Agenda

For Presentation at the
2,200th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

June 12, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.

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

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3:00 1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3:01 2. **Approval of the Agenda**

3:03 3. **Consent Agenda**
   a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – June 12, 2023
   b. Consideration/Approval of May 2023 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
   c. Consideration/Approval of May 2023 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.
   d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – May 8, 2023
   e. Consideration/Approval of State of NM Audit Contract – Pamela Fanelli, CFO
   f. Memo on General Counsel's April 2023 Invoice (For Informational Purposes Only)
   g. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for May 2023 (For Informational Purposes Only)
   h. Notification of the Reclassification of Land to the MRGCD Official Plan and Appraisal Record (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, June 8, 2023 (Directors Joaquin Baca, Sandoval and Vice Chair Dunning)**
   a. Discussion/Approval of Compensation Rates for Poll Workers
   b. Consideration/Approval of 2023 MRGCD Election Supply Catalog

3:20 5. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**

3:45 6. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department** – Christine L. Nardi, MBA
   a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires

3:50 7. **Consideration/Approval of the Design Agreement between the Department of Army and MRGCD for Design for the Middle Rio Grande Bernalillo to Belen, NM Project** – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO

4:00 8. **Report(s) from the Chief Procurement Officer** – Richard DeLoia, CPO
   a. Consideration/Approval of the On-Call Professional Engineering Services RFP
   b. Consideration/Approval of the Infrastructure On-Call Contractors RFP
   c. Consideration/Approval of the On-Call Federal Lobbyist Services RFP

4:10 9. **Report(s) from the Department of the Interior**
   a. Bureau of Reclamation – Jennifer Faler, Area Manager
   b. Bureau of Indian Affairs – Roland Becenti, Acting Designated Engineer

4:20 10. **Update on the 2023 Irrigation Season**
   a. Report on the Water Supply Conditions – Anne Marken, Water Ops Division Manager
   b. Status Report on Water Distribution – Matt Martinez, Water Distribution Division Manager
   c. Demonstration of the Irrigation System Operators Field Application

4:50 11. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**

a. Consideration/Approval of Budget Adjustment Resolution BA-06-12-23-90 for the Levee Breach Operations 2023

4:55 12. **Report(s) from the Chief Operating Officer – Eric Zamora, PE**

a. Presentation from MRGCD Safety Manager, LeeAnn Corwin
b. Report on the Valencia County-Bernalillo County Flood Preparedness Planning, Eric Zamora, COO
c. Report on the Los Lunas NM 6 Sinkhole Repair, May 25, 2023 – Eric Zamora, COO
d. Report on the Gate Grant Project – Rhett Sanders-Spencer, Right of Way Specialist

5:15 13. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO** – **Jason M. Casuga, PE**

a. 2023 Spring Runoff Levee/Spoil Levee Maintenance – Alicia Lopez, PE
b. Report on the Meeting with Lt. Col. Hansbrough, USACE Albuquerque District, May 22, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
c. Report on the 2023 Monsoon Season Preparedness – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
d. Report on the NWRA Federal Water Issues Conference, Washington DC, April 17-20, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chair Russo Baca, Vice Chair Dunning and Director Duggins
e. Updates on the Big Hole Fire Planning and Restoration Efforts – Yasmeen Najmi, Planner
f. Updates from the VSWCD a Year after the Big Hole Fire, Valencia Soil and Wildlife Conservation District Director, Andrew Hautzinger
g. Report on the Coalition Workgroup Meeting: MRGCD – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
h. Report on the Elephant Butte Irrigation District Coordination, May 15 and May 31, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
i. Report on the Valencia County Levee Tour with Rep. Brian Baca and Commission Chairman Gerard Saiz, June 1, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
j. Report on the El Vado Storage Agreement Discussion, June 2, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
k. Upcoming Events
    1. Joint Rio Grande Tour - MRGCD/Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) | June 27-29
    2. Rio Grande Water Users Association Meeting | October 3-5, 2023

6:15 14. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**

6:25 15. **Report(s) from the Board**

a. Report on the Summer Conservation Camp Meeting, May 9, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca
b. Report on the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting, May 18, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca
c. Report on the Las Vegas Water Utility of the Gallinas Watershed Tour, May 23, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca

6:35 16. **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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June 7, 2023

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De Smet Dairy Farms
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MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

RE: Questions submitted to the MRGCD Board of Directors on May 8, 2023

Dear Ms. De Smet:

Thank you for attending the May 8th meeting of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) Board of Directors and for the questions you submitted as part of your public comments. The purpose of this letter is to address your written questions.

Question 1: Who owns El Vado, Dam?

- El Vado Dam is owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), Department of Interior. MRGCD holds a permit with the Office of the State Engineer that allows for storage of water in El Vado.

Question 2: Has there been a contract secured and started for the dam construction and maintenance?

- The BOR has awarded a contract to rehabilitate the El Vado Dam steel face plate and grout the foundation to reduce seepage. BOR will be awarding a separate contract to reconstruct the service spillway.
- At the MRGCD Board of Directors meeting on December 12, 2022, BOR provided a detailed presentation on the status of the El Vado Dam: Safety of Dams Rehabilitation project at the time. Meeting minutes and audio can be found on the MRGCD website.

Question 3: If so, when is the start/ end date?

- Construction started on the steel face plate rehabilitation in 2022 and is expected to be completed in 2025. Construction on the service spillway will start after the steel face plate rehabilitation is completed and is expected to last till late 2027.

Question 4: What can be stored, if anything, currently, at El Vado Damn?

- No water for middle valley use can be stored in El Vado until rehabilitation of the face plate is completed.

Question 5: What other storage is available to New Mexico Farmers? What is the current storage availability to NM farmers from said dam?

- No other locations authorized for native Rio Grande water storage for the middle valley currently exist.
- MRGCD is working with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to secure native storage in Abiquiu Reservoir while El Vado is under dam safety rehabilitation. This action is currently pending environmental compliance and review, but if successful would result in the ability to store up to 60,000 acre-feet (20,000 of which is reserved for Prior and Paramount lands).

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- The MRGCD will have access to its 2023 San Juan Chama Project (SJCP) water. Allocations of SJCP water are made available to the MRGCD on the 15th of each month, starting in May and typically ending in September. MRGCD's 2023 May SJCP Allocation was 5,400 acre-ft. In 2023 I expect the MRGCD to receive a 100% allocation from the project, which would be 20,900 acre-ft.
- Since your question asked about storage for New Mexico Farmers, I should also add that water we deliver to Elephant Butte in support of the Rio Grande Compact is first used by New Mexico Farmers in the Mesilla, Hatch, and Rincon valleys. These farmers have seen drastically reduced allocations of surface water in recent years, well below the shortages experienced by farmers in the Middle Valley. New Mexico benefits from its upstream neighbors (Colorado) making their Rio Grande Compact deliveries every year.

Question 6: Why has nothing been done to maintain the El Vado dam by the MRGCD?

- The BOR rehabilitated the Dam in 1954-1955 and again in 1965-1966.
- El Vado Dam has been in BOR's Safety of Dams Program since at least 2016. Before any dam can be rehabilitated, the BOR must complete an extensive technical evaluation to ensure the appropriate alternatives are selected to rehabilitate a dam properly. The MRGCD does not control this process.

Question 7: There has been a 40% increase to MRGCD employees over the last 3 years with a decrease in representation and services to farmers. Why?

- Looking at the MRGCD's audits for the last 8 years, you will see the following changes in wages and fringe. The actual numbers are impacted by wage increases, vacancy rates, and increases or decreases in the fringe. The MRGCD needs to see where you are getting your figures from because the 40%is inaccurate.

Fiscal Year	Actual Wages & Fringes	Increase	% increase (% decrease)
FY2015	$11,943,256	$179,390	1.5%
FY2016	$12,087,694	$144,438	1.2%
FY2017	$12,068,749	$(18,945)	-0.2%
FY2018	$12,032,501	$(36,248)	-0.3%
FY2019	$12,684,322	$651,821	5.4%
FY2020	$13,146,176	$461,854	3.6%
FY2021	$13,428,842	$282,666	2.2%
FY2022	$13,156,491	$(272,351)	-2.0%

Question 8: With an increase of 40%, why hasn't the MRGCD board taken any of the suggestions from farmers to properly train new ISO's in the field and give them raises to keep them on board?

- The MRGCD did not increase salaries and fringes by 40%, as shown above. However, in fiscal year 2022, the MRGCD raised the minimum starting pay for any employee from $12 per hour to $15 per hour. The average starting pay for an entry-level ISO with no experience is $19.02. In addition, this new pay plan created multiple levels of Irrigation Systems Operators. They are as follows:

Job Description	Class	Annually Min	Annually Mid	Annually Max	Hourly Min	Hourly Mid	Hourly Max
ISO Supervisor	80	$52,530	$68,648	$89,710	$25.25	$33.00	$43.13
Irrigation Systems & Field Maintenance Supervisor	80	$52,530	$68,648	$89,710	$25.25	$33.00	$43.13
Irrigations Systems Operator II	75	$47,755	$62,407	$81,555	$22.96	$26.97	$34.26
Irrigations Systems Operator	65	$39,467	$51,576	$67,401	$18.97	$24.80	$32.40

- The MRGCD conducts the following training with new ISOs:
  - Overview of the MRGCD Irrigation System
  - Introduction to Canal Operations and Control
  - Water Data Use and Automatic Gate Operation
  - Water Distribution Policy, and Scheduling and Delivery Guidelines
  - ISO Zone familiarization and ISO job shadowing
  - Administrative tasks and safety training
- The MRGCD is working to standardize this training into a three-week training program including a course on public relations and conflict resolution.
- The MRGCD is developing off-season workshops in hydraulic concepts, advanced canal operation and control, agricultural practices, surveying, and construction methods.

Questions 9 & 10: Why aren't we getting water March 1 to properly plan for planting seasons? Why are the ditches not being charged until late into March?

- The MRGCD has historically started charging the irrigation system on or around March 1 contingent on off-season project completion, soil moisture and water supply conditions.
- In recent years (2020-2023), MRGCD users have been experiencing the effects of a reduced water supply due to extreme drought, lack of upstream storage, and the adverse effects of Rio Grande Compact (Compact) debt which has contributed to delayed starts.
- In 2020, the MRGCD requested use of approximately 36,000 ac-ft of stored water in El Vado to get through the end of the irrigation season. This water was originally tagged for delivery to Elephant Butte Reservoir in November of 2020 according to Article 6 of the Compact. Article 6 requires that if New Mexico owes water to the Rio Grande Compact, New Mexico must retain water in storage in the amount of the debt to be delivered to Elephant Butte after irrigation season before water can be stored for use in New Mexico. The Compact Commission agreed to the use of this water by the MRGCD, and the middle valley water users benefited from it at the expense of downstream users.
- In 2021, the MRGCD did not begin charging the irrigation system until April 1 as part of the agreement with the Compact Commission that secured water for the end of the previous season. During 2021, New Mexico failed to pay back any of the 36,000 ac-ft of Article 6 water and significantly under delivered the Compact obligation for the year. New Mexico ended 2021 with a debt of 127,000 ac-ft.
- In 2022, MRGCD agreed to delay the charging of MRGCD facilities until March 7, and MRGCD agreed not to divert more than 50% of the flow in the river considering Compact debt. Due to the reduced amount of water in the river during charge-up, MRGCD had to stagger its startup and did not deliver to irrigators until the respective division was fully charged.
- In 2023, MRGCD started charging the system on March 6, and deliveries to irrigators did not begin until the respective division was fully charged.
- The only year the MRGCD significantly deviated from a March 1 start date was in 2021, and that was due to a hard commitment to the Compact Commission so middle valley users could have access to water late in the 2020 irrigation season.
- In 2023 New Mexico remains in debt to the Compact, but we have been blessed with a

significant spring runoff both in volume and length. To assist with Compact deliveries to Elephant Butte, the MRGCD committed to diverting only 80% of valley demand while the river is connected to Elephant Butte and no overbanking of the main channel occurs.

Question 11: Out of 220+ employees, why are the ditches so poorly maintained?

- The MRGCD maintains approximately 1,200 miles of canals, laterals, drains, and levees in Sandoval, Bernalillo, Valencia, and Socorro Counties. In the Belen division alone, the MRGCD maintains approximately 425 miles of facilities. The Belen division has by far the greatest number of miles to maintain, by division. This year the MRGCD completed a review of the division maintenance boundaries and analyzed the available resources within that boundary to determine if the number of miles maintained by the Belen Division could be reduced. We have moved forward with maintenance boundary adjustments to drop the number of miles maintained by the Belen Division to just over 400 miles.
- The MRGCD has significant amounts of infrastructure that is showing its age. As a response to aging infrastructure, the MRGCD, from 2015 to 2021 invested significant staff and equipment resources to construct and upgrade facilities. That led to a reduction in off-season dredging of canals and general maintenance. I believe that the reduction in off-season maintenance was a mistake. Starting in 2022, MRGCD reduced large off-season construction projects by field staff so each division could focus on maintenance.
- To rehabilitate infrastructure, the MRGCD will seek grant dollars to leverage with MRGCD funds so contractors can be hired, allowing MRGCD personnel to focus on maintenance activities.

I appreciate the opportunity to answer your questions. If you have any follow-up questions or need any clarification, please email me at jason@mrgcd.us or call me at 505-259-1005.

Thank you,

Jason M Casuga, PE
CEO/Chief Engineer

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
JUNE 12, 2023
Checks for the Period May 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023

Check Number	Vendor Name	Check Amount	Description	Location
EFT	NEW MEXICO TAXATION & REVENUE DEPARTMENT	20,544.22	APRIL 2023 WITHHOLDING TAX	
EFT	PAYROLL	325,704.09	PAY PERIOD 9	
EFT	PERA	99,315.19	PAY PERIOD 9	
EFT	IRS	57,407.53	PAY PERIOD 9	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	7,111.00	PAY PERIOD 9	
EFT	PAYROLL	302,635.46	PAY PERIOD 10	
EFT	PERA	100,371.57	PAY PERIOD 10	
EFT	IRS	39,546.59	PAY PERIOD 10	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	7,611.00	PAY PERIOD 10	
	TOTAL PAYROLL	**960,246.65**		
146378	GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO	(928.11)	VOIDED CHECK DATED 03/15/2023	
146995	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	68.24	HOSE CLAMP RACK FOR ER&T	ER&T
146996	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	57.93	LEGAL ADS- ONCALL ENGINEERING	PURCHASING
		57.93	LEGAL ADS- ON CALL CONTRACTOR	PURCHASING
146997	ALBUQUERQUE SUPPLY	524.40	MASTER SEAL NP1 ORDER	INVENTORY
146998	AMAZON CAPITAL	697.94	I.T. STANDS & MONITORS	INFORMATION SYS
		29.98	LAPTOP CARRING CASE	INFORMATION SYS
146999	AUI INC	2,300.00	SPECIAL USE LICENSE 193-2022 DEPOSIT REFUND	GENERAL OFFICE
147000	BANK OF AMERICA	368.34	NWRA CONFERENCE	EXEC TEAM
		2,288.88	NWRA CONFERENCE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		3,025.48	NWRA CONFERENCE	EXEC TEAM
		160.15	NWRA CONFERENCE	EXEC TEAM
		629.28	NWRA CONFERENCE	EXEC TEAM
		215.49	ENGINE UNIT 1023.10	BELEN DIVISION
		493.96	FLIGHT DANIELLE FEYGIN TYLER CONF	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		38.88	MAY23- INTERMEDIA	INFORMATION SYS
		2.19	FEB23- ZENDESK MONTHLY TALK CHARGE	INFORMATION SYS
		2.21	MAR23- ZENDESK MONTHLY TALK CHARGE	INFORMATION SYS
		2.20	APR23- ZENDESK MONTHLY TALK CHARGE	INFORMATION SYS
		204.50	FLIGHT CHANGE GLEN DUGGINS WASHINGTON DC	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
147001	BLAINE, CHARLES	997.50	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
147002	BOHANNAN HUSTON	26,881.64	#19 LOW FLOW CONVEYANCE CHANNEL - MAR23	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
147003	CASUGA, JASON	30.00	REIMBURSE PARKING	EXEC TEAM
147004	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	129.80	CASE FILTER ORDER	INVENTORY
		933.03	HUB ASSEMBLY & TIRE/WHEEL UNIT 8425.21	SOCORRO DIVISION
147005	CONSERVANCY OIL CO	4,216.49	OIL ORDER	INVENTORY
147006	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	39.14	NEW TIRE DISMOUNT/REMOUNT UNIT 54415	BELEN DIVISION
		130.36	MOUNTED NEW TIRES UNIT 53612	BELEN DIVISION
		57.68	DISMOUNT/REMOUNT NEW TIRES UNIT 80020	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147007	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 53612	BELEN DIVISION
		75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 80003	WATER DISTRIBUTION
		75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 80035	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147008	DESERT FOX, LLC	2,300.00	SP-006-2023 DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND	GENERAL OFFICE
147009	FEDEX	147.45	LOANER RS5	WATER OPS & CONS
147010	FLEETPRIDE	245.98	BRAKE SHOES, DRUM, SEAL, & GASKET UNIT 54419	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147011	GENUINE NAPA	96.52	MISC PARTS	BELEN DIVISION
		62.63	MISC PARTS UNIT 53609	BELEN DIVISION
		236.99	CRANKSHAFT SEAL TOOL FOR BELEN DIV	BELEN DIVISION
147012	GPS, LLC	53.84	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 80024	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147013	HI-LINE ELECTRIC CO.	405.46	SHOP SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
147014	HUNTER BOWER LUMBER	728.64	REDIMIX ORDER	INVENTORY
		329.96	#9 WIRE ROLL ORDER	INVENTORY
		3,428.50	BERNALILLO COUNTY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147015	LEE-SURE POOLS, INC.	2,300.00	SP-304-2022 DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND	GENERAL OFFICE

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147016	LOS POBLANOS	2,300.00	SPECIAL USE LICENSE 025-2023 DEPOSIT REFUND	GENERAL OFFICE
147017	MAC HYDRAULIC & LUBR	284.62	TRANSFER PUMP	BELEN DIVISION
147018	MARQUEZ, DENNIS M	1,222.58	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147019	MELLOY FORD LOS LUNA	747.26	TRANSMISSION ERROR REPAIR UNIT 80007	WATER OPS & CONS
147020	MRGCD PETTY CASH L.P	49.69	APR23- REPLENISH PETTY CASH- HOME DEPOT	COCHITI DIVISION
147021	NAPA AUTO PARTS	17.95	LIGHT UNIT 44418	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		87.02	MISC. PARTS UNIT 1765.22	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		11.30	MISC. PARTS UNIT 1765.22	ER&T
		28.37	MISC. PARTS UNITS 23801 & 4448.03	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		178.52	MISC. PARTS UNIT 4448.03	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		169.00	VISE UNIT 68613	SOCORRO DIVISION
		62.17	MISC PARTS UNIT 63445	SOCORRO DIVISION
		8.51	CORD END	ER&T
		8.82	DRILL BITS	ER&T
		33.98	MISC. SUPPLIES	ER&T
		19.70	IMPACT SOCKET	ER&T
		15.91	BLOW GUN	ER&T
		20.08	MISC PARTS UNIT 13420	ER&T
		76.89	WINDOW REGULATOR UNIT 13420	ER&T
		22.27	MISC. PARTS UNIT 73432	ER&T
		35.45	MISC. PARTS UNIT 33438	WATER DISTRIBUTION
		63.36	30W OIL CORRALES PUMPS	WATER OPS & CONS
147022	NATIONAL AUTO PARTS	330.00	REAR BUMPER ASSEMBLY UNIT 73432	ER&T
147023	NEW MEXICO TRACTOR S	4,230.13	DIAGNOSE & REPAIR UNIT 67019	SOCORRO DIVISION
147024	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	88.34	RESERVOIR & SENSOR UNIT 73432	ER&T
		52.96	SPARK PLUGS UNIT 33438	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147025	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	229.51	DOT RECERT & PRE EMPLOYMENT SCREENING	BELEN DIVISION
		103.44	DOT RECERT & PRE EMPLOYMENT SCREENING	COCHITI DIVISION
		103.44	DOT RECERT & PRE EMPLOYMENT SCREENING	SOCORRO DIVISION
147026	PARTS AUTHORITY	125.02	BALDWIN FILTER ORDER	INVENTORY
147027	POWER FORD	122.87	ACTUATOR ASSEMBLY UNIT 33437	COCHITI DIVISION
147028	QUADIENT, INC.	3,000.00	REPLENISH POSTAGE MACHINE/ACCT# 8081327	ACCOUNTING
147029	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	222.19	MISC PARTS	ER&T
		34.75	MISC. SWAMP COOLER/AC PARTS	ER&T
		42.19	MISC. SWAMP COOLER PARTS & DUPLICATE KEYS	ER&T
147030	RANCHERO BUILDERS	42.44	PARTS AND REPAIRS UNIT 54015	BELEN DIVISION
147031	REAL TIME SOLUTIONS	329.89	WEBSITE TRAINING & ADDING PAYMENT OPTION	INFORMATION SYS
		285.00	WEBSITE TRAINING & ADDING PAYMENT OPTION	LICENSING & LAND SALES
147032	REFUNDS VENDOR	2,300.00	SP-037-2023 DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND	GENERAL OFFICE
147033	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	308.86	CHECK & ADVISE UNIT 44422	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		97.84	FILTERS UNIT 54414	BELEN DIVISION
		592.66	NITROGEN OXIDE SENSOR UNIT 54420	BELEN DIVISION
147034	ROMERO, LUCINDA S.	8,408.60	2023 EWLP 1ST PAYMENT	GRANTS
147035	SECURITY SOURCE	2,743.90	HOCKEY PUCK LOCK ORDER	INVENTORY
		2,124.90	ATJ LOCKS AND KEYS - INVENTORY	BELEN DIVISION
147036	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	354.44	TIRE REPAIRS UNIT 37504	COCHITI DIVISION
		26.94	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 44011	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147037	SOUTHWEST GENERAL TI	594.20	TIRES UNIT 80024	WATER DISTRIBUTION
		148.55	TIRES UNIT 80035	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147038	TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATI	537.63	FEB23 -DATTO SAAS PROTECTION	INFORMATION SYS
		2,141.38	APR23- DATTO ANNUAL RENEWAL	INFORMATION SYS
147039	TRANSCRIPTION	583.32	APR23-REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
147040	U.S. DISTRIBUTING	177.84	FORD MOTORCRAFT FILTER ORDER	INVENTORY
147041	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE	6,760.37	MAR23- UNUM LIFE EMPLOYER	GENERAL OFFICE
		3,794.60	MAR23- LIFE, AD&D, STD, & LTD	GENERAL OFFICE
		1,809.06	MAR23-CRITICAL, HOSPITAL & ACCIDENT	GENERAL OFFICE
147042	V-VARGAS, ERMELIND	351.86	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147043	VALLEY SANITATION	26.00	REMOVAL OF TRASH IN VALENCIA COUNTY AREA	BELEN DIVISION

