a written modification. BOR may make changes to the Grant Agreement by means of a unilateral modification to address administrative matters, such as changes in address, no-cost time extensions, or the addition of previously agreed upon funding. Additionally, a unilateral modification may be utilized by BOR if it should become necessary to suspend or terminate the Grant Agreement in accordance with 43 CFR 12.83.

All other changes shall be made by means of a bilateral modification to the Grant

Agreement. No oral statement made by any person, or written statement by any person other than the GO, shall be allowed in any manner or degree to modify or otherwise effect the terms of the Grant Agreement.

All requests for modification of the Grant Agreement shall be made in writing, provide a full description of the reason for the request, and be sent to the attention of the GO. Any request for project extension shall be made at least 45 days prior to the expiration date of the Grant Agreement or the expiration date of any extension period that may have been previously granted. Any determination to extend the period of performance or to provide follow-on funding for continuation of a project is solely at the discretion of BOR.

## **12.0 Key Personnel**

12.1. MRGCD's Key Personnel. MRGCD Project Manager for this Grant Agreement shall be:

Anne Marken  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
1931 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
505-247-0234 [anne@mrgcd.us](mailto:anne@mrgcd.us)

12.2. BOR's Key Personnel. The Grants Officer (GO) will be:

Karen Shubert  
Address: 125 S. State St  
Salt Lake City, UT 84138  
801-524-3663 [kshubert@usbr.gov](mailto:kshubert@usbr.gov)

The Grants Officer Technical Representative will be:

Bryan Lawlis  
555 Broadway Blvd Ave NE Ste 100  
Albuquerque NM 87102  
505-462-3634 [blawlis@usbr.gov](mailto:blawlis@usbr.gov)

## **13.0 Regulatory Compliance**

MRGCD agrees to comply or assist BOR with all regulatory compliance requirements and all applicable state, Federal, and local environmental and cultural and paleontological resource protection laws and regulations as applicable to this Project. These may include, but are not limited to, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), including the Council on Environmental Quality and Department of the Interior regulations implementing NEPA, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, consultation with potentially affected Tribes, and consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office.

Certain environmental and other associated compliance are Federal responsibilities, and will occur as appropriate. BOR will identify the need for and will complete any appropriate environmental compliance requirements, as identified above, pertinent to BOR pursuant to activities specific to this assisted activity on the Project.

As such, notwithstanding any other provision of this Grant Agreement, BOR shall not provide any funds to MRGCD for implementation of the assisted activities described in this Grant Agreement, until BOR provides written notice to MRGCD that all applicable environmental and regulatory compliance analyses and clearances have been completed and that MRGCD may begin implementation of the assisted activities on the Project. If MRGCD begins project activities that require environmental and other regulatory compliance approval, such as construction activities, prior to receipt of written notice from BOR that all such clearances have been obtained, then BOR reserves the right to unilaterally terminate this Grant Agreement for cause upon written notice to MRGCD.

**Table 1**

Quantity	Item Description	Total Cost
1	14 IO Programmable RTU w/UHF 4 Watt Radio-Modem.	\$2,590.00
1	Weathertight Gate/General Purpose panel w/hinged door, Display, 4x4 Keypad, Toggle switches, 30" Serial cable	\$995.00
1	Digital IO Expansion Unit: 8 DI, 8 Relay DO, New Version F580 I	\$1,295.00
2	Pneumatic Bubbler Sensor with 1 Output, 5psig Sensor	\$1,618.00
2	Gate Relay Control board with 4 each 15 amp relays	\$1,378.00
1	Enclosure, Steel, NEMA4, 16x 16x8" w/Twist	\$895.00
1	Locks, 12v 7 AH Battery, Prewired Key Lock for Enclosure	\$69.00
1	Enclosure, Heavy duty traffic style for solar equipment	\$1,230.40
2	Solar Panel, 180 Watt, 24 Volt	\$958.00
4	Battery, 12 volt, 108 amp hour	\$1,721.60
1	Battery, 12 volt, 18 amp hour	\$110.82
1	Charge Controller, 30 Amp	\$654.00
1	Load Controller, 45 Amp	\$410.00
1	Yagi, 3 Element, 7.1db gain, Gold Anodized, Welded, w/N Connectors and cable to 25ft.	\$219.00
1	Mounting Frame, Steel, for Solar and Enclosures	\$1,500.00
4	Bolt-On Gate actuator for Large Gates	\$25,760.00
1	For wire, hardware, switches, relays, etc. as needed	\$500.00
1	Travel/Per Diem/Lodging as required	\$1,500.00
1	Project costs for installation, calibration, commissioning for operation.	\$5,400.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$48,803.82</b>





**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: Ashley Veihl, Right-of-Way Specialist

DATE: May 4, 2023

RE: MRGCD Executed Licenses for April 2023

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1. 029-2022 – License to maintain an existing 48"Ø X 40' culvert crossing within the Alameda Lateral right-of-way to serve MRGCD Map 28, Tract 35, in the care of current owner(s) and its successors and/or assigns.
2. 144-2022 – License with New Mexico Department of Transportation to install and maintain the NM State Road 109 – Jarales Road Improvements within the Sanchez Interior Drain, Upper Arroyos Acequia, and New Belen Wasteway rights-of-way.
3. 172-2022 – License with SunZia Transmission, LLC to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Upper Sabinal Riverside Drain, Rio Grande Floodway, and San Juan Lower Riverside Drain rights-of-way, and a (1) steel monopole structure within the Rio Grande Floodway right-of-way.
4. 225-2022 – License to install and maintain a 60"Ø X 20' CMP culvert crossing within the Chamisal Lateral right-of-way to serve MRGCD Map 20, tracts B1, B2, B3B, B3C, 36A, and 37A, in care of current owner(s) and their successors and/or assigns.
5. 263-2022 – Special Use License with Herpetological Conservation, LLC to conduct surveys of northern leopard frogs in the Rio Grande bosque and immediately adjacent riverside drains and feeders in Valencia and Socorro counties.
6. 322-2022 – License to maintain an encroachment within the Armijo Interior Drain right-of-way to serve MRGCD Map 46, Lot 1, Gross and Net, in the care of current owner(s) and its successors and/or assigns.
7. 323-2022 – License with Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA) to maintain a buried sewer utility line crossing within the Beckham Lateral right-of-way.
8. 324-2022 – License with Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA) to maintain a buried water utility line crossing within the Barr Interior Drain right-of-way.
9. 347-2022 – License with TDS Broadband Service, LLC to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Socorro Ditch AKA Socorro Acequia Pump right-of-way.
10. 007-2023 – Special Use License with NM Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute to perform ecological monitoring of sites treated as part of the greater Rio Grande Water Shed Alliance's (GRGWA) non-native phreatophyte management project.
11. 012-2023 – License with Comcast of New Mexico, LLC to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing

within the Arenal Main Canal right-of-way.

12. 018-2023 – License with Comcast of New Mexico, LLC to maintain an existing parallel buried utility within the Durand Lateral right-of-way.
13. 064-2023 – License with New Mexico Gas Company to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Sanchez Interior Drain right-of-way.
14. 117-2023 – Special Use License with Adobe Whitewater Club to host a paddling event in the Environmental Justice Days series within the Rio Grande Floodway.

## 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

## 2023 MRGCD BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION CALENDAR

<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>

## 2023 MRGCD BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION CALENDAR

<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>

## 2023 MRGCD BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION CALENDAR

<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>

## 2023 MRGCD BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION CALENDAR

<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>



**RULE NO. 20  
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS  
FOR THE  
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**1. Abolition of boards of directors of districts having more than one hundred thousand acres and created prior to 1930.**

§73-14-18. As the same are now constituted, any conservancy district organized under the provisions of the Conservancy Act of New Mexico and such conservancy district being created prior to 1930, embracing land situated in four or more counties and having an appointed board of directors, shall, after the election and qualification of the board of directors cease to have an appointed board of directors and in lieu thereof shall have an elected board of directors as provided in Sections 73-14-18 through 73-14-32 NMSA 1978, which board of directors shall bear the name "Board of Directors of the ..... Conservancy District" and shall be a body corporate, may sue and be sued, and which shall succeed to, have, exercise, enjoy, assume and perform all of the rights, powers, obligations and duties now by law vested in, conferred upon, imposed upon or required of, the boards hereby abolished.

**2. Boards of directors; membership, qualifications.**

§73-14-19. The boards of directors created by Sections 73-14-18 through 73-14-32 NMSA 1978 shall consist of three directors from and representing that portion of the most populous county within the conservancy district, one director each from and representing those portions of each of the remaining counties within the conservancy district and one director from and representing the district at large; provided that each director:

- A. is a qualified elector of the conservancy district; and
- B. resides within the conservancy district and the county from which he is elected or, if representing the district at large, resides within one of the four counties of the conservancy district.
- C. as of the date the candidate completes the Declaration of Candidacy, the candidate is qualified to hold office.

**3. Definitions.**

§73-14-20. As used in Section 73-14-18 through 73-14-32 NMSA 1978:

- A. "absent voter" means a qualified elector who has requested an absentee ballot forty days prior to an election;
- B. "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;
- C. "benefited area" means that area described by a property appraisal that received a benefit as a result of the creation of a district for any of the purposes specified in Section 73-14-4 NMSA 1978;
- D. "election director" means the person whom the board of directors may request to provide election services by a contract approved by the secretary of state;
- E. "election officer" means a person appointed by the board of directors to conduct the election in the absence of an election director and who performs all election services required by statute;
- F. "list compiler" means a contractor approved by the board of directors to compile and produce a qualified elector list for a conservancy district;
- G. "qualified elector" means an individual who owns real property within the benefited area of the conservancy district and who has provided proof of an ownership interest to one of



- 57 the sources specified in Subsection B of Section 73-14-20.1 NMSA 1978 within the  
58 required time period, or who resides on and owns legal or equitable title in tribal lands  
59 and who is over the age of majority;
- 60 H. "qualified elector's list" means the list compiled before each election that contains the  
61 individual names of all qualified electors; and
  - 62 I. "residence" means a dwelling that lies partially or completely within the benefited area.
  - 63 J. "voter identification documents" means a government-issued photo ID, or proof of being  
64 a currently enrolled member in a tribe, or two other forms of ID including, but not limited  
65 to utility bills, current year tax bill, or a voter ID.
  - 66 K. "electronic voting machine" means a vote tabulator, or any other state certified tabulating  
67 voting machine that is consistent with the NM State Election Code.

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69 **4. Qualified elector list.**

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71 §73-14-20.1.

- 72 A. The board of directors of the conservancy district may contract for a list compiler before  
73 each election to compile and produce a qualified elector's list for the district. The list  
74 compiler shall deliver the completed list to the election director no later than forty-five  
75 days prior to a district election. An individual who purchases property ninety days prior  
76 to an election may become certified to vote in a future election by filing his deed of title  
77 with the appropriate county clerk at least ninety days before the next conservancy  
78 district election.
- 79 B. Names of qualified electors shall be obtained from the records of the county clerk of the  
80 appropriate county, the appropriate county assessor of the appropriate country, records  
81 of the conservancy district or from the census bureau and enrollment records provided  
82 by the pueblos. The county assessor of the appropriate county, the county clerk of the  
83 appropriate county and the tribal representatives of the appropriate pueblos shall deliver  
84 to the election director all records regarding qualified electors of the benefited area no  
85 later than the last day of each March before a district election.
- 86 C. Updating the qualified elector's list shall consist of adding, for any new qualified elector  
87 who has purchased property in the district, the name, address and description of all  
88 property owned by the qualified elector in the benefited area and removing the name of  
89 any elector who is deceased or is no longer a qualified elector because he no longer  
90 owns property within the benefited area.
- 91 D. Proof of ownership of land within the benefited area requires one of the following:
  - 92 1) A recorded deed or real estate contract indicating current ownership of land  
93 within the benefited area;
  - 94 2) An individual's name on county clerk records indicating a description of property  
95 the individual owns within the benefited area;
  - 96 3) An individual's name on a list compiled by the governing body of a pueblo within  
97 the benefited area indicating that the individual named is residing on and has  
98 legal or equitable title in the pueblo; or
  - 99 4) A current property tax bill indicating ownership of land within the benefited area.
- 100 E. The election officer or the election director shall distribute to each polling place a current  
101 qualified elector's list for the appropriate county. The election officer or the election  
102 director shall distribute the qualified elector's list to each polling place within a pueblo  
103 located within the benefited area. A qualified elector may vote at any one polling place in  
104 the pueblo or county where he owns land. An individual who seeks to cast his vote but  
105 finds his name is not on the qualified elector's list shall not be allowed to vote in that  
106 election but may vote on a provisional ballot pursuant to Section 13.7.

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108 **5. List Compiler.**

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110 The board of directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District may contract for a List  
111 Compiler before each election to compile and produce a qualified elector's list for the district  
112 or may request district staff to compile the qualified elector's list.  
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## 114 6. Voting. 115

116 6.1 A qualified elector may vote only once for candidate(s) representing the county wherein he or  
117 she is a qualified elector of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. A qualified elector  
118 may only vote in one county even though they own land in two or more counties within the  
119 benefited area of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. Only one vote may be cast by  
120 a qualified elector for the candidate representing the District at large.  
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122 6.2 The residents who own legal or equitable title in tribal lands and whose names appear on the  
123 Pueblo census from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs or a Pueblo enrollment list and are  
124 over the age of majority (18 years) in Santa Ana, San Felipe, Santo Domingo and Cochiti  
125 Pueblos will vote for the Sandoval County candidate and for the candidate at large. Since  
126 Isleta Pueblo embraces Bernalillo County and Valencia County, the residents of Isleta  
127 Pueblo will vote either for the Bernalillo County candidate(s) or the Valencia County  
128 candidate and the candidate at large. Since Sandia Pueblo embraces Bernalillo County and  
129 Sandoval County, the residents of Sandia Pueblo will vote either for the Bernalillo County  
130 candidate(s) or the Sandoval County candidate and the candidate at large.  
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132 6.3 Provisional Ballots. If an individual has failed to present Voter Identification Documents or  
133 feels that there has been an error and that he/she has been erroneously omitted from the  
134 qualified elector list, the Election Judges will immediately allow the individual to sign an  
135 affidavit certifying that they are a qualified elector as defined by state law and representing  
136 that they will provide proof of ownership as described in §73-14-20.1(D) and provide copies  
137 of his/her/their proper voter identification to the Election Director or Election Officer within two  
138 business days of the signing of the affidavit. The individual will proceed to vote by paper  
139 ballot on a Provisional Ballot (see 14.7 Voting).  
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141 The purpose of the provisional ballot is to allow a person not on the Qualified Electors List to  
142 vote on Election Day. The provisional ballot ensures this voter that his/her/their vote is secret  
143 and protects against fraud in the voting process.  
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145 6.4 Absentee Voting. Absentee ballots and their required envelopes may be mailed to the voter  
146 beginning on the fortieth day preceding the election  
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148 6.5 Absentee/Early Voting in Person. Commencing at least two weeks prior to the election, an  
149 early voter may vote once in person on a voting system at an early voting location in  
150 Bernalillo, Socorro, Valencia, or Sandoval Counties.  
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## 152 7. Board of directors; election; terms. 153

### 154 §73-14-21.

155 A. Each member of the board of directors shall be elected for a term of four years and,  
156 unless, removed from office, shall serve until his successor is duly elected and has  
157 qualified; provided that in the first election immediately following the effective date of the  
158 provisions of this act (73-14-18 to 73-14-32 NMSA 1978), candidates for positions 1, 2,  
159 and 5 shall be elected for two-year terms each and candidates for positions 3, 4, 6 and 7  
160 shall be elected for four-year terms each.

161 B. Vacancies on the board of directors shall be filled by the remaining members of the  
162 board of directors for the unexpired term of the director whose office becomes vacant.  
163 The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall have the same qualifications as the  
164 member whose unexpired term they are completing.

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**8. Board of directors; apportionment.**

§73-14-22. The representation on the board of directors of the conservancy district shall be apportioned as follows:

- A. three members shall be elected from and by the qualified electors of the most populous county within the conservancy district;
- B. one member each shall be elected from and by the qualified electors of those portions of each of the remaining counties in the conservancy district; and
- C. one member shall be elected from and by the qualified electors of the conservancy district at large.

**9. Suspension or removal.**

§73-14-23. A member of the conservancy district board may be suspended or removed in the same manner and for the same reasons that a county officer may be suspended or removed.

9.1 Causes for removal of local officers. The following shall be causes for removal of any officer belonging to the class mentioned in the preceding section:

- A. Conviction of any felony or of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;
- B. Failure, neglect or refusal to discharge the duties of the office, or failure, neglect or refusal to discharge any duty devolving upon the officer by virtue of this office;
- C. Knowingly demanding or receiving illegal fees as such officer;
- D. Failure to account for money coming into his hands as such officer;
- E. Gross incompetency or gross negligence in discharging the duties of the office;
- F. Any other act or acts, which in the opinion of the court or jury amount to corruption in office or gross immorality rendering the incumbent unfit to fill the office.

**10. Time and procedure for election.**

§73-14-24.

- A. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May prior to the middle Rio Grande conservancy district election, an election proclamation shall be published that includes 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.
- B.** The members of the boards of directors created pursuant to provisions of Sections 73-14-18 through 73-14-32 NMSA 1978 shall be elected at an election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in October in 2023.
- C. The elections for the members of the board of directors of the conservancy district shall be conducted, counted and canvassed as provided in Sections 73-14-18 through 73-14-32 and 73-14-84 through 73-14-86 NMSA 1978. The polls may be opened and closed in the same manner as provided for the general election under the Election Code (Chapter 1 NMSA 1978).
- D. 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.

**11. Declaration of candidacy; signatures of electors**

220 §73-14-25. Declaration of candidacy; signatures of electors.

221 A. Any person who desires to become a candidate for election as a member of the  
222 conservancy district board of directors shall file his/her/their written declaration of  
223 candidacy with the election director or with the election officer at least sixty days before  
224 the election. The election officer or the election director shall certify the candidates to the  
225 board of directors.

226 B. The declaration of candidacy shall contain:

- 227 1) A statement that the candidates is a qualified elector of the district and meets the  
228 qualifications of a director as required by law;
  - 229 2) The candidate's name, address, county of residence and date of declaration of  
230 candidacy;
  - 231 3) The numerical designation of the position on the board of directors for which he  
232 desires to be a candidate;
  - 233 4) If a candidate for a position representing a county in the conservancy district, a  
234 petition signed by at least seventy-five qualified electors of the district who reside in  
235 that county;
  - 236 5) If a candidate for the position at large in the conservancy district, a petition signed by  
237 at least one hundred twenty five qualified electors; and
  - 238 6) A statement that the candidate resides within the conservancy district and in the  
239 county for which he desires to be a candidate on the board of directors.
- 240 C. Candidate to present identification showing physical address; i.e. driver's license, voter  
241 registration, current utility bill, and/or description of qualifying property, etc.

#### 242 11.1 Becoming a Candidate

- 243 A. Position on the ballot will be determined by lot fifty seven (57) days prior to the  
244 election when candidates draw from the numbers one through twenty-five. The  
245 candidate with the lowest number shall be first on the ballot with each following  
246 position being determined by the next lowest number. Drawing lots will be done  
247 in order of filing the candidate's declaration of candidacy. The name of the  
248 candidate shall appear on the ballot in the same form as it appears on the  
249 declaration of candidacy.
- 250 B. Only original signatures placed on official petitions established by the Board of  
251 Directors for the current election will be accepted.
- 252 C. No employee of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District shall continue  
253 employment with the District upon becoming a candidate because a conflict of  
254 interest would exist. This section shall not apply to people considered to be  
255 employees by virtue of their elected position.
- 256 D. Must not have a felony conviction, or of any misdemeanor involving moral  
257 turpitude.

#### 258 11.2 Write-In Candidates

259 Write-In Ballots – The Board of Director's power to regulate procedure at polling  
260 places, instructions to voters and determination of voter eligibility does not include  
261 the authority to deny the privilege of casting a write-in ballot to elect a board member.  
262 Gonzales v. Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District 106 N.M. 426, 744 P.2d 554  
263 (Ct. App. 1987).