Check Number	Vendor Name	Check Amount	Description	Location
147044	WIPER SUPPLY INC	603.50	SHOP TOWEL ORDER	INVENTORY
147045	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	460.22	MISC. EXCAVATOR PARTS UNIT 67303	SOCORRO DIVISION
147046	ABCWUA	620.26	1931 2ND SW 4382929560 APR23	GENERAL OFFICE
		507.08	3062929560 APR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		297.80	4158566487 HYDRANT APR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		56.21	5596579560 1932 2ND APR23	ER&T
147047	AWARDS ETC	7.50	NAME PLATE	GENERAL OFFICE
147048	BAKER UTILITY SUPPLY	5,957.00	HDP PIPE ORDER	INVENTORY
147049	CENTURY LINK	232.64	505-864-7466 429B APR23	BELEN DIVISION
147050	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORC	1,286.04	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL OFFICE
147051	CITY OF BELEN	245.08	25 GENERAL E BACA APR23	BELEN DIVISION
147052	CITY OF SOCORRO	509.33	04-009470-001 APR23	SOCORRO DIVISION
147053	DEMAND SAFETY	450.25	SAFETY SUPPLY ORDER	INVENTORY
147054	FANELLI, PAMELA	59.38	EXPENSES WASHINGTON DC	EXEC TEAM
147055	FLEETPRIDE	3,382.89	REAR DIFFERENTIAL UNIT 64413	SOCORRO DIVISION
147056	FRESH AND CLEAN PORT	105.60	PORTA POTTY /HALE LATERAL PROJECT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147057	GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO	928.11	FEB23- INVESTMENT ADVISOR FEES-REISSUE	ACCOUNTING
147058	GRAINGER	38.11	SWITCH UNIT 54204	ER&T
		147.46	3/4" FLEX PLASTIC CONDUIT	WATER OPS & CONS
147059	PAUL D. GUGLIELMO	-	CHECK VOID - REISSUE CHK 147093	ACCOUNTING
147060	HUNTER BOWER LUMBER	1,642.24	LUMBER ORDER	INVENTORY
147061	IRON HORSE WELDING,	17,190.24	MISC. JOHN DEERE EXCAVATOR PARTS UNIT 57310	BELEN DIVISION
147062	JIVE COMMUNICATIONS,	2,343.35	CN-384945-2004 MAY23	GENERAL OFFICE
147063	MULLINS, BRITTANY	62.24	APR23 - REIMBURSEMENT LAW OF THE RIO GRANDE	GENERAL OFFICE
147064	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	81.01	052707401-0553979-2 APR23	BELEN DIVISION
147065	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTO	329.87	APR23-COPIER LEASE 3RD YEAR - 2022-2023	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		204.20	APR23-COPIER LEASE 3RD YEAR - 2022-2023	ER&T
		1,036.72	APR23-COPIER LEASE 3RD YEAR - 2022-2023	GENERAL OFFICE
147066	PARTS AUTHORITY	373.68	AUTOMOTIVE ORDER	INVENTORY
147067	PNM	415.99	091655202-0937641-7 APR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		17.84	022638203-1448347-6 APR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		17.53	090599001-0928871-4 APR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		14.44	090726300-0929774-2 APR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147068	POWER EQUIPMENT	960.14	VOLVO FILTER ORDER	INVENTORY
		(118.79)	CREDIT DOOR HANDLE INVS24010803 PO 20233445	BELEN DIVISION
		39.39	LOCK	BELEN DIVISION
147069	PRINT EXPRESS	92.00	BUSINESS CARDS-ISO	GENERAL OFFICE
		46.00	BUSINESS CARDS-CASEY ISH	GENERAL OFFICE
147070	RED SHOVEL LLC	523.17	MAY23- GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	GENERAL OFFICE
147071	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	145.68	INTERNATIONAL FILTER ORDER	INVENTORY
147072	RUSSO BACA, STEPHANI	138.29	REIMBURSEMENT NWRA CONFER	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
147073	SNELLING	366.30	TEMP HELP- 5.5 HRS- BUDGET	ACCOUNTING
		399.60	TEMP HELP- 6.0 HRS- BUDGET	ACCOUNTING
147074	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTI	235.34	END BIT & HARDWARE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147075	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	258.21	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL OFFICE
147076	THE PRINTERS PRESS	1,605.00	BENEFIT BOOKLETS	HUMAN RESOURCES
147077	TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	1,912.56	ALAMO BLADES AND HARDWARE	INVENTORY
147078	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	8.91	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		554.76	ALTERNATOR UNIT 47112	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		263.95	BRACKET UNIT 47112	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147079	WASTE MANAGEMENT	174.87	MAY23- MONTHLY SERVICE- COCHITI	COCHITI DIVISION
147080	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	603.79	MISC. JOHN DEERE EXCAVATOR PARTS UNIT 37308	COCHITI DIVISION
		178.45	REPAIR MANUAL	COCHITI DIVISION
		3,867.88	CARRIER, WASHER, O-RINGS, & RIM UNIT 37308	COCHITI DIVISION
		786.26	CUTTING EDGES & HARDWARE UNIT 47404	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		(622.50)	CREDIT PIVOT PIN INV 1458972 PO 23005250	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		9,982.53	MISC PARTS UNIT 57310	BELEN DIVISION
		300.20	FILTER & SWITCH UNIT 67405	SOCORRO DIVISION

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147081	A-1 QUALITY REDI-MIX	526.75	FY2023 BUDGET CONCRETE/ SHOTCRETE	SOCORRO DIVISION
147082	ACTION HOSE INC.	177.52	HOSES UNIT 38418	COCHITI DIVISION
		66.77	HOSE UNIT 23801	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		44.66	HOSE UNIT 47022	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147083	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	912.24	AUTOMOTIVE ORDER	INVENTORY
147084	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHT	275.00	VALVE UNIT 544160	BELEN DIVISION
147085	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	101.89	MAY23- ABQ JOURNAL BOARD MEETING NOTICE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		100.57	MAY23- VAL CO NEWS- BOARD MEETING NOTICE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		100.11	MAY23- EL DEFENSOR BOARD MEETING NOTICE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
147086	ALBUQUERQUE SUPPLY	448.50	WATER JUG ORDER	INVENTORY
		1,099.31	PAINT ORDER	INVENTORY
		161.28	WASP KILLER	INVENTORY
147087	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	392.97	R&R HYDRAULIC CYLINDER UNIT 306	COCHITI DIVISION
		945.00	MOTOR UNIT 8992.05	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		717.16	R&R HYDRAULIC CYLINDER UNIT 47022	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147088	AMAZON CAPITAL	179.97	KEYBOARDS	INFORMATION SYS
		379.96	LAPTOP	INFORMATION SYS
147089	ANSWER NEW MEXICO	454.49	123-5266-061 APR23	GENERAL OFFICE
		195.58	123-5267-721 APR23	BELEN DIVISION
147090	BAKER UTILITY SUPPLY	8,868.00	HDP PIPE ORDER	INVENTORY
147091	BOOT BARN	144.99	FY23- BOOT VOUCHER	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		150.00	FY23- BOOT VOUCHER	SOCORRO DIVISION
		414.70	FY23- BOOT VOUCHERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147092	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	659.04	SWITCHES UNIT 8425.22	SOCORRO DIVISION
147093	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORC	132.23	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL OFFICE
147094	CLYDES UPHOLSTERY	285.87	REUPHOLSTER SEAT UNIT 64602	SOCORRO DIVISION
147095	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	154.70	BATTERY UNIT 54021	BELEN DIVISION
		74.46	BATTERY UNIT 73612	ER&T
147096	DEMAND SAFETY	789.40	SAFETY SUPPLIES	INVENTORY
147097	DMC LOGISTICS	524.34	MAY23 -DELIVERY OF BOD MEETING PACKETS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
147098	FINANCE AUTHORITY	17,581.73	PPRF-4727 MAY23 EQP. PURCHASE	GENERAL OFFICE
		12,894.05	MAY23 EQUIPMENT	GENERAL OFFICE
		7,812.67	FY23 SAN ACACIA LOAN# WPF853	GENERAL OFFICE
147099	FLEETPRIDE	3,342.55	MISC PARTS UNIT 44420	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		124.60	STROBE LIGHTS UNIT 44416	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147100	GRAINGER	161.69	PRESSURE SWITCH	ER&T
		824.18	MILWAUKEE DRILL	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147101	GREENWOOD, JEFFREY C	350.57	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147102	HEIGHTS SECURITY	450.00	ALBUQERQUE GATE ACESS CARDS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		128.13	EXTRA KEYS	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147103	HONNEN EQUIPMENT CO	1,154.90	INSERTS & SCREWS UNIT 57503	BELEN DIVISION
147104	IMSCO DIVISION	671.25	CABLE SPOOL ORDER	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		2,286.68	CABLE SPOOL ORDER	INVENTORY
		735.00	CHAIN ORDER	INVENTORY
147105	INLAND KENWORTH INC.	16.70	PANEL CLIPS UNIT 74803	ER&T
		7.05	WHEEL COVER CAPS UNIT 74803	ER&T
147106	KRONOS SAASHR, INC.	1,282.64	APR23- UKG KRONOS READY SOFTWARE	INFORMATION SYS
147107	LAW & RESOURCE	15,428.92	APR23 - COUNSEL	GENERAL OFFICE
147108	MAINTENANCE SERVICE	2,038.39	MAY23-GENERAL OFFICE JANITORIAL CLEANING	GENERAL OFFICE
		414.58	MAY23-ABQ DIVISION JANITORIAL CLEANING	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147109	MARTINEZ, DANIEL	528.22	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147110	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	40.86	FLAP DISC	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		16.00	PARTIAL MAR23-TANK RENTAL	ER&T
		33.51	APR23- TANK RENTAL-	ER&T
147111	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	513.30	KIT UNIT 44416	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,212.40	SEAL KITS & MOTORS UNITS 54015 & 54016	BELEN DIVISION
		353.42	TARP, TUBE, ARMS, & KIT	BELEN DIVISION
		380.06	TARP, TUBE, ARMS, & KIT	SOCORRO DIVISION

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147112	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	32.38	079084112-0814966-2 APR23	COCHITI DIVISION
		27.95	079084212-0814967-9 APR23	COCHITI DIVISION
		37.30	081518001-0839304-7 APR23	COCHITI DIVISION
147113	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTO	204.17	APR23- OVERAGES CUSTOMER# 635984	GENERAL OFFICE
147114	PARTS AUTHORITY	650.06	BALDWIN FILTER ORDER	INVENTORY
		841.14	BALDWIN FILTER ORDER	INVENTORY
147115	PENA BLANCA SANIT	80.39	SYSTEM# 38 APR23	COCHITI DIVISION
147116	PNM	554.74	052707401-0553979-2 MAY23	BELEN DIVISION
147117	PRINT EXPRESS	138.00	BUSINESS CARDS	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
147118	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	47.58	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		39.44	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	ER&T
		26.54	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
		13.88	FY 23 UNIFORM RENTAL	COCHITI DIVISION
147119	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	140.81	TIRE REPAIR/SERVICE CALL UNIT 47313	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		940.89	TIRE UNIT 47112	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		267.50	ALIGNMENT UNIT 44416	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147120	QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	154.60	POST ACCIDENT & PRE EMPLOYMENT SCREENING	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		55.60	POST ACCIDNET & DOT RANDOM	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		111.20	POST ACCIDNET & DOT RANDOM	WATER DISTRIBUTION
		55.60	POST ACCIDNET & DOT RANDOM	SOCORRO DIVISION
147121	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	19.85	SUPPLIES	WATER OPS & CONS
		19.48	DUPLICATE KEY & PLASTIC HEAD	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147122	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	3,931.40	INJECTORS & NOX SENSOR UNIT 544170	BELEN DIVISION
147123	SAN ACACIA MDWCA	14.70	APR23 WATER SAN ACACIA	SOCORRO DIVISION
147124	SANDOVAL COUNTY LAND	4,991.70	LANDFILL APR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147125	SNELLING	466.20	TEMP HELP- 7.0 HRS- BUDGET	ACCOUNTING
		366.30	TEMP HELP- 5.50 HRS- BUDGET	ACCOUNTING
		1,332.18	TEMP HELP- 9.00 HRS- CONTROLLER	ACCOUNTING
147126	SOCORRO ELECTRIC	408.50	10268012 APR23	SOCORRO DIVISION
		675.26	10268007 APR23	SOCORRO DIVISION
147127	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	185.28	TIRE REPAIR/SERVICE CALL UNIT 47313	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,147.50	TIRES UNIT 44412	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		802.20	TIRES UNIT 44417	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		876.00	TIRES UNIT 57204	BELEN DIVISION
		26.94	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 80000	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147128	SOUTHWEST LANDFILL	5,257.77	LANDFILL- APR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147129	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	103.77	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
147130	TECHNA GLASS	285.81	WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENT UNIT 54416	BELEN DIVISION
147131	TERRALOGIC DOCUMENT	2,407.65	DIGITAL CONVERSION-HYDROLOGY MEAS. CARDS	GENERAL OFFICE
147132	TLC CO INC	743.16	THERMOSTAT REPLACEMENT	GENERAL OFFICE
147133	UNIFORMS & MORE	1,104.50	UNIFORMS FOR EMPLOYEES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		740.00	ER&T SHIRT ORDER FY23	ER&T
147134	A-1 QUALITY REDI-MIX	602.00	FY2023 BUDGET CONCRETE/ SHOTCRETE	SOCORRO DIVISION
147135	ACOSTA EQUIPMENT INC	609.45	WELDING TOOL REPAIR AND SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
147136	ACTION HOSE INC.	80.10	HYDRAULIC HOSE ASSEMBLY UNIT 4449.03	BELEN DIVISION
147137	ALBUQUERQUE BOLT	289.00	WAREHOUSE BOLT RACK REPLENISHMENT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		72.00	BOLTS UNIT 57310	BELEN DIVISION
147138	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	92.45	LEGAL AD FOR RFP ON UNIFORMS	PURCHASING
147139	ALL AROUND AUTO	84.00	TIRES NEEDED FOR UNIT# 80024 2022 F150	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147140	BANK OF AMERICA	41.18	GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		1,343.67	RG COMPACT RECEPTION AT HOTEL SANTA FE	GENERAL OFFICE
		388.23	HOTEL NMPPA CONF RUIDOSO,NM	PURCHASING
		(346.40)	CREDIT FLIGHT FEB22-24 FOR GABBY COUGHLIN	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
		46.38	HYDROLOGY ORDER - LOWES	WATER OPS & CONS
		541.15	ADDITIONAL JIVE PHONES FOR NEW USERS/NEW HIRES	INFORMATION SYS
147141	BERNALILLO COUNTY CL	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
147142	BOHANNAN HUSTON	6,049.52	INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT- APR23	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		1,004.06	#19 LOW FLOW CONVEYANCE CHANNEL - APR23	ENGINEERING & MAPPING

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		305.79	BREACH DOCS- THROUGH APR23	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		3,244.24	15- FREE-SPAN CATWALK CROSSING DESIGN APR23	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
147143	CONSERVANCY OIL CO	2,061.40	OIL ORDER	INVENTORY
		831.60	DEF ORDER- REPLNEISH INVNETORY	GENERAL OFFICE
147144	CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	680.89	STIHL ORDER	INVENTORY
		9.49	AIR FILTER UNIT 6627.95	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147145	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	84.50	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 54420	BELEN DIVISION
		22.24	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 53469	BELEN DIVISION
		37.13	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 80035	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147146	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 80029	WATER DISTRIBUTION
		75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 80009	WATER DISTRIBUTION
	DESERT GARDENS	9,153.44	VEGETATION REMOVAL 060-2023 CORRALES ACEQUIA	LICENSING & LAND SALES
147148	DESERT GREENS EQUIPM	1,134.87	BOLTS, WASHERS, & ACTUATOR UNIT 57023	BELEN DIVISION
147149	DUNNING, KAREN	1,525.92	HOTEL FOR WASHINGTON DC	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		97.53	REIMBURSEMENT NWRA CONFER	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
147150	GENUINE NAPA	246.44	MASTER TECH A/C ASSORTMENT KIT	BELEN DIVISION
		19.96	CAB FILTER UNIT 54423	BELEN DIVISION
		106.00	TAIL LIGHT ASSEMBLY UNIT 54415	BELEN DIVISION
		95.44	CRANK PULLEY	BELEN DIVISION
147151	GUSTIN, PHILLIP	86.50	REIMBURSEMENT FOR HAZMAT CERTIFICATION	ER&T
147152	HIGH DESERT INDUSTRI	47.81	COMPRESSED OXYGEN UNIT 54018	BELEN DIVISION
147153	HOME DEPOT CREDIT	109.96	SHOP SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		126.23	SHOP SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
		75.81	SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		30.44	SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		19.98	SUPPLIES	WATER OPS & CONS
		1,568.40	SHELVES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147154	JIFFY LUBE	32.31	EMISSIONS TEST UNIT 43364	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147155	MCBRIDE'S INC	355.55	ALIGNMENT UNIT 44108	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147156	NAPA AUTO PARTS	201.54	MISC. PARTS UNIT 33438	WATER DISTRIBUTION
		15.99	MISC. PARTS UNIT 8921.05	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		17.64	CONNECTORS UNIT 23801	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		13.64	MISC. PARTS UNIT 44108	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		4.10	REPAIR UNIT# 64014 SPRAYER TRK	SOCORRO DIVISION
		35.32	REPAIR UNIT# 67004 2009 JD TRACTOR	SOCORRO DIVISION
		3.50	REPAIR UNIT# 8425.21 2012 BATWING MOWER	SOCORRO DIVISION
		11.56	REPAIR UNIT# 63437 2007 DODGE 1500	SOCORRO DIVISION
		147.56	REPAIRS UNIT# 67017 2013 JD TRACTOR	SOCORRO DIVISION
		18.28	REPAIR UNIT# 64014	SOCORRO DIVISION
		26.13	CONNECTORS & TERMINALS	ER&T
		87.50	DISCS UNIT 57310	ER&T
		5.15	MISC. PARTS UNIT 73616	ER&T
		14.28	REPAIR UNIT# 80017 2019 FORD F150	WATER DISTRIBUTION
		(44.00)	CREDIT CORE CHARGE INV 4392-176797	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147157	NMGIC, INC	180.00	PROFESSIONAL DUES FOR 2023	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
147158	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	169.99	VACUUM PUMP	COCHITI DIVISION
		132.26	SENSOR UNIT 43448	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		92.47	BLADES & MATS UNIT 44012	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		541.18	MISC PARTS UNIT 53452	BELEN DIVISION
		5.68	FUEL CAP UNIT 73432	ER&T
147159	PARTS AUTHORITY	169.20	BALDWIN FILTER ORDER	INVENTORY
147160	PNM	213.07	037715300-0423617-1 MAY23	COCHITI DIVISION
		16.44	036707300-0415630-2 MAY23	COCHITI DIVISION
		31.17	022638203-0415631-1 MAY23	COCHITI DIVISION
147161	PRECISION GARAGE	7,699.95	GARAGE DOOR NEW WELDING SHOP	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147162	PREVENTIVE PEST	112.06	GENERAL PEST CONTROL	ER&T
147163	RAIN FOR RENT	118,325.19	INSTALL & MAR23 RENTAL FOR CORRALES PUMPS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		56,574.79	RENTAL FOR CORRALES PUMPS- APR23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

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147164	RANCHERO BUILDERS	11.99	SHOP SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
147165	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	19.02	REPAIR UNIT# 68613 2016 CHEVY	SOCORRO DIVISION
		11.26	REPAIR UNIT# 64413 DUMP	SOCORRO DIVISION
147166	SANDOVAL COUNTY CLER	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
147167	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	87.31	OFFICE SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
147168	SUNBELT	4,669.70	EXCAVATOR RENTAL -HALE LATERAL REHAB PROJECT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147169	UNICOR	116.58	05/10/23- SHRED BINS PICKUP	ACCOUNTING
147170	VALENCIA COUNTY CLER	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
		125.00	RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING
147171	WEX BANK	13,643.67	WEX FUEL APR23 - DIESEL	ALL DEPTS/DIVISIONS
		24,957.68	WEX FUEL APR23 - UNLEADED	ALL DEPTS/DIVISIONS
		(612.23)	FEES AND FUEL REBATES	GENERAL OFFICE
147172	WIGGINS, WILLIAMS	13,252.53	APR23 -GENERAL COUNSEL	GENERAL OFFICE
147173	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	1,205.75	RIM UNIT 37308	COCHITI DIVISION
		134.63	PINS, BLADE, & ARM UNIT 47502	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147174	ACTION HOSE INC.	46.22	AIR FITTINGS UNIT 74902	ER&T
147175	ALBUQUERQUE SUPPLY	173.60	CAUTION TAPE ORDER	INVENTORY
147176	ALL AROUND AUTO	21.00	REPAIR UNIT# 64014 2008 FORD F350 SPRAYER TRK	SOCORRO DIVISION
147177	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	463.75	PIN UNIT 47311	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147178	AVALLONE, SARAH	280.67	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147179	BANK OF AMERICA	1,772.46	HOTEL TYLER CONNECT 2023 SAN ANTONIO, TX	ACCOUNTING
		98.39	HOTEL D. FEYGIN TUC-ABQ 4/23-28/23	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		(379.96)	CREDIT ACCOUNTANT LAPTOP	INFORMATION SYS
147180	BARNHILL BOLT CO	203.23	ALLTHREAD, NUTS, & WASHERS	BELEN DIVISION
147181	BENAVIDEZ, CAROL	451.45	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147182	BLACK ROCK	2,527.32	STOCK PILING AT BELEN YARD	BELEN DIVISION
		797.00	4"-8" RIP RAP	BELEN DIVISION
147183	CARRILLO, RALPH	28.04	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147184	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	1,092.24	MISC PARTS UNIT 47022	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		629.93	BEARINGS, SEAL, WASHER, & NUTS UNIT 47018	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		49.63	RESTOCKING FEE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		(198.52)	CREDIT BUSHING INV AP26413 PO 23007746	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147185	CHACON, MARK	146.33	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147186	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORC	1,418.27	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL OFFICE
147187	CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	243.92	STIHL ORDER	INVENTORY
		218.97	MISC PARTS UNIT 6627.73	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		72.19	CARBURETOR UNIT 6627.20	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		18.49	DRIVER UNIT 6628.12	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147188	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	129.78	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 54422	BELEN DIVISION
147189	CRANE, JOHN	210.42	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147190	DESERT GREENS EQUIPM	11.48	SPROCKET & NUT UNIT 6627.67	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		3,007.34	BEARINGS, PIN, & SWIVEL ASSEMBLY UNIT 67017	SOCORRO DIVISION
147191	FEYGIN, DANIELLE	228.16	REIMBURSEMENT - CONFERERNCE	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		772.10	EXTRA EXPENSES FOR ABQ TRIP	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
147192	GENSLER, DAVID	338.63	APR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147193	GENUINE NAPA	39.96	SHOP SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		44.99	SUPPORT UNIT 57028	BELEN DIVISION
		11.24	RESEVOIR CAP UNIT 54011	BELEN DIVISION
		144.35	MISC PARTS UNIT 53905	BELEN DIVISION
147194	GOMEZ, RAY	2,744.54	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147195	GPS, LLC	24.23	TIRE REPAIR UNIT# 64412 1999 GMC DUMP TR	SOCORRO DIVISION
		326.50	TIRE REPAIR UNIT# 67004 2009 JD MOWER	SOCORRO DIVISION
147196	HUNTER BOWER LUMBER	521.50	FIELD TOOLS	INVENTORY
147197	IMSCO DIVISION	716.40	2007 LOCKS	INVENTORY
147198	JARAMILLO, DANNY A.	1,364.10	APR23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
		1,364.10	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES

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147199	JARAMILLO, TARAH	161.10	EXPENSES TYLER CONNECT SAN ANTONIO, TX	ACCOUNTING
147200	JIMENEZ, ANGELINA	50.08	REIMBURSMENT FOR GAS ON UNIT 13451	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
147201	MARCO STEEL & ALUMIN	287.41	MISC SUPPLIES	WATER OPS & CONS
147202	MARQUEZ, BELLINA C	720.74	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147203	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	17.47	STINGER	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147204	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	495.92	SEAL REPAIR KIT UNIT 64014	SOCORRO DIVISION
147205	MELLOY FORD LOS LUNA	195.34	RIGHT REAR TAIL LIGHT UNIT 53468	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147206	MESA OIL, INC	125.00	WASTE FOR USED OIL AND FILTERS FY-23	BELEN DIVISION
147207	MORA, RUBEN	564.10	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147208	NAPA AUTO PARTS	43.64	BLADES UNIT 57310	BELEN DIVISION
		32.24	REPAIR UNIT# 64413 2009 DUMP	SOCORRO DIVISION
		39.43	REPAIR #8425.22 MOWER ATTACHMENT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		50.08	REPAIR UNIT# 64602 WATER TRUCK	SOCORRO DIVISION
147209	NEW MEXICO MUTUAL	3,371.83	ACCT# 212978753- DEDUCTIBLE	GENERAL OFFICE
147210	NEW MEXICO TRACTOR S	4,230.13	DIAGNOSE & REPAIR UNIT 67019	SOCORRO DIVISION
		1,721.20	JOHN DEERE FILTER ORDER	INVENTORY
		23.94	FUEL LEAK REPAIRS UNIT 6626.91	BELEN DIVISION
147211	NM TECH	1,082.10	03/27/23-04/23/23- ASR FEASIBILITY STUDY	GRANTS
147212	NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS	12,080.00	ROUND UP HERBICIDE ORDER	INVENTORY
147213	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	1,412.06	AUTOMOTIVE ORDER	INVENTORY
		59.98	CAB FILTER/ANTENNA UNIT 53468	WATER DISTRIBUTION
		132.86	FRONT CRANK SEAL UNIT#80007 2019 FORD	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147214	OLGUIN, FRANK	36.50	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147215	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTO	329.87	MAY23-COPIER LEASE 3RD YEAR - 2022-2023	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		204.20	MAY23-COPIER LEASE 3RD YEAR - 2022-2023	ER&T
		1,036.72	MAY23-COPIER LEASE 3RD YEAR - 2022-2023	GENERAL OFFICE
147216	PNM	23.42	026426802-0332811-6 MAY23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		49.02	050387501-0536103-4 MAY23	BELEN DIVISION
		22.05	050411100-0536271-1 MAY23	BELEN DIVISION
147217	POWER EQUIPMENT	374.14	SCREWS, RETAINERS, & WASHERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147218	POWER FORD	5.06	BOLT UNIT 23608	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147219	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	40.16	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 54419	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		140.81	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 47313	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		383.75	TIRE REPAIR/SERVICE CALL UNIT 47026	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,848.66	TIRES UNIT 54419	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		28.69	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 43462	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147220	REFUNDS VENDOR	2,300.00	DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND SP-066-2023	GENERAL OFFICE
147221	RELEVANT INDUSTRIAL	259.88	HYDRAULIC SUCTION HOSE UNIT 54015	BELEN DIVISION
147222	SNELLING	610.58	TEMP HELP- 8.25 HRS- CONTROLLER	ACCOUNTING
147223	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	3,421.54	TIRES UNIT 54423	BELEN DIVISION
		4,290.24	TIRES UNIT 64413	SOCORRO DIVISION
		2,145.12	TIRES UNIT 65104	SOCORRO DIVISION
147224	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	50.13	BELEN OFFICE SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
147225	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	258.21	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL OFFICE
147226	TAFOYA, MARK A	600.93	JUN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147227	TECHNA GLASS	490.78	WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENT UNIT 80012	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147228	TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATI	554.70	APR23 -DATTO SAAS PROTECTION	INFORMATION SYS
		2,141.38	MAY23 - DATTO ANNUAL RENEWAL	INFORMATION SYS
147229	VAISA, MORRIS	1,073.50	MAY23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147230	VALENCIA COUNTY CLER	75.00	RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING
147231	WILLIAMS WINDMILL	5.21	REPAIR UNIT# 64014 2008 FORD SPRAYER TRK	SOCORRO DIVISION
147232	WILSON & COMPANY	35,799.56	02/25/23-04/21/23 - BELEN WATERSHED PLANNING	GRANTS
147233	WIPER SUPPLY INC	1,118.78	TOWEL ORDER	INVENTORY
147234	ACTION HOSE INC.	30.29	FITTINGS & CABLE TIES UNIT 57310	BELEN DIVISION
147235	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	98.91	LEGAL AT RFB GRAVEL	PURCHASING
		1,357.19	PUBLICATION OF DISPLAY ADS FOR BOD 2023 ELECTION	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
147236	AMAZON CAPITAL	54.59	FLASHLIGHT - HYDROLOGY	WATER OPS & CONS
		488.06	TABLET FOR DANIELLE	INFORMATION SYS

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147237	CASTLE BRANCH, INC.	684.05	PRE EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND CHECKS	HUMAN RESOURCES
147238	CELLCO PARTNERSHIP	5,132.96	MAR23- GPS MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	ER&T
147239	CORRALES COMMENT	475.00	NOTICE OF 2023 ELECTION IN CORRALES COMMENT	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
147240	GPS, LLC	72.69	TIRE REPAIR ON UNIT# 67016 2012 JD TRACTOR	SOCORRO DIVISION
147241	JARAMILLO, DANNY A.	1,364.10	JUN23- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
147242	JOSE M. AGUILAR J.A	210.36	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 57117	BELEN DIVISION
		133.77	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 57204	BELEN DIVISION
		280.48	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 67601	BELEN DIVISION
147243	NAPA AUTO PARTS	14.54	MISC PARTS UNIT 57310 & 33603	BELEN DIVISION
		182.66	MISC PARTS UNIT 57310 & 33603	COCHITI DIVISION
		29.08	MISC. PARTS UNIT 33804	COCHITI DIVISION
		269.80	MISC PARTS UNIT 23608	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		162.46	MISC. PARTS UNIT 23608 & 44602	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		31.71	MISC. PARTS UNIT 44010	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		138.16	SUPPLIES UNIT# 63807 2004 CHEVY FLATBED	SOCORRO DIVISION
		15.96	REPAIR UNIT# 8425.21 2012 ALAMO BATWING MOWER	SOCORRO DIVISION
		34.36	REPAIR PROPERTY# 5940.57 WATER PUMP	SOCORRO DIVISION
		81.06	REPAIR UNIT# 67303 1999 JD EXCAVATOR	SOCORRO DIVISION
		20.90	REPAIR UNIT# 65105 2023 KENWORTH DUMP TRUCK	SOCORRO DIVISION
		7.66	MISC. PARTS UNIT 74803	ER&T
		35.04	MISC PARTS UNIT 73612	ER&T
147244	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	25.99	FLOOR MATS UNIT 54016	BELEN DIVISION
		7.99	POWER CORD	ER&T
147245	PARTS AUTHORITY	72.88	BALDWIN FILTER ORDER	INVENTORY
147246	POWER FORD	103.78	MIRROR UNIT 64014	SOCORRO DIVISION
		89.59	CONNECTOR UNIT 80007	WATER OPS & CONS
147247	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	23.79	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		6.94	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	COCHITI DIVISION
		79.30	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	ER&T
		26.54	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
147248	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	17.16	SUPPLIES	WATER OPS & CONS
		2.89	LADIES RESTROOM TOILET PARTS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		19.99	SNIPPER TOOL PURCHASE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		74.75	WELDING SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		82.29	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES FOR HEADWALLS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		36.73	SUPPLIES FOR CONCRETE SLABS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		44.99	A/C PUMP	ER&T
147249	SANDOVAL COUNTY CLER	75.00	RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING
147250	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	43.10	MOUNT/DISMOUNT UNIT 37308	COCHITI DIVISION
		158.08	TIRE UNIT 64014	SOCORRO DIVISION
147251	VALENCIA COUNTY CLER	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
147252	VERIZON WIRELESS	3,064.53	MAY23 MOBILE SERVICE CHARGES	ALL DEPTS/DIVISIONS
147253	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	947.98	COMPRESSOR & O-RINGS UNIT 47112	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		177.38	GASKET, O-RING, & GAS SPRINGS UNIT 57309	BELEN DIVISION
147254	WILLIAMS WINDMILL	85.40	MATERIALS NEEDED -T.O. REPLACEMENT- #783	SOCORRO DIVISION
147255	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	213.33	V-BELT/TENSIONER UNIT 57404	BELEN DIVISION
147256	ACTION HOSE INC.	24.46	FITTINGS UNIT 47311	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		81.70	FITTINGS UNITS 44412 & 8992.14	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147257	ALBUQUERQUE BOLT	7.50	BOLT & LOCK NUT UNIT 47311	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		21.00	BOLT & TAP UNIT 47022	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147258	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHT	86.99	TRAILER BRAKE CONTROL VALVE UNIT 74802	ER&T
147259	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	57.19	LEGAL AD-RFP- FEDERAL LOBBYIST	PURCHASING
		93.74	LEGAL AD- RFB CONCRETE	PURCHASING
147260	ALL AMERICAN PUMPING	115.00	MAY23 - PORTABLE TOILET RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
147261	BANK OF AMERICA	886.23	HOTEL - TYLER CONNECT 2023	ACCOUNTING
		(352.96)	SOUTHWEST CREDIT ALOPEZ- ESRI FLIGHT	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
147262	BERNALILLO COUNTY CL	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
147263	BJW VENTURES, LLC	285.00	SEAT COVER UNIT 54016	BELEN DIVISION

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147264	BLACK ROCK	101,029.80	12" TO 18" RIP RAP ROCK LOS LUNAS LEVEES	BELEN DIVISION
147265	BOOT BARN	150.00	FY23- BOOT VOUCHER	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147266	CINTAS FIRST AID	104.52	FY 23 - FIRST AID CENTER SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
147267	CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE	125.00	ADMIN FEE APR23	GENERAL OFFICE
		24,342.95	APR23 FUEL COSTS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		798.04	APR23 FUEL COSTS	ER&T
		1,171.90	APR23 FUEL COSTS	WATER DISTRIBUTION
		211.48	APR23 FUEL COSTS	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
147268	CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	810.10	STIHL SUPPLY ORDER	INVENTORY
		1,586.90	STIHL SUPPLY ORDER	INVENTORY
		3,520.00	REPLACE JUMPING JACK	BELEN DIVISION
147269	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	1,543.58	BATTERY ORDER	INVENTORY
		119.00	BATTERY UNIT 57026	BELEN DIVISION
		74.46	BATTERY UNIT 43451	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147270	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	22.24	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 80028	BELEN DIVISION
		22.24	FLAT REPAIR UNIT 53459	BELEN DIVISION
		39.14	FLAT REPAIR UNIT 54420	BELEN DIVISION
147271	CRITTER CONTROL	219.81	MAY23 - PEST CONTROL	COCHITI DIVISION
147272	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	75.00	OIL CHANGE UNIT 80032	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147273	DELTA DENTAL	11,163.27	MAY23 - DELTA DENTAL	GENERAL OFFICE
147274	DESERT GREENS EQUIPM	828.54	JOHN DEERE FILTER ORDER	INVENTORY
147275	FEDEX	74.22	FED EX SHIPPING FOR DANIELLE WORK CELL PHONE	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
147276	FLEETPRIDE	1,390.98	FAN & FAN HUB ASSEMBLY UNIT 44412	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147277	GENUINE NAPA	49.10	REPAIR ON UNIT# 67303 1999 JD EXCAVATOR	SOCORRO DIVISION
		76.37	MISC PARTS UNIT 544160	BELEN DIVISION
		17.09	MISC PARTS UNIT 54021	BELEN DIVISION
		42.99	MISC PARTS UNIT 73614	BELEN DIVISION
		52.53	MISC PARTS UNIT 54205	BELEN DIVISION
		15.12	MISC PARTS UNIT 57311	BELEN DIVISION
		28.82	MISC PARTS UNIT 54601	BELEN DIVISION
147278	GPS, LLC	290.76	NEW TIRES UNIT# 65104 2020 INTERNATIONAL DUMP	SOCORRO DIVISION
		581.51	NEW TIRES UNIT# 64413 2009 INTERNATIONAL DUMP	SOCORRO DIVISION
147279	HIGH DESERT INDUSTRI	75.00	ACEYTELENE UNIT 8921.32	BELEN DIVISION
147280	LEGALSHIELD	495.80	APR23- GROUP# 34628- LEGALSHIELD	GENERAL OFFICE
147281	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	50.73	MISC. SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ER&T
		37.65	CHIPPING HAMMER & STRIKER	ER&T
147282	MCSWEENEY, JUDITH	263.66	EXPENSES TYLER CONNECT CONFERENCE	ACCOUNTING
147283	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	125.21	TARP UNIT 65104	SOCORRO DIVISION
		691.90	MISC PARTS UNITS 64602 & 64413	SOCORRO DIVISION
147284	MOORE, DINA E.	597.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT- LAS NUTRIAS	BELEN DIVISION
147285	NAPA AUTO PARTS	9.55	MISC PARTS UNIT 44420	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		18.47	MISC PARTS UNIT 44420	ER&T
		176.68	ATF ORDER	INVENTORY
		69.98	STEREO UNIT 54419 & BELT UNIT 44412	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		6.83	PRY BAR	ER&T
147286	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	29.86	023488000-0308786-0 MAY23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		70.96	064166213-0665790-9 MAY23	ER&T
147287	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	143.84	ADJUSTABLE WRENCHES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		54.98	BRAKE PADS & COVER UNIT 53464	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147288	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	459.02	PER EMPLOYEE SCREENING & POST ACCIDENT	WATER DISTRIBUTION
		67.88	PER EMPLOYEE SCREENING & POST ACCIDENT	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
147289	PNM	1,276.30	022638203-0301840-0 MAY23	GENERAL OFFICE
		16.79	015803801-0241242-6 MAY23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		57.69	032302200-0382043-5 MAY23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		10.83	023488000-1253871-3 MAY23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,533.52	023488000-0308786-0 APR&MAY23	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		240.99	022089701-0297049-6 MAY23	ER&T

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147290	POWER FORD	157.77	CHECK & ADVISE UNIT 43618	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147291	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	23.79	FY23 UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		6.94	FY23 UNIFORM RENTAL	COCHITI DIVISION
		21.72	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	ER&T
		13.27	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
147292	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	151.21	TIRE & REPAIRS UNIT 33443	COCHITI DIVISION
		28.69	TIRE & REPAIRS UNIT 53463	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		40.16	TIRE & REPAIRS UNIT 44422	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		26.75	TIRE & REPAIRS UNIT 80038	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147293	RANCHERO BUILDERS	40.94	MISC PARTS UNIT 54015	BELEN DIVISION
147294	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	33.92	REPAIR ON UNIT# 67004 2009 JD MOWER	SOCORRO DIVISION
147295	RELEVANT INDUSTRIAL	305.43	HOSES UNIT 47309	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147296	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	115.45	SENSOR UNIT 44422	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		340.89	HOUSING UNIT 44421	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147297	SAVE OUR BOSQUE TASK	15,000.00	1ST INSTALLMENT - MOA FY23	GENERAL OFFICE
		10,000.00	2ND INSTALLMENT - MOA FY23	GENERAL OFFICE
147298	SOCORRO COUNTY CLERK	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
147299	SOCORRO ELECTRIC	129.59	10268009 - MAY23	SOCORRO DIVISION
147300	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	1,537.10	TIRES UNIT 47308	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147301	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTI	1,445.58	CUTTING EDGES & HARDWARE UNIT 47502	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147302	SOUTHWEST GENERAL TI	728.70	TIRES UNIT 33603	COCHITI DIVISION
147303	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	48.88	PAPER FOR MAPPING PLOTTER	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		13.82	PAPER FOR MAPPING PLOTTER	GENERAL OFFICE
147304	TAS SECURITY SYSTEMS	37.66	CUST# 23247- BELEN - JUN23	BELEN DIVISION
147305	THE PRINTERS PRESS	591.00	JOB SAFETY FORMS	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
147306	TONG, QIONG HUA	201.07	EXPENSES TYLER CONNECT SAN ANTONIO, TX	ACCOUNTING
147307	VALENCIA COUNTY	200.00	APR23 FUEL COSTS ADMIN FEE	GENERAL OFFICE
		16,834.39	APR23 FUEL COSTS	BELEN DIVISION
147308	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	919.87	WINDSHIELD UNIT 37012	COCHITI DIVISION
		47.96	V-BELT UNIT 57310	BELEN DIVISION
147309	ACTION HOSE INC.	280.57	HYDRAULIC HOSES & ASSY UNIT 47204	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147310	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	1,033.12	BOOM BOSS UNIT 57310	BELEN DIVISION
147311	BANK OF AMERICA	886.23	HOTEL TYLER CONNECT 2023 MAY 7-10 SAN ANTONIO, TX	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		211.73	OFFICE ITEMS	GENERAL OFFICE
		73.10	EBID TOUR MAY 15-16, 2023 CASUGA, MARKEN & ISH	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
		77.17	EBID TOUR MAY 15-16, 2023 CASUGA, MARKEN & ISH	EXEC TEAM
		77.67	EBID TOUR MAY 15-16, 2023 CASUGA, MARKEN & ISH	WATER OPS & CONS
		113.42	HOTELS EBID TOUR MAY 15-16, 2023	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
		113.42	HOTELS EBID TOUR MAY 15-16, 2023	EXEC TEAM
		113.42	HOTELS EBID TOUR MAY 15-16, 2023	WATER OPS & CONS
		388.23	HOTEL NMPPA CONF RUIDOSO,NM APRIL2023- DELOIA R	PURCHASING
		38.87	JUN23- INTERMEDIA	INFORMATION SYS
		549.99	COSTCO - LAPTOP BELEN MANAGER	INFORMATION SYS
147312	BERNALILLO COUNTY CL	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
147313	BJW VENTURES, LLC	285.00	SEAT COVER UNIT 33440	WATER DISTRIBUTION
		285.00	SEAT COVER UNIT 80007	WATER OPS & CONS
147314	BLACK ROCK	147,789.50	12" TO 18" RIP RAP ROCK LOS LUNAS LEVEES	BELEN DIVISION
147315	CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE	186,092.25	MAY23 - PRESBYTERIAN COA001401362	GENERAL OFFICE
147316	CRITTER CONTROL	219.81	APR23- PEST CONTROL	COCHITI DIVISION
147317	FLEETPRIDE	53.99	FILTER UNIT 37109	SOCORRO DIVISION
147318	GPS, LLC	114.99	SCHEDULED MAINT. UNIT# 80030 2022 FORD	WATER DISTRIBUTION
147319	GUTIERREZ OLDFIELD	694.99	RELEASE AGREEMENT CLAIM PD-2023040	GENERAL OFFICE
147320	HM LIFE INSURANCE	1,604.16	MAY23- DAVIS VISION FY2023	GENERAL OFFICE
		(14.16)	CREDIT FOR EE - ENROLLMENT ERROR	GENERAL OFFICE
147321	INLAND KENWORTH INC.	22.26	RED LIGHT (3) UNIT 44417	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		77.60	BUSHINGS UNIT 74803	ER&T

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147322	LEGALSHIELD	495.80	MAY23- GROUP# 34628- LEGALSHIELD FY2023	GENERAL OFFICE
147323	NAPA AUTO PARTS	12.11	CAP & VALVE KIT UNIT 37308	COCHITI DIVISION
		16.18	REPAIR-UNIT# 64602 2003 FREIGHTLINER WATER TRUCK	SOCORRO DIVISION
		96.56	REPAIR UNIT# 67016 2012 JD TRACTOR	SOCORRO DIVISION
147324	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	304.29	ALTERNATOR UNIT 63445	SOCORRO DIVISION
147325	PARTS AUTHORITY	468.81	BALDWIN FILTER ORDER	INVENTORY
147326	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	23.79	FY23 UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		6.94	FY23 UNIFORM RENTAL	COCHITI DIVISION
		13.27	FY23-UNIFORM RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
147327	RG ENGINEERING	1,049.25	MAY23-TORT CLAIM SERVICES	GENERAL OFFICE
147328	RUSH TRUCK CENTERS	8.49	GASKET OIL DRAIN UNIT 44420	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147329	SNELLING	906.62	TEMP HELP- 12.25 HRS- CONTROLLER	ACCOUNTING
147330	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	1,823.60	TIRE ORDER	INVENTORY
		1,420.00	TIRES UNIT 44602	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147331	TNT STARTERS AND ALT	219.00	ALTERNATOR UNIT 47403	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
147332	UNICOR	116.58	05/24/23- SHRED BINS PICKUP	ACCOUNTING
147333	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE	3,899.20	APR23- LIFE, AD&D, STD, & LTD	GENERAL OFFICE
		1,809.06	APR23-CRITICAL, HOSPITAL & ACCIDENT	GENERAL OFFICE
147334	VALENCIA COUNTY CLER	75.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
		960,246.65	**TOTAL PAYROLL**	
		1,248,724.25	**TOTAL CHECKS**	
		$ 2,208,970.90	**GRAND TOTAL**	

Pamela S. Fanelli, CFO

Stephanie Russo Baca, Chair

MINUTES OF THE
2,199th REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MAY 8, 2023 - 3:00 PM

Directors having been duly notified; Madam Chair Russo Baca called the regular meeting to order at 3:05 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	Present	Matt Martinez	Water Distribution Division Mgr.