- 264 A. A person desiring to be a write-in candidate shall file a written declaration of  
265 intent with the Election Officer at least fifty-five calendar days prior to the  
266 election. The declaration of intent shall be in the form established by the Board.  
267 At the time of filing the declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, the write-in  
268 candidate shall be considered a candidate for all purposes and provisions

274 relating to candidates in this Election Rule except that he/she/they shall not be  
275 entitled to have his/her/their name printed on the ballot.

276 B. The Election Officer shall, fifty-three days prior to Election Day, certify the  
277 name(s) of the declared write-in candidate(s) to the Election Director. The  
278 Election Director shall instruct Election judges not to advise voters of write-in  
279 candidates.

280 C. A vote for a write-in candidate shall be counted and canvassed only if:

281 1) The name written in is the name of a declared write-in candidate, certified  
282 by the Election Officer and shows two initials and last name; first name,  
283 middle initial or name and last name; first and last name; or the full name  
284 as it appears on the declaration of intent and misspellings of the above  
285 combinations that can be determined by a majority of the election judges  
286 to identify a declared write-in candidate; and

287 2) The name shall be written in as instructed per the approved voting  
288 system or on the proper line provided on an absentee ballot for write-in  
289 votes for the position for which the candidate has filed a declaration of  
290 intent.

291 3) A write-in vote shall be cast by writing in the name; "write-in" does not  
292 include the imprinting of any name by rubber stamp or similar device, or  
293 the use of preprinted stickers or labels and votes cast for any individuals  
294 whose names have been placed on the ballot by such means shall not be  
295 counted or canvassed.

296 D. No unopposed write-in candidate shall have his election certified unless he has  
297 received at least the number of write-in votes as he would need signatures on a  
298 nominating petition pursuant to the requirements of Section 10 of the Election  
299 Rule.  
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## 301 **12. Designation of positions for purposes of election.**

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303 §73-14-26. For purposes of election to the board of directors of the conservancy district,  
304 each office on the board shall be assigned a position number in numerical sequence  
305 beginning with the at-large position, and then next those positions with the most populous  
306 county. At all elections, the same position numbers shall be used to designate the same  
307 offices.  
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## 309 **13. Election; location of polling places; notice of election; creation of early voting precincts /** 310 **polling places, creation of absentee voter precincts and creation of election day voting** 311 **convenience centers.** 312

313 A. For every conservancy district election, the board of directors shall provide for adequate  
314 polling places within the boundaries of the conservancy district. In addition, the board of  
315 directors shall provide a polling place at the main office of the conservancy district and  
316 may provide such other locations as it deems necessary. The board of directors may  
317 also create absentee, early voter and absent voter precincts.

318 B. Notice of the election shall be published three times in a newspaper of general circulation  
319 within each county of the district. Each notice shall state the time, place and purpose of  
320 the election and shall be published twenty, ten, and five days before the election.  
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## 323 **14. Election judges.**

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325 The election officer or the election director shall select two or more election judges for each  
326 polling place established within the conservancy district. The election officer or the election  
327 director shall also appoint absentee-early voter and absent voter precinct boards.  
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- 329 14.1 The judges shall have the authority to preserve order within the polling place and to  
330 call in a peace officer if, in their judgment, his presence is necessary. The Election  
331 Director will also select such alternate judges as they deem advisable in each  
332 county. In the absence of sufficient alternates to have two or more judges present at  
333 each polling place, the judges present shall have the authority to appoint a qualified  
334 elector as judge to serve as such upon filing the oath of such judge as required  
335 herein.  
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- 337 14.2 Election judges shall take an oath to conduct the election to the best of their ability  
338 and to fairly and impartially discharge the duties of their office and to recognize and  
339 preserve the rights of electors to secrecy of the ballot.  
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- 341 14.3 Judges shall be responsible for prominent display of sample ballots in the polling  
342 place, along with the Rules and Regulations for Election as promulgated by the  
343 Board of Directors, the definition of a qualified elector and the penalties for violating  
344 any provisions of the act.  
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- 346 14.4 Election judges shall take all action necessary to open the polling places promptly at  
347 7:00 a.m. and to close the polls promptly at 7:00 p.m. Any qualified elector already  
348 standing in line to vote at closing time will be allowed to vote.  
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- 350 14.5 Judges will require electors to show proper Voter Identification Documentation and  
351 sign their name on the designated signature pad signifying that he or she is a  
352 qualified elector of the Conservancy District in the county in which he or she is voting  
353 and is voting only once in this election. The signature of an elector signing with an  
354 "X" will be verified by an election judge.  
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- 356 14.6 Judges shall not be present in the voting booth at the time a qualified elector is voting  
357 unless the elector is unable to perform the voting procedure without assistance for  
358 reasons of physical disability or illiteracy and only when the elector requests such  
359 assistance on the form approved by the Board of Directors. The elector may request  
360 the assistance of the Election Judges or any other person on such form. In the event  
361 the assistance of Election Judges is requested, two (2) judges must assist.  
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- 363 14.7 Provisional Ballots. An error or omission may occur whereby a qualified elector's  
364 name is inadvertently not included on the list of qualified electors, or if the elector  
365 fails to provide proper voter identification. If an individual qualified elector declares  
366 that s/he is indeed a qualified elector as defined under the law and an error has  
367 occurred resulting in his/her/their name not being included on the list, s/he may vote  
368 by paper ballot on a "Provisional Ballot." The Election Judges shall not allow the  
369 individual to sign the signature pad, nor shall the Election Judges allow the individual  
370 to vote on the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board approved voting  
371 system but will allow the individual to immediately sign and print his/her/their name in  
372 the "Provisional Ballot" Poll Book and proceed to vote by paper ballot through the  
373 Provisional Ballot process. The Election Judges may ask for identification to insure  
374 that the qualified elector is of the age of majority (18 years). An Election Judge will  
375 write the number of the Provisional ballot in the "Provisional Ballot Poll Book" next to  
376 the voter name. The voter will then be furnished the "Provisional" paper ballot, an  
377 inner envelope to seal the ballot and an outer envelope that includes an affidavit for  
378 the voter to sign that s/he is a qualified elector of the Conservancy District and that  
379 s/he will provide proof of ownership and voter identification to the Election Director or  
380 Election Officer by the Thursday immediately following the election day, no later than  
381 4:00 p.m. on that date. The individual voting by Provisional Ballot shall secretly mark  
382 his/her/their ballot, place it in the official inner envelope and securely seal the  
383 envelope. The voter will then place the inner envelope inside the outer affidavit

384 envelope and securely seal the envelope. The voter shall then read the affidavit on  
385 the outer envelope and sign his/her/their name, full address and qualifying property  
386 description on the outer envelope and hand it to the Election Judge designated for  
387 handling Provisional Ballots. The Election Judge receiving the completed ballot shall  
388 then deposit the Provisional Ballot into a sealed ballot bag or pouch designated for  
389 Provisional Ballots. At the close of polls, the Election Judge delivering the voting  
390 materials shall also deliver the Provisional Ballot sealed ballot bag or pouch to the  
391 Election Director or the Election Officer.

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393 The Election Judge shall ensure that the information on the outer envelope is  
394 complete. The Election Judge shall ensure provisional voters are not subject to  
395 challenge at the time of voting. The Election Judge shall ensure the provisional  
396 ballots are deposited in a special sealed provisional ballot bag or pouch as  
397 designated by the Election Director for that purpose.

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399 14.8 Judges will be paid a reasonable sum for their services, as determined by the Board  
400 of Directors of the District, and the judge transporting the voting materials with final  
401 tally to the Election Director shall be paid mileage as prescribed by law.  
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403 14.9 The District will provide training for all judges and alternate judges. A sum may be  
404 paid to Judges for attendance at training sessions, as determined by the Board of  
405 Directors of the District. Failure to attend training sessions may result in that  
406 individual not being selected. All judges and alternate judges shall receive a copy of  
407 the "Instruction to Judges."  
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410 **15. Election.**

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412 §73-14-28.1. The board of directors of the conservancy district shall conduct the election  
413 pursuant to Rule 20 or shall select an election director to provide election services. The  
414 election director shall operate pursuant to a contract approved by the secretary of state. The  
415 election may be conducted by paper ballot or electronic voting machines.  
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420 **16. Form of ballot.**

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422 The election officer or the election director shall oversee the preparation and printing of the  
423 ballots for a conservancy district election. Ballots shall be prepared and printed at the  
424 expense of the conservancy district. The election officer or the election director shall oversee  
425 the preparation of a separate ballot for each county within the conservancy district or the  
426 preparation of one ballot for use within the entire conservancy district. The board of directors  
427 shall approve the form of the ballot. The ballot shall contain the numbered position or  
428 positions, as the case may be, to which directors are to be elected at the election, with the  
429 names of all candidates for each position listed under that designation.  
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- 431 16.1 The ballots shall include the at-large candidate(s) where appropriate. Each ballot  
432 shall have the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District logo. Paper ballots shall be  
433 pre-numbered. All ballots shall be printed in English and Spanish.  
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435 16.2 All persons in any way connected with the election shall be pledged to make every  
436 effort to preserve the secrecy of the ballot.  
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439 **17. Election expenses.**

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441 §73-14-30. The conservancy district board shall pay out of the district's treasury those sums  
442 necessary to meet the actual expenses of elections. The board may levy a tax or  
443 assessment sufficient to meet election expenses on all property that is subject to direct  
444 assessment or taxation with the district.

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**18. Absentee voting by ballot permitted; procedure.**

- A. In any election of officers of the conservancy district, a qualified elector shall be entitled to vote by absentee ballot. An absentee ballot shall be furnished by the election director in a form prescribed by the board of directors. The election director shall also furnish to each qualified elector requesting an absentee ballot an official inner envelope for use in sealing the completed absentee ballot and an official outer envelope for use in returning the inner envelope to the election director. No absentee ballot shall be delivered or mailed to any person other than the applicant for the ballot.
- B. A qualified elector voting by absentee ballot shall secretly mark his/her/their ballot, place it in the official inner envelope and securely seal the envelope. The qualified elector shall place the inner envelope inside the outer envelope and securely seal the envelope. The qualified elector shall then sign his/her/their name and address on the outer envelope and deliver or mail to the election director or the election officer.
- C. Absentee ballots shall be distributed by the election director or the election officer during the regular hours and days of business from the fortieth day preceding the election up until 4:30 p.m. on the Saturday immediately prior to the date of the election.
- D. No absentee ballot shall be counted unless it is received by the election director or the election officer prior to the closing of the polls on election day.
- E. An absentee ballot received after the closing of the polls on the day of the election shall not be collected by the absent voter precinct board but shall be preserved by the election director or the election officer until the time for election contests has expired. In the absence of a court order after expiration of the time for election contests, the election director or the election officer shall destroy all late official mailing envelopes without opening them or permitting the contents to be examined, cast, counted or canvassed. Before their destruction, the election director or election officer shall count the number of late ballots from voters of the conservancy district and report the number to the election officer and the secretary of state.
- F. Prior to the delivery of the absentee ballots to the absentee-early voter and absent voter precinct board, the absentee ballots shall be held unopened at the absentee voter precinct in a locked ballot box. At the close of the polls on Election Day, the absentee-early voter and absent voter precinct board shall obtain the absentee ballot box from the election director or election officer and tally the absentee ballots. The presiding judge shall have the authority to unlock the absentee ballot box.
- G. Absentee ballots shall be counted and tallied as are other ballots for the conservancy district election.

**19. Absentee ballot application.**

- A. Application by a qualified elector for an absentee ballot shall be made on the official form prescribed by the board of directors and printed and furnished by the election director. The form shall identify the applicant and contain information to establish his qualifications as a qualified elector for issuance of an absentee ballot. Each application for an absentee ballot shall be signed by the applicant.
- B. The election director shall mark each completed absentee ballot application with the date and time of receipt and enter the required information in the absentee ballot qualified elector list. The election director shall then determine if the applicant is a qualified elector.
- C. If the applicant is not listed on the qualified elector list, an absentee ballot shall not be issued, and the election director shall mark the application "rejected" and file the application in a separate file from those accepted.
- D. The election director shall notify in writing each applicant of the fact of acceptance or rejection of his application and, if rejected, shall state the reason for rejection.

501 E. If the election director determine that the applicant is a qualified elector, the election  
502 director shall mark the application “accepted” and deliver or mail to the applicant an  
503 absentee ballot and the required envelopes for use in returning the ballot to the absent  
504 voter precinct.  
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506 19.1 If the Election Director notified the applicant of the fact that he is not listed in the  
507 qualified elector list and is therefore, “rejected”, the Election Director will also  
508 include a notice informing the applicant that he may resubmit his application if he  
509 provides proof of ownership as described in §73-14-20.1(D) to the Election  
510 Director within the time period that absentee applications may be accepted by  
511 law.  
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513 19.2 If the applicant’s proof of ownership is accepted by the election director, the  
514 Election Director shall mark the application “accepted” and deliver or mail to the  
515 applicant an “Absentee Ballot” and the required envelopes for use in returning  
516 the ballot to the absent voter precinct.  
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518 19.3 The Election Director, Election Officer or the MRGCD may report any discovered  
519 election fraud to the District Attorney’s office for prosecution.  
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521 **20. Handling of absentee ballots by absent voter precinct board.**  
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523 A. The absent voter precinct board shall select one member to serve as presiding judge.  
524 The election director shall appoint a special deputy to serve at the absent voter precinct.

525 B. Upon receipt of the absentee ballots by the absent voter precinct board, the special  
526 deputy shall remain in the polling place of the absent voter precinct until he has observed  
527 the opening of the official mailing envelope, the deposit of the ballot in the locked ballot  
528 box marked for the conservancy district election and the listing of the names on the  
529 official mailing envelope in the signature rosters. Upon delivery of the absentee ballots,  
530 the special deputy shall obtain a receipt executed by the presiding judge and each  
531 election judge appointed to the absent voter precinct board. The special deputy shall  
532 return the receipt to the election director for filing. The receipts shall specify the number  
533 of envelopes received by the special deputy for each absent voter precinct of the  
534 conservancy district and the number of envelopes received by the absent voter precinct  
535 board from the special deputy.

536 C. Before opening any official mailing envelope, the presiding judge and the election judges  
537 shall determine if the required information has been completed on the reverse side of the  
538 official mailing envelope.

539 D. If the voter’s signature is missing, the presiding judge shall write “rejected” on the front of  
540 the official mailing envelope. The election judges shall enter the voter’s name in the  
541 signature roster and shall write the notation “rejected-missing signature” in the notations  
542 column of the signature rosters. The presiding judge shall place the official mailing  
543 envelope unopened in an envelope provided for rejected ballots for the conservancy  
544 district, seal the envelope and write the voter’s name on the front of the envelope and  
545 deposit it in the locked ballot box.

546 E. At 5:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceding the date of election, the election  
547 officer or election director shall record the numbers of the unused absentee ballots for  
548 the conservancy district and shall publicly destroy in the conservancy office all of the  
549 unused ballots. The election officer or election director shall execute a certificate of  
550 destruction, which shall include the numbers on the ballots destroyed. A copy of the  
551 certificate of destruction shall be sent to the board of directors of the conservancy district  
552 and the Secretary of State.  
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554 20.1 Given the amount of time required to process absentee ballots, the Election  
555 Director shall report the total number of received absentee ballots and the total

556 number of accepted absentee ballots to the MRGCD once a week on a Monday.  
557 This information shall be provided by the MRGCD to any individual who requests  
558 it.  
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561 **21. Absentee-early; electioneering.**  
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- 563 A. A voter may apply to vote absentee-early by completing an absentee-early ballot  
564 application on the official form prescribed by the board of directors and printed and  
565 furnished by the election director. The form shall identify the applicant and contain  
566 information to establish his qualifications as a qualified elector for issuance of an affidavit  
567 for absentee-early voting. The applicant shall sign each application.
- 568 B. Once it is determined that the application form is complete, the election director shall  
569 mark the application with the date and time or receipt and enter the required information  
570 in the absentee ballot register.
- 571 C. If the voter is determined to be a qualified elector, the election director shall inform the  
572 voter that his application has been accepted and instruct the voter on how to vote.
- 573 D. For the purpose of absentee-early voting, electioneering is not permitted in the election  
574 director's office, the middle Rio Grande conservancy district offices or designated  
575 satellite locations.
- 576 E. For the purpose of the section, "electioneering" means any form of campaigning within  
577 one hundred feet of the election director's office, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
578 District office or designated satellite locations and includes the display of signs or  
579 distribution of campaign literature.  
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581 **22. Election; procedure.**  
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583 The board of directors shall promulgate necessary and reasonable rules for the procedure to  
584 be followed at the polling places, instructions to voters, methods to allow for write-in  
585 candidates and methods of determining voter eligibility.  
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- 587 22.1 There may be one poll watcher for each candidate at each polling location at the  
588 candidate's expense on Election Day. Notification of the name of the watcher shall  
589 be given to the presiding judge of the polling location at the opening of the polls.  
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591 There may be one poll watcher for each candidate at the candidate's expense on the  
592 day of the Provisional Ballot Canvass. Notification, in writing, of the name of the  
593 watcher shall be given to the Election Director at least one week prior to the  
594 Provisional Ballot Canvass.  
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596 Poll watchers will take no active part in the conduct of the election nor interfere with  
597 its orderly progress.  
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- 599 22.2 If a qualified elector in the Conservancy District is married, both husband and wife  
600 are entitled to vote.  
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- 602 22.3 Natural persons who are buyers and in possession of real estate located within the  
603 benefited area of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District under a recorded real  
604 estate contract shall be eligible to vote and not the seller of the real estate under said  
605 contract.  
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- 607 22.4 A person may vote in only one county in the Conservancy District in which such  
608 person is qualified as an elector. Only one vote may be cast by each qualified elector  
609 for one candidate for each position representing that county.  
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- 611 22.5 Only one vote may be cast by each qualified elector for the at-large position of  
612 Director of the Conservancy District regardless of the number of counties in which a  
613 voter is a qualified elector.  
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- 615 22.6 A voter will be required to sign an affidavit stating that he or she is a qualified elector  
616 as defined herein, and also to present Voter Identification Documents. A person  
617 failing to present proper Voter Identification Documents shall, at his or her option,  
618 either decline to vote or vote by a Provisional Ballot as provided in Section 21.8.  
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- 620 22.7 A person whose property is in a Trust must be a beneficial owner of the property  
621 named on the Certificate of Trust ninety days before a district election to vote in that  
622 election.  
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- 624 22.8 An individual who finds his/her/their name is not listed or found in the qualified  
625 elector's listing may vote immediately on a Provisional Ballot (Sec. 13.7). The  
626 individual must sign an affidavit that s/he is a qualified elector and must provide one  
627 of the proofs of ownership of property as described in §73-14-20.1(D) to the Election  
628 Director or the Election Officer by the Thursday following the election day by 4:00  
629 p.m. An individual who has failed to present proper Voter Identification Documents  
630 may also vote immediately on a Provisional Ballot, in which case he or she must  
631 present proper Voter Identification Documents to the Election Director or the Election  
632 Officer by the Thursday following the Election Day by 4:00 p.m.  
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- 634 22.9 The Election Judges will return all voted ballots sealed in the transfer case provided,  
635 election materials and the sealed Provisional Ballot bag or pouch to the MRGCD  
636 General Office to the Election Director, Election Officer or the designated appointee  
637 after the close of polls and all procedures have been completed as per the  
638 *"Instructions to Judges Close of Polls"*.  
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- 640 22.10 After return to the MRGCD General Office after the close of polls, the sealed  
641 Provisional Ballot bag or pouch will remain sealed and be placed in a designated  
642 secure area. The Election Director will ensure the secrecy of the provisional ballot  
643 and protect against fraud. The Election Director will govern and allow procedures for  
644 reviewing the qualifications of provisional ballot envelopes, absentee and other paper  
645 ballots in case of a contest recount or recheck of election results.  
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- 647 22.11 On the morning of the next business day following the Election Day, the Election  
648 Director or the Election Officer will total the number of sealed Provisional Ballots from  
649 the totals certified by the Election Judges on the Provisional Ballots Poll Books. The  
650 Election Director or Election Officer will transfer the Provisional Ballot totals to a  
651 "Provisional Ballot Final Tally" sheet and will add totals by polling location and  
652 position.  
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- 654 22.12 The Election Director or Election Officer will designate a "Provisional Ballot Precinct  
655 Board".  
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- 657 22.13 The Provisional Ballots will not be counted until a Provisional Ballot voter provides  
658 one proof of ownership of property as described in §73-14-21.1(D) to the Election  
659 Director or Election Officer. The Election Director or Election Officer will confirm the  
660 individual's name in the Provisional Ballot Poll Book and shall initial in the notations  
661 column that proof has been received. The Election Director or Election Officer will  
662 verify or reject the proof of ownership provided within two business days of the  
663 Election Day. The Election Director or Election Officer will initial in the notations  
664 column of the Provisional Ballot Poll Book "ACCEPTED" or "REJECTED" A  
665 provisional ballot shall be rejected if the voter has not provided one proof of