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

Ernie Marquez, AES	Laura Crosby Meadows	Nolan Meadows
Kathryn Romero	Gus & Deb VandeVelde	Paul M. Torres
Don Simpson	Robert Torres	Gilfred Sanchez
Mark Garcia	Doug Bennett	Anthony Lucero
Nick Lucero	Joe Bob Griffin	Melissa Jaramillo
Damon Fleming	David Schultz	Joshua A. Sanchez
Leroy Baca	Hannah Riseley-White	Mike Mechenbier
Rafael Herrera	Michael Schreck	Martin Haynes
Nelson Romero	Judy & Leo Romero	Mike Silva
Anthony Wagner	Horacio Romero	Carol Benavidez
Chris Torres	Ollie Reed, Jr.	James Sanchez
Rudy Perea	Jimmy Wagner	Robert Sanchez
Troy Richardson	Jessica Richardson	Grace Richardson
James Aragon	John Fleck, UNM	Gerald Padilla
Carolyn Donnelly, BOR	Mike Hamman, OSE	Casey Cordova
Michelle Estrada Lopez, BOR	Josh Hind, MRGCD	Gabrielle Coughlin, MRGCD
Julian Avalos, MRGCD	Tyler Otero, MRGCD	Doug Strech, MRGCD
Ashley Veihl, MRGCD	Rhett Sanders-Spencer, MRGCD	Yasmeen Najmi, MRGCD
Alicia Lopez, MRGCD	Raquel Dawson, MRGCD	Angel Madera Enriquez, MRGCD
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David Gensler	Vipul Shah	Santiago Maestas
Harold Mann	Guy McElvain	Erica DeSmet
Tony Tafoya	Emilio Sanchez	Rusty Swint
John Thompson, MRGCD	Julia M. Dendinger	April Ash
Mark Sanchez	Elaine Hebard	Jennifer Faler, BOR
Jacobo Sanchez	Bruce Gonzalez, MRGCD	Andrew Melendez, MRGCD

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Grace Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting.

Madam Chair Russo Baca declared a quorum, and this hybrid meeting was publicly noticed with all present including Director Barbara Baca online.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Jason Casuga requested to add an item under Item No. 5, being the new 5.a. as the report from the Office of the State Engineer regarding the Rio Grande Compact; and a new item under Item No. 10, being the new 10.d. as the levee coordination update.

Ms. Lorna Wiggins suggested that the Chair take roll call votes as Director Barbara Baca attended telephonically.

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA with the above changes.** Seconded by Vice Chair Dunning. Roll call vote was administered and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Director Barbara Baca	Yes	Director Sandoval	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Chair Russo Baca	Yes
Vice Chair Dunning	Yes	Director Duggins	Yes
Director Joaquin Baca	Absent		

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - CONSENT AGENDA

a. **Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – May 8, 2023**
b. **Consideration/Approval of April 2023 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins**
c. **Consideration/Approval of April 2023 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.**
d. **Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Board Meeting – April 10, 2023**
e. **Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for April 2023 (For Informational Purposes Only)**

There was no discussion or changes made.

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA**. Seconded by Director Sandoval. Roll call vote was administered and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Director Barbara Baca	Yes	Director Sandoval	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Chair Russo Baca	Yes
Vice Chair Dunning	Yes	Director Duggins	Yes
Director Joaquin Baca	Absent		

AGENDA ITEM NO. 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)

a. **MRGCD Election Calendar**
b. **MRGCD Election Rule 20**
c. **Resolution of the Notice of Election & Proclamation**

The election director, Mr. Eli Lovato, had a death in the family, so Ernie Marquez addressed the board. He stated that he and the election team met to review and revised the election calendar based on the law that was passed during the legislative session. With the help of MRGCD's

general counsel, Ms. Wiggins, both Rule 20 and the notice of election and the proclamation was revised to reflect the new dates.

Jason Casuga reminded the board that the legislation that was passed as part of the sixty-day session was legislation to delay the implementation of the Local Elections Act. He stated that the local Elections Act was still law, and as part of the Local Elections Act, there were large portions of statutes that were deleted as part of that so what the bill to delay implementation did is it allowed the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, to publish its sets of rules for the election. He mentioned the process of reviewing Rule 20, and striking out all the individual state statute locations because many of them were overwritten by the local elections act and those become rules of the MRGCD for this year. They're not statute anymore since they don't exist anymore.

He continued to say if the rule was compared now versus what it was before, the changes are really to make it easy to see what is still in law, and then what is clearly rules that MRGCD have used in the past and will continue to use for this election. He reported different changes like the fact that the election will not be held in June. The legislation to delay the Local Elections Act published a date as our election, and that is Tuesday, October third.

Director Kelly updated the public to the different deadlines for the upcoming election and the requirements for the candidate forms and repeated the election date.

Vice Chair Dunning, one of the members of the election team, which includes those board members that are not a part of the election, said she would have liked to make more changes to Rule 20, but unfortunately it could not happen and felt the election in 2025 will be a new ballgame.

Chair Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT.** Seconded by Director Kelly. Roll call vote was administered and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Director Barbara Baca	Yes	Director Sandoval	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Chair Russo Baca	Yes
Vice Chair Dunning	Yes	Director Duggins	Yes
Director Joaquin Baca	Absent		

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE ELECTION CALENDAR AS PRESENTED; TO APPROVE THE ELECTION RULE 20 AS MODIFIED TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT LEGISLATION AND TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION BD-05-08-23-54 PROCLAMATION OF ELECTION.** Seconded by Chair Russo Baca. Roll call vote was administered and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Director Barbara Baca	Yes	Director Sandoval	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Chair Russo Baca	Yes
Vice Chair Dunning	Yes	Director Duggins	Yes
Director Joaquin Baca	Absent		

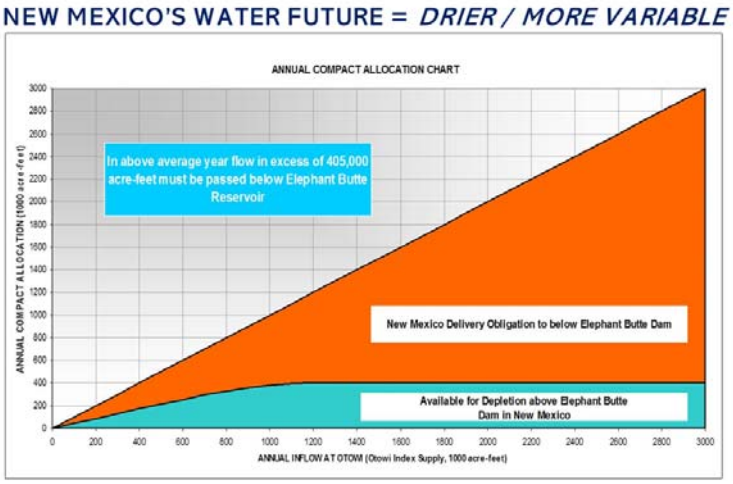
AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – UPDATE ON THE 2023 IRRIGATION SEASON

a. Report from the New Mexico State Engineer – Mike A. Hamman, PE

Mr. Hamman came to discuss the issues of the Rio Grande Compact, associated matters with managing the compact, and also to discuss the Texas v. New Mexico proposed consent decree to the extent that he could.

He gave an overview of the compact saying it was put in place back in the late 1800s, and going into the early 1900s, farmers moved into the San Luis Valley and appropriated a bunch of water. It started creating many shortages in the middle rio grande and down in the lower rio grande below Elephant Butte when Elephant Butte was already under construction. As a result of Bureau of Reclamation project that that needed the reservoir to meet the needs of 2 large irrigation districts and also to meet the Treaty of 1904 to the Republic of Mexico. For 60,000 acres of land in Mexico, with those shortages that were showing up many things were happening. There were problems in the Middle Rio Grande associated with sedimentation, and then, of course, major floods, a number of issues, and that was one of the reasons why the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District was formed under the Conservancy Act in 1923 in order to address those specific issues, but it was tied also to work being done in the Rio Grande compact to address the shortages that water supply, the rapid development of irrigated lands in Colorado were causing on senior users down below so essentially the compact was put in place to protect senior water users all the way down to Mexico.

He reported on the joint investigation of many technical teams and the history of the first river gauge at Embudo as well as others to help measure flow requirements to deliver water to New Mexico



He explained on the chart, the turquoise bar on the bottom is what New Mexico was entitled to deplete under the compact, and that it flattens out right around 1.1 million acre feet. The orange line departs rapidly from the turquoise bar for the amount of water that needs to flow downstream, and fundamentally, that means at some point on that curve every acre foot that when that line goes flat every acre foot that flows by the Otowi gauge must also show up at Elephant Butte. He continued to say what shows up at Elephant Butte has two things: what's flowing in the river that actually gets through San Marcial and over to what they now call the Narrows Gauge. The Narrows River Gauge, which shows because the lake is so low there's a spot between the upper lake and the lower lake they call the Narrows. That's where you could see what the flows are going into the reservoir right now, and once that line goes flat, 100% must be delivered, and of that any water that arrives by monsoons or rains or return flows in the middle rio grande is also counted towards that. He said everything that you can get through the river, everything that you get through rains and return flows also pull together at the lower end,

to be measured at the Narrow's gauge, and technically, what's also being measured is the evaporation at Elephant Butte that New Mexico must absorb is part of the overall compact requirement. He stated what occurred in the early 2019 period was a year just like this and that's how New Mexico started to get into debit status.

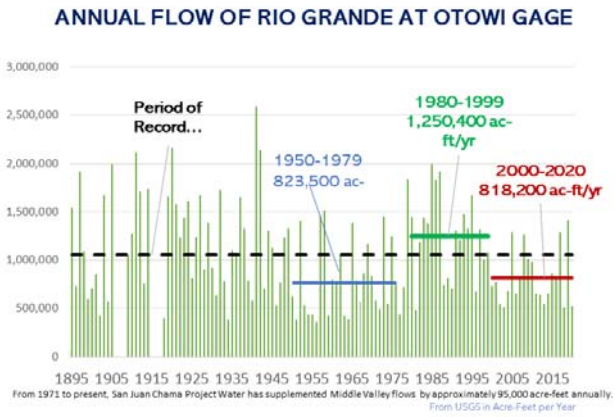
He reported that there are three articles of particular significance of the compact, being articles VI, VII, and VIII which define exactly what New Mexico owes to Texas, and how debits and credits are derived. He said New Mexico has had debits and credits. He stated it’s all based on the amount of water that arrives at Elephant Butte, and the amount that's required to deliver off of that Otowi index. If we're in debit status, nothing can be stored above the Otowi gauge in post compact reservoirs, unless the amount of water that is intended to be stored is held in debit to the compact. In other words, with El Vado being a post compact reservoir it could theoretically store a certain amount of credit, and it can store a certain amount of debit. When debit is stored under the compact it's locked in storage until such time as the State of Texas calls for that water. There's multiple levels of criteria that go with that and a decision can be made to store that water in New Mexico if additional storage can be stored on top for the benefit of the water users. This year could have been a year where that could have happened. El Vado is currently under construction, so storage is not allowed until such time as construction is completed. He said if it had been available for storage we could have stored the 93,000 acre-feet that is currently in debit. We could have stored an additional when the dam is completed another 90,000 acre-feet .

He went on to say under those three articles New Mexico is allowed to go into debit, and also they approve credits that can be traded for use in Elephant Butte-Caballo. He explained when you're in Article VII, which is when the state can actually use water under the restrictions; article VII is the restriction of 400,000 acre feet, total storage, in Elephant Butte that prohibits storage in New Mexico, unless you have credits. He stated we've used those credits in the late 2000’s, and going into the 2015 period actually, and were able to utilize credits for multiple years.

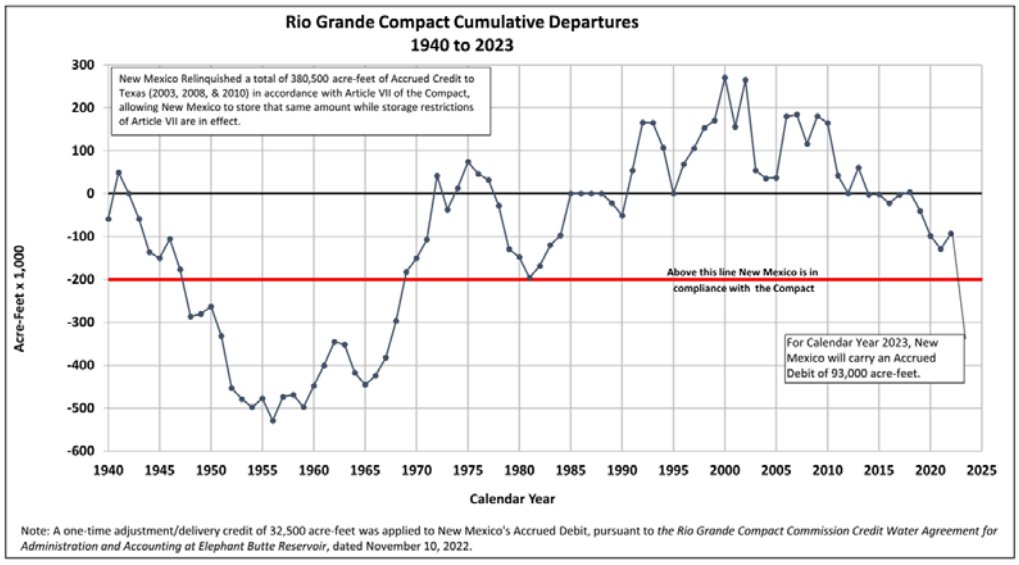
He reported today's debit started in 2019 with a year very much like this year, where we have a high flow coming down the river, and that graph shows that if you get more than a million acre feet at Otowi the delivery requirement goes exponentially higher. And in 2019 we had a total flow of about 1.3 million acre feet at Otowi, and we had to deliver a little over 800,000 acre feet to Elephant Butte and that year we came up short because of monsoons did not develop, and that was the very first year we got into debit, and it was a very high year like this. These high years cause more trouble in that respect for the middle valley, even though there's much water in the system, you would think you know, there's no problem but it actually creates more of a demand to get water down to Elephant Butte. He felt that's something that we've got to really look at in high years like this.

He spoke about the low years where we didn't get any monsoon rains in 2019 or 2020, 2021. Last year we did and actually met our compact demand, and we gained a little bit against it. The other thing that happened is we got credit through our negotiations with Texas. We got credit of an additional 36,000 acre feet. Our credit was over delivered to Texas, and they paid us back. He reported we now only have 93,000 acre feet of debit. But we want to get it down to something well below 50,000. So when our bottle is ready to store water, which is super critical to our summer, releases our needs for farming and for environmental purposes, we need El Vado for the late summer. Without it we're going to continue to be in this problem of continual debit and not being able to store, which he felt will perpetuate the problem. He said that this is an important concept that he believes the MRGCD is well aware of and is doing their best to try to help minimize our debit from year to year.

He discussed the annual flows of the rio grande at the Otowi Gage.



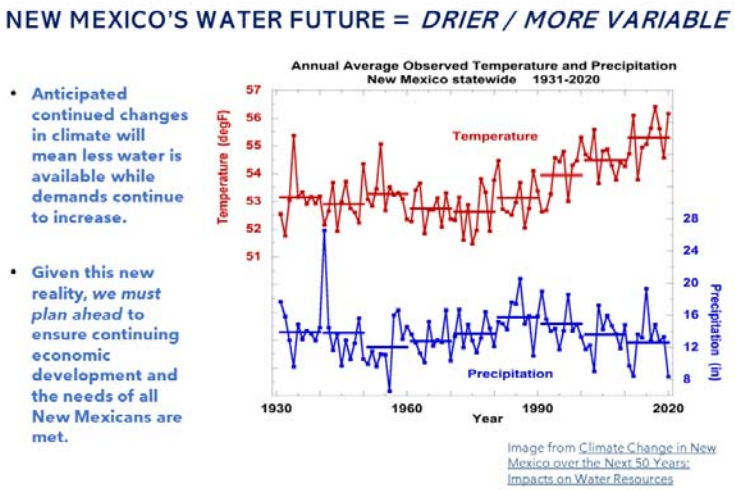
He reported on the rio grande compact which is called the cumulative departures from 1940 to 2023. He explained the redline depicts a 200,000 acre feet of under delivery total which is a violation under the compact.



The chart shows in the 1950s though 1979, it was right around the 800,000 average during that low period for water use, we went into significant debit, then we came out of it with very high flow years. Those were the golden years for water availability. During the drought we dropped down. We were in violation of the compact for years, and during that time the United States built the Low Flow Conveyance Channel that allowed for more rapid deliveries of water down to Elephant Butte and several things happen during that period. They were channelizing the river, they put in jetty jack systems that started even before that and created a 600 foot wide channel. He said they managed the river in a different way than they did before, and a bit different than it is now. That helped get New Mexico out of debit over time.

Note: Director Joaquin Baca arrived at the meeting at this point.

He said we still have residual credit that we hope we can use at some point in the future. We are now out of Article VII, both Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs are up over 400,000 acre feet and are expected to be over that for the entire irrigation season. If we can store a little and work with it that way relative to our debit situation, then we have that tool available to the State. He said they expect, however, that this year we'll have a large delivery requirement. Probably in the neighborhood of 700,000 acre feet, depending on what the total flow of Otowi is and whether we make that delivery or not hinges on how much monsoon events that we have, and the efficiency of delivery that we're doing right now, we're getting about 65% delivery down to Elephant Butte at the moment with the operations that the District is currently doing, and the fact that that our system is wedded up and it's moving water. He believed if we could maintain a 65% throughout the rest of the runoff, that would be fabulous, and that would go a long ways towards us, meeting our compact deliveries.