666 ownership of property as described in §73-14-21.1(D) to the Election Director or  
667 Election Officer. Unqualified ballots shall not be opened and shall be deposited in an  
668 envelope marked “unqualified provisional ballots” and retained twenty-two (22)  
669 months.  
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671 22.14 If the Election Director or Election Officer find that the proof of ownership and Voter  
672 Identification Documentation provided by the Provisional Ballot voter is  
673 “ACCEPTED”, the Election Director or Election Officer will unseal the Provisional  
674 Ballot bag or pouch of the polling location where the Provisional Ballot voter voted  
675 and retrieve only the unopened Provisional Ballot of the voter and reseal the  
676 Provisional Ballot bag or pouch. The Election Director or Election Officer will then  
677 write in red on the outer envelope “ACCEPTED,” take off the outer envelope and  
678 attach it to the proof of ownership and deposit the unopened ballot in a single sealed  
679 “Provisional QUALIFIED Ballot bag or pouch.” The outer provisional ballot envelope  
680 for qualified voters shall be deposited in an envelope marked “qualified provisional  
681 ballot outer envelopes” and retained for twenty-two (22) months.  
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684 22.15 On the Thursday following the Election day beginning at 8:00 a.m. the Provisional  
685 Ballot Precinct Board shall obtain the Provisional QUALIFIED Ballot bag or pouch  
686 from the Election Director or Election Officer and tally the qualified Provisional  
687 Ballots. The presiding judge shall have the authority to unseal the Provisional  
688 QUALIFIED Ballot bag or pouch.  
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690 22.16 Qualified Provisional Ballots shall be counted and tallied as are other ballots for the  
691 Conservancy District election. After the tally of qualified provisional ballots, the  
692 Election Director or Election Officer will deposit the counted provisional ballots in an  
693 envelope marked “counted provisional ballots” and be retained for twenty-two (22)  
694 months.  
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696 **23. Compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act.**  
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698 23.1 All election information and material for the use of the qualified elector will be printed  
699 in English and Spanish in compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act. Where  
700 necessary, assistance in the form of translators will be provided.  
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702 **24. Electioneering Too Close to the Polling Place**  
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704 24.1 Electioneering too close to the polling place consists of any form of campaigning on  
705 election day within one hundred (100) feet of the building in which the polling place is  
706 located and includes the display of signs or distribution of campaign literature.  
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708 24.2 Whoever commits electioneering too close to the polling place is guilty of a petty  
709 misdemeanor.  
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711 **25. Unlawful Possession of Alcoholic Liquors**  
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713 25.1 Unlawful possession of alcoholic liquor consists of the use or possession of any  
714 alcoholic liquor by any member of the precinct Board while performing his/her/their  
715 official duties on Election Day. Unlawful possession also consists of the use,  
716 possession or carrying of alcoholic liquor within two hundred (200) feet of the polling  
717 place during any election.  
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719 25.2 Whoever commits unlawful possession of alcoholic liquors is guilty of a petty  
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**26. Election Centers**

- 26.1 Election judges may call election information centers if the same are provided by the Election Director or the Election Officer to verify current ownership of land within the benefited area of the District and within the county in which the qualified elector wishes to vote.

**27. Election for certain districts; counting ballots; certification of results to the board.**

For conservancy districts having more than one hundred thousand acres within the district, the presiding judge of each polling place within that district shall, not more than six hours after the polls have closed, deliver to the election director a certified copy of the certificate of returns. Not more than twenty four hours after the polls have closed, the election director shall deliver a certified copy of the certificate of returns to the board of directors.

**28. Election; canvass; certificates of election.**

- A. 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.
- B. After canvassing the returns, the board shall issue election certificates to the candidate or candidates receiving 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.

**29. Recounts, Rechecks, Cost of Proceedings**

- A. The District shall post the recount and recheck cost determinations on the District's website when the District issues its cost determinations. The District shall determine the cost of a recount per polling location and a recheck per voting machine no later than fifteen (15) days following a request for a recount. An applicant for a recount shall deposit with the District sufficient cash, or a sufficient surety bond, to cover the cost of a recount for each polling location for which a recount is demanded at the time the demand is made. An applicant for a recheck shall deposit with the District sufficient cash, or a sufficient surety bond, to cover the cost of the recheck for each voting machine to be rechecked. The deposit or surety bond shall be security for the payment of the costs and expenses of the recount or recheck in case the results of the recount or recheck are not sufficient to change the results of the election.
- B. If an error or fraud changes the winner of the election, the costs and expenses of the recount or recheck shall be paid by the District.
- C. If no error or fraud changes the winner, the costs and expenses for the recount or recheck shall be paid by the applicant. Costs shall include, if any, docket fees, mileage of the sheriff in serving summons and fees and mileage at the same rate paid to District employees.

**30. Voluntary campaign finance reporting.**

- 30.1 The board of directors shall establish a voluntary campaign finance reporting system for all board of director candidates including designating an election director that shall specify the form, method and provide for the collection and posting of the reports on the District website. Each report will be on a form prescribed by the board and shall include:
  - A. the name of the candidate;
  - B. the office sought;

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- C. all expenditures made and contributions received by the candidate (as those terms are defined in NMSA 1978, § 1-19-26 (2003)), including:
  - 1. the name and address of the person or entity to whom an expenditure was made or from whom a contribution was received;
  - 2. the occupation or type of business of any person or entity making contributions of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or more in the aggregate per election;
  - 3. the amount of the expenditure, contribution, or value thereof;
  - 4. the purpose of the expenditure; and
  - 5. the date the expenditure was made, or the contribution was received.

30.2 Candidates choosing to file campaign finance reports shall:

- A. File with the election director by 5:00 p.m. on April 25th, May 24<sup>th</sup>, and July 1<sup>st</sup> a report of all contributions and expenditures not previously reported. Any contribution or pledge to contribute that is received after May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and that is for five hundred dollars (\$500) or more shall be reported to the proper filing officer on a prescribed form within twenty-four hours of receipt except that any such contribution or pledge to contribute that is received after 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election may be reported by 12:00 noon on the Monday before the election.

30.3 Candidates choosing to file campaign finance reports need not report anonymous contributions; provided that, each individual anonymous contribution does not exceed one hundred dollars and the aggregate amount of anonymous contributions received during an election cycle does not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

[END OF RULE NO. 20]

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF 2023 MRGCD ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

**BD-05-08-23-54**

**WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, Section 73-14-28.1, Laws 2023, ch.46, section 1, chaptered March 30, 2023] ("Delay Part of Local Election Act") requires that the members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at an election held on October 3, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico law requires that the Board of Directors shall provide for adequate polling places within the boundaries of the conservancy district. In addition, the Board of Directors shall provide a polling place at the general office of the conservancy 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico law further requires that prior to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District election, an election proclamation shall be published that includes a list of the offices for which a candidate may file, the date and place at which declarations 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.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District that:**

- A) The election for the Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District shall be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- B) The purpose of the election is to elect directors to the Board of Directors for the following positions:
  - 1) Position No. 1 Director for At-Large
  - 2) Position No. 2 Director for Bernalillo County
  - 3) Position No. 5 Director for Valencia County
- C) Qualified candidates shall file a Declaration of Candidacy and required petition signatures with the election officer at the General Office of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, 1931 Second Street SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico no later than August 4, 2023
- D) The election officer is hereby directed to publish the notice of election in compliance with the state law.
- E) The notice of election must contain the list of each polling location by county including the Early Voting sites.

**RESOLVED** in session this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

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Stephanie Russo Baca, Chair  
MRGCD Board of Directors

**ATTEST:**

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Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM  
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO



**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
**ELECTION**  
**Board of Directors**  
**PROCLAMATION**



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- D. The election officer is hereby directed to publish the date and time of election, list of offices and the date and place at which declaration of candidacy shall be filed, and the purpose of the election in compliance with the state law.

**RESOLVED** in session this 8th day of May 2023.

*/S/ Stephanie Russo Baca*  
Stephanie Russo Baca  
Chair of the Board  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

*/S/ Pamela Fanelli*  
ATTEST: Pamela Fanelli  
Secretary/Treasurer

**FILING OF DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND PETITION FORMS:**

Declaration of Candidacy and Petition Forms will be available beginning Friday, August 4, 2023  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, 1931 2nd St SW, Albuquerque, NM  
or call DeAnna Philips, Board Liaison/Election Officer at (505) 247-0234

1                                 **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**  
2   **MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

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4                                 **BUDGET ADOPTION FISCAL YEAR 07-01-2023 TO 06-30-2024**

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**No. BA-05-08-23-88**

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**WHEREAS**, Staff of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, State of New Mexico ("MRGCD"), has prepared a budget for fiscal year 2023/2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Infrastructure failures and near failures in the MRGCD century-old gravity driven irrigation system have impacted the ability to keep our system functioning to meet irrigation demands and ecosystem needs along the Rio Grande; and

**WHEREAS**, The MRGCD current operational budget barely covers the cost of routine operation and maintenance resulting in failing infrastructure becoming the most significant challenge in these water short times.; and

**WHEREAS**, The capital needs throughout the MRGCD have been assessed, including irrigation efficiency improvements, water conservation measures, siphon rehab, real-time flow measuring, canal structure rehab, and Bosque and river restoration projects to meet our endangered species commitments; and

**WHEREAS**, MRGCD has identified \$175 Million in priority projects that need to be planned, designed, permitted, and built.; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of the MRGCD has assessed this looming crisis over the last five years and intends to address the issue in a proactive manner instead of the previous reactive manner. The Board has directed MRGCD staff to prepare the FY 24 Budget to include an additional 1 mill levy in the budget assessment, to be used **strictly** for capital investment, MRGCD match on grants, and debt service.; and

**WHEREAS**, The FY 24 budget was also developed on the basis of need following consultation with all departments, department supervisors and the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Directors, being the Governing Body of the District, discussed and evaluated the budget at a regular meeting held on May 8, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Directors has determined that the assessed property tax mill rates will increase by 1 Mill dedicating it to a Capital Fund to strictly pay for capital investment, debt service, and MRGCD match on grants for the fiscal year 2023/2024 budget, and

**WHEREAS**, The Water Service Charge provided for under Section 73-18-8.1 (C) NMSA 1978 provides for MRCD to increase the Water Service Charge by a parity index or an appropriate inflation index at year end which MRGCD implemented beginning with FY 2015, and

**WHEREAS**, the District has increased the Water Service Charge annually in recent years

46 in accordance with Board of Directors Resolution No. BA-05-27-14-67 when the Board first  
47 authorized the "catch up" rate of a \$3.00 annual increase to the current charge of \$43.82 per acre  
48 to bring it more in line with the inflation index increases that should have occurred since 1995, and  
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50 **WHEREAS**, Due to severe drought conditions and the impact on the farm economy, the  
51 Finance Committee recommends suspending the statutorily authorized inflation indexing of Water  
52 Service Charge in FY24 and keeping the rate at \$43.82 for the upcoming year with the  
53 understanding it will be reviewed prior to the FY25 budget submittal.  
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55 **WHEREAS**, MRGCD will set up a Capital Investment Fund to record the revenue generated  
56 from the 1 Mill increase and any proceeds from loans related to capital expenditures, a Debt Service  
57 Fund to record the transfers from the Capital Investment Fund to the Debt Service Fund to pay the  
58 principal and interest and administrative fees on debt service, and a Grants Fund and record the  
59 grant revenue and expenditures and the transfers in from the Capital Fund to pay for grant match.  
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61 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors, being the Governing  
62 Body of the MRGCD, hereby adopts the fiscal year 2023/2024 budget as presented, and directs the  
63 Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the District to request approval from  
64 the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration with mill rates of  
65 6.0693 mills for Residential Property and 7.3334 mills for Non-residential and the Water Service  
66 Charge remaining at \$43.82 per acre.  
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68 **RESOLVED:** in session this 8th day of May 2023.

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70 **MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
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Stephanie Russo Baca, Chair

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Karen Dunning, Vice Chair

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Barbara Baca, At-Large Director

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# Memorandum

**To:** MRGCD Chair Russo Baca and Board of Directors  
**Through:** Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO  
**From:** Human Resources  
**Date:** May 8, 2023  
**Re:** Introduction of New Hires and Job/Title Changes

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## General Office

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## Albuquerque Division

AMBER	PHARR	DIVISION CLERK	05/01/2023
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## Socorro Division

ANDREW	ARMIJO	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	04/17/2023 PROMOTION
DOMINIC	ZAMORA	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	04/17/2023 PROMOTION

## Belen Division

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# BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

May 3, 2023 data

## Reservoir Storage Status

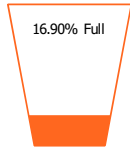
### Heron

**(Full) Active Conservation**



401,000 acre-ft

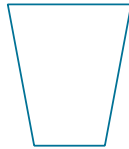
**Current Content**



16.90% Full

67,753 acre-ft

**MRGCD**



0 acre-ft

**ABCWUA**



29,885 acre-ft

**Other SJC Contractors**



4,697 acre-ft

**Project Storage**



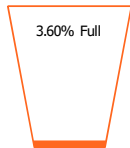
31,146 acre-ft

**(Full) Restricted Conservation\***



184,343 acre-ft

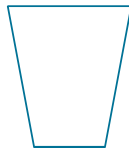
**Current Content**



3.60% Full

6,631 acre-ft

**MRGCD SJC & EDW**



1,417 acre-ft

**Prior and Paramount**



0 acre-ft

**Other SJC Contractors**



0 acre-ft

**Rio Grande & USBR EDW**



5,214 acre-ft

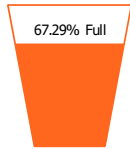
### El Vado

**Full (Active Conservation)**



184,753 acre-ft

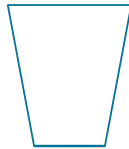
**Current Content**



67.29% Full

124,323 acre-ft

**MRGCD SJC**



1,375 acre-ft

**ABCWUA**



68,671 acre-ft

**Other SJC Contractors**



15,442 acre-ft

**USBR**



1,626 acre-ft

### Abiquiu

### Cochiti

**Current Content**



43,985 acre-ft

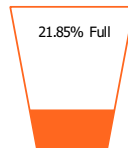
**Full (Active Conservation)\*\***



2,249,520 acre-ft

### Elephant Butte and Caballo

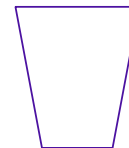
**Combined Current Content**



21.85% Full

491,548 acre-ft

**SJC Content\*\*\***



3,893 acre-ft

\* 172,656 AF 06/01 - 09/30 unless waiver requested. Otherwise, reported number.

\*\* Varies by time of year. Reported number is for 04/01 - 09/30.

\*\*\* Max San Juan-Chama storage in Elephant Butte is 50,000 AF.

Total reservoir content may include incidental storage of water in transit.

**MRGCD BOARD MEETING (5-8-23)**

1. Heron Summary

Content: 68,270 ac-ft (5/4)  
Azotea tunnel: 1,050 cfs  
Total SJC inflow year-to-date: 29,481 ac-ft  
Currently releasing: 0 cfs  
Current MRGCD storage: 0 ac-ft

2. El Vado Summary

- A. Total storage (all contractors and natural): 7,453 ac-ft (5/4)
- B. Native in El Vado: 6,036 ac-ft
- C. MRGCD's SJ-C storage in El Vado: 1,417 ac-ft
- D. P & P: 0 ac-ft
- E. EDWA: 0 ac-ft
- F. All other SJ-C contractors: 0 ac-ft

Current release is ~3,000 cfs    RG Inflow is ~3,000 cfs

3. Storage in Abiquiu

Content: 125,222 ac-ft (5/4)  
MRGCD's SJ-C storage: 1,375 ac-ft  
P&P: 14,333 ac-ft  
Temporary flood storage (native): 22,182 ac-ft

Total water released for minnow to date in 2023: 0 ac-ft

Snowpack Data:

As of 5/4/23 (% of median)

Rio Chama Basin.....	158%
Upper Rio Grande Basin.....	120%
Rio Grande Headwaters.....	113%
Jemez Basin.....	0
San Juan River Basin.....	151%

May Streamflow Forecast:

Rio Grande @ Del Norte CO	565,000 ac-ft (118%)
El Vado Reservoir Inflow (Mar-Jul)	295,000 ac-ft (159%)
Rio Grande @ Otowi	700,000 ac-ft (124%)
Jemez R. below dam	42,000 ac-ft (191%)
Rio Grande @ San Marcial	480,000 ac-ft (139%)



**JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF CORRALES  
AND THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
FOR TRANSFER OF THE CORRALES  
INTERIOR DRAIN**

This Agreement is made and entered into on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by and between the MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT (“MRGCD” hereinafter), a special district organized under NMSA 1978, §73-14-1 et. seq., and the VILLAGE OF CORRALES, NEW MEXICO (“the Village” hereinafter), a municipal corporation.

**WHEREAS**, the Corrales Interior Drain (“the Drain” hereinafter) is owned, operated, and maintained by the MRGCD; and

**WHEREAS**, the Drain was constructed by the MRGCD in the 1930s for the purpose of mitigating high water tables in the Village that adversely impacted agriculture, development and public health and to return unutilized irrigation water to the riverside drain; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village through its Interior Drain Planning Committee requested a formal agreement with the MRGCD to develop a planning study for the preservation and potential non-motorized recreation, landscape, art and environmental improvements and uses of, the Drain; and

**WHEREAS**, the MRGCD licensed a portion of the Drain right-of way to the Village to serve as the right-of-way for Andrews Lane and portions of the Drain provide primary access to private properties within the Village’s municipal boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Drain has lost its primary functions as a drain due to lowered water tables and the loss of irrigated acreage to development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nicholls Lateral runs parallel to the Drain south of Station 21 to the juncture with the Upper Corrales Riverside Drain (see attached reference map, Exhibit A). That section of the Drain is required for the MRGCD’s operations and maintenance and provides critical access for both the MRGCD and the Village to the drain, levee and Corrales Bosque Preserve; and

**WHEREAS**, the MRGCD has determined that the segment of the Drain between Stations 91 and 21 is no longer required for the MRGCD’s continued operations and maintenance of the drainage systems to mitigate high water tables; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village through its Corrales Interior Drain Planning Committee has inquired about habitat and landscape improvements to the portion of the Drain which the MRGCD no longer requires for operations and maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, the MRGCD is empowered or authorized by §73-14-39 and §73-17-10 NMSA 1978 to carry out any action reasonably related to effecting “the protection of life, land and other property in the district and to accomplish all other purposes of the district” including entering into agreements or contracts with the State or political subdivisions thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is empowered or authorized by §3-18-1 NMSA 1978 to enter into contracts, acquire and hold property, and “protect generally the property of its municipality and its inhabitants”; and

**WHEREAS**, the MRGCD and Village are individually and collectively empowered to make the necessary improvements or alterations to the Drain located within the Village to best effect the protection of the property of the municipality and its inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the JPA Act, §11-1-1 through §11-1-7 NMSA 1978, the MRGCD and the Village desire to enter into this Agreement to exercise their common powers to operate and maintain the Drain, and any improvements thereon.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration for the mutual covenants below, the Village and MRGCD agree as follows:

### **1. Establishment of the Corrales Interior Drain Preserve**

The portion of the Drain located between Station 21 and the northern terminus of the Drain, at approximately Station 91, as identified on Exhibit B, shall be known as the Corrales Interior Drain Preserve (“the Preserve” hereinafter). The Preserve is hereby Licensed to the Village by the MRGCD, with approval of the United States, to be operated, managed, and maintained by the Village. The Village may authorize or make improvements to the Preserve, provided that the Village does not obstruct or otherwise interfere with the MRGCD’s performance of its mission and statutory responsibilities for irrigation delivery and ground water management. Village improvements may include recreation, public art, wildlife habitat, transportation infrastructure and facilities, landscaping, and municipal utilities. Any improvements not listed herein may be authorized by the Village only upon receipt of prior written approval from the MRGCD.

### **2. Management**

Upon completion of this Agreement, the MRGCD relinquishes the rights and responsibilities of operations and maintenance associated with the portion of the Drain located within the Preserve. The Village shall have the sole responsibility of operations and maintenance of the Preserve. The Village acknowledges that the MRGCD and the United States Government retain ownership of the land and that all activities, including improvements made to the Preserve, shall not interfere with the MRGCD’s performance of its statutory duties and responsibilities. The MRGCD shall issue any additional required licenses to the Village in order for the Village to construct or operate any improvements to the Preserve as agreed upon in Paragraph 1 of this Agreement. Any additional license shall only be necessary when required for specific governmental approval or financing of such improvements. The Village and MRGCD agree that both Village and MRGCD agents and employees shall have unfettered access to the Preserve in the course of any official business, and the Village shall erect no gates, fencing or other barricades of any kind without prior written approval of the MRGCD.

### **3. Maintenance Responsibility**

The Preserve shall be operated and maintained by the Village during the term of this Agreement of the Preserve to the Village through this Agreement. MRGCD shall remain responsible for any use of the Preserve property approved by the Village in the furtherance of MRGCDs lawful obligations.

### **4. MRGCD Operations South of Station 21**

The MRGCD and the United States shall maintain ownership of, and perform normal operations and maintenance on, the Drain south of Station 21 and the intersection with the Nicholls Lateral. The Village and MRGCD will work closely on either Party's planned improvements to the Preserve or the MRGCD works south of the Preserve that abut or impact this portion of the Drain or the Preserve. Any improvements proposed for this segment of the Preserve shall be reviewed and approved as part of a Special Use License issued by the MRGCD.

### **5. Future Agreement to Transfer Ownership of the Land to the Village**

The MRGCD agrees to perform all acts necessary to initiate the process for eventual transfer of ownership of the Preserve to the Village from the MRGCD upon completion of title transfer of the Preserve from the United States and the provisions of this Agreement shall control the Preserve until such time as the transfer of the ownership of the Preserve can be completed, which act shall initiate a process by the parties hereto to terminate this Agreement.

### **6. Term.**

This Agreement shall continue for a period of fifty (50) years or until it is terminated pursuant to the terms herein prior to the agreement end date. The term may be renewed with written approval of the parties and as allowed by Federal Law.:

### **7. Termination**

The Parties to this Agreement agree that the agreement shall remain in effect until the United States agrees to a transfer in fee simple to the Village, upon the application of the MRGCD, or the end of the Fifty year term. The Parties agree that at any time they may modify or terminate this Agreement by mutual agreement, with the consideration and assurance that any obligations or improvements associated with the Preserve, undertaken by the Village during the term of this Agreement, shall continue with any and all necessary authorization from MRGCD. Should the Village elect to terminate this Agreement prior to title transfer by the United States, the Village agrees to remove any improvements it does not intend to maintain. In the event of any breach of this Agreement, a non-breaching party shall be entitled to any and all remedies at law and equity including, but not limited to, specific performance, however no attorneys' fees shall be owed to the other party.

## **8. Accountability**

The Village shall be responsible for the financing, accounting and maintenance for all improvements, management and oversight of the Preserve unless MRGCD requests the installation of public works of MRGCD in the Preserve, of which MRGCD shall be entirely financially responsible and shall manage and be responsible for such separate works.

## **9. Applicable Law**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico, and any dispute arising concerning this Agreement or the rights and obligations set forth herein, shall be resolved by a court of proper jurisdiction in New Mexico.

## **10. Liability and Property Damage**

By entering into this Agreement, each party agrees that it shall be responsible for liability arising from personal injury or damage to property occasioned by its own agents or employees in the performance of this Agreement, subject in all cases to the immunities and limitation of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act (NMSA 1978, Section 41- 4- 1, et seq.) and any amendments thereto. This section is intended only to define the liabilities between the parties hereto and it is not intended to modify, in any way, the parties' liabilities as governed by common law or the New Mexico Tort Claims Act. The parties and their " public employees," as defined in the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, do not waive sovereign immunity, and do not waive any defense or limitations of liability pursuant to law. No provision in this Agreement modifies or waives any provision of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act. Neither party will seek to hold the other responsible for any damage done by third parties or their own negligence. If a claim arises from one of the party's own negligence, that party shall be responsible for resolving such claim and for any damages arising from the claim.

## **11. Amendments**

This Agreement may be amended from time to time only in writing duly approved by both the Village and the MRGCD.

## **12. Severability**

If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision.

**13. Waiver**

The waiver of any breach of the Agreement by any party shall not constitute a continuing waiver or a waiver of any subsequent breach either of the same or another provision of the Agreement.

**14. Entire Agreement**

This Agreement is the entire agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes all prior agreements regarding the subject matter herein.

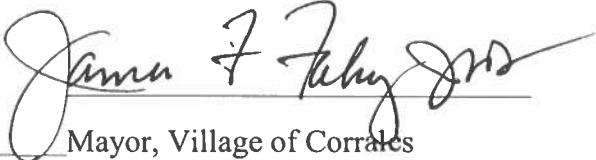
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have set forth their hands on the day and date first above written.

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Engineer/CEO,  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

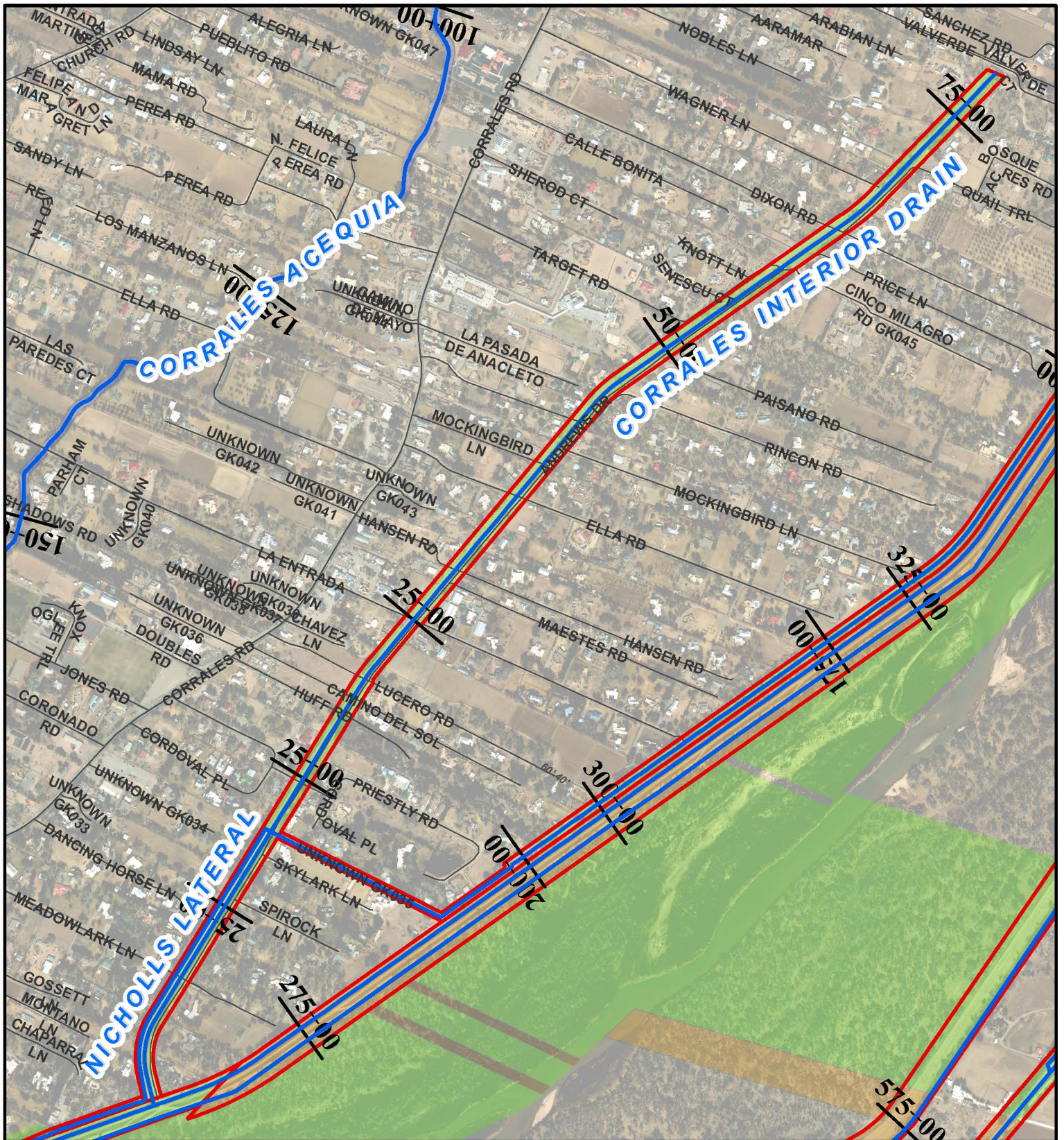
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**VILLAGE OF CORRALES**


  
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Mayor, Village of Corrales

Date: 3/30/2023





**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE**


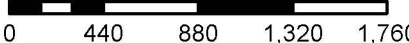


**CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**Legend**

- MRGCD Facility
- MRGCD Right of Way
- FEE SIMPLE

**Exhibit Map**

Scale in Feet

## Memorandum of Agreement

This Memorandum of Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into this March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 between the **Bureau of Reclamation Technical Service Center, Fisheries and Wildlife Resources Group (BOR)**; and **Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD)**, a governmental entity under the state of New Mexico with its principal place of business at 1931 Second Street SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, and mailing address of P.O. Box 581, Albuquerque, NM 87103, to provide funding in the total amount of \$50,000; to be paid in fiscal year 2023 for Southwestern Willow Flycatcher (“SWFL”) Surveys and Nest Monitoring within the Belen Reach of the Middle Rio Grande. Reclamation’s authority for entering into the agreement is the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. Payment to BOR in advance of work being initiated will be required. BOR will not perform any work for which funds have not been provided. Unused funds will be returned to MRGCD within ninety (90) days after work is completed.

### ADVANCE PAYMENTS

The MRGCD shall advance payment to BOR under this contract upon submission of a properly certified Invoice from BOR. The amount of invoice or payment shall not exceed \$50,000 for FY 2023.

### FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY

BOR will be required to provide MRGCD a summary of expenditures at the close of the project.

In the event that this Agreement is terminated BOR agrees to repay to the MRGCD any un-used balance of unliquidated funds.

### STUDY AREA

SWFL surveys and nest monitoring will be conducted within the active Rio Grande floodplain of the Belen Reach. The Belen Reach encompasses the Rio Grande from the southern boundary of the Isleta Pueblo to the confluence of the Rio Puerco and Rio Grande and is divided into 36 sites.

### PRESENCE/ABSENCE SURVEYS

All sites will be surveyed using the repeated call-playback method in accordance with the protocols established in Sogge, Ahlers and Sferra (2010) Surveys in individual sites are conducted between 05:30 and 10:30 OR 11:00 MDT (depending on weather conditions) by trained and permitted personnel. Surveys within a site must be a minimum of five (5) days apart. Survey forms are completed daily for each respective site. A minimum of five surveys will be conducted within the Belen Reach.

### NEST SEARCHING AND MONITORING

Within occupied sites, nest searches are conducted by a permitted biologist and/or technician under the direct supervision of a permitted biologist upon discovery of a breeding or suspected breeding SWFL pair. To minimize disturbance and maximize accuracy of monitoring efforts, nest searches and monitoring are conducted using methods outlined in Martin and Geupel (1993) and the Southwestern Willow flycatcher Nest Monitoring Protocol (Rourke et al. 1999)

SWFL Presence/Absence and Nest Monitoring – Belen Reach (Conducted in FY 2023 and 2024)



- FY2023 & FY2024
- Coordination/Logistics
- WIFL Surveys
- WIFL pair determination / nest monitoring
- WIFL database entry
- Database Entry and Management
- Prepare Report and provide to MRGCD
- FY2023 full amount total \$50,000
- 
- GRAND TOTAL \$50,000**

**NOW THEREFORE**, (collectively the “Parties”) agree to the following:

1. Warranties and Representations. Funding shall not be used for anything other than the Purpose.
2. Annual and Final Reports. Within sixty (60) days following the end of each fiscal year and the expiration of the Term, BOR shall submit an annual report and a final report. The final report will include a description of all work funded under the task performed each year during the Term.
3. Amendments. This Agreement may be amended from time to time upon the written agreement of the parties.
4. Books and Records. BOR shall maintain records in accordance with General Accepted Accounting Practices and as required to support records for Internal Revenue Code purposes. The reports will be submitted to MRGCD. BOR will permit MRGCD, or its duly authorized representative to inspect records reflecting all work done, labor performed, and material furnished in connection with the activities funded under this Agreement.
5. Intellectual property. Rights to any intellectual property created in part or wholly with funds under this Agreement vest solely with BOR. MRGCD may receive up to ten (10) copies of any final publications produced under this Agreement at no cost.
6. Publicity. Any publicity related to the work funded by this Agreement shall be approved by both Parties, prior to disseminating.
7. Remedies. BOR agrees that MRGCD may immediately terminate any commitment under this Agreement if BOR fails to comply with the Agreement. BOR may immediately terminate this Agreement in the event it determines that the work undertaken, or this Agreement will violate its policies or standard operating procedures or result in adverse publicity to BOR. BOR will be reimbursed for all work performed up to the point of termination.
8. Choice of Law. State of New Mexico Laws and Federal laws shall govern and apply to any and all legal proceedings pertaining to this Agreement. This Agreement shall be deemed to be entered into and formed in New Mexico and shall become effective when MRGCD executes this instrument, bearing its Chief Engineer/Chief Executive Officer’s signature, and upon signature by BOR Technical Service Center Director and transfer of funds from MRGCD to BOR. As between the parties, each acknowledges that it will be responsible for claims or

damages arising from personal injury or damage to persons or property to the extent they result from negligence of its employees and agents and that the liability of the parties is subject in all cases to the immunities and limitations of the Federal Tort Claims Act and the New Mexico Tort Claims Act.

9. Termination for Lack of Appropriations. Funding for the initial \$50,000 has been appropriated by MRGCD governing board. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Agreement, its continuation beyond the end of the fiscal year is contingent on MRGCD governing board making the appropriations necessary to fund the Agreement. If sufficient appropriations are not made, this Agreement may be terminated at the end of MRGCD's then current fiscal year upon written notice given by MRGCD to BOR. Such termination shall not constitute a default. All payment obligations of MRGCD and all its interest in the Agreement will cease upon the date of termination. MRGCD's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations are available shall be accepted by BOR and shall be final. BOR will be reimbursed for all work performed up to the point of termination.
10. Termination for Convenience: Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving at least thirty (30) consecutive calendar days' notice in writing of such termination to the other party. In the event this Agreement is terminated for any reason other than a material default by BOR, MRGCD will pay BOR for any work performed or expenses incurred, as of the termination date.
11. Entire Agreement. This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties, and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications and negotiations, both oral and written, relating to the Agreement.
12. Period of Performance: This Agreement expires on April 30, 2024. It should be noted that the Technical Service Center currently is experiencing a heavy internal workload and will require flexibility to accommodate outside agency requests for assistance. Every effort will be made to keep the client apprised of schedule changes in a timely manner.
13. Contact persons for this agreement are as follows:

MRGCD Technical Contact:

Anne Marken  
1931 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Phone: 505-247-0234  
E-mail: [Anne@mrgcd.us](mailto:Anne@mrgcd.us)

MRGCD Administrative/Financial Contact:

Richard DeLoia  
1931 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Phone: 505-247-0234  
E-mail: [richard@mrgcd.us](mailto:richard@mrgcd.us)

BOR Technical Contact:

David Moore

PO Box 25007, Attn: 86-68290  
Denver, Colorado 80225-0007  
Phone: 303-445-2243  
E-mail: [sdavidmoore@usbr.gov](mailto:sdavidmoore@usbr.gov)

BOR Administrative/Financial Contact:  
Michelle Norris  
PO Box 25007, Attn: 86-68140  
Denver, Colorado 80225-0007  
Phone: 303-445-2302  
E-mail: [mlnorris@usbr.gov](mailto:mlnorris@usbr.gov)

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be made as of the Effective Date.

**Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer / CEO

**Bureau of Reclamation**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard LaFond, Director, Technical Service Center

Stephanie Russo Baca Board Reports Regular Board Meeting May 8, 2023.

**April 12, 2023. Lower San Acacia Reach Improvement Project, Virtual.**

Presentation by the Bureau of Reclamation on the Lower San Acacia Reach improvements Project. The Key issues are water loss via transpiration, evaporation, seepage, and stranded water. The Project first has to go through NOI then public scoping then draft EIS before public notification of final EIS and construction would then possibly begin Winter 2025.