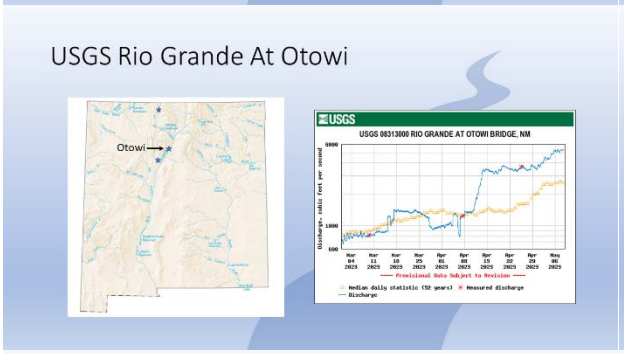


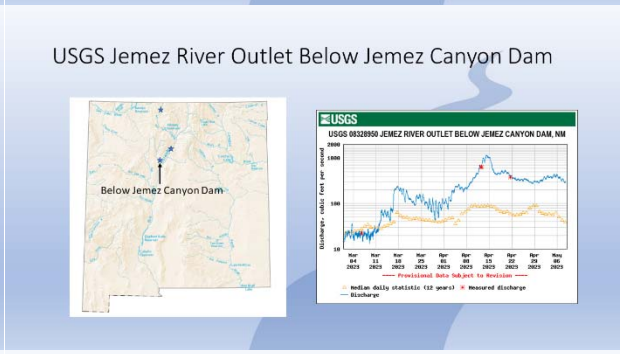
He said they expect long-term temperatures to go up due to global climate issues and we expect certain amount of precipitation to continue to vary just like it has historically, what type of precipitation is it going to be as the climate warms? Well, we are already having issues with shorter snowpack periods. We see that already, since the late 1980s snowpack periods are shorter. Spring runoff is shorter. We're already starting to see impacts due to about a 2 to 3 degree temperature increase that we've seen so far. We've had scientists analyze this from Mexico, and we expect, as temperatures rise it's going to take more water to grow the same crop. Higher temperatures require additional water for crop production. It's also going to evaporate more off the atmosphere and the repairing corridor of the Rio Grande will use more water. He felt that we've got to get creative, to understand where we're going as a community and as a state and one of the jobs that he's been given is to help prepare New Mexico for this change in water supply conditions over the long term possibly a decade or two out where it's going to be a real challenge for us on a recurrent basis.

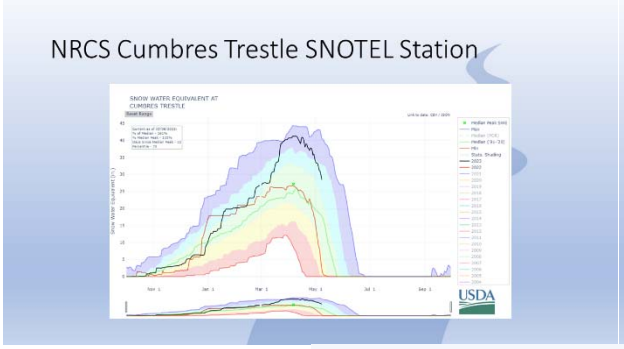
b. Report on the Water Supply Conditions – Anne Marken, Water Ops Division Manager

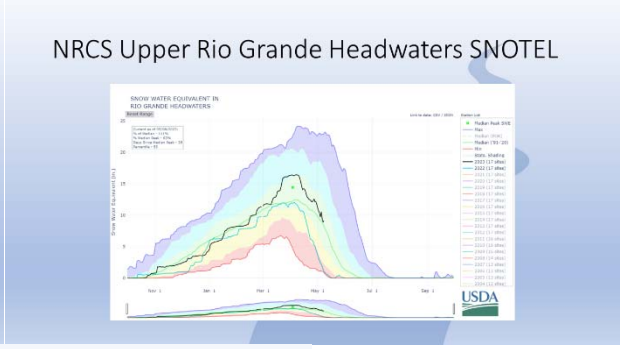
Ms. Marken reported that they are seeing elevated flows into the middle valley. La Puente gage on the Chama is reporting 3200 cfs. Otowi gage, above Cochiti reservoir, is 5200 cfs and climbing. Even the Jemez River, below Jemez Canyon Dam, is reporting 280 cfs, which is

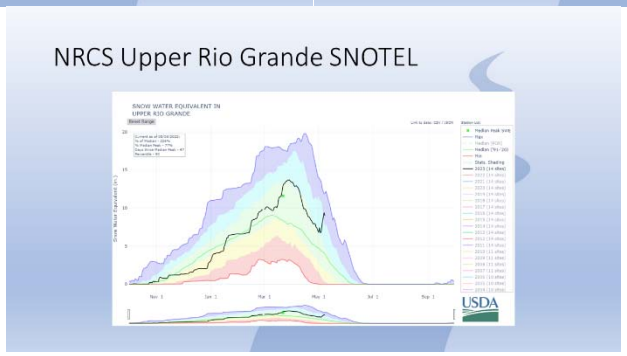
normally down to 60 cfs this time of year. All the water we are seeing in the Rio Grande, and its tributaries, is due to the exceptional snowpack conditions in the Basin. The Cumbres Trestle SNOTEL gage peaked at 41.2 inches in early April. Today, the Cumbres Trestle has 28.4” of water, not snow depth but water, waiting to move. That puts the Cumbres Trestle at about 161% of median conditions for this time of year. The Rio Chama and Rio Grande Basins overall have above median conditions as well, the Rio Grande Headwaters conditions are at 111% of median, the Upper Rio Grande is 226% of median, and the Upper San Juan Basin, where MRGCD’s San Juan Chama water comes from is 214% of median. With the amount of Snow Water Equivalent in the mountains, I expect runoff to last into at least early July.



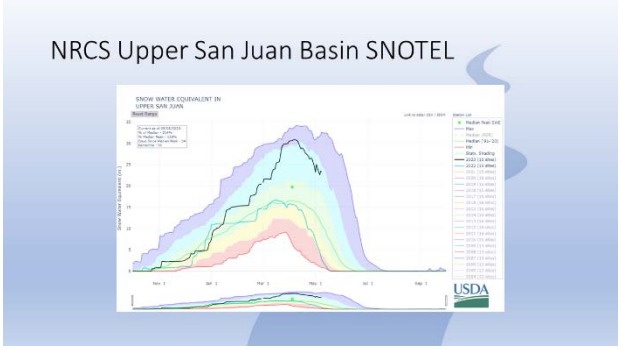








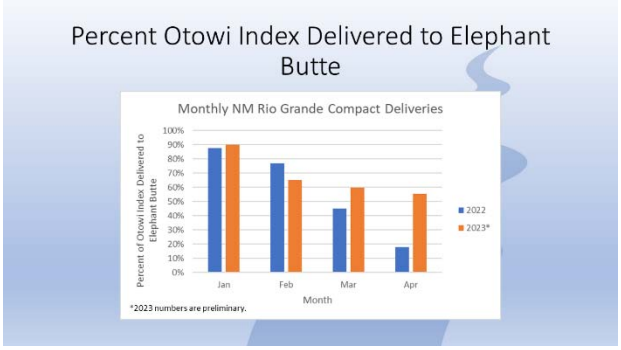
The NRCS released its May 1st forecast, which has been revised down from the April 1st forecast, due to some dust on snow observations in the mountains and a dryer-than-anticipated April. However, the March-July forecasts are still projecting above median flows. El Vado inflow is forecast for 295K acre-feet or 159% of median conditions and Otowi is forecast to be 690K acre-feet of native inflow which is 122% of median.



Even with these flows, the MRGCD is still not able to store water. In short, that is due to federal construction at El Vado dam and New Mexico's water debt to the state of Texas under the Rio Grande Compact. However, 14K acre-feet of native water has been stored in Abiquiu for Prior and Paramount lands of the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos, and the US Army Corps of Engineers is storing native water in Abiquiu because of channel capacity concerns downstream of the dam.

However, wet years can present an unfortunate juxtaposition. At this point in runoff season, she *expects* New Mexico to struggle to meet Rio Grande Compact delivery obligations at the end of the year. This is normal for wet years. When the river overbanks from the main channel, and spills into the floodplains, the middle valley experiences higher losses associated with that overbanking. With that in mind, the MRGCD has pivoted its strategy and is now diverting as much water as needed to meet irrigation demand, while the river continues overbanking. This strategy is a shift from the 80% demand curve the MRGCD committed to earlier this year. The MRGCD originally implemented that strategy to maximize deliveries to Elephant Butte and minimize New Mexico's Rio Grande Compact debt.

She believed those efforts were meaningful. By the end of April 2022, New Mexico had already begun to fall behind on its deliveries to Elephant Butte. However, by the end of April this year, New Mexico had over-delivered about 15,000 acre-feet to Elephant Butte. Which, as these numbers show, puts us into a better position than we were in this time last year.



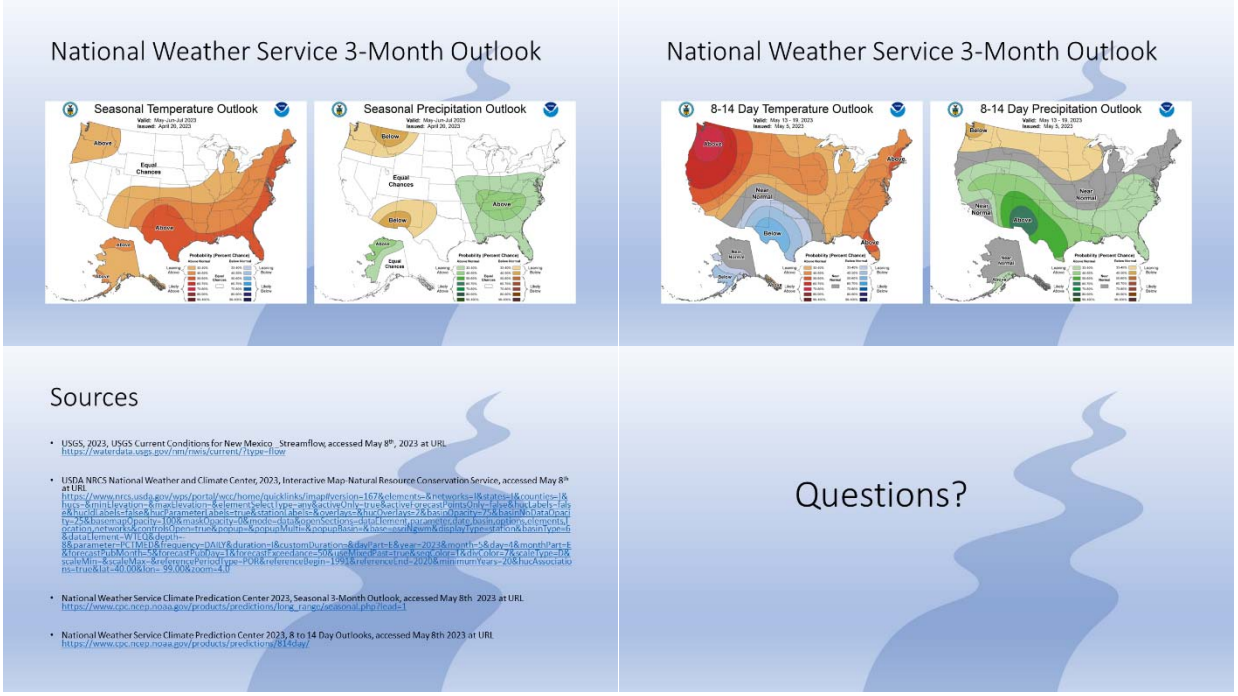
Taking a look at current diversions, MRGCD diversions are about 700 cfs, which is typical for this time of year. MRGCD's riverside drains are full, which adds to the supply available for delivery to farmers. The river is backing into wasteways in the Belen Division, which limits the MRGCD's ability to shed excess water from its canals. The high drain flows are evident in areas

that are drain fed, there is 140 cfs in the San Juan Main canal and there is about 25 cfs being sent back to the river at that location because the San Juan Main is near capacity. We have not had to check up San Acacia dam because Unit 7 is making so much water that the Socorro Division is having to shed some of it back to the river above the dam.

Supply conditions are much improved from last year, but it is important to remember that the only storage water available to MRGCD is its 2023 San Juan Chama allocation, of which we expect to receive a full 20,900 acre-feet allocation. Current model runs indicate that MRGCD could continue to meet irrigation demand through most of the summer relying on San Juan Chama releases and native inflows.

Releases from Caballo began on May first for the irrigation districts to the south, releases from Caballo are at about 1200 cfs. Colorado started their irrigation season on April 1st, and they have curtailments on both the Conejos and Rio Grande systems. (23% on the Rio Grande and 41% on the Conejos.)

The National Weather service has announced El Nino neutral conditions through the northern hemisphere into May with a 62% chance of El Nino developing May-July. El Nino conditions typically mean cooler and wetter winters for the American Southwest. The National Weather Service three-month outlook is showing most likely above average temperatures and below average precipitation through July. The shorter-term forecast is a little more favorable, over the next two weeks the Rio Grande Basin has above average chances for near normal temperatures and above average precipitation.



c. Status Report on Water Distribution – Matt Martinez, Water Distribution Division Manager

Mr. Martinez explained that striking a balance between the irrigation needs of MRGCD water users and broader water management strategies has been very difficult. He said he sympathizes with those who have made sacrifices in recent irrigation seasons and during the start of this season. He reported there have been communication errors by Water Distribution

staff. He learned that members of his team were operating on a fixed 21-day rotation. For the record, he said we do not teach our staff to operate on a fixed rotation. The factors that determine irrigation intervals are supply, demand, and efficiency. He said his staff is taught to operate equitably, efficiently and with flexibility to expand and contract with the water supply.

He said one of the things they've reiterated to operators and supervisors, as Ms. Marken announced earlier, scheduling is demand based until further notice. Diversions have been adjusted to meet the demand. Higher main canal flows enable quick adjustments to laterals and acequias to move water where it is needed. On/off canals will be operated more frequently. Traditional 3–5-day advanced notice scheduling has been implemented. Irrigators who have grown accustomed to being called by the Irrigation Systems Operator (ISO) when water is available should take the initiative to contact the ISO to request water. He said that irrigators who have issues scheduling may call him or email him.

He went on to summarize the operations in each division. He stated he understands the frustration of seeing a full river in April but not seeing all the canals full. During rotational scheduling, we tell the Irrigation System Supervisors how much they must work with. Now, during demand scheduling, supervisors get to tell us how much they need. It is still important we are responsible with water use. Check structures must be operated, monitored, and adjusted very carefully with more water running through the irrigation canals and drains. I am confident that May and June will be much better, stressed farmers will get relief, and thirsty lands will get a good drink of water. I'd like to conclude by addressing a comment at the Farmer's rally this morning. Farmers are demanding transparency in water deliveries. Next board meeting there will be a demonstration of the logbook application to show the actions that have been taken to establish transparency in water delivery records.

Jason Casuga added regarding transparency that this will be the last year for the trial and testing of the application. He reported it will be deployed District wide which will provide a water delivery on a real-time basis. This application will show the number of irrigations by property. He thought if a property gets a delivery it will turn green and then, when you're 14 days out, your property will turn green, and then, when you're 18 to 20 days out, your property will turn a different color and so we will start to be able to see but everybody in the valley will be able to see everybody's water use.

Director Joaquin Baca added a note at this time, he had to leave the meeting early due to family obligations but said he was in support of the mill levy increase.

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

Mark Garcia

Mr. Garcia, a farmer from Valencia County, thanked the board for the opportunity. He state he was here with association of farmers from Sandoval, Bernalillo, Isleta, Valencia and Socorro. He said he appreciated the data today. He continued to tell a story regarding a fellow farmer so disheartened and frustrated that he may quit farming due to many factors including the District's lack of communication regarding water delivery, the full river and the many questions for the farmer.

Anthony Lucero

Mr. Lucero is a farmer from the Isleta Pueblo who discussed the different problems regarding their ditches, maintenance and other matters such as gophers. He requested that they need more help and suggested that the board come out to the ditch banks and see the issues themselves.

Leroy Baca

Mr. Baca, a farmer from Tome, said they are passionate about what they do. He stated they don't understand when we see a lot of water out there, but yet none of these waters went through the ditches. He felt there's many issues as farmers spend money on very expensive tractors, seed everything but what he really wanted to do is tell the board the things that have been identified as issues, while the major issue is the little amount of water that is flowing to the ditches. He said the other issues were the maintenance of the ditches; he felt management is not what it should be and defending the native Americans when they are not subject to the rio grande compact.

Erica DeSmet

Ms. DeSmet, a Bosque Farms resident, assured the board that the earlier event was one of many tractor convoys and peaceful protests. She stated if we, as farmers, continue to lack representation from all. She said they need water to continue to survive and hand down our legacies of farming to our children and their children's children. She felt it's about complete lack of management of water resources and lack of representation for New Mexico farmers. She stated she was unsure that the CEO if, when he was hired, was handed a list of duties and on that list was to represent New Mexico farmers. She asked the board to look around the room to view who he represents as she felt he's forgotten that. She said she was asked to be a speaker at this meeting and did some research on the issues that meant the most to her. She said the MRGCD has had an increase in labor with a decrease of representation and services to farmers. However, there has not been an increase in acreage service area or an increase in the number of ditches in the middle rio valley which she asked where everyone was. She stated she will return in 30 days with her list.

Troy Richardson

Mr. Richardson manages 650 acres in Belen. He stated he's a business owner, whose business is directly connected to the agricultural industry, and a Valencia County commissioner as farmers. Our livelihoods rely on our water without water, our agricultural communities ceases to exist without agriculture, our economy fails our food supply dries up our health declines our ecosystem collapses, and our very existence is threatened. The farmer is the heart and soul of our society in New Mexico, agriculture employs over 250,000 people. This includes farm labor and businesses that rely heavily on the agricultural industry. Unfortunately for many years this has not been a reality. Irrigation season begins on March first, and ends on October 30, but over the last several years irrigation season has been delayed by up to several weeks. He continued on regarding El Vado, the start-up plan, and the maintenance of the ditches. The MRGCD also works in cooperation with other state, local, and Federal agencies, to protect the environment, wildlife and endangered species, even according to their own mission statement, delivering irrigation water is at the top of the list this should be the priority of the board and the department. He stated that they demand that MRGCD abide by their mission.

Jessica Richardson

Ms. Richardson works for her family's agricultural business in Socorro, Valencia and Bernalillo counties. She gave the board the following handout

Farmers For Future Farmers

Since 2015, the farmers in the Rio Grande Valley have struggled with the mismanagement and disorganization of the MRGCD. For years, grievances and concerns have fallen on deaf ears. The farmers are the stewards of the ecosystem of the valley, and we no longer trust the MRGCD to manage our invaluable resources to maintain and conserve our farmland for future generations. Farmers from Socorro, Valencia, Sandoval, and Bernalillo counties, as well as Isleta Reservation, have united to hold the MRGCD accountable for their actions and demand rectification on the following issues:

- We demand a seat at the table. The MRGCD is charged with making decisions which directly impact our livelihood. Those decisions are made without the knowledge or representation of the farmers. Decisions on water diversions, irrigation schedules, maintenance and repairs are all made by a group of individuals, the majority of which have no knowledge or education on farming practices. We demand to be included in these discussions so that informed decisions that will benefit the agricultural community and directly impact the farmers can be made.
- We demand transparency. Issues and developments with the Rio Grande Compact 2014 Lawsuit settlement negotiations should be communicated with our association. We demand to be informed throughout the process of all products of these negotiations. The outcome directly affects our livelihood and the livelihood of future generations.
- We demand accountability. The bloated administration within the MRGCD is absurd and preposterous. According to the conservancy's own records, in the fiscal year 2021, $14.1 million of a total $22.9 million of expenditures was employee salaries and benefits. This equates to 61.7% of the total budget of the MRGCD. We are now being asked to pay more in taxes for infrastructure projects which you claim to not have enough money to complete. We demand a decrease in overall payroll within the MRGCD for staff within the bloated administration.
- We demand action. The maintenance on our infrastructure is completely non-existent. Dredging on our ditches has not occurred since 2015. Leaking checks and broken turnouts that have been reported several times over the years are ignored and forgotten. Trash, weeds, and debris removed from culverts and checks are left on ditch banks creating fire hazards and habitat for pests, sometimes for years. These issues have all been brought to the attention of conservancy staff numerous times by many and continue to be ignored.
- We demand organization. Water schedules are one of the most imperative aspects of farming, and should be made public. Every ISO's log book should be available to view online. Accountability and reliability are paramount. Crop programs rely solely on the irrigation scheduling, and we demand that these schedules be made carefully and concisely with consideration for crop rotations and crop sensitivity. During water shortages, scheduling should be done with communication and cooperation with the farmers. During years of abundance, farmers should have reasonable access to our precious water.

Farmers For Future Farmers is dedicated to preserving our agricultural lifestyle and protecting the greenbelt of the Middle Rio Grande Valley. We are no longer going to allow the conservancy and this board to dictate the future of our farming community.

No Farmers…No Food…No Future

Rudy Perea

Mr. Perea, a Corrales resident, questioned the mill levy increase and spoke on the Corrales siphon. He felt that the attorney general should do an audit of the MRGCD.

Tony Tafoya

Mr. Tafoya is also from Corrales and stated that his father was a ditch rider for 20 years and said they ran the entire system single-handedly for the last 8 or 10 years. He pointed out that there's been 2 ditch riders and less farm. He spoke about the lack of water delivery, the pumps and he believed they could be funning water through two ditches.

Mike Mechenbier

Mr. Mechenbier stated his family has been farming for over 55 years. He stated he knows what water shortage is and has tried to change his practices the last couple of years. He said he has

8 ditch riders and 5 our new. He discussed the various issues with communication, water delivery and infrastructure failures.

Emilio Sanchez

Mr. Sanchez said that they farm a few 1,000 acres down south to Feeder No. 3 and across New Mexico. We're aware of the drought. He mentioned farmers like anyone else has to keep a schedule. There are some good ditch riders who do schedule but if they don't have the water, then they cannot maintain a schedule. He mentioned the high cost for fertilizer, diesel and the lack of labor in the state. Due to no water, he suggested diverting water from other means such as the New Belen or the Tebow because no one can survive on 60 cfs. He said it's very hard to see no water in the ditches being delivered.

Anthony Wagner

Mr. Wagner represents Wagner Farms in Corrales which is still having issues. He reported that they apple trees that are 50 year old trees. They've lost some trees last year because of the drought. He stated it's hard to see the water in the river and felt waiting 3 weeks for water is too long. He felt they had to go to the media to share their misfortune.