— BUREAU OF —  
RECLAMATION

# Lower San Acacia Reach Improvements Project

April 12, 2023

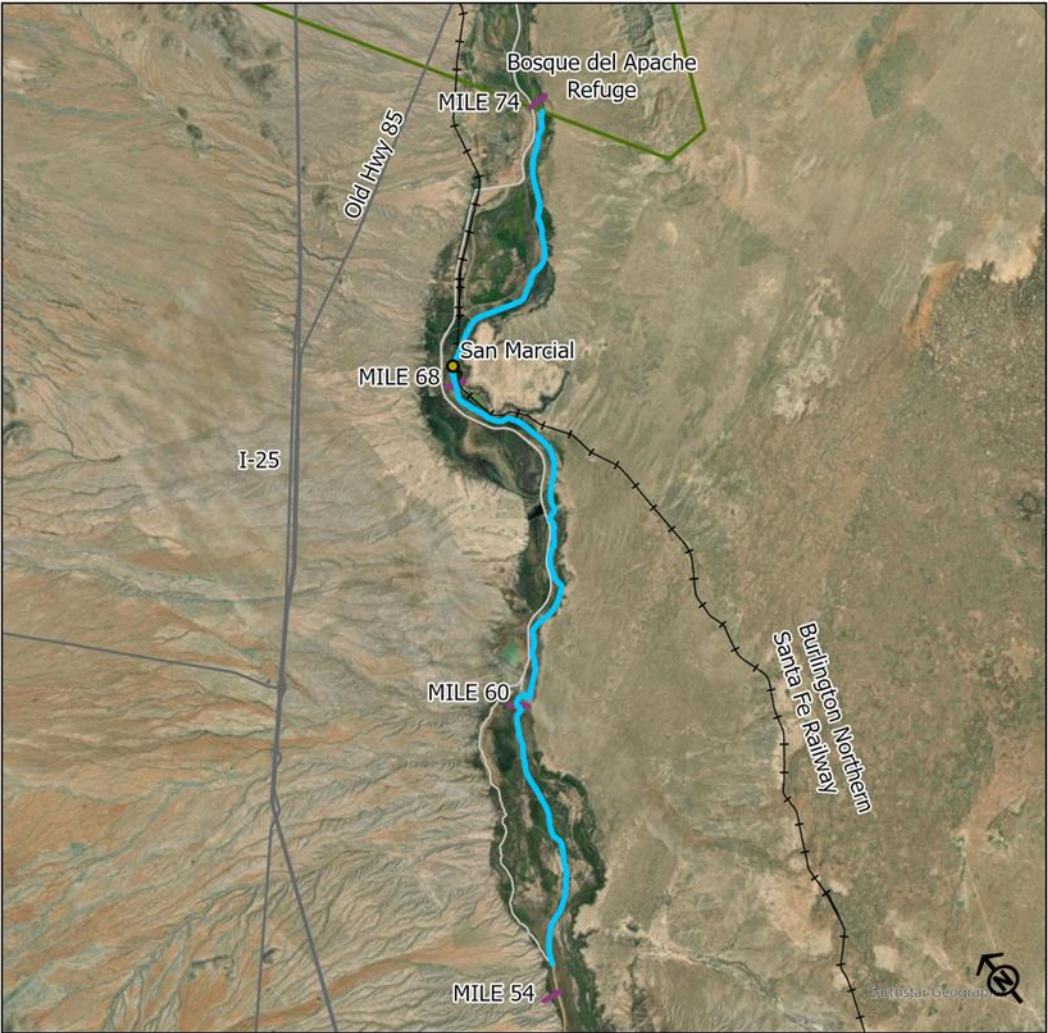
# Lower San Acacia Reach Improvements Project

## Goals

- Improve water delivery to Elephant Butte Reservoir
- Create aquatic and riparian habitats as required under the Endangered Species Act and the 2016 Biological Opinion
- Increase the benefits of maintenance actions by working with geomorphic trends



# Location



## Lower San Acacia Reach Improvements Project LSARI, River Mile 74 - 54.5

- Low Flow Conveyance Channel
- BDA Boundary
- River Mile
- Major Roads
- Railroad
- San Marcial Gage
- LSARI River Extent of the Middle Rio Grande



Produced by the Bureau of Reclamation,  
Upper Colorado Region, Albuquerque Area Office  
Ashlee Rudolph 03/10/2023 Data: Reclamation, NAIP (2018)



# Project Drivers

- Sediment imbalance
  - Sediment supply vs. transport capacity
- Channel perching
  - High sediment loads, fixed channel location, lateral confinement
  - Channel banks above the adjacent floodplain, channel bed occasionally above the floodplain, main channel and active floodplain are both above the valley floor





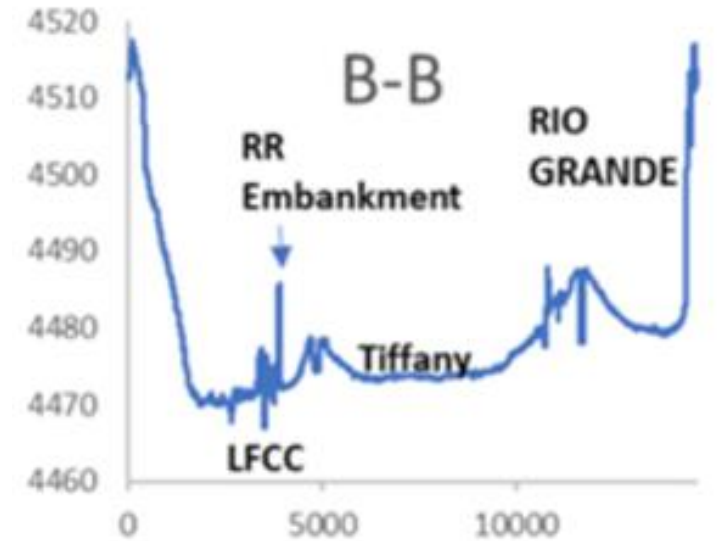
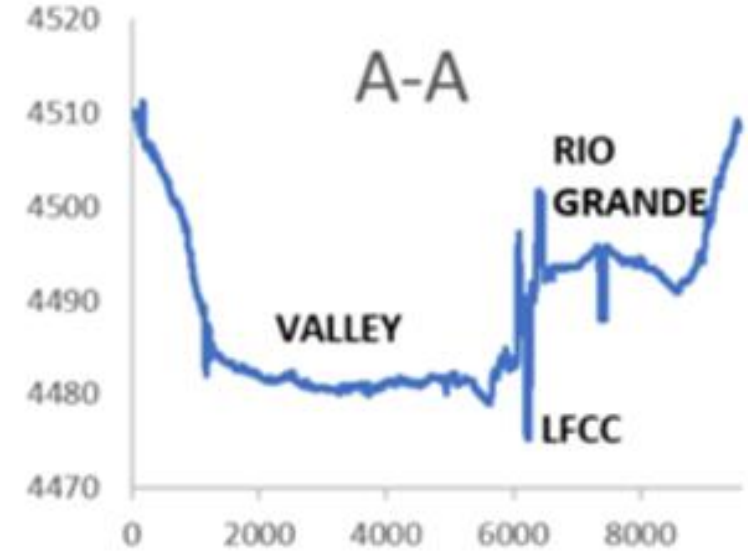
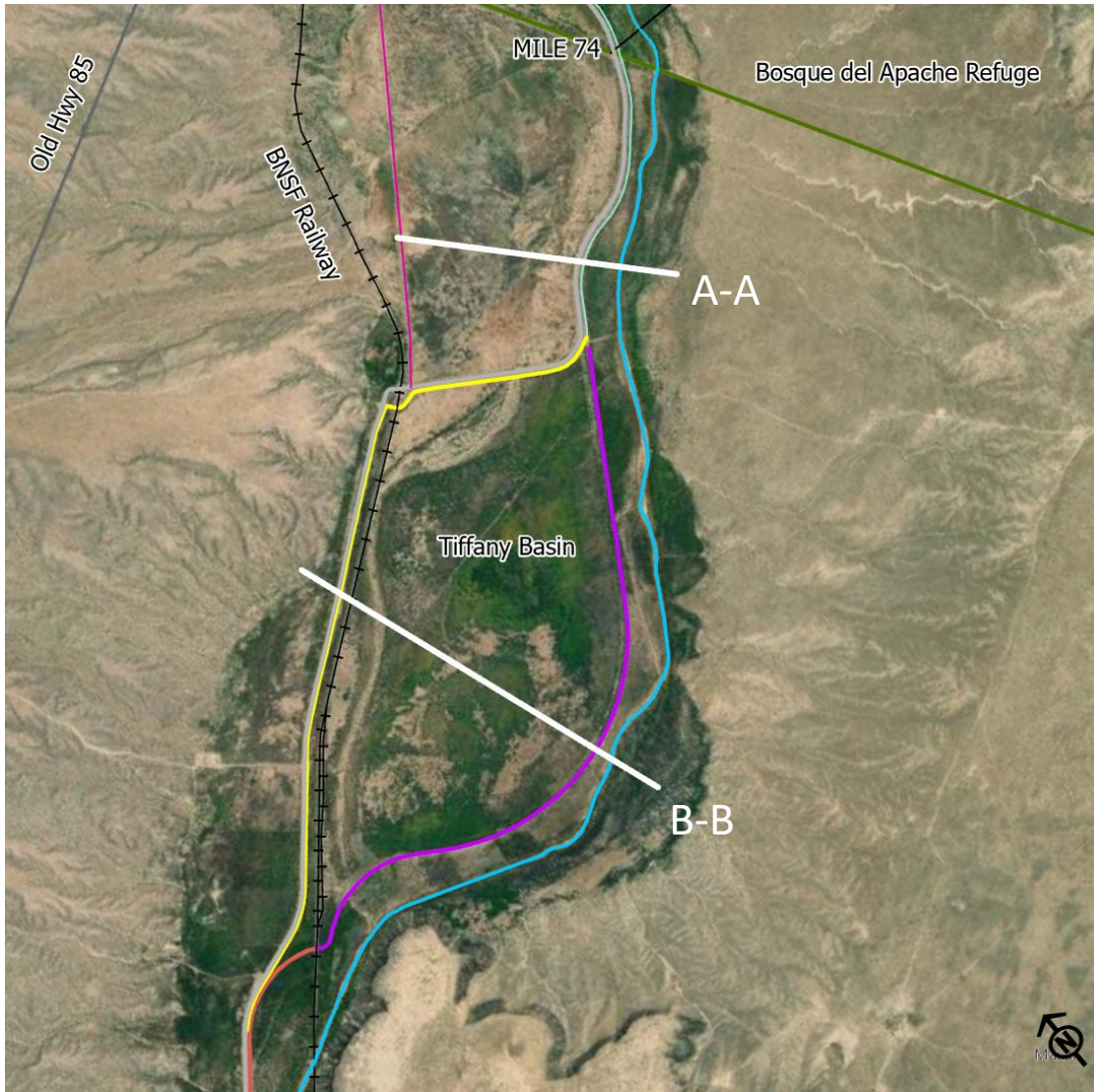
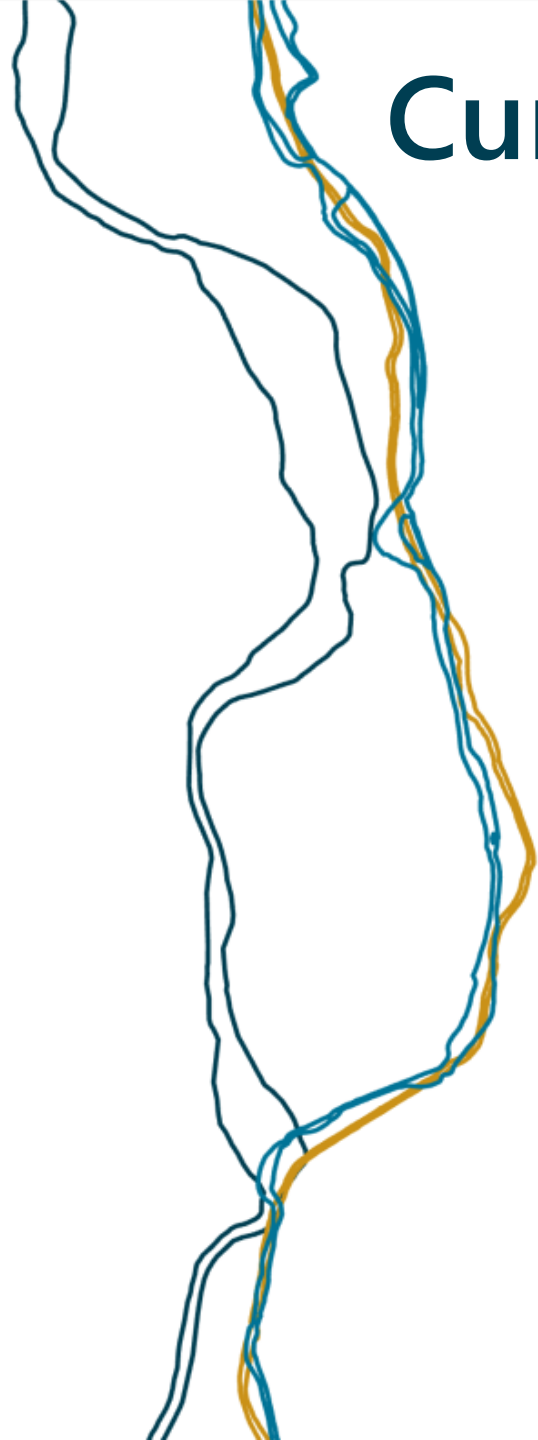
# Long-standing Management Challenges



Aerial photo from 1952 showing the river altering course due to a sediment plug forming within the San Acacia Reach above the Tiffany Basin.



# Current Conditions



# Current Conditions

The Low Flow Conveyance Channel (LFCC) functions as a drain for the floodplain. Maintaining the LFCC does not improve the function of the river or associated habitat.

During low flows in the summer months, the river dries, negatively impacting fish populations and riparian vegetation.

The spoil levee confines the channel and sediment deposition to the east side of the valley.

The river is perched because the channel is above the adjacent floodplain.

Following high-flow events, surface water ponding in the floodplain causes fish stranding and decreases downstream water delivery.

The river is disconnected from the water table resulting in high rates of seepage loss.

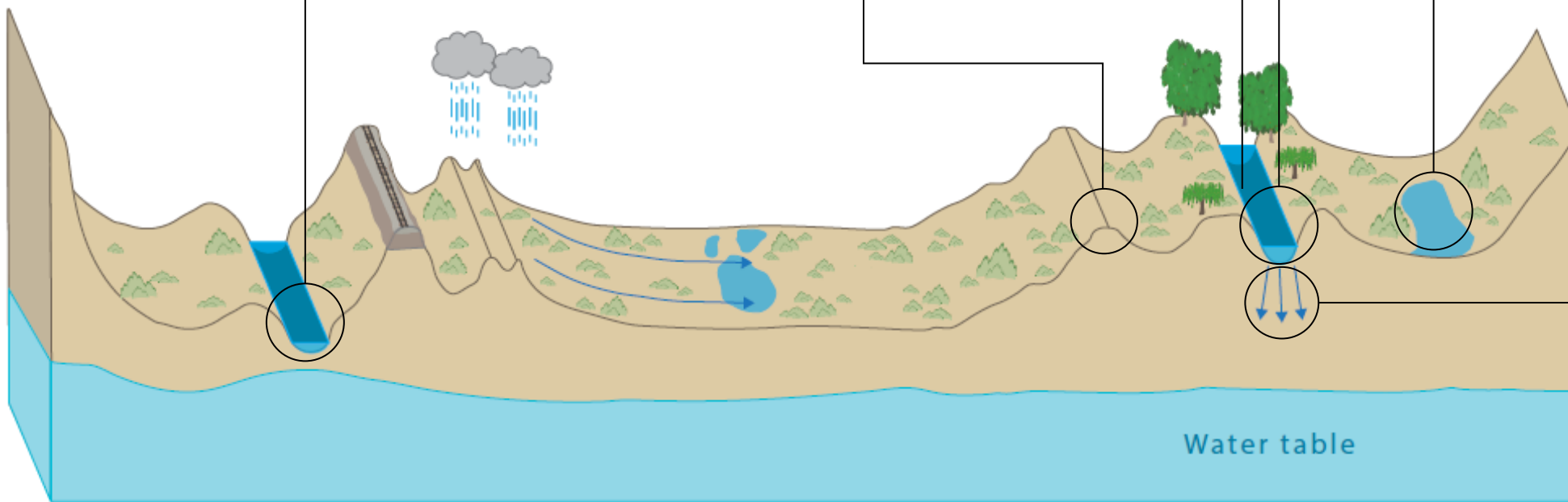


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# Key Issue – Water Loss

- Transpiration – water vapor released from plant leaves, often invasive plant communities
- Evaporation – water vapor lost from open water and moist soil
- Seepage – surface water infiltrating into the ground
- Stranded Water – surface water becomes disconnected or ponded following high-flow events (leads to more evapotranspiration and seepage)



# Key Issue – Stressors on Endangered Species Habitats

- River drying due to water diversions and conveyance system losses
- Infrequent and shorter duration floodplain inundation
  - Lack of egg retention and larvae development during spring runoff (insufficient low-velocity area)
  - Insufficient development of native vegetation of varying age classes near water
- Decreased complexity in channel/floodplain morphology
  - More uniform and static conditions



# Key Issue – O&M with Limited Benefit

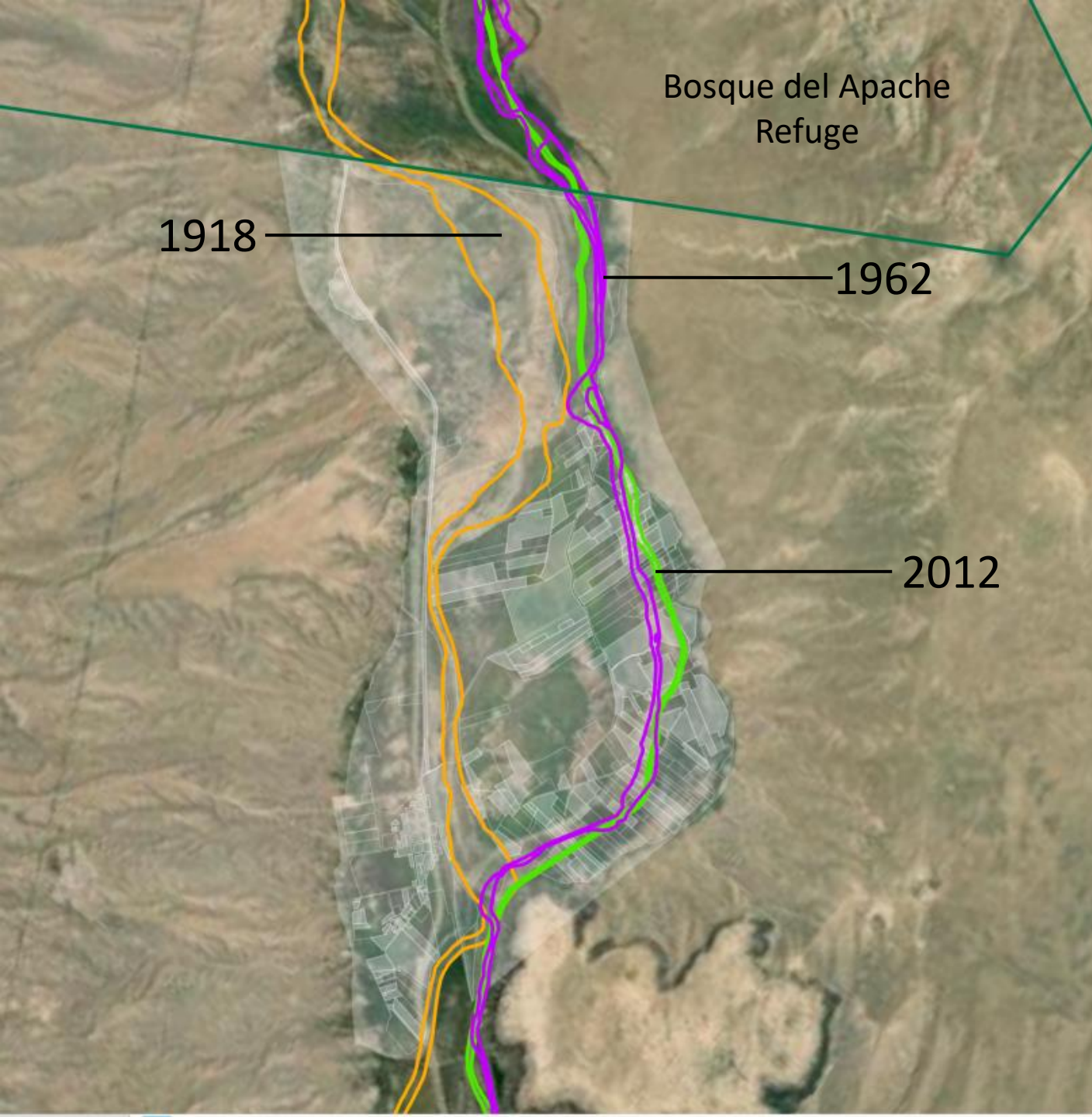
- Maintaining channel conditions/dimensions that compete with geomorphic trends results in continual maintenance and emergency actions.