Santiago Maestas

Mr. Maestas is with the South Valley Regional Association Acequias. He spoke on behalf of Armijo Acequia. Eddie Baca, Commissioner, was unable to attend today's video. He updated the board on their efforts to restore irrigation to the Rogers lateral. He stated they're pending a preliminary hearing on the fifteenth on the charges that were leveled against Adriana v. Bar for interfering with the acequia. His understanding is, after last month's meeting, the District sent a letter requesting that she allow the District to enter her property in order to repair it again. He hoped that know whether she responded positively or not and what action will be a District take if she hasn't, in order to try to get the water into this season on that ditch.

Glen Duggins

Mr. Duggins thanked everyone for attending. He felt that it's a good thing to participate and continue is the best thing that the education that I received being board member help him to understand better. He said they know that the District has some infrastructure problems and that the District hears you, we're working on it. He felt there's much good in this conservancy within the employees within the staff and gave an example of a ditch break, and he's seen a line of trucks running 24 hours a day. These men and women building those ditches where there's nothing to build it from and they get it done in. He said he's not trying to diminish the problems that we face that his ditch runs over, too. There's work to be done, but there's good people here, and he wanted to make sure that the people know that, and not ever forget when the canal breaks, the machines are running.

Chair Russo Baca called for a short recess at 5:45 pm. During the break, Madam Chair had to leave due to family obligations, therefore Vice Chair Dunning managed the remainder of the meeting.

Director Duggins made the **MOTION TO CONTINUE THE MEETING.** Seconded by Director Kelly. Roll call vote was administered and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Director Barbara Baca	Yes	Director Sandoval	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Chair Russo Baca	Absent
Vice Chair Dunning	Yes	Director Duggins	Yes
Director Joaquin Baca	Absent		

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – PROPOSED MILL LEVY INCREASE

a. **Presentation of the FY24 Budget – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**

Ms. Fanelli was here to present the FY24 budget for the board's review and approval, as presented in the Op-ads that the District placed. She reported that infrastructure failures, and near failures in this near century old gravity-driven irrigation system have impacted our ability to keep our system functioning, to meet irrigation demands and ecosystem needs along the Rio Grande. She continued by saying the current operation budget barely covers the cost of routine operation in maintenance. Failing infrastructure has become their most significant challenge in these water short times. She presented in the five-year forecast presentation the District has budgeted for deficit budgets. The last 2 years, fiscal years in fiscal year 2022, and in fiscal year 2023. These budgets were mainly due to related failure of infrastructure or purchases of capital equipment.

The District has assessed the capital needs throughout the MRGCD, including efficiency, improvements, water conservation measures, siphon rehab, real-time flow measuring canal structure, rehab and bosky and river restoration projects to meet our endangered species commitments. She said they've identified 175 million in priority projects that need to be planned, designed, permitted, and built. This is a list of the projects that are on the priority list. We presented this in the 5 year forecast, and this is just a list for everybody to see, and this presentation will be posted on the District website.

Capital Investment Planning

The District has assessed capital needs throughout the MRGCD, 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 has identified $175,000,000 in priority projects that need to be planned, designed, permitted and built.

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Cost of Capital Investment Projects On the Priority List

Priority	Project Name	Year Built	Year(s) Rehabbed	Estimated Project Cost
1	Corrales Siphon	Design Drawings 1933	Rock Weir 2016, Weir Extension 2020	8,500,000
2	Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining			66,500,000
3	El Vado Stilling Basin	1933/1934	Outlet Works: 1970's, Power Project 1985	3,500,000
4	Atrisco Siphon Explorative Condition Assessment	Heading: 1933, Siphon: 1955		500,000
5	Feeder 3 Pump Station			6,500,000
6	Belen Highline Realignment Project			15,000,000
7	Belen watershed study project			720,000
8	Peralta Drain Pedestrian Bridge			350,000
9	Loretta Road Intersection			1,000,000
10	Isleta Drain/NM 147 Culvert	1955	Extension: 1974	1,000,000
11	FCC/San Lorenzo Arroyo Culvert Crossing			5,000,000
12	O&&T Building			10,000,000
13	Isleta Dam Gate Automation			1,000,000
14	Isleta Bridge Design	1934		830,000
15	Water Measurement Structures-(60 Structures)			5,400,000
16	San Acacia Dam Gate Automation			1,500,000
17	Turnout Upgrade			24,000,000
18	Records Building			1,200,000
19	El Vado Dam Rehabilitation (15% Non-Fed Cost)	1933/1934	Outlet Works: 1970's, Power Project 1985	22,500,000
		Total Capital Investment Projects - Priority List		$ 175,000,000

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She said in March the District presented the five-year forecast, and we highlighted our lack of funding to repair and replace eight aging infrastructure and equipment.

In April, the Board approved a motion to allow the budget team to build the FY2024 budget with the assumption of a 1 Mill increase dedicating it strictly to capital investment, debt service and District match on grants.

El Vado Dam

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She reported in April the board approved a motion to allow the budget team to build the fiscal year 2024 budget with the assumption of a one-mill increase, dedicating it strictly to capital investment, debt service and District match on grants.

Mill rate impact analysis For FY2024-FY2027

- For each 1 mill increase, ad valorem will increase by $4,300,000 million per year.
- If the District had to pay for the Capital Investment and Operational projects planned;
  The District would need to increase the mill rate by 3 mills beginning in FY2024.
- If we get $26,000,000 in grants;
  We only need a 1.46 mill increase
- If we get an additional $7,700,000 in loans, plus the $26,000,000 in grants;
  We only need a 1 mill increase

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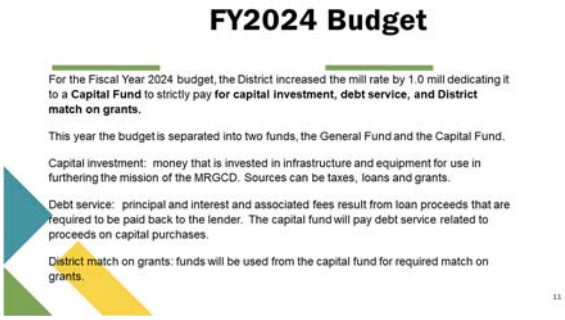
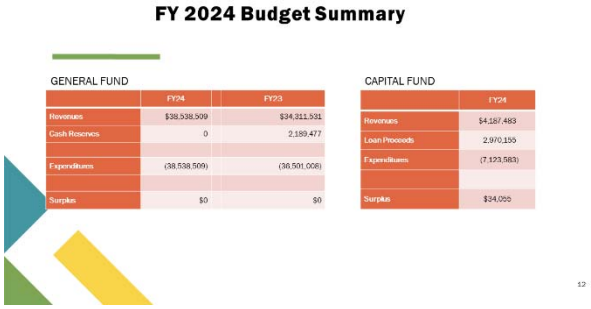
She said for each one mill increase, Ad Valorem would increase by 4.3 million dollars per year, and if the District tried to pay for the capital investment in operational projects planned on the list, we would need to raise the mill rate by 3 mills beginning in fiscal year 2024. However, if we get 26 million dollars in grants, she said they only need to raise the mill rate by 1.4 million, and if we get an additional, almost 8 million in loans plus the 26 million in grants, then we only need a one mill increase.

If the District just applies for grants and loans, the projected deficits are approximately 4 million per year. That we need the additional mill to pay for District match on grants, debt service, and capital infrastructure projects.



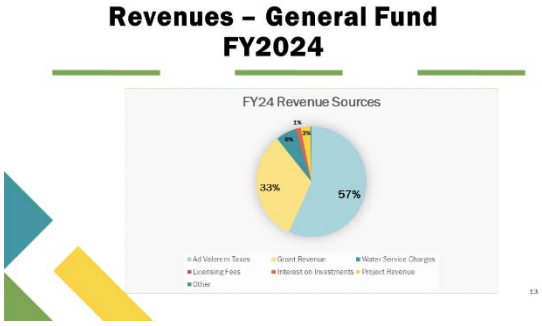
For the fiscal year 2024 budget, the District did raise the mill rate in our budget, and we dedicated it strictly to a capital fund to pay for capital investment, debt service, and District match on grants. She said this year the budget is presented into two funds: the general fund and the capital fund. She then explained the definitions for capital investment, debt service, and District match on grants.



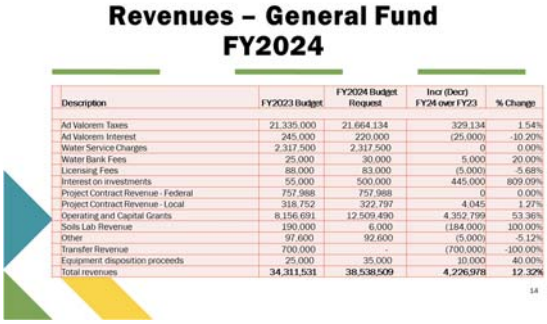
	FY24	FY23
Revenues	$38,538,509	$34,311,531
Cash Reserves	0	2,189,477
Expenditures	(38,538,509)	(36,501,008)
Surplus	$0	$0

	FY24
Revenues	$4,187,483
Loan Proceeds	2,970,155
Expenditures	(7,123,583)
Surplus	$34,055

Raquel Dawson, the District's budget analyst, reported that the general fund shows a balanced budget with revenues and expenses budgeted at 38.5 million, whereas in fiscal year 2023, the District used cash reserves of 2.2 million. In the capital fund, she reported that the District has a budget of 4.2 million dollars in revenues, 3 million in loan proceeds with expenditures of 7.1 million, resulting in a surplus of $34,000.



She then presented the District's fiscal year 2024 revenue sources. Ad valorem taxes account for 57% of total budgeted revenue. Grant revenues represent 33% of total budget revenue. In prior years, specifically fiscal years 2019 through 2022, grants were only 6% of budget budgeted revenue.



Revenues – General Fund
FY2024

Description	FY2023 Budget	FY2024 Budget Request	Incr (Decr) FY24 over FY23	% Change
Ad Valorem Taxes	21,335,000	21,664,134	329,134	1.54%
Ad Valorem Interest	245,000	220,000	(25,000)	-10.20%
Water Service Charges	2,317,500	2,317,500	0	0.00%
Water Bank Fees	25,000	30,000	5,000	20.00%
Licensing Fees	88,000	83,000	(5,000)	-5.68%
Interest on investments	55,000	500,000	445,000	809.09%
Project Contract Revenue - Federal	757,988	757,988	0	0.00%
Project Contract Revenue - Local	318,752	322,797	4,045	1.27%
Operating and Capital Grants	8,156,691	12,509,490	4,352,799	53.36%
Soils Lab Revenue	190,000	6,000	(184,000)	100.00%
Other	97,600	92,600	(5,000)	-5.12%
Transfer Revenue	700,000	-	(700,000)	-100.00%
Equipment disposition proceeds	25,000	35,000	10,000	40.00%
Total revenues	34,311,531	38,538,509	4,226,978	12.32%

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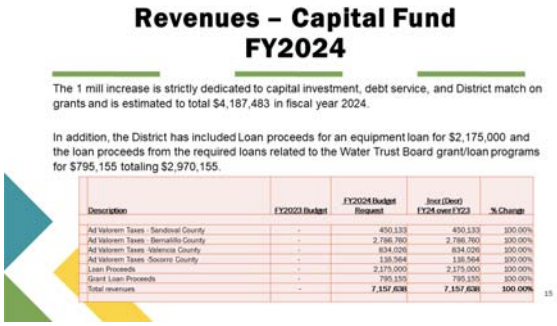
She explained a breakdown of the District's budgeted revenue with the main sources coming from Ad valorem taxes, grants and water service charges.



Revenues – Capital Fund
FY2024

The 1 mill increase is strictly dedicated to capital investment, debt service, and District match on grants and is estimated to total $4,187,483 in fiscal year 2024.

In addition, the District has included Loan proceeds for an equipment loan for $2,175,000 and the loan proceeds from the required loans related to the Water Trust Board grant/loan programs for $795,155 totaling $2,970,155.

Description	FY2023 Budget	FY2024 Budget Request	Incr (Decr) FY24 over FY23	% Change
Ad Valorem Taxes - Sandoval County	-	450,133	450,133	100.00%
Ad Valorem Taxes - Bernalillo County	-	2,786,760	2,786,760	100.00%
Ad Valorem Taxes -Valencia County	-	834,026	834,026	100.00%
Ad Valorem Taxes -Socorro County	-	136,564	136,564	100.00%
Loan Proceeds	-	2,175,000	2,175,000	100.00%
Grant Loan Proceeds	-	795,155	795,155	100.00%
Total revenues	-	7,157,638	7,157,638	100.00%

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She continued to say the one mill increase is strictly dedicated to capital investments, debt service, and District match on grants, and is estimated to total 4.1 million dollars in fiscal year 2024. In addition, the District has included loan proceeds for an equipment loan for 2.1 million dollars, and the loan proceeds from the required loans related to the Water Trust Board Grant loan programs for $795,000, totaling $2.9 million.

Expenditures- General Fund FY2024

Description	FY2023 Budget	FY2024 Budget Request	Incr (Decr) FY24 over FY23	% Change
Salaries	10,690,173	10,758,889	68,716	0.64%
Employee Benefits	4,366,206	4,482,815	116,609	2.67%
Employee & Board Related Costs	519,130	720,229	201,099	38.74%
General & Administrative Expenses	314,206	347,191	32,985	10.50%
Professional Services	555,665	702,500	146,835	26.43%
Insurance & Legal Services	1,431,195	1,406,719	(24,476)	-1.71%
Technology & Communication	558,016	590,414	32,398	5.81%
Ad Valorem Collection Fee	473,050	451,654	(21,396)	-4.52%
Utilities	152,540	346,040	193,500	126.85%
Facility Maintenance	52,360	88,590	36,230	69.19%
Division Maintenance, Const, Rehab	1,064,430	1,334,819	270,389	25.40%
Vehicle & Equipment O&M	1,878,680	2,027,378	148,698	7.92%
Soils Lab Expense	190,704	13,200	(177,504)	100.00%
Conservation Program	5,000	115,000	110,000	100.00%
Safety Program		20,915	20,915	100.00%
Federal O&M Services	1,264,028	1,093,286	(170,742)	-13.51%
Governmental Agreements & Projects	309,739	333,275	23,536	7.60%
Projects	2,198,493	50,000	(2,148,493)	-97.73%
Endangered Species Act Projects	162,000	125,000	(37,000)	-22.84%
Grants Other Expenditures	8,156,691	12,509,490	4,352,799	53.36%
District Match for Grant Expenditures	536,625	-	(536,625)	100.00%
Debt Service - Principal Retirement	352,142	-	(352,142)	-100.00%
Debt Service - Interest	34,835	-	(34,835)	-100.00%
Capital Expenditures	1,235,100	1,021,105	(213,995)	-17.33%
Total expenditures	**36,501,008**	**38,538,509**	**2,037,501**	**5.58%**
Excess (deficiency) of revenues less Expenditures	(2,189,477)	-		
Fund Balance/Capital Reserves	2,189,477	-		
Surplus/Deficit	-	-		

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Ms. Dawson presented the breakdown of the District's budgeted expenditures for fiscal year 2024. The primary expenses are in salaries and benefits. Benefits include pension and healthcare expenses, field operations represent 82% of total salary's expenditures and in fiscal year '24, the average salary budget per employee is averaging $50,000 a year with a minimum starting salary of just over 31,000. Other primary expenditures are insurance and legal services maintenance, construction and rehab, we vehicle and equipment, operating and maintenance and other grant expenditures.

Expenditures- Capital Fund FY2024

Description	FY2023 Budget	FY2024 Budget Request	Incr (Decr) FY24 over FY23	% Change
Ad Valorem Collection Fee	-	86,423	86,423	100.00%
Projects	-	**1,390,005**	1,390,005	100.00%
District Match for Grant Expenditures	-	**1,227,412**	1,227,412	100.00%
Grant Expenditures related to loan	-	**795,155**	795,155	100.00%
Debt Service - Principal Retirement	-	597,835	597,835	100.00%
Debt Service - Interest	-	61,808	61,808	100.00%
Capital Expenditures	-	**2,964,945**	2,964,945	100.00%
Total expenditures	-	**7,123,583**	**7,123,583**	**100.00%**
Excess (deficiency) of revenues less Expenditures	-	34,055		
Fund Balance/Capital Reserves	-	-		
Surplus/Deficit	-	34,055		

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She explained that in the capital fund, the primary expenditures are projects coming in at 1.3. District match on grants coming in at 1.2 million, grant expenditures related to loans and capital expenditures 2.9 million, total expenditures in the capital fund will total 7.1 million again with a projected surplus of $34,000.

Project Planning – FY2024

With a combination of grants, loans, and the mill increase, the District was able to put $17,217,193 into the budget towards the $175,000,000 priority project list.

In addition, the District included $1,021,105 of capital expenditures in the General Fund as committed to by the Board beginning fiscal year 2022.

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Ms. Fanelli stated with the combination of loans in the mill increase, the District was able to put $17,200,000 into this year's budget towards the 175 million dollar project list. In addition, the District included a million dollars of capital expenditures in the general fund as committed to by the Board, beginning in fiscal year 2022.

Capital Expenditures budgeted using Grants, Loans, Mill Increase – FY2024

Type of Funding	Source of Funding	Project Description	Amount	Subtotal Grants
Grants	NFWF	Water Conservation/Habitat	536,432	
	NFWF	Environmental Projects	150,000	
	NMED	Water Measurement Devices	500,000	
	NM CAPITAL OUTLAY	Peralta Pedestrian Crossing	183,121	
	NM CAPITAL OUTLAY	Headwater of Atrisco	65,000	
	WTB	Socorro Conveyance	5,838,566	
	NM DFA/DOT	Traffic Control Devices	20,000	
	NM DFA	Loretta Open Space	350,000	
	OSE	Low Flow Conveyance O&M	2,500,000	
	WTB	Corrales Siphon	446,556	
	NM CAPITAL OUTLAY	Water Measurement Devices	250,000	10,839,676

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She stated the capital expenditure is budgeted using grants, loans and mill increase is highlighted here. These are the grants that are related directly to capital, so we have the NFWF Grants. We have capital outlay. We have water trust board grants. We have the OSE grant related to the Low Flow Conveyance Channel. Those all total almost 11 million dollars in grants.

Capital Expenditures budgeted using Grants, Loans, Mill Increase

Type of Funding	Source of Funding	Project Description	Amount	Subtotal Capital Fund
Grant Match	WTB DISTRICT MATCH	Socorro Conveyance	1,159,981	
	WTB DISTRICT MATCH	Corrales Siphon Replacement	42,431	
	NFWF MATCH	NFWF Project	25,000	1,227,412
Grant/Loan	WTB LOAN REQUIREMENT	Socorro Conveyance	675,067	
	WTB LOAN REQUIREMENT	Corrales Siphon Replacement	120,088	795,155
Capital Fund Projects	CAPITAL FUND PROJECTS	Isleta Bridge Design	104,500	
	CAPITAL FUND PROJECTS	Hwy 247 Drain Crossing Repair	200,000	
	CAPITAL FUND PROJECTS	Drain Intersections Isleta & Los Lentes	200,000	
	CAPITAL FUND PROJECTS	Feeder 3 Design (60% design)	150,000	
	CAPITAL FUND PROJECTS	Atrisco Siphon Conditional Assessment	200,000	
	CAPITAL FUND PROJECTS	Corrales Siphon Pumping	939,000	1,390,000
Capital Equipment	CAPITAL FUND EQUIPMENT	Trailers	47,000	
	CAPITAL FUND EQUIPMENT	Trucks	477,945	
	CAPITAL FUND EQUIPMENT	Mower	265,000	
Capital Loan	CAPITAL FUND EQUIPMENT-LOAN	Water Truck- 2@ 185,000	370,000	
	CAPITAL FUND EQUIPMENT-LOAN	Dump Truck - 2@135,000	270,000	
	CAPITAL FUND EQUIPMENT-LOAN	Mower	265,000	
	CAPITAL FUND EQUIPMENT-LOAN	Front end Loader - 2@ 230,000 & 235,000	465,000	
	CAPITAL FUND EQUIPMENT-LOAN	Backhoe - 2 @ 210,000 & 130,000	340,000	
	CAPITAL FUND EQUIPMENT-LOAN	Dozer 700 Series	260,000	
	CAPITAL FUND EQUIPMENT-LOAN	Trucks 3@ 45,000 & 75,000 & 85,000	205,000	2,964,945
		Grand Total	$ 17,217,193	$ 6,377,519

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In addition to that, she reported the District has the grant match requirements of 1.2 million. The grant loan requirements of almost 800,000. The capital fund projects are listed here, so we have some of the projects that we identified on the priority list, totaling almost 1.4 million dollars, and that we have purchases of equipment that are kept classified in the red of meeting replacement well beyond their useful life, of almost 3 million. In total, what's coming out of the capital fund for grant expenditures outside of debt service is 6.4 million dollars.

Impact to Owners

Taxable value of a Property	Net Taxable	Ad Valorem Increase
100,000	33,333	$ 33
200,000	66,667	$ 67
300,000	100,000	$ 100

Irrigators will see an increase in the ad valorem tax. The Water Service Charge was not increased. If the owner receives an ag exemption, the impact will be minimal.

The percentage increase will depend on the owners' exemptions

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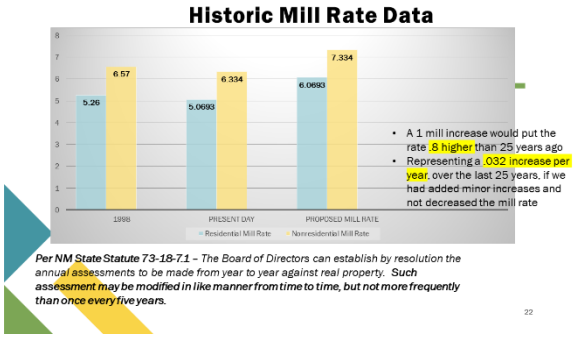
The impact to owners would be from an ad valorem perspective, if the value of your property is 200,000 then the owner would receive an increase of $67 per year. She pointed out to correct there was a misunderstanding of one of the farmers that it's not $66 an acre, but it is $66 per year. Irrigators would see an increase in the ad valorem tax. However, the water service charge was not increased in this fiscal year 2024 budget, and if the owner receives an ag exemption,

then the impact will be minimal. The percentage increase would be hard to determine, based on the owner's exemptions. We didn't actually give any percentage increase to the owners.



She went over the historical mill rate data that was presented in the five-year forecast. In 1998, the mill rate for residential was 5.26, and then for nonresidential, it was 6.57. Increasing the mill rate in the fiscal year 2024 budget would make it 0.8 higher than what the mill rate was 25 years ago. In 1999, the mill rate decreased, and if we would have kept this 0.8 divided by 25 years, is a 0.032 increase per year over the last 25 years, and if we hadn't decreased the mill rate we really wouldn't be asking for a 0.8 mill increase today. She reminded everybody in the five-year forecast the District, per state statute, can only increase the mill rate every 5 years.

Jason Casuga added that we have to deliver the water safely and as part of timely and many times, especially this year, and in previous years, we have a system that's approaching 100 years old, there are O&M items and he recognized that of mowing and dredging, and those kinds of things. He stated the District recognized that we need to be an O&M entity, not a construction entity. He stated there's much infrastructure out there that is breaking that is not mowing, and that is not part of dredging. There's equipment that we spend quite a bit of money on, just trying to keep up, because we've had it for in some instances 10 plus years or 14 years going; those kinds of pieces of equipment are hard to find parts for in many instances. He stands by his statement that he believed outside of drought conditions failing infrastructure is probably the most significant challenge.

He didn't completely understand that he knew at that point in time there was not an established infrastructure program based on an assessment of all the capital infrastructure that we've been trying to do, and a commitment to the development of an asset management plan which we're committed to doing. And we're in the process of doing but we're taking these numbers based on information that we've gathered through our infrastructure assessment program and the goal of this mill levy increase is to move us away from being reactive to the next thing that breaks, and we can start implementing projects hopefully that will rehabilitate some of these critical pieces of infrastructure. Because the District has two other siphons on this river that are approaching 100 years old and have structures up and down this valley in the same instance, checks we've heard about those today, and he agreed that the MRGCD is not a great construction agency we're an agency that is best spent dredging ditches, mowing ditches, rinse, and repeat; spraying where they'll let us spray, but we need to bring private industry into rehabilitating this system or it's just going to keep breaking. The last piece, he said about infrastructure is, he

thought the District had ten pieces of major infrastructure that have failed this year's irrigation season.

He said he's tried to push big water in some instances directions, but when we push big water things break. Six of them in Valencia County, of those six, three of those are public roads that aren't necessarily supposed to be our responsibility to maintain, but when it breaks in a canal ditch we're still asked to help, and in many instances we could have fast tracked that if we could have contracted it out and the entity would have paid us back by agreement. He felt their hands are tied from a capital infrastructure standpoint. The District has 1,200 miles of facilities. Consider how many public roads that cross us, and all those pipes are probably about that old, and then consider the number of checks that we have in many of those checks are about that old. Consider the number of turnouts that we have that are probably in the neighborhood of 6,000 or so many are approaching that old and again he said he can't speak to why there wasn't a capital infrastructure program before. Why the mill levy was cut at that point in time. He and Ms. Fanelli believe it irresponsible to not develop a capital infrastructure program now and find a way to fund it, and then be held accountable to how we spend that money. That's why it was our recommendation to the finance committee that we bind that money for infrastructure, and he stands by that decision.

b. **Report from the Finance Committee Meeting, April 28, 2023 – Directors Kelly, Dunning and Barbara Baca**

Director Kelly reported that the finance committee included himself, Director Dunning and Director Barbara Baca and have met many times to review the project schedule, the budget and this issue. He stated that the finance committee is in full support of creating a capital investment fund with a one mill increase which is in the best interest of the District.

Director Barbara Baca agreed with Director Kelly. She then thanked Director Duggins for his heartfelt support of the MRGCD staff because from the field operations all the way to what Pam (Fanelli) has done on this budget and Jason (Casuga), the District is trying to be more proactive and less reactive. She said she's in full support also.

Vice Chair Dunning thought the budget was the most detailed budget she's ever seen. She stated this increase will go to a fund that is kept separate from the operating stuff. People asked why the District has so many staff. She stated this is a fund for capital improvements in infrastructure.

c. **Public Comment Specific to this Agenda Item (limited to six (6) minutes)**

Julia Maccini

Ms. Maccini attended virtually and addressed the proposed increase to the mill levy rate, which she requested that the board not approve the increase. She said she understood the budget has been designed with that in mind, but she thought it's important to highlight a few things. Firstly, Director Kelly mentioned concerns about assessment of land not increasing. She stated Bernalillo County 2023 assessments were sent out and said they are going up across the board for commercial and residential property. Secondly, she asked how we got here at such an infrastructure crisis and needing to increase a mill levy rate in such a drastic way.

She also felt there's been a lack of foresight for thought and planning for infrastructure needs, requirements and improvements. The data that was distributed last week by the PIO showed a proposed mill rate of 0.8 higher than 25 years ago, but what's not shown is the 15% increase in the last 8 years, and the 27% increase over the last 10 years. She reminded what the vice chair previously stated that while we have different silos of budgeting to consider a capital fund, operations, staff and salaries, she felt sometimes one should think outside the box and move those silos around in order to cover things when you buy a house you know how much time you're going to get out of that roof, and you plan for it. She felt the District has not adequately planned for the failing infrastructure. She asked that the District first tighten its belt before asking its constituents to hand over more money through mill increases. She closed encouraging the board to not increase the mill levy for the year.

Guy McElvain

Mr. McElvain is an irrigator from Socorro County who said he's in favor of the mill levy increase. After listening to the state engineer and the MRGCD staff, he said he understood the dilapidated infrastructure and what it means to the MRGCD. He said if you don't have the infrastructure, you don't have an irrigation district. He went on to discuss the consequences of losing the farmlands to development and protecting what we have. He felt that there's a need to maintain and improve our infrastructure and improve the efficiency of delivery further discussing the Low Flow Conveyance Channel. He applauded the CEO, the directors, and whoever's behind the idea to bind this levy increase for capital projects as he thought it a great idea and well worth it.

Rusty Swint

Mr. Swint said he and his family have used MRGCD services in the valley for 25 years in Valencia County. He said he understood the water situation and how it impacts everyone. He thanked the ISOs are working hard to keep up with all the water users and the drama that comes with it. He added he's also employed by the District approximately 20 years. He's currently the equipment, repair and transportation manager which deals with the repair of the equipment and transportation needs across all departments. He said they have dealt with emergencies over the years due to catastrophic failures and just natural causes. He reported a total of 333 assets, which is vehicles and equipment out of that a total of 159 of those assets need to be replaced by age, mileage, land or repair cost. He said he's responsible for inspecting of the equipment following the process of ordering vehicles, parts and equipment

District wide which may include researching of the newest and safest products available. He said he's firsthand a witness of the aged sites that need to be updated and repaired. He stated some of our buildings were built in the fifties which need to be replaced.
He said the grounds of Albuquerque is overpacked and flowing into ER&T whenever we're trying to repair equipment.

Troy Richardson
Mr. Richardson appreciated that we need to spend some money on infrastructure and was glad that the CEO recommended that the District make this fund specific for infrastructure and not place it in the general fund. He said looking at the budget presentation, he felt that the District wasn't looking anywhere else but the tax payers pocket. He recommended that they use some other budget money and asked the board to vote no to the increase.

d. **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**

Director Kelly commented that residential properties are being increased 3% per year, which is allowed by state law and the assessors have been doing that without looking at a single property. That's getting eaten up by inflation and even more so the last 2 years with the 8% rate. Since I've been on the board since Ms. Fanelli has been CFO, he stated they've dived into the budget. We have spent money on employees, increased starting salaries for recruitment, increased existing salaries for retention of employees, and we are still at a vacancy rate of 10%. He reported it was *around* 20% about 3 years ago in the middle of Covid. He said that he too is getting taxed on this. The board held the water service charge the same for the last few years. He said there are multiple demands on the District which doesn't have the money to barely cover operations. He felt if we are going to put a dent in infrastructure, we need the increase. He stated we have fiduciary responsibilities to the District, to our rate payers, to everybody here, and if we let the system fall apart because we are not ready to take strong actions to turn into a rehab program. He also said this board has never dropped the mill levy in the 11 years he's been with the District.

Vice Chair Dunning said she too has received her assessment in the mail and the value of her home has gone up and even though she's not a farmer or an irrigator she supports this because of the future of the District and of the farmers within the District.

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE ONE MILL LEVY SPECIFICALLY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AS BEEN DISCUSSED.** Seconded by Director Duggins. Roll call vote was administered and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Director Barbara Baca	Yes	Director Sandoval	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Chair Russo Baca	Absent
Vice Chair Dunning	Yes	Director Duggins	Yes
Director Joaquin Baca	Absent		

e. **Consideration/Approval of the Creation of a Capital Investment, Debt Service and Grant Fund Resolution BA-05-08-23-89 – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**

Ms. Fanelli reported that the District is required to pass a resolution to create new funds and with that they're creating a fund for the capital investment for the debt service and for the grants projects which the resolution enables the District to create those funds in their system.

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT, DEBT SERVICE AND GRANT FUNDS.** Seconded by Director Duggins. Roll call vote was administered and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Director Barbara Baca	Yes	Director Sandoval	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Chair Russo Baca	Absent
Vice Chair Dunning	Yes	Director Duggins	Yes
Director Joaquin Baca	Absent		

<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - REPORT(S) FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT</u> - Christine Nardi, MBA

a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires

Ms. Nardi introduced the new Belen Division manager, Tyler Otero, and said that today was his first day. Mr. Otero introduced himself to the board. She continued to welcome to the District Jake Tenorio as a new irrigation systems operator, Amber Pharr as the new division clerk for the Albuquerque Division. She was happy to announce two promotions within the Socorro Division to Andrew Armijo and Dominic Zamora, both now heavy equipment operators. She ended saying the District's vacancy rate is at 10%.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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

General Office

JAKE	TENORIO	IRRIGATION SYSTEMS OPERATOR	04/17/2023

Albuquerque Division

AMBER	PHARR	DIVISION CLERK	05/01/2023

Socorro Division

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

Belen Division

TYLER	OTERO	DIVISION MANAGER III	05/08/2023

b. Employee Recognitions

Ms. Nardi had the opportunity to recognize three employees through their recent professional achievements. She announced that Yasmeen Najmi, MRGCD Planner, was asked to contribute a collection of essays published by UNM Press in a book titled, "Water for the People, the Acequia Heritage of New Mexico in a Global Context". She continued to say her essay highlights interests and issues unique to the District as well as our many shared challenges and

shared heritage with the acequias around the world. This collection of essays, together with our Chichapa's documentary film, illuminate the threats to a secular culture in traditions as well as the creative and passionate efforts worldwide to preserve acequias and the social cultural environmental and economic systems, they support. Ms. Najmi considers it a true honor to be asked to contribute to this collection of essays. Ms. Nardi congratulated her on this distinction.

Ashley Veihl, MRGCD Right of Way Specialist, was recognized also for graduating from UNM with her master's degree in water resources with an emphasis on policy management. She said to obtain her masters she presented and defended her professional project thesis earlier this year. The focus of her master's thesis is a topic all too familiar to the District as her professional project was titled, Securing Environmental Flows for the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow.

Angel Madera joined the District in October 2022 as an engineering intern. He was then promoted to Engineer I when he graduated in December with his bachelor's degree in civil engineering. She stated he was not one to sit on his laurels, in April 2023, sat for and passed the fundamentals of engineering, the FE exam. Ms. Nardi explained the FE exam is the first of two exams engineers must pass in order to become licensed professional engineers in the United States.

Director Kelly felt the FE exam is much tougher than the PE exam. Jason Casuga concurred.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - REPORT(S) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

a. Bureau of Reclamation – Jennifer Faler, Area Manager

Jennifer Faler was online and shared the Reclamation mission, which is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner, in the interest of the American public. She said that because of all the tough issues and just want folks to know it's across the West. She said Reclamation is fighting for the future of farming, fighting for the future of the environment. There's not enough water for cities, environment or the farms to go around. She added it is tough, for here on the rio grande because of the lack of storage. She said she can't think of another situation where you have a district the size of MRGCD which on a good day has only a 180,000 acre feet of storage. She felt what the farmers are experiencing is not unique, but certainly challenging and it's understanding and just to echo Director Duggins kudos to the farmers for coming out, because it's no drama to say the future of farming is at stake right now.

She said the rio grande compact even a casual reading of that you can't help but notice the rio grande project being mentioned in there and referred to in many of the articles. The project was there before the compact existed. The Rio Grande Project, and this is Reclamations project that delivers water to farmers in both New Mexico and Texas. She's surprised to hear in an irrigation district that they don't understand why the United States thinks they need to have a rule when litigation is going on between States and we have a project where we have to deliver water, yet to deliver water to farmers in two States. She thought there to have a true understanding of why the United States is in the case is to really understand that we're fighting for farmers and the future of farmers. She stated that people who don't understand that is convenient to take opportunities to bash United States from unlimited perspective on the case.

She reported her office in Albuquerque has several teams that are working hard to improve the efficiencies of water delivery in the entire rio grande. They're working up in southern Colorado throughout the rio grande throughout the middle rio grande to improve the efficiencies of infrastructure like what's been talked about. She said the BOR has numerous teams in place

working collaboratively with the state, with the District, with landowners, with environmental groups with much cost share available right now. They're motivated to step up and not fight for status quo which is not going to work for the future of farming and the environment and all the water. She said BOR is fighting for all that. We have money to make the big improvements over the next few years while we have this money available.

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

No one was in attendance at this time.

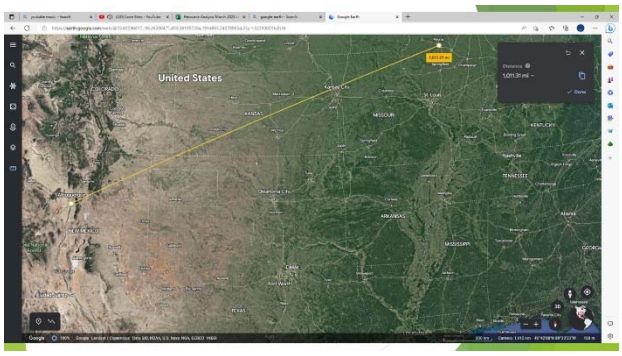
Vice Chair Dunning noted for the minutes that we now have only three board members present as Director Sandoval had to leave, but once a quorum is established, the quorum stands.

<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – REPORT FROM THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER</u> - Eric Zamora, PE

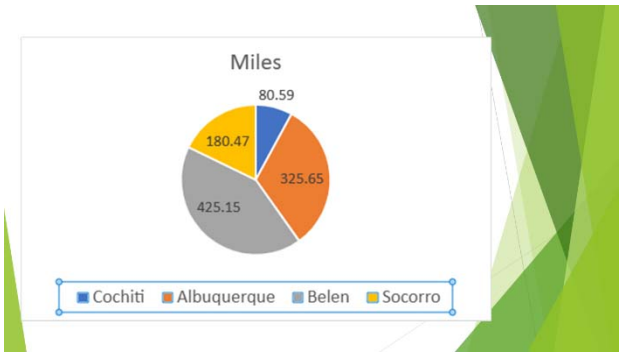
a. Report on the Maintenance Division Boundary

Mr. Zamora introduced a study done at the District which he began with the three northern divisions: Cochiti, Albuquerque and Belen. He stated Socorro will be updated to the board at a later date.

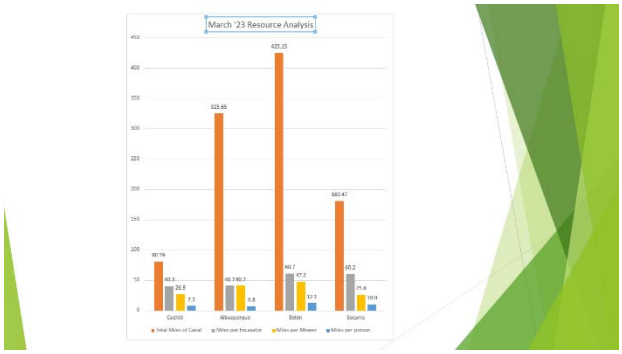
He reported the District maintains over a thousand miles of ditches, drains and canals, and if you were to draw a straight line as a crow flies that's one ditch from Albuquerque to Peoria, Illinois. That's just intended to give a visual of the scope of the work that we try to do on a daily basis.



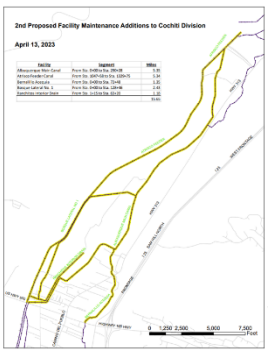
Breaking up that doubt over a thousand miles, we roughly have 425 miles in the Belen Division, by far the largest division; 325 miles in Albuquerque, 80 miles in Cochiti, and 180 miles in the Socorro Division.



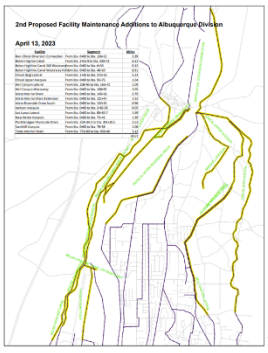
In March he started looking at District resources in each of those divisions, and primarily looked at three categories: excavators for the dredging, mowers for edge management and for personnel. He pointed out in the gray column for excavators, the mowers are the yellow column and blue column is personnel broken out in resources per mile of ditch. In that first set there for Cochiti, you'll see the yellow column 26.9 each mower that's assigned is responsible for maintaining about 27 miles of ditch on an annual basis. The number for Albuquerque is about 40 miles, in Belen is almost twice as much at 47 miles and then again in Socorro it is about similar to Cochiti, at about 26 miles. The personnel category is about 7 employees per mile of ditch in Cochiti, about 7 in Albuquerque, 12 in Belen, and 10 in Socorro. He said with the excavators 40 miles, you can see there's a little bit of parity there but still about 50% more mileage in Belen versus the other divisions, as well as, in Socorro.



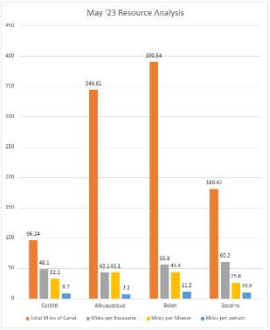
He reported that they had two approaches to addressing those issues. One is to throw a bunch of money at personnel and equipment which we've heard is going to be a difficult ask. The other way to address the issue is to balance our resources.



He reported that the Cochiti Division has been in discussion with the Pueblos individually and with the pueblo coalition over the last 3 months presenting this information. The plan is to expand the Cochiti Division to Highway 550 in Bernalillo, picking up all of Santa Ana Pueblo. An addition of about 15 miles of maintenance in Cochiti.



Looking down south in Isleta pueblo, same scenario of increasing mileage in the Albuquerque Division, to bring some more parity to the Belen Division. He said we're essentially transferring most of the maintenance with the exception of the Peralta Canal and the Otero Canal to the Albuquerque Division. He reported an overall increase of 34 to 35 miles, roughly minus the 15 that Cochiti's picking up in Northern Albuquerque division, a net adjustment of about 20 additional miles in the Albuquerque division.



- Valenica County; April 11, 2023 meeting
- Valencia County; May 5, 2023 meeting: Levee Response,
- Alicia Lopez; Monitoring APP
- Lands and Licensing; IRWA

He reported on the adjustments, a little more parity between our mowers at about 40 miles between the Albuquerque and Belen divisions, and we think this is going to greatly increase our efforts in vegetation management. With the adjustment in mileage is, how do we maintain the level of service in Cochiti and Albuquerque by adding more miles. Cochiti will be getting another mower, adding an additional mower to their fleet to a system that effort. In Albuquerque, we've been spraying herbicide in the last few years. He explained the intent is to pick up additional herbicide application along our main canals and on our drains, and so that'll ease the effort in Albuquerque division.

b. Report on the Meeting with Valencia County, April 11, 2023

Mr. Zamora gave an update requested by Valencia County Sherrif to discuss encampments, and one of the very specific examples that was given was the sheriff will go out and act on an issue perhaps as a warrant there's a campfire or something. They'll respond, make an arrest, the person will go to jail, and an hour later will be out of jail back at the encampment. One of the coordination efforts that we've already made agreement to was that if the District's notified and there is an issue like that, we've already partnered with Valencia county public works, we will send out a response team to clean up the encampment. We will receive basically free passes to the landfill to deposit any debris that we can collect. He said that was an issue that he thought would help with the flooding of the riverbed and pushing water levy to levy. Many campers have left the bosque as it's been quiet.

There was some coordination efforts trying to get an aerial survey with APD. There was some sheriff's deputies that had contacts at APD that made the arrangement, but without the approval of the chief of police. The District has reached out to the Chief of police to formally request aerial support. But again, the issue is kind of waned in light of the flooding or the higher water levels in the river.

Regarding Valencia County levy response, he’s had a couple of meetings with the Valencia County Emergency management to address the higher flows in the river. Friday was their first meeting of an organizing Committee including representatives from each of the municipalities, although Los Lunas was not present, Valencia County emergency management, various volunteer fire departments, Rio Communities, City of Belen, Bosque Farms police and Peralta was there. He stated this is just an organizing committee which will direct all emergency responses and be managed by the Valencia County Emergency Manager, Sarah Gillen. He stated he’ll be reaching out to Bernalillo County emergency manager to begin discussions with them as well.