**What do these lines tell us?**



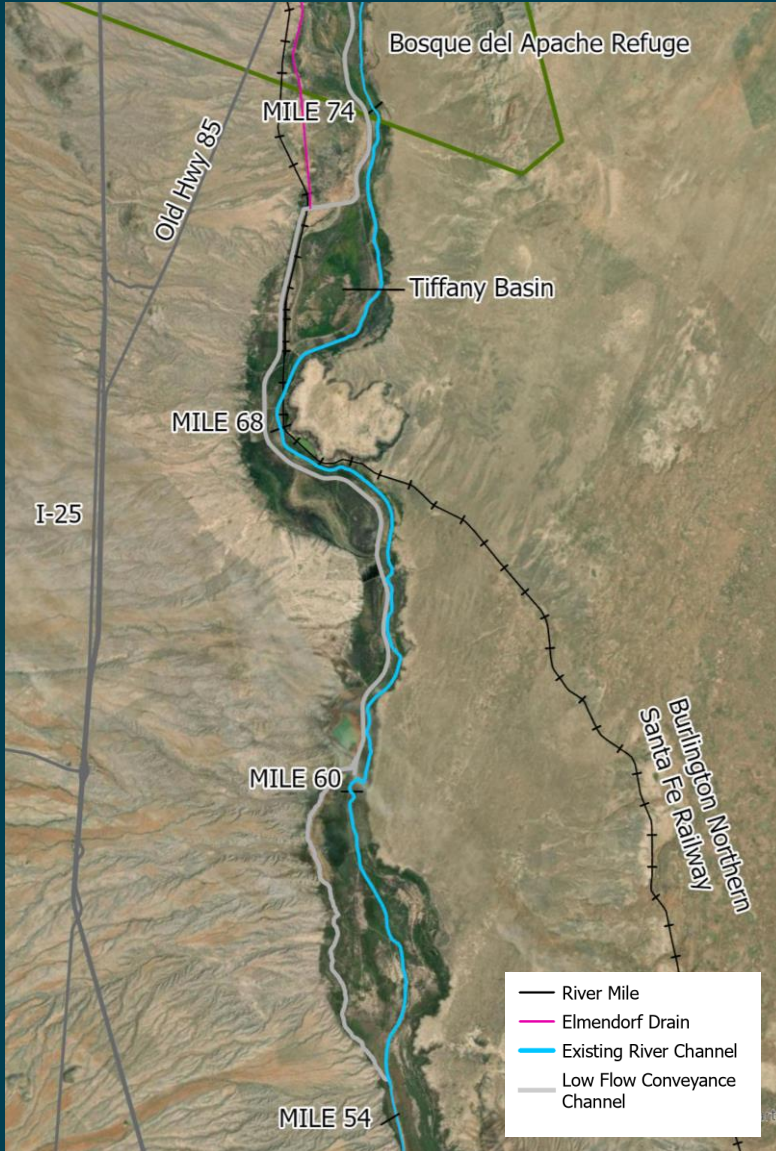


- The Rio Grande is a dynamic system
- The active channel has shifted throughout the valley during the past century
- To remain a functioning river it will need to shift again



# Alternatives

## Alternative A - No Action



## Alternative B



## Alternative C



# Project Timeline

- Late April/early May 2023 – Notice of Intent (NOI) published
- 30 days following the NOI publication, Public Scoping will be conducted
- Summer 2024 – Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available for public comment for 45 days
- Spring/Summer 2025 – Public Notification of Final Environmental Impact Statement and signing of Record of Decision
- Winter 2025 – Construction anticipated to begin



# Opportunities for Public Participation

- **Public Scoping – May 2023**
  - Public Meetings will be held in three locations: Albuquerque, T or C, and Socorro
  - Notification about the public meetings will be sent via email, mail, and published in the paper
  - Online comment submittal will be available through the project's website
- **Draft EIS Public Comment – Summer 2024**
  - Open-house meetings will be hosted during the comment period
  - Notification about the public meetings will be sent via email, mail, and published in the paper
  - Online comment submittal will be available through the project's website



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— BUREAU OF —  
RECLAMATION

Stephanie Russo Baca Board Reports Regular Board Meeting May 8, 2023.

**April 16-20, 2023, NWRA Federal Water Issues Conference, Washington, DC.**

This was a packed conference. Important discussions included food safety, Army Corps of Engineers project funding, Farm Bill as well as independent Congressional and Federal Agency visits. MRGCD staff and board members met with USDA/NRCS, Senator Martin Heinrich's office, and Ben Ray Luján office, For the 1st district Representative Melanie Stansbury, 2nd district Representative Gabe Vasquez office and 3rd district Representative Teresa Leger Fernandez. Additionally, we met with the U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary Tanya Trujillo. Many of these meetings were attended with a delegation from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District.



# 2023 Federal Water Issues Conference

## Washington, D.C.

Embassy Suites Convention Center  
900 10th Street NW Washington, DC, 20001

### Agenda

#### Monday, April 17, 2023

All Day

#### **Independent Congressional and Federal Agency Visits**

Take this time to meet your congressional delegation and agency officials to discuss the issues of importance to you and NWRA.

4:00 pm  
Embassy Suites

#### **NWRA Conference Registration Opens**

6:00 – 7:00 pm  
Embassy Suites  
Capital Ballroom B

#### **Welcome Reception**

#### Tuesday, April 18, 2023

6:30 am – 9:00 am  
Breakfast Area

#### **Breakfast**

Complementary for hotel guests of the Embassy Suites

7:30 am – 12:00 pm  
Embassy Suites

#### **Registration & Coffee**

8:00 am – 8:30 am  
Embassy Suites  
Capital Ballroom A

#### **Keynote Speaker – Brian Scott**

**Deputy Assistant National Cyber Director for Cyber Policy and Programs  
Office of the National Cyber Director  
Executive Office of the President**

*Come hear about the recently announced White House National Cybersecurity Strategy.*

8:30 am – 9:30 am  
Embassy Suites  
Capital Ballroom A

#### **Farm Bill Panel**

**House and Senate Agriculture Committee Staff**

*Join us for a conversation with key congressional staff on the development of the next farm bill.*

9:30 am – 10:00 am  
Embassy Suites

#### **Networking Break**

Agenda

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10:00 am – 10:30 am  
Embassy Suites  
Capital Ballroom A

**Army Corps**

**Robyn Colosimo, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Project Planning and Review)**

*Come hear the latest on current initiatives within the Corps, such as the Principles, Requirements and Guidelines rulemaking and their potential impacts on stakeholders.*

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10:30-11:00 am  
Embassy Suites  
Capital Ballroom A

**Food Safety's Impact on Water**

**Dr. Jennifer McEntire – International Fresh Produce Association**

*Join us for a conversation on how the fresh produce industry is addressing current FDA food safety regulations and how those actions might impact raw water suppliers.*

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11:30 am – 12:00 pm  
Embassy Suites  
Capital Ballroom A

**NWRA Federal Affairs Roundtable**

*Join us as we discuss the top priorities for water users and prepare to advocate on Capitol Hill.*

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1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Independent Congressional and Federal Agency Visits**

*Take this time to meet your congressional delegation and agency officials to discuss the issues of importance to you and NWRA.*

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5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  
NWRA office  
4 E Street SE  
Washington, DC 20003

**All American Cookout**

*Join your NWRA friends for a relaxing evening of networking and great food (hotdogs and apple pie) before heading to the Nationals game.*

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7:05 pm  
Nationals Stadium  
1500 S Capitol St SE,  
Washington, DC 20003.  
(a quick walk from  
the NWRA offices.)

**Washington Nationals Baseball**

*Join your NWRA colleagues for a trip to the ballpark and see the Washington Nationals play the Baltimore Orioles. Please note, a separate ticket purchase is required. A block of tickets has been reserved for NWRA.*

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# 2023 Federal Water Issues Conference

## Washington, D.C.

Embassy Suites Convention Center  
900 10th Street NW Washington, DC, 20001

### Agenda

#### Wednesday, April 19, 2023

6:30 am – 8:00 am Breakfast Area	<b>Breakfast</b> Complementary for hotel guests of the Embassy Suites
7:30 am-10:00 am	<b>Registration &amp; Coffee</b>
8:00 am – 8:30 am Embassy Suites Capital Ballroom A	<b>Keynote Speaker - Congressman Chuck Fleischmann</b> <i>Join us for a conversation with the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy &amp; Water Development and hear about the subcommittee agenda for 2023.</i>
8:30 am – 9:30 am Embassy Suites Capital Ballroom A	<b>Financing Our Nation’s Water Infrastructure Needs</b> <b>Jorianne Jernberg – EPA</b> <b>Aaron M. Snyder, PMP – Army Corps</b> <i>Come listen to representatives from the U.S. EPA and Army Corps discuss initiatives designed to assist with the financing of water infrastructure projects.</i>
9:30 am – 10:00 am Embassy Suites	<b>Networking Break</b>
10:00 am – 10:30 am Embassy Suites Capital Ballroom A	<b>Department of Interior Update</b> <b>Gary Gold, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water &amp; Science</b> <i>Come hear about the current Western water priorities and initiatives being carried out by the Department of Interior.</i>
10:45 am – 11:45 am Embassy Suites Capital Ballroom B	<b>NWRA Board of Directors Meeting</b>
11:00 am – 5:00 pm	<b>Independent Congressional and Federal Agency Visits</b> <i>Take this time to meet your congressional delegation and agency officials to discuss the issues of importance to you and NWRA.</i>



## **Conservation Advisory Committee**

Meeting Agenda

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**9:30-11:30 AM.**

**THIS WILL BE A HYBRID MEETING.** Committee Members who want to join the meeting in person may do so at the MRGCD's main office (1931 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Albuquerque, NM). Online 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**

Current Hydrology Update

Storey Wasteway OCS Update

New Belen OCS – Gate Installation Update

Conservation Program Expansion Update

Open Topic

**April 21, 2023, Rio Grande Compact Commission Meeting, Virtual.**

Rio Grande annual meeting addressed dam repairs, wildlands restoration, and water management. It was also noted that there is more money and water available this year, but future cooperation needed due to climate uncertainty. New Mexico State Engineer Mike Hamman emphasized settling water rights disputes at all levels. Rapid warming and variable precipitation lead to water fluctuations and drought. Rio Grande Compact Commission credit and debit accounting system to manage water sharing. Pueblos seek greater decision-making power and presentation opportunities at future meetings. Increased investment in water projects from federal agencies and states. Concerns over sediment buildup in dams, requiring improved management strategies. Dam repair project at El Vado delayed, posing challenges for water storage in 2024

**Agenda**  
**Rio Grande Compact Commission**  
**Colorado New Mexico Texas**

84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (108<sup>th</sup> Meeting)  
Friday, April 21, 2023, 9:00 AM (MDT)  
NM State Capitol, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM  
Room 307

1. Call to Order by the Chairman
2. Approval of the Meeting Format
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Announcements
5. Report of the Engineer Advisers
6. Report of the Legal Advisers
7. Report of the Commissioners
  - a. State of Colorado
  - b. State of New Mexico
  - c. State of Texas
8. Report of Federal Agencies
  - a. Bureau of Reclamation
  - b. Army Corps of Engineers
  - c. Bureau of Indian Affairs
  - d. Fish and Wildlife Service

- e. U.S. Geological Survey
  - f. International Boundary and Water Commission
9. Presentation of Costs of Operation for FY 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)
  10. Presentation of the Budget for FY 2024 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)
  11. Cooperative Agreement with the U. S. Geological Survey (accounting services)
  12. Approval of the Minutes of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting (106<sup>th</sup> Meeting)
  13. Approval of the Minutes of the November 10, 2022 Special Meeting (107<sup>th</sup> Meeting)
  14. Approval of the Letters to the Governors
  15. Other Business
    - a. Engineer Advisers' Recommendations
    - b. Presentation of Compact Accounting
    - c. Resolution for Mike Sullivan
  16. Public Comment
  17. Adjournment

**REPORT OF THE ENGINEER ADVISERS  
TO THE RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022**

**April 18, 2023**

The Engineer Advisers to the Rio Grande Compact Commission met in person and by video conference on January 19, 2023 and from March 13 to March 17, 2023 to:

- Receive reports;
- Reconcile the 2011 to 2021 Rio Grande Compact (Compact) water accounting pursuant to the November 10, 2022 Rio Grande Compact Commission Credit Water Agreement for Administration and Accounting at Elephant Butte Reservoir (Agreement);
- Prepare the 2022 Compact water accounting;
- Discuss continuing and new issues in preparation for the 2023 annual meeting of the Rio Grande Compact Commission (Commission); and
- Prepare the Engineer Advisers' report.

The Engineer Advisers received the participation of the Colorado Division of Water Resources (CDWR), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) at the meetings. The agencies each presented information about their specific water-related activities in the basin during calendar year 2022.

**2011-2021 COMPACT ACCOUNTING RECONCILIATION**

Since 2011, there has been a lack of consensus among the Engineer Advisers on finalizing the annual Compact delivery accounting. The lack of consensus is well documented in the annual reports of the Engineer Advisers from 2011 through 2021. At the direction of the Rio Grande Compact Commission, in June of 2022, the Engineer Advisers initiated discussions to reach a consensus on finalizing Compact accounting for 2011 forward. In Fall 2022, the Engineer Advisers developed the Agreement that resolved the dispute over how the evaporative

losses on Credit Water are calculated and tabulated in the accounting for water deliveries. The Agreement also addresses future mandatory relinquishments, accounting of evaporation of Credit Water using the “Constant Credit Water Method,” and a one-time adjustment to delivery credits for New Mexico and Colorado to compensate for the 2011 releases of Credit Water.

On November 10, 2022, at a special meeting of the Rio Grande Compact Commission, a resolution was passed which adopted the Agreement. Based on this Agreement, the Engineer Advisers reconciled the annual Compact delivery accounting from 2011 to 2021. The methodology described below was utilized to reconcile the accounting, using the 2010-approved accounting as a starting point. Calculation of evaporation on Credit Water used the following methodology:

- Rio Grande storage and Rio Grande evaporation in Elephant Butte Reservoir data were exported from the final Upper Rio Grande Water Operations Model (URGWOM) files for the years 2011-2021;
- Beginning of Year (BOY) Credit Water in storage for Colorado and New Mexico was held constant throughout each year;
- Evaporation on Colorado and New Mexico’s Credit Water was calculated on a daily timestep for each year, in proportion to the total amount of native water physically stored daily in Elephant Butte Reservoir. In previous years, evaporation on Credit Water was calculated on a monthly timestep, but since daily pan evaporation and reservoir storage data are readily available, a more accurate daily timestep method was utilized for the accounting reconciliation.; and
- The daily Credit Water evaporation was totaled for Colorado and New Mexico annually for each year, and the BOY Credit Water storage for each state was reduced by the respective evaporation volumes for 2011 through 2021.

As part of their discussions on reconciliation of the accounting, the Engineer Advisers also agreed to compute evaporation on retained Debit Water in storage on a daily basis and to apply it annually. This method can be used to calculate evaporation on retained Debit Water in any reservoir where it may be in storage:

- The data for Rio Grande storage and evaporation in El Vado Reservoir were exported from the final URGWOM files for the years when New Mexico retained Debit Water (2017, 2018 and 2020);
- Evaporation on New Mexico’s retained debit was calculated on a daily timestep in proportion to the total native water stored daily in El Vado; and
- For the years where Debit Water was retained, the daily evaporation on Debit Water was totaled annually and applied as a credit to the Accrued Debit.

The reconciled and Engineer Adviser-approved accounting sheets will be presented to the Commissioners for approval at the 2023 Commission annual meeting, in accordance with the Agreement. The reconciled accounting sheets will be included in a separate document in the Rio Grande Compact Commission Annual Report.

The Engineer Advisers agreed that this will be the method for Credit and Debit water accounting going forward. Based on the reconciled accounting period which ended on December 31, 2021, New Mexico’s Accrued Debit was 128,900 acre-feet, and Colorado’s Accrued Debit was 4,000 acre-feet.

## **2022 COMPACT ACCOUNTING**

The Engineer Advisers reviewed the streamflow and reservoir storage records and other pertinent data for the Upper Rio Grande Basin during calendar year 2022 and reached a consensus on the Compact accounting. As determined by the Engineer Advisers, scheduled and actual deliveries, release of Usable Water for the year 2022, and balances as of January 1, 2023, are as follows:

a) Deliveries by Colorado at the State Line:

Balance as of January 1, 2022	-4,000 acre-feet
Scheduled delivery from Conejos River	86,200 acre-feet
Scheduled delivery from Rio Grande	109,800 acre-feet
Actual delivery at Lobatos plus 10,000 acre-feet	199,900 acre-feet
One-time adjustment/delivery credit	300 acre-feet
Accrued credit January 1, 2023	200 acre-feet

b) Deliveries by New Mexico at Elephant Butte Dam:	
Balance as of January 1, 2023	-128,900 acre-feet
Scheduled delivery	336,600 acre-feet
Actual delivery	340,000 acre-feet
One-time adjustment/delivery credit	32,5000 acre-feet
Accrued debit January 1, 2023	93,000 acre-feet
c) Project Storage and Releases:	
Accrued departure (credit) as of January 1, 2023	2,765,800 acre-feet
Actual release of Usable Water	269,900 acre-feet
Normal release for year	790,000 acre-feet
Under Release in excess of 150,000 acre-feet	370,100 acre-feet
Accrued departure (credit) as of January 1, 2023	2,915,800 acre-feet

No Debit Water was stored in 2022.

The Engineer Advisers jointly prepare the Compact accounting based on information provided and presented by state and federal agencies, which is the best available information at the time of report preparation. The Engineer Advisers' Report is considered final upon signature by the three Engineer Advisers.

## **RIO GRANDE BASIN CONDITIONS**

Snowpack and snow-water equivalent (SWE) amounts were near to below average throughout the winter of 2021-2022. The SWE for most headwater areas in both Colorado and New Mexico peaked at slightly below their average peak values. At the end of the winter season the SWE dropped drastically, resulting in a snow-free date for most locations occurring approximately one month earlier than usual. Below-average precipitation in the spring months as well as windy conditions and very low soil moisture were factors preventing much of the SWE from reaching the rivers and streams. As a result, snowmelt runoff levels and yearly streamflow amounts in 2022 were well below the long-term average for most areas across the basin in Colorado and in New Mexico. Multiple summer monsoonal precipitation events were instrumental in increasing most basin streamflows to around the historical average.

Due to the low runoff flows, Platoro Reservoir only reached a high of approximately 44 percent of capacity during late May of 2022. Usable Water in Rio Grande Project (Project)



Storage was below the Article VII trigger of 400,000 acre-feet the entire year, which imposed Article VII storage restrictions on storage in post-Compact reservoirs.

## **CONTINUING COMPACT ISSUES**

This section of the report summarizes new information about issues directly related to the Compact and which were previously addressed by the Engineer Advisers. It reflects information obtained by the Engineer Advisers prior to the writing of the Engineer Advisers' report, and it may contain information obtained from the reports of the federal agencies at the 2023 Engineer Advisers meetings or otherwise reported.

### **Relinquishment Update**

The total amount of Accrued Credit relinquished by Colorado since 2013 is 3,000 acre-feet. Colorado did not store any relinquishment credit water in 2022. Between 2013 and 2021, Colorado stored a total of 2,885 acre-feet of relinquishment credit water in Platoro Reservoir, which leaves a balance of 115 acre-feet in Colorado's relinquishment account.

The total amount of Accrued Credit relinquished by New Mexico since 2003 is 380,500 acre-feet. No relinquishment credit water was stored in New Mexico reservoirs during the 2022 calendar year. Relinquishment-credit water storage to date totals 288,728 acre-feet, leaving a balance of 91,772 acre-feet available to be stored in future years when Article VII storage restrictions are in effect.

Article VII storage restrictions are anticipated to be lifted for several months beginning in the spring of 2023.

### **Gaging Station Review**

At the preliminary Engineer Adviser meeting in January 2023, the Colorado Division of Water Resources (CDWR) reported on activities at Colorado's Compact gages. The Colorado USGS reviewed CDWR gaging station records for the seven Colorado Compact gages and approved all of those records for 2022. The CDWR made an average of 28 measurements at each of these seven Compact gaging stations. The records for most of these stations were rated as "good" except for the periods of estimation, which were rated as "poor."

For the Rio Grande near Otowi streamflow gage (#08313000), the USGS reported that in calendar year 2022 they continued to use the stage discharge rating (#42) which was implemented on February 8, 2021. The USGS reported they made a total of 14 measurements at the Otowi gage in 2022, with nine rated “good,” one rated “fair,” and one rated “poor.” For 2022, the USGS continued to utilize redundant primary sensors (non-contact radar and wire weight) as well as redundant secondary reference gages (bubbler and staff gage) for gage-height readings. There were no equipment changes at the Otowi gage for 2022.

The USGS reported that during the 2022 calendar year, 33 measurements were collected at the Rio Grande below Elephant Butte streamflow gage (#08361000). Of the 33 measurements, 13 were rated “good,” five were rated “fair,” and two were rated “poor.” Aquatic vegetation growth on the streambed at the USGS gaging station section continues to cause a low bias in gaged flow during certain months. This issue has occurred for an undetermined period but began to be addressed in 2016 by utilizing an alternate section which is not impacted by vegetation growth during certain months. After June 1, 2022, all measurements were made at the alternate section below Elephant Butte Dam due to vegetation impacts at the primary section cableway. The gage records for 2016 through 2022 reflect improved precision, and the NMISC will continue to coordinate with the USGS to provide more accurate gage records in the future.

Reclamation reported that they analyzed the data for the Rio Grande Below Caballo gage. A total of 42 measurements were made at the below Caballo gage between June 1st and August 20th, of which 24 measurements were reported as “Compact measurements.” The Acoustic Doppler Velocity Meter (ADVM) is no longer being utilized at the site because their analysis has indicated that stage-discharge data are more representative of flow due to the site conditions. The ADVM will be deployed to the alternate section below Elephant Butte.

The USGS also reported that they reviewed and approved the 2022 streamflow gage below Caballo (#08362500) flow records developed by Reclamation, and that all necessary documentation was provided. The USGS reported that the record accuracy looked good, in large part due to the high number of measurements made at the gage.

The NMISC continued its survey of water-level elevations in Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs. NMISC’s surveyor performed surveys alongside Reclamation staff in June 2022 and

January 2023. Results from both NMISC's surveys indicated that Reclamation's reservoir stage elevations were within the agreed upon threshold criteria of 0.05-foot difference between the surveyed elevation and the stage-discharge recorder (SDR). Reclamation performed routine stage elevation surveys throughout 2022 and adjusted the SDR as needed if the threshold criteria was exceeded.

In 2022, Reclamation continued to measure Elephant Butte elevation via the SDR and a bubbler. The bubbler, which is maintained in conjunction with the USGS, shows more scatter but in general more accurately reflects observed elevation when the reservoir is low. NMISC and Reclamation will continue to perform side-by-side surveys at select times during 2023 to ensure the accuracy of the reservoir elevation data.

## **Gaging Station Costs**

The Engineer Advisers and Compact Commissioners have expressed concern in the past multiple years over the large difference in costs between what Reclamation charges to operate the gage below Caballo Reservoir as compared to what CDWR and USGS charge for other Compact gages. The three Compact states split the costs of their operations in support of the Compact equally, including operation and maintenance of the Compact gaging stations. Therefore, this high cost from Reclamation affects all three states.

The cost charged by Reclamation for the operation of the below Caballo Gage for this coming year is no exception to the recent very large charges that Reclamation submits to the Engineer Advisers. For this upcoming year, Reclamation provided a cost estimate for the operation of this gaging station of \$36,581. Of that total, the cost to be borne by the Compact states was \$29,265. This is an increase of \$14,024, or a 92% increase over last year's costs. Additionally, documentation or justification to support this very large increase was not provided with the initial submission of costs but was only provided after specific requests from the Engineer Advisers. Currently, Reclamation's charges to the Compact states are approaching three times the amount of the average cost charged per gage by CDWR and USGS. The Engineer Advisers remain very concerned with Reclamation's high cost for the operation of this gage and with the large fluctuations in the charged costs year to year.

## **FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCY REPORTED INFORMATION**

This section of the report is for informational purposes only and summarizes new information about issues which are not directly related to Compact administration. It reflects information obtained by the Engineer Advisers prior to the writing of the Engineer Advisers' report, and it may contain information obtained from the reports of the federal and/or state agencies at the 2023 Engineer Advisers' meetings or otherwise reported. This section contains information provided by various entities without analysis or approval by the Engineer Advisers.

### **Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program**

The Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program (Collaborative Program) was authorized by the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 (P.L. 111- 8). The Collaborative Program continues to seek innovative and collaborative ways to support Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance for listed species while protecting water uses in the Middle Rio Grande. Reclamation reported that their federal appropriations in federal fiscal year (FY) 2022 were \$2.78 million for Collaborative Program activities, which stayed consistent from the \$2.78 million in federal FY 2021 but decreased from \$3.84 million in federal FY 2020. Projects funded through Reclamation that remain in the Collaborative Program are several long-term monitoring programs such as the Rio Grande silvery minnow (RGSM) population and genetics monitoring, and Middle Rio Grande bird surveys.

### **WildEarth Guardian's Litigation over the 2016 Biological Opinion**

On November 30, 2022, WildEarth Guardians filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Reclamation regarding the 2016 Middle Rio Grande Biological Opinion (2016 BO). The lawsuit claims the 2016 BO is invalid under the ESA and arbitrary under the Administrative Procedure Act. The MRGCD intervened without protest and on February 6, 2023, a 90-day stay was granted for settlement negotiations.

## **Upper Rio Grande Water Operations Model**

The URGWOM is a computational model developed through an interagency effort led by the Corps, Reclamation, and the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (NMISC). The effort includes regular meetings to discuss modeling outputs for daily water operations and accounting procedures. During 2022, URGWOM activities included:

- Updating the basin-wide annual operating plan (AOP) in collaboration with Reclamation and the NMISC;
- Updating the database to include data through 2021 for the MRG and the Lower Rio Grande (LRG);
- Developing, calibrating, and implementing deep aquifer objects into the model;
- Updating the five-year plan;
- Updating all URGWOM documentation volumes to the public website;
- Studying the Abiquiu deviation to store Prior and Paramount (P&P) water due to rehabilitation of El Vado Dam; and
- Continuing to develop the real-time operation model by linking URGWOM to the Corps Water Management System (CWMS) and using National Weather Service (NWS) forecasts for real-time operations.

Key objectives for 2023 include:

- Preparing basin-wide AOPs for 2023;
- Continuing to develop CWMS compatibility with partners at the Center for Advanced Decision Support for Water and Environmental Systems to eventually move URGWOM into the CWMS platform; and
- Updating the Real-Time Forecast Model using NWS forecast data (10-day forecast).

## **Compliance by Federal and State Agencies with State Water Law**

The NMISC continues to track habitat restoration projects implemented by various federal and state agencies, and to account and report on related depletions in the Middle Rio Grande. It coordinates with the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) to determine if a permit is needed and to ensure any new depletions are offset by the projects' sponsors. The NMISC reported that it continues to coordinate with the Corps on several habitat

restoration projects to ensure that those depletions are offset. The NMISC also coordinates with Reclamation in using the State's Strategic Water Reserve for ESA-related water management, including offsetting depletions associated with habitat restoration and river augmentation activities. Below-average snowmelt runoff in 2022 resulted in approximately 2 acre-feet of depletions for habitat restoration projects in the Middle Rio Grande that were offset by New Mexico's Strategic Water Reserve.

## **Elephant Butte Delta Channel Project**

With a below-average snowmelt runoff and an above-average monsoon season the Elephant Butte Delta Channel (Delta Channel) successfully conveyed all flows during 2022. The extended duration of the monsoon season, combined with the lower magnitude of precipitation, generated smaller peak flows that resulted in less degradation of the Delta Channel throughout the year.

During October and November of 2022, the NMISC construction contractor conducted regular maintenance on the Delta Channel in the middle and upper project sections. Since 2003, New Mexico has spent nearly \$20 million to construct and maintain the Delta Channel and continues to partner with Reclamation, which provides engineering support, environmental compliance, access-road work, and primary maintenance for the project.

## **Mass Balance Review**

The NMISC conducted a mass balance analysis for the Rio Grande between the Elephant Butte and Caballo gages for calendar year 2022. The mass balance analysis indicated that the reach gained water in nine out of twelve months with a total calculated annual gain of 43,242 acre-feet. The large gain during the year is largely attributed to intervening flows from significant monsoon rains, with August and September inflows exceeding 20,000 acre-feet and 15,000 acre-feet, respectively. Losses occurred in May, June, and July, with May seeing losses of over 5,000 acre-feet as irrigation water started being released.

## **Colorado Groundwater Regulations**

In late 2015, the State Engineer of Colorado completed the development of rules and regulations concerning the use of groundwater in the Upper Rio Grande Basin in Colorado. These rules were approved by the Colorado Division 3 (Rio Grande Basin) Water Court in 2019 and went into full effect on March 15, 2021. As an integral part of these rules, the State Engineer of Colorado has also completed the development of Phase 6 of the Rio Grande Decision Support System Model. Development of Phase 7 began and is currently moving forward along with peer review. This model captures the interaction between surface and groundwater and shows the effect that wells have on senior surface water rights. The owners of non-exempt wells are required to mitigate the injurious depletions that their wells cause to senior surface-water rights and regulate the use of the confined and unconfined aquifers to maintain a sustainable water supply in each aquifer system. There are currently seven groundwater user subdistricts and multiple individual augmentation plans that have been developed as a way for the well owners to comply with the rules. Difficulty meeting sustainability in Subdistrict One has led to the contemplation of a new Plan of Water Management for that subdistrict and the filing of three significant independent Plans of Augmentation in Colorado Water Court.

## **Aamodt Settlement and Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System**

The Aamodt Water Rights Settlement Agreement (Settlement Agreement) was developed through multi-party negotiations, which began in 2000 between the Pueblos of Nambé, Pojoaque, Tesuque and San Ildefonso, the State of New Mexico, the United States of America, Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, and representatives of non-Pueblo water users, to settle the Pueblos' water right claims in the Pojoaque Basin. The Settlement Agreement provides for the funding and construction of the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System to supply treated water to Pueblo and non-Pueblo parties. As expressly stated in the Settlement Agreement, "Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to limit the authority of the State Engineer to...ensure compliance with the Rio Grande Compact," (Section 6.6.1.6). The Engineer Advisers will continue to evaluate the project as it moves forward, including evaluating potential impacts to the Otowi Index Supply.

The final Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System Environmental Impact Statement was published in the Federal Register in January 2018, and the Record of Decision was signed on September 11, 2019. Construction began on the intake area of the Regional Water System in June 2020. Additional funding and a time extension were authorized in late 2020, and the first portion of Phase I work was completed in January 2022. The next portion of Phase 1 construction was expected to begin in March 2022.

In 2022, about 3 acre-feet were withdrawn from the completed wells for construction purposes, such as dust abatement and compaction.

### **Reclamation's Lower San Acacia Reach Improvements Project**

For FY 2022, Reclamation reported on progress on the Identification of San Acacia Reach Options (ISARO), which advanced to the next stage called the Evaluation of San Acacia Reach Options (ESARO) and is now referred to as the Lower San Acacia Reach Improvements Project (LSARI). This project focuses on the lower section of the San Acacia Reach from Highway 380 bridge just above the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge (BDANWR), downstream to the Narrows of Elephant Butte Reservoir. As previously reported, this area has historically been problematic for deliveries of water and sediment downstream into the reservoir, and high losses continue to occur in this section of the river. Reclamation has engaged with the NMISC, MRGCD, Service, and local landowners on its conceptual engineering options. A Value Planning Study required by Reclamation for large-scale projects was completed in 2021. In 2022, two alternatives were identified, a feasibility-level study and EIS were started, and a technical team was established that includes nonfederal partners, with an estimated completion date in 2024.

Conversion from a two-channel system consisting of the river channel and Low Flow Conveyance Channel (LFCC) to a single channel is the highest-ranking option in a Feasibility Study, but other options will continue to be evaluated. In addition, the re-operation of the LFCC from the San Acacia Diversion Dam to its terminus will be part of the evaluation as requested by the MRGCD.



## **Closed Basin Project**

The total production of the Closed Basin Project in calendar year 2022 was 11,673 acre-feet. This total includes water that was exchanged for Colorado Parks and Wildlife water to be delivered to the Blanca Wildlife Habitat Area, the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge and to the San Luis Lakes State Wildlife Area. The amount creditable for Compact purposes from direct delivery and exchange was 8,276 acre-feet. The remainder of the water produced was delivered to various federal lands along the project to be used as mitigation for the project footprint. All the water delivered to the Rio Grande in 2022 was of sufficient quality to qualify for credit under the Compact.

Reclamation continues to address problems of biofouling in the production wells of the Closed Basin Project. During 2022, Reclamation rehabilitated 19 wells and installed four new pumps. Wells will continue to be rehabilitated as budgetary constraints allow to help maintain project production. The Closed Basin Operating Committee continues to monitor groundwater levels and groundwater production and to adjust project operations pursuant to the enabling legislation.

## **Reclamation's Middle Rio Grande Supplemental Water Program**

Reclamation's supplemental water program is intended to provide additional water, primarily obtained through the voluntary leasing of San Juan Chama Project (SJCP) water, for endangered species' needs and compliance with the 2016 BO. The program originally included water acquisition, reservoir storage, and release of water to support river flows. From 2001 to 2020, it also included operation of a pumping network in the San Acacia Reach to pump water from the LFCC to the river.

In 2022, a total of 6,337 acre-feet of supplemental water was released for endangered species purposes. Reclamation reported that the release of supplemental water began on May 24 and continued through June 17. Releases resumed on July 8 through July 27 and again on September 5 through September 21.

Reclamation ended 2022 with a total of 5,016 acre-feet of supplemental water in storage: 1,656 acre-feet of water in Abiquiu Reservoir and 3,360 acre-feet of water in Heron Reservoir,

all leased from 2022 SJCP contractor allocations. Reclamation is negotiating leases of up to 12,000 acre-feet from SJCP contractor allocations for 2023.

In addition to the water released by Reclamation, three other sources of water were reportedly used to support ESA needs:

- 139.61 acre-feet of pre-1907 native rights were permitted for offset via New Mexico's Strategic Water Reserve, released as needed between April 27 and May 5;
- 137 acre-feet of SJCP water leased by Audubon New Mexico, released between June 15 and September 11; and
- 2,551 acre-feet of native water were acquired via the MRGCD's Environmental Water Leasing Program (EWLP), which is a fallowing program funded by Reclamation.

Reclamation reported that 2,554 acres were enrolled in the EWLP and that the program receives a credit, in acre-feet, for all enrolled acres, prorated to account for water availability. According to Reclamation, above average monsoon activity resulted in above average summer and fall inflows, which generated a credit of 7,015 acre-feet for the season. Beginning in June, 2,551 acre-feet of this water were released for ESA needs and Reclamation reported that the remaining 4,464 acre-feet of EWLP credits were not released and did not carry over.

The Neil Cupp pumping site, originally developed by Reclamation for temporary pumping operations from the LFCC to the river, was converted to a permanent pumping site in 2020. It is now owned and operated by MRGCD and is capable of pumping to both the river and to irrigation facilities. In 2022, MRGCD pumped a total of 230 acre-feet to the river between June 2 and June 7 to maintain river connectivity.

## **Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Prior and Paramount Operations**

In 2022, due to the limitations of storage in El Vado Reservoir during the repair to El Vado Dam, a request was made by the Corps to the Commission to allow Rio Grande water to be stored in Abiquiu Reservoir for use by the Pueblos in their P&P operations. The three compacting states agreed to allow up to 20,000 acre-feet of storage in Abiquiu Reservoir for P&P operations. Storage began on January 1, 2022, and the entire amount was stored while

Article VII Compact restrictions were in place. Due to significant monsoon rains and sufficient spring runoff, none of the water stored for P&P operations in 2022 was released for irrigation purposes. The P&P water stored in Abiquiu Reservoir had 1,356 acre-feet of evaporative losses, and the remaining 18,644 acre-feet was released downstream to Elephant Butter Reservoir November 15 through December 12, 2022.

Based on the March 2023, most-probable snowmelt runoff forecast, the BIA reported a preliminary storage target of approximately 18,496 acre-feet for their P&P operations in 2023. Additional forecasts may change this storage estimate, and the May 1 forecast is used as the final storage target. If the computed P&P storage based on the May 1 forecast is less than the 20,000 acre-feet permitted for P&P use in 2023, then the computed storage amount would be used. It is anticipated that all P&P storage in 2023 will be made during Article VII restrictions.

The BIA was able to make funding available to the Pueblos to perform work upgrading their irrigation systems. The BIA also provides funds to the MRGCD to perform maintenance work on the systems which serve Pueblo lands.

## **2022 Rio Chama Water Supply Conditions**

Snowpack conditions in the Rio Chama Basin were well-below average during the winter of 2021-2022. The March through July native inflow to El Vado Reservoir was 114,422 acre-feet, or approximately 51 percent of average.

Beginning in early summer, flows on the Rio Chama were insufficient to meet the direct-flow irrigation needs of the Rio Chama Acequia Association (RCAA). RCAA represents 16 acequias on the Rio Chama between Abiquiu Reservoir and the confluence with the Rio Grande that have direct surface flow diversion rights. With insufficient native flows to meet their needs and the absence of sufficient leased SJCP water, the NMOSE curtailed RCAA diversions to the available natural flow of the river from summer through fall of 2022.

## **Rio Grande Project Operations**

The 2022 Rio Grande Project (Project) water accounting amounts were approved by the respective district boards and Reclamation prior to the 2023 Engineer Advisers' Meeting. All accounting information reported by Reclamation is based on URGWOM.

On January 1, 2022, there was 183,512 acre-feet of Usable Water in Project Storage (Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs combined) and 275,963 acre-feet on December 31, 2022. Usable Water reached a high of 296,984 acre-feet on May 27 and a low of 89,546 acre-feet on August 18, 2022.

Reclamation's initial allocation for calendar year 2022 for El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 (EP No. 1) and Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID), was calculated in May after the 2021 water accounting had been finalized.

Mexico was provided an initial allocation of zero acre-feet in December 2021. Based on the provisions of the 1906 Convention for extraordinary drought, the allocations to Mexico were updated monthly, with a final in-season allocation in July 2022 of 14,827 acre-feet, which is about 24 percent of a full allocation.

The final in-season Project allocation of 340,257 acre-feet was given on July 7, 2022, including Mexico's allocation of 14,827 acre-feet. The final calculated charges were: 111,483 acre-feet to EP No. 1; 82,339 acre-feet to EBID; and 14,843 acre-feet to Mexico. A total of 208,665 acre-feet of water deliveries were charged to the Project water users.

Mexico is allocated Project Water for delivery during the year based on the anticipated release of Usable Water. This allocation cannot be reduced once it has been made. The actual release for the 2022 irrigation season was less than the anticipated release forecasted in May. Deliveries to Mexico during the year are made based on the most recent Project allocation. At the end of the year, Mexico's final allocation is determined using the actual annual release from Caballo Dam. If the amount of water delivered to Mexico is larger than Mexico's final allocation, the difference is charged to the two districts based on the proportion of the end-of-year 2022 allocation balances. Therefore, EP No. 1 and EBID were charged with -562 acre-feet and -739 acre-feet, respectively, as adjustments for the difference between Mexico's allocation and measured diversions.

Reclamation reported that the final 2022 allocation balances and beginning balances for 2023 were 71,860 acre-feet and 58,447 acre-feet for EP No. 1 and EBID, respectively.

Reclamation reported final 2022 releases from Caballo Reservoir for Project accounting during the irrigation season of 268,290 acre-feet for all three Project water users: EP No. 1,

EBID, and Mexico. Releases from Caballo Reservoir began on June 1 and ended on August 20, 2022. EBID and EP No. 1 began the irrigation season with coordinated orders and diversions. Mexico delayed their initial order by one week, and their diversions began on June 7. EBID ended their surface water diversions on June 28, Mexico ended on August 9, and EP No. 1 ended diversions on August 31.

During 2022, Reclamation's report indicates drainage flows into Hudspeth County Conservation and Reclamation District No. 1 (HCCRD) during March through September were 16,009 acre-feet. The calendar year total flow data for HCCRD was 25,827 acre-feet. Additionally, 926 acre-feet was delivered from Caballo Reservoir through the Bonita Lateral during calendar year 2022.

The USGS reported that the total annual flow volume at the gage below Elephant Butte dam was 281,815 acre-feet. There was a total of 268,974 acre-feet measured at the Caballo gage which is the amount used in Compact accounting for the calendar year.

For 2023 Project operations, Reclamation determined that the initial 2023 allocation to Mexico is 7,374 acre-feet based on the December 1, 2022, data. Reclamation will continue to evaluate the amount of Usable Water monthly to determine the actual Project allocations, which will occur in April or May.

Based on the March 2023 snowmelt runoff forecast for the Rio Grande and current hydrologic conditions, Reclamation anticipates a shortened irrigation season beginning around June 2, 2023.

## **U. S. Geological Survey**

The Engineer Advisers received reports from the USGS on their Rio Grande Basin studies. The USGS, in cooperation with Reclamation, has developed a model of the transboundary aquifers and interconnected surface waters of the Palomas and Mesilla basins in New Mexico and Texas and the Conejos-Médanos Basin of northern Mexico, known as Rio Grande Transboundary Integrated Hydrologic Model (RGTIHM). A Scientific Investigations Report was published in 2022. USGS is currently extending the simulation period of the historical calibration and incorporating a process to allow dynamic simulation of Rio Grande

Project operations. USGS also reported on a project to study streamflow response to potential changes in climate in the Upper Rio Grande basin.

The USGS listed, but did not give details on, many other New Mexico Water Science Center projects and activities in the Rio Grande Basin, such as the Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Program, the Mesilla Basin Monitoring Program, URGWOM support and other groundwater and surface water monitoring programs.

## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Projects**

The Corps reported on the status of Civil Works projects under the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2020, which provided reauthorization for the Rio Grande Environmental Management Program in Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas. Authorization for this program was extended through federal FY 2029. Current projects undergoing either a feasibility study, higher-level planning, or construction include: Abiquiu Reservoir legislation, Bernalillo to Belen Levee Project, and Sandia to Isleta ecosystem restoration.

Legislation related to Abiquiu Reservoir in WRDA 2020 changed the storage limit of SJCP and native Rio Grande water in Abiquiu Reservoir from a total volume of 200,000 acre-feet to an elevation of 6,230 feet MSL (229,199 acre-feet) and to allow concurrent storage of Rio Grande and SJCP water in Abiquiu Reservoir. This would not have an effect on flood control operations at Abiquiu. The Water Control Manual must be updated, and environmental compliance completed, with a target date of the end of 2023. Additionally, future storage easements must be acquired.

The Bernalillo to Belen Levee Project, Espanola Valley Ecosystem Restoration, and Sandia to Isleta Ecosystem Restoration projects are authorized for construction under WRDA 2020. Most received funding to begin work on design and compliance contingent on executing agreements with project sponsors in FY 2023. The Espanola Valley Ecosystem Restoration design agreements were signed in November 2022 and the design is ongoing.

The Tribal Partnership Program is currently underway for San Felipe, Santa Ana, Zia, and Santo Domingo pueblos. These projects include watershed assessments, drought resilience

planning and feasibility studies for irrigation infrastructure. Efforts were initiated in FY 2020 and were completed in FY 2022.

## **Rio Grande Silvery Minnow**

The Service reported on the 2022 monitoring results for the endangered Rio Grande silvery minnow (RGSM) using the October Catch per Unit Effort (CPUE) data used to report long-term trends in relative abundance.

The Service has adopted the use of 30 sites for evaluating RGSM take instead of the standard 20 sites. The 2022 October fish monitoring estimated an RGSM density of 0.17 fish/100 square meter (m<sup>2</sup>) for 30 sites. High spring runoff years in 2017 and 2019 had October RGSM densities of 23.2 and 3.4 fish/m<sup>2</sup>. However, due to rapid decreases in discharge and extensive drying in 2022, there were no successful spawning events or egg collection, which impacted hatchery production and augmentation. The Service reported that only 129,497 (out of the 269,000 needed) RGSM were augmented to the Middle Rio Grande in 2022, in comparison to 208,772 in 2021, and 310,634 in 2020. Fish were provided by the City of Albuquerque's BioPark, the Service's Southwestern Native Aquatic Resources and Recovery Center located in Dexter, New Mexico, and the NMISC's Los Lunas Silvery Minnow Refugium. The Service expressed concern about the potential CPUE in 2023 because of the lower-than-normal number of augmented fish in 2022. The Service stated that through 2021, the 2016 BO has not been violated nor has Reclamation exceeded its take for RGSM. The Service is waiting for the 2022 final report from Reclamation for a decision on the 2022 CPUE. Only a portion of the RGSM that were stocked in 2020, 2021, and 2022 were tagged because of Covid-19 restrictions, so distinguishing wild and hatchery fish will not be possible until tagging of all the fish is resumed.

The Service, with assistance from the 2016 BO partners, conducted rescue activities in the 49.4 miles of unique drying within the San Acacia, Isleta, and Albuquerque reaches. There were 2,114 RGSM rescued from these reaches in 2022. Drying and fish rescue in the Albuquerque reach extended north to Montano Road.

## **El Vado Dam Repairs**

Reclamation previously reported that substantial degradation of the steel lining system and service spillway has occurred at El Vado Dam. Corrective action studies determined that construction and repair work need to be conducted at the dam. The El Vado Safety of Dams Project is occurring in two phases: 1) installation of a synthetic liner system across the entire face plate of the existing dam to reduce embankment seepage, and 2) repair and refurbishment of the spillway.

Reclamation reported that contractor mobilization occurred in March 2022. During the 2022 construction season, the contractor completed repairs to the steel face plate and below-grade grouting efforts. Reclamation and the contractor also worked through several contract modifications related to material quantities and changes in site conditions. While the project is still on budget, it was reported that the contract changes are likely to add 6-12 months to the first phase of the project schedule.

Reclamation reported that the second phase of the project, the El Vado spillway repair and refurbishment, is going through final design changes and contract solicitation will be posted in late 2023 with construction activities scheduled to begin in spring of 2024.

During both phases of construction, there will be restrictions on storage of water in El Vado Reservoir. In 2022, NMISC and Reclamation each submitted a request to the Corps to deviate from the Water Control Plan at Abiquiu Reservoir to temporarily store native water at Abiquiu Reservoir during El Vado Dam and spillway construction activities under the same rules that would apply to native water storage at El Vado Reservoir. The Corps conducted the necessary regulatory compliance and ultimately stored only P&P water. (The Engineer Advisers note that Colorado and New Mexico approved storing all native water, while Texas approved storing only P&P water). The Corps reported that the deviation from normal operations at Abiquiu Dam is valid through the 2024 calendar year. If the El Vado Dam repairs are not complete within that timeframe, additional requests from the parties will be required, but no additional regulatory compliance would be necessary.



## **Middle Rio Grande Project Channel Maintenance**

Reclamation's report indicates it is pursuing work at 17 active priority sites along the Middle Rio Grande Project reach where bank erosion or reduced channel capacity could cause levee failure.

Reclamation reported that the BDANWR Pilot Realignment Project, which was completed in March 2021, had adaptive maintenance performed starting in October 2022. The adaptive maintenance focused on implementing additional mechanical adjustment of the bed slope, which was necessary because recent spring snow-melt runoff flows were insufficient to scour the project area as originally intended. (The New Mexico Engineer Adviser notes that the current channel continues to be undefined through a significant portion of the project, resulting in extensive open water evaporation that is likely contributing to Compact delivery issues.) Reclamation reported that the BDA upper realignment is currently in the design phase with NEPA compliance to begin in 2023 and construction expected to begin in 2024.

Reclamation reported on the River Mile 60 Project, which will temporarily connect the LFCC to the Rio Grande with controlled outfalls in the Lower San Acacia Reach. This project fulfills one of the 2016 BO Conservation Measures and has an intended goal of improving water delivery to Elephant Butte Reservoir while avoiding negative impacts to southwestern willow flycatcher (flycatcher) habitat nearby. Experimental operations and adaptive management plans have been developed and Reclamation is currently working on drafting a memorandum of understanding for the MRGCD to operate the project gates.

## **Vegetation Management at Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs**

Reclamation reported that it performed vegetation maintenance at Caballo Reservoir during 2022, using federal funding. Reclamation noted that maintenance at Caballo Reservoir included mowing and mulching of approximately 400 acres of phreatophytic vegetation.

(The Engineer Advisers remain concerned about the lack of vegetation management activities by Reclamation at Elephant Butte Reservoir. The State of New Mexico would support vegetation management efforts at Elephant Butte Reservoir through the existing Technical

Services Agreement and encourages Reclamation to work with staff to implement vegetation management projects at Elephant Butte in 2023.)

## **Southwestern Willow Flycatcher and Yellow-billed Cuckoo**

Reclamation and the Service conduct surveys and nest monitoring for the flycatcher and the western yellow-billed cuckoo (cuckoo) during the summer along the Rio Grande from Belen, New Mexico, to El Paso, Texas. Survey efforts were impacted by travel and hiring restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic that resulted in inconsistent survey efforts in 2020 and 2021. Decreases in reported territories do not represent the actual species condition within the Middle Rio Grande during those years.

For 2022, 504 flycatcher territories were documented in the Middle Rio Grande and 108 territories in the Lower Rio Grande. As usual, most of the flycatcher territories are in the San Marcial and Elephant Butte Reservoir areas; however, increased activity also occurred within the Isleta Reach. While the current number of flycatcher territories in the Middle Rio Grande is well above the recovery goal of 100 territories, habitats in other regions have not hit their recovery targets yet, and downlisting or delisting has not been considered for this species. In 2022, the Upper Rio Grande and San Luis Valley management units had limited survey efforts with 10 flycatchers found by the Bureau of Land Management. The next round of surveys in the San Luis Valley will occur in 2023.

Reclamation has historically conducted surveys for the cuckoo from Belen to El Paso. In 2022, 157 cuckoo territories were observed in the surveyed area. In late 2021, the Service began a Species Status Assessment (SSA), that is still in progress, to inform the future recovery plan. In 2022, the Upper Rio Grande and San Luis Valley management units had limited survey efforts with only one detection. The next round of surveys in the San Luis Valley is scheduled for 2023.

The tamarisk leaf beetle continues to be found in most of the Rio Grande area, and defoliation of salt cedar in occupied territories may result in impacts to nesting success. Although numbers of tamarisk beetles in the Middle Rio Grande have been declining in the past few years, this may be cyclical, and it is uncertain if there is a long-term trend.

## **Additional Listing Information Provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

In 2016, the Service found that listing the Rio Grande chub and the Rio Grande sucker may be warranted. A Conservation Agreement was signed in September 2018 between the Service and the states of New Mexico, Colorado and Texas, the Jicarilla Apache Nation, the Pueblo of Santa Ana, several counties in Colorado, the U.S. Forest Service, BLM, and the National Park Service to reduce the threats to these fishes. The Service will complete an SSA in 2023 and conduct a 12-month review in 2024.

The Service conducts photographic monitoring of the New Mexico meadow jumping mouse (jumping mouse) at BDANWR. In 2022, there were 36 unique photo detections, which is considerably higher than the 23 unique detections in the previous year.

## **International Boundary and Water Commission Activities**

The IBWC provided a report of its activities along the Rio Grande in New Mexico and Texas during 2022 and their projected activities for 2023. The items discussed included their levee rehabilitation work and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) status, the status of their new hydraulic modeling, the River Management Plan and habitat restoration, flood control issues and activities, sediment removal activities, water accounting operations, IBWC gaging station information and status, as well as information on the border fence projects.

The Sunland Park East Levee sections contracts were awarded, and construction began, in 2022 with completion estimated in 2025. Floodplain maps will be developed for the levee areas which show the reduced flood zones due to the levees.

In 2019, the IBWC began development of a new hydraulic model for three separate reaches between Percha Dam and American Dam. The hydraulic models will be used to analyze sediment accumulation, channel capacities, levee deficiencies, and the amount of sediment required to be removed to maintain channel capacities. IBWC reported that they achieved the 60% design in April 2022, but that additional model calibration is necessary. Contract modifications are underway to complete the project.

IBWC presented updates to the status of the Canalization River Management Plan (RMP). The RMP covers floodplain management, endangered species management, and channel

maintenance. It incorporates the 2009 Record of Decision (ROD) commitments, the 2017 Biological Opinion, and statutory compliance. The last version of the RMP was November 2018, and the update is pending the analysis in the ongoing hydraulic modeling study. The target date for the revised update is now 2024.

Currently, the IBWC has implemented 22 of 30 habitat restoration sites, totaling over 500 acres. Under the River Habitat Restoration Program, the IBWC is treating 246 acres of salt cedar near Hatch, New Mexico. The IBWC completed an Environmental Assessment for aquatic habitat restoration in November 2021 and has identified five potential aquatic habitat restoration sites.

Brief updates were also provided for the IBWC's ongoing channel maintenance projects. The American Canal Lower Reach redesign was completed in 2022, and the contract is out for solicitation with a projected completion date of 2026.

The IBWC estimated that 400,000 cubic yards of silt are deposited into the Rio Grande Canalization Project reach annually. This results in sediment plugs, island formations, raised riverbeds, increased flooding risks, and inhibited irrigation return flows. The Canalization reach is defined as 105 river miles from Percha Dam in New Mexico to El Paso. During 2021, the IBWC utilized both inhouse work crews and outside contractors to remove over 400,000 cubic yards. In 2022, IBWC work crews were able to remove about 275,000 cubic yards, and for 2023, the IBWC anticipates its work crews will remove about 250,000 cubic yards of sediment. IBWC reported that it has spent considerable portions of its budget in 2022 to purchase new equipment to replace aging equipment and to increase its in-house capacity to conduct sediment removal in the Rincon, Canutillo, and El Paso County regions of the Rio Grande.

The IBWC reported that the 2022 allocation to Mexico for the Convention of 1906 was 14,827 acre-feet, which was 24.7 percent of a full allocation. The final delivery charged to Mexico was 14,843 acre-feet. A preliminary February allocation for 2023 to Mexico was reported to be 14,891 acre-feet, which is slightly more than the 2022 final allocation, but this could change before the final allocation is made.

The IBWC provided an update on the border wall projects in the Compact reach. Work was suspended on Customs and Border Protection (CBP) border wall projects in 2021. Border

wall construction activities resumed in 2022 to remediate the negative impacts from previous CBP and Texas border wall construction.

## **ENGINEER ADVISER RECOMMENDATIONS**

On January 1, 2020, Reclamation implemented new area-capacity tables for Elephant Butte Reservoir based on their 2017 sediment survey. These tables account for the sediment buildup within the reservoir and the related loss of storage. They also are used to determine the current total storage volume of the reservoir. The Rio Grande Compact Rules and Regulations describe the now-outdated total storage volume in the reservoir. The Engineer Advisers again recommend that the Commissioners direct the Legal Advisers, in conjunction with the Engineer Advisers, to incorporate the new tables developed by Reclamation for Elephant Butte Reservoir into the Compact Rules and Regulations for potential approval at the 2024 Commission annual meeting.

The Engineer Advisers recommend that the Commissioners again direct the Legal Advisers, in conjunction with the Engineer Advisers, to investigate the need to create an official Rio Grande Compact document repository and report the results of their investigation at the 2024 Commission annual meeting.

The Engineer Advisers recommend that the Commissioners direct the Engineer Advisers and the Legal Advisers to investigate the costs submitted by Reclamation for the yearly operation and maintenance of the Rio Grande Below Caballo Reservoir gaging station, and whether a different method can or should be used to determine the costs for this gage which are allocated equally between the states.

## **BUDGET**

The Engineer Advisers reviewed the cost of operation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 and the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

The Engineer Advisers found that the expenses for gaging stations and administration of the Compact for the year ending June 30, 2022 were \$223,929. The U.S. federal government bore \$71,840 of this total, with the balance of \$152,089 to be borne equally by the three states.

The Engineer Advisers found that the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 indicates that a total of \$245,825 will be spent for gaging and administration, with a proposed contribution by the U.S. federal government of \$74,782.



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Stephanie Russo Baca Board Reports Regular Board Meeting May 8, 2023.

**April 22, 2023, Earth Day Fiesta, 2424 NM-47, Belen, NM 87002.**

I went to represent MRGCD and there were many great presentations and booth with local vendors of food and crafts as well as partners like NRCS and Friends of Whitfield.

**VALENCIA**  
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**EARTH DAY FIESTA**  
*Day 2*  
**11:00 - 4:00**

**ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS**

**PARAÍSO**  
*Roasting*  
COMMUNITY TO CUP

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 11:30 TROPHIC CASCADES**
- 1:00 TEACHER TOOLKIT**
- 2:00 LIVE BIRDS-OF-PREY**

The poster features a background of green foliage and a hand holding a globe. The Valencia logo includes a stylized mountain range. The Paraíso Roasting logo is enclosed in a square frame. The text 'ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS' is arranged in a circular pattern around a yellow smiley face.

Stephanie Russo Baca Board Reports Regular Board Meeting May 8, 2023.

**April 25, 2023, Low-Flow Conveyance Channel Info-Sharing & Listening Session, Virtual**

This was a presentation and discussion of the MRGCD-ISC proposal for experimental reactivation of the low-flow conveyance channel in the San Acacia Reach of the Rio Grande.

I've attached MRGCD's slides, and here is a link to the recording of this two-hour event:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/DNBF8CsguJI89ZMKUBNgH8nRw-8ieNRJYqc5WNradYf36RaJe3-Hm4M56zwX5LJn.cYCoRHrii3VuQpgF?startTime=1682435207000>

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# Listening Session regarding the Experimental Monsoon LFCC Proposal



4.25.2023

# Agenda

- Introductions of MRGCD and ISC Staff
- Briefly Review Highlights of Draft Proposal
- Questions & Discussion

# Motivation for this Proposal

- MRGCD and ISC do not believe that this type of operation will “solve” water management in the MRG.
  - We have no desire to “resurrect” historical operations.
  - Diversions would not take place until the San Acacia Reach becomes disconnected
- This is one tool at our disposal, which may support the long-term, reliable access to other tools (Upstream Storage).
- This proposal is a creative solution that attempts to find a middle ground between supporting riparian and aquatic function in the short term while complying with the Compact and securing long term access to storage.
- Upstream Storage allows for operational flexibility (Think Environmental/Conservation Storage)
  - Beneficial for Ag, ESA, and Compact objectives.

# LFCC Proposal Highlights

- Contemplates diversions of monsoon driven flow into LFCC at SADD once the river is disconnected between Elephant Butte and SADD.
- Initial Diversion Cap of 500 cfs
- Potentially increase **seasonal** deliveries of water to Elephant Butte to aid in Compact Compliance.
- Potentially limit stranding of RGSM below SADD as a result of monsoon events
- Monitoring in both the main channel and LFCC for RGSM

# Questions?

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Photo of MRGCD's Los Chavez Outfall. Photo courtesy of Quantina Martine, Audubon Southwest

**April 26, 2023, Summer Conservation Camp Planning Meeting with local farmers, Whitfield, and MRGCD, Virtual**

Whitfield is looking to host a summer conservation camp and is asking for the support of local farmers as well as MRGCD. This would be a half day camp from 8:00-Noon each day for ages 8-12 (3rd-6th graders) with a capacity of up to 15 students. For the camp, the organizers are asking for donations for items such as \*Drawstring bag, notebook, pencil, water bottle (or other swag donated by partners: NRCS, MRGCD, VSWCD).

Organizers are asking the MRGCD board for a donation of around \$500.00 to help with the week-long camp.

Stephanie Russo Baca Board Reports Regular Board Meeting May 8, 2023.

**April 28, 2023, IRSA at Rio Abajo Conservation Area, 2128 NM-304, Rio Communities, NM 87002.**

The Rio Abajo Conservation Area is 240 acres adjacent to the Rio Grande south of Belen donated to the District in 2006 and held in joint conservatorship with the NM Department of Game & Fish.

This area includes both bosque and uplands terrain that VSWCD intends to preserve as a wildlife sanctuary with public access. RACA restoration activities will include removal of nonnative species, such as salt cedar and Russian olive, and planting of native grasses, trees, and shrubs in riparian and uplands areas for preservation of natural habitat and biodiversity. The Isleta Reach Stewardship Association held a cleanup day and removed over 15 bags of trash.