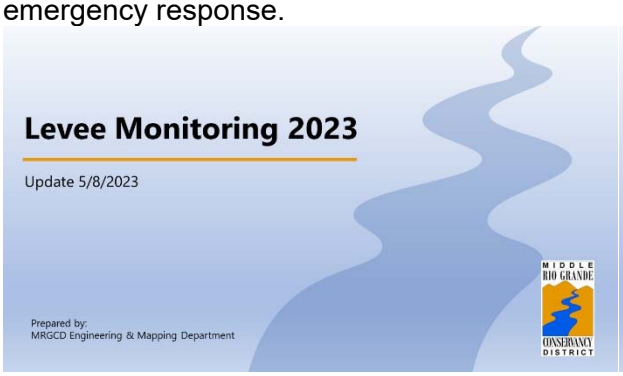
c. Report on the IRWA Training – Rhett Sanders-Spencer, Ashley Veihl and Michael Padilla, Right of Way Specialists

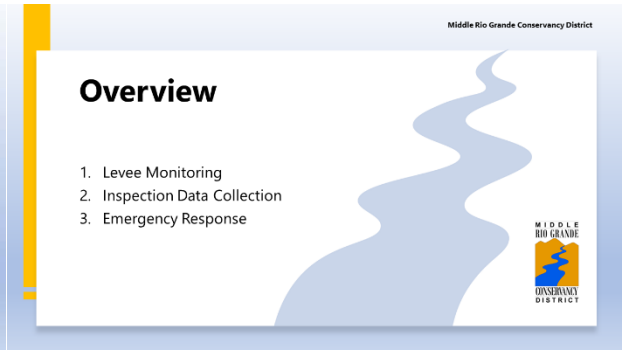
Mr. Zamora reported that the District addresses issues regarding properties that are under the control of the MRGCD with training for the right of way specialists in our license and land sales department. He stated he would like to see this department become more of a right of way management group; therefore they attended the International Right of Way Association (IRWA) training.

Mr. Sanders-Spencer gave a brief update on the training which was the basics of right of way management. He reported their big takeaway was the IRWA was a great resource for improving the quality of the work within their department. Licensing was a corollary duty of the engineering staff within the last decade or more but now has grown into its own department. He thought one big takeaway that he got is that asset management is a huge part of the right of way profession. He said that the department right now does a couple of aspects of those or that's the framing at least in licensing and land sales. Those are two parts of asset management, but to be more proactive, instead of reactive. He thinks reframing it as a right of way department will help us grow beyond licensing and land sales and be more proactive regarding surplus lands.

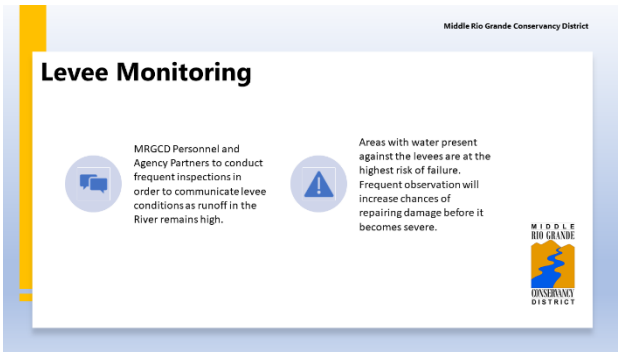
d. Update on Levy Monitoring and Data Collection

Ms. Lopez presented a report to the Board on levy monitoring, inspection data collection and emergency response.

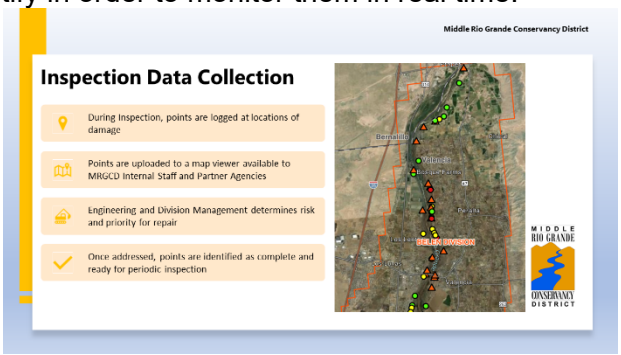




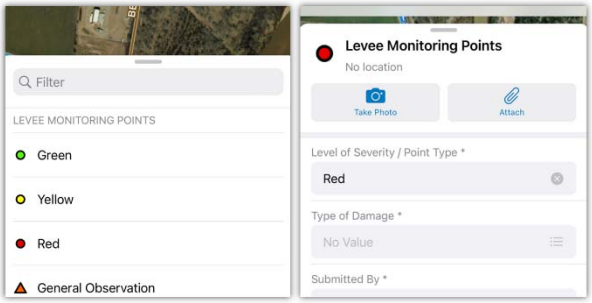
She explained that they monitor the levies for two things, basically to coordinate internally and to inform the COR and the BOR of our progress. She felt that this is important now because the highest risk areas are in places where water stayed at the levy embankment for the longest, and water has been on the levy slopes In some areas since the river hit about 3,000 cfs a few weeks back.



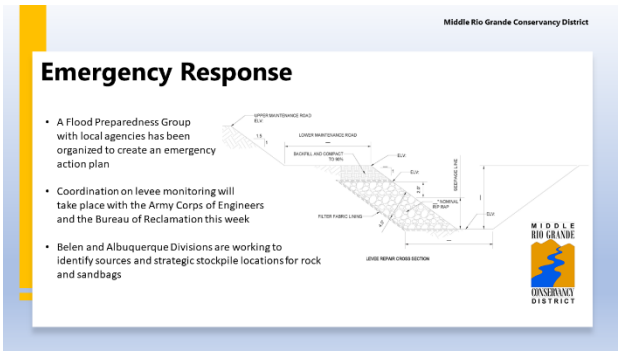
She stated the signs that a levy may be in danger are shown here and range from pretty low range seepage to bank failure. The middle video is of a sand boil and all of these places are places they want to identify in order to monitor them in real time.



She explained they're using field maps as a platform and data collection includes driving or walking large sections of the levees, logging the points into an app, created internally through the GIS analyst. Engineering and construction staff can see the points and mobilize to these locations. Risk can then be displayed and prioritized and mitigated through their display on that GIS map.

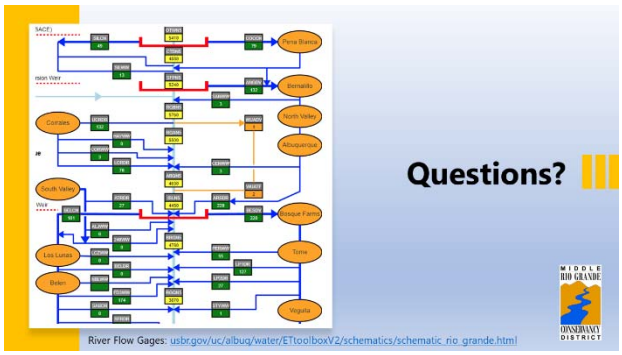


She continued to explain the interface that the collector sees, as for the photos, they're identifying places, red, yellow, green categories. It collects everything that the engineering department needs to know to get on the site and coordinate repair. This is in the hands of engineering and construction staff, as well as many of the ISO supervisors.



She said as the COO mentioned, there's been conversations for flood response which he's had some meetings for emergency flood preparedness group with the local agencies. Currently our Albuquerque and Belen divisions are working on stockpiling both rocks and like rip rap, and sandbag locations. She explained the cross section on the right are engineering standard detail for levee repair.

She explained the general approach is to reshape the embankment, and underlay that with filter fabric, and rock and line that with rip rap. She said this allows water seepage without the bank failure associated with it. They're also keeping an eye on the river level at strategically placed gauges to know when they get close to that upper limit of current capacity.



Ms. Lopez reported that as river gauges increase, will equally be increasing our frequency of levy inspections.

Director Kelly asked if there was a 2d model with current topography that could monitor as flow rates come up. Ms. Lopez responded that the District does not, but they are identifying places where we're seeing water at the till of levee, and on the tail end of everything, we'll have a database.

<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER/CEO</u> – Jason M. Casuga, PE

a. Consideration/Approval for the Corrales Interior Drain Joint Powers Agreement – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Yasmeen Najmi, Planner

Director Kelly reported that he read the agreement, and found it very well done and made the following motion.

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CORRALES INTERIOR DRAIN JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT.** Seconded by Director Barbara Baca. Roll call vote was administered and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Director Barbara Baca	Yes	Director Sandoval	Absent
Director Kelly	Yes	Chair Russo Baca	Absent
Vice Chair Dunning	Yes	Director Duggins	Absent
Director Joaquin Baca	Absent		

b. Consideration/Approval for the MOA Between Bureau of Reclamation Technical Service Center, Fisheries and Wildlife Resources Group and the MRGCD for <u>ESA Bird Monitor</u> – Anne Marken, Water Ops Division Manager and Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO

Jason Casuga reported that the agreement was brought back before the board because it was at the previous board meeting, but it was not described properly. He said it was described originally as part of the River Mile 60, which was not true. This document is tied to the funding that MRGCD does with the Denver Technical Service Center for collecting environmental data associated with avian species. He brought it back before the board this month, to go on the record with correcting that error, and that the Board understands what is before them. He apologized for that error.

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MOA BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TECHNICAL SERVICES CENTER FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES GROUP AND THE MRGCD FOR ESA BIRD MONITORING.** Seconded by Vice Chair Dunning. Roll call vote was administered and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Director Barbara Baca	Yes	Director Sandoval	Absent
Director Kelly	Yes	Chair Russo Baca	Absent
Vice Chair Dunning	Yes	Director Duggins	Absent
Director Joaquin Baca	Absent		

c. El Vado Dam Construction Schedule Update– Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO

Jason Casuga reported that there's a delay which he said the members of the Board received an email from him earlier. Reclamation informed the District that they did not believe that they would be able to complete the schedule as proposed, that there would be a delay of the faceplate work of the El Vado dam. Rehabilitation would not be complete until later in 2025, which means that partial storage won't be back until irrigation season of 2026. They won't begin on the spillway till the faceplate's done. He believed MRGCD should expect full storage in 2028. He hoped that there would be other alternatives for storage with partial storage in El Vado, and the ability to negotiate storage in Abiquiu, because he said the District will have access there with an update to the water control manual. He also said if successful and there are bigger years that the District will be able to still make storage decisions before 2028.

d. Report on the Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition Meeting, April 13 & May 4, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO

Jason Casuga state it was another good meeting at the Coalition. He said he and Mr. Zamora attended meetings at both Santa Domingo and the Pueblo of Isleta where they talked about operational issues at Santa Domingo. He didn't think he could commit to all of their requests, but we were able to gain a better understanding and facilitate a good working relationship with the new leadership and the staff. We also reported out to the coalition the conclusion of what Mr. Zamore presented today, which is the adjustment of these maintenance boundaries because this has an effect on every pueblo. He thought this raises the level of service that the Pueblo of Isleta is going to receive across all of their facilities and highlighted when Mr. Zamora completed this analysis the review of the Belen Division.

Lastly, he reported on the Local Elections Act (LEA) as he and Mr. Thompson contacted the Secretary of State, and we're actively in the process of trying to plan our first meeting post legislative session to start working on the LEA. He said he asked the tribe how they wanted to be represented, and if they would get that information to him that individuals would be included in the coordination meeting. He believed that a date was made which he promised to email to the board. He inquired if the whole legislative committee wanted to participate or the election committee.

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

Casey Ish gave a general report as Mr. Casuga didn't attend. Mr. Ish said at the start of this calendar year the state of New Mexico sits in a compact debit of approximately 93,000 acre feet that reduction is in large part due to the one-time paper adjustment, credit adjustment on behalf of Texas. He felt the mood of the meeting was really quite cordial as it seemed like the state representatives were all in a mood of collaboration. He wanted to keep at front and center of everybody is the need to get Abiquiu in a position where we can utilize it which was brought up in the compact commission. He said there are still some outstanding word objectives and changes to the water control manual on behalf of Abiquiu that haven't taken place yet. He thought there was some frustration presented by some of the state reps during the meeting about that.

f. Report on the Presentation to Isleta, April 27, 2023 – Eric Zamora, COO and Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO

Jason Casuga said he covered this earlier in his report regarding the coalition meeting (see item 11.d.) which he and the COO, Eric Zamora, presented the change in operational boundaries to the pueblos.

g. Report on the NWRA Federal Water Issues Conference, Washington DC, April 17-20, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chair Russo Baca, Vice Chair Dunning and Director Duggins

Jason Casuga would like to table the topic until June for the board in its entirety. Vice Chair concurred.

h. Discussion on Informational Meetings – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO

Jason Casuga said these would normally be scheduled by month going forward into August. He thought it may be better to coordinate individually with each board member and their counties outside of Bernalillo as there weren't any representatives still present at today's meeting.

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

Mr. Zamora updated the board that this workshop was moved to May 31, 2023.

2. Joint Rio Grande Tour - MRGCD/Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) | June 27-29, 2023

Jason Casuga said MRGCD and Elephant Butte will be hosting this tour having invitations extended to New Mexico's full federal delegation.

3. Rio Grande Water Users Association Meeting | October 3-5, 2023

Jason Casuga announced the efforts to bring together an association of Rio Grande water users patterned after CRUA, the Colorado River Water Users Association. He thought it's something that will bring people together to have conversations and may be useful in the way that we come together and advocate for money. He reported this hasn't been done before and supports the effort.

<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD ATTORNEY(S)</u> - Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel

Ms. Wiggins stated neither she nor Dr. DuMars had anything during the reports or for executive session.

<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 - REPORT(S) FROM THE BOARD</u>

a. **Report on the Lower San Acacia Reach Improvement Project, April 12, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca**

See attached written report.

b. **Report on the Earth Day Fiesta, April 22, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca**

See attached written report.

c. **Report on the Low Flow Conveyance Channel Info-Sharing & Listening Session, April 25, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca**

See attached written report.

d. **Report on the Summer Conservation Camp Planning Meeting with local farmers, Whitfield, and MRGCD, April 12 & 26, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca**

See attached written report.

e. **Report on the IRSA at Rio Abajo Conservation Area, April 28, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca**

See attached written report.

f. **Report on the Conservancy Act Centennial Meeting, May 2, 2023 – Vice Chair Dunning, Directors Joaquin Baca and Kelly**

Vice Chair Dunning reported that she and Directors Joaquin Baca and Kelly were in attendance. No new updates were given other than a possible date in September and that 2023 will be the kick off to 2025.

Jason Casuga added that their goal of the committee with staff will be able to bring more concrete information on 2023 and then 2025 at the June meeting.

Director Kelly added that the celebration will be for the 100th anniversary of the initial board of directors meeting.

Director Barbara Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORTS FROM THE BOARD.** Seconded by Director Kelly. Roll call vote was administered and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Director Barbara Baca	Yes	Director Sandoval	Absent
Director Kelly	Yes	Chair Russo Baca	Absent
Vice Chair Dunning	Yes	Director Duggins	Absent
Director Joaquin Baca	Absent		

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

Ms. Wiggins, MRGCD's general counsel stated they did not need a closed session.

With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Vice Chair Dunning adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of May 8, 2023

ATTESTED:

Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM	Stephanie Russo Baca, Madam Chair
Secretary/Treasurer	MRGCD Board of Directors

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

2 Miles

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

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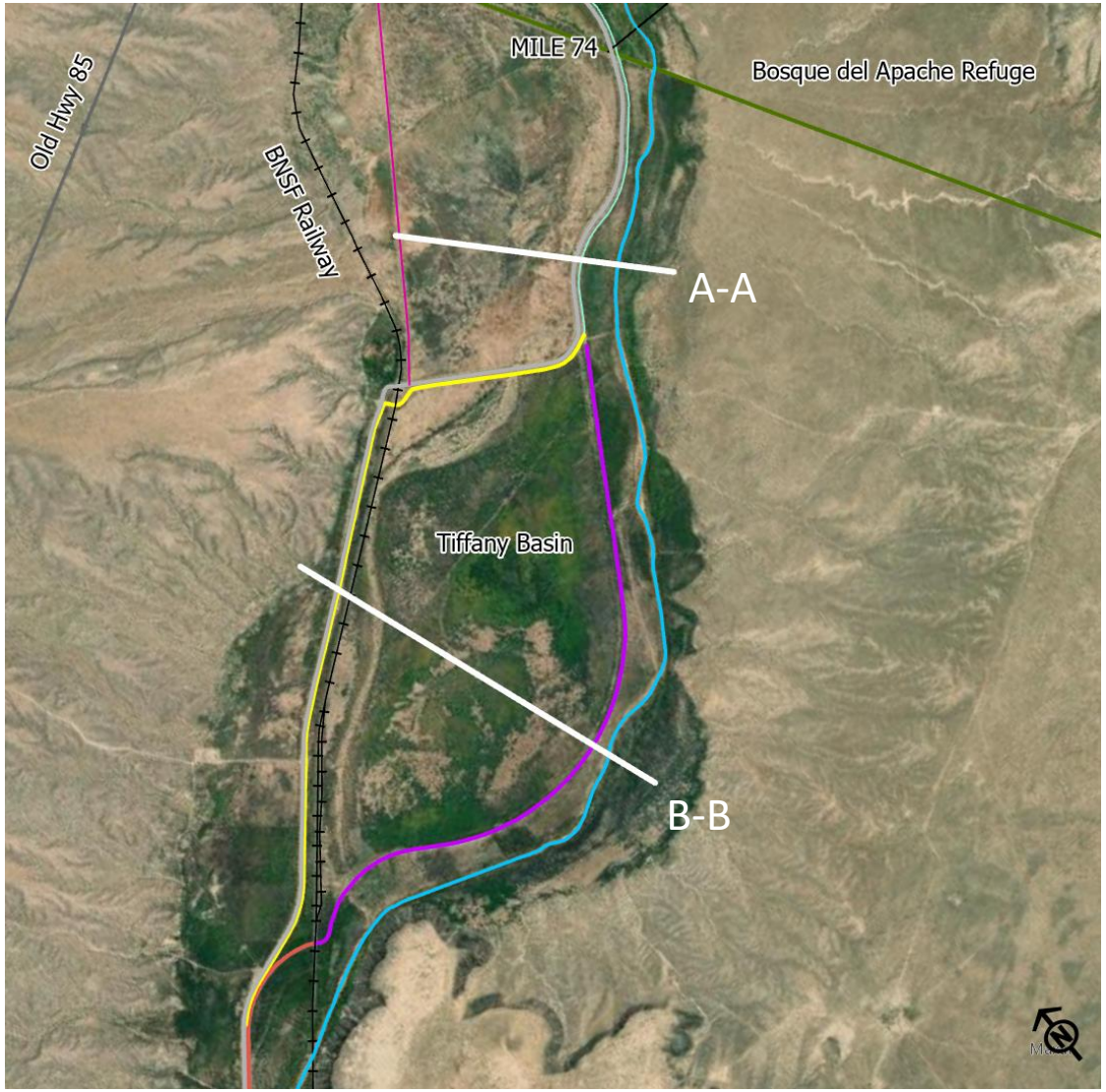
Project Drivers

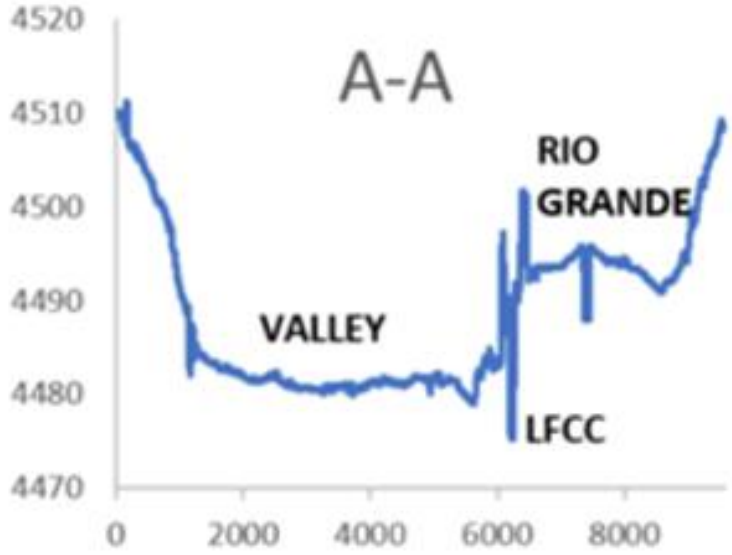
- Sediment imbalance
  - Sediment supply vs. transport capacity
- Channel perching
  - High sediment loads, fixed channel location, lateral confinement
  - Channel banks above the adjacent floodplain, channel bed occasionally above the floodplain, main channel and active floodplain are both above the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

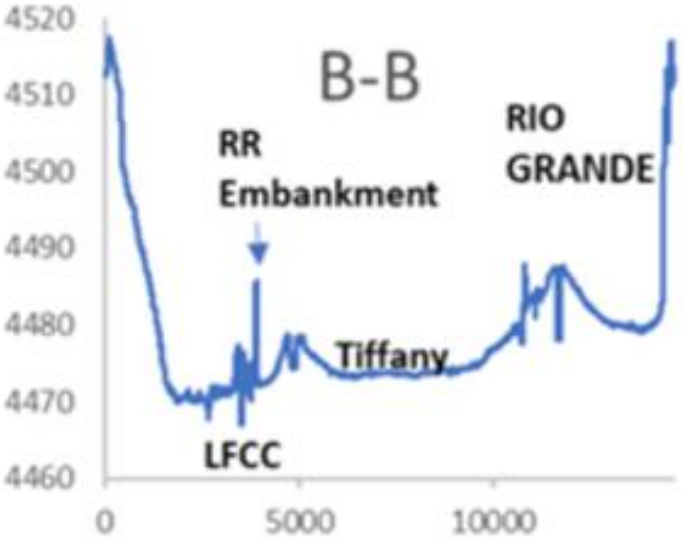
Long-standing Management Challenges

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

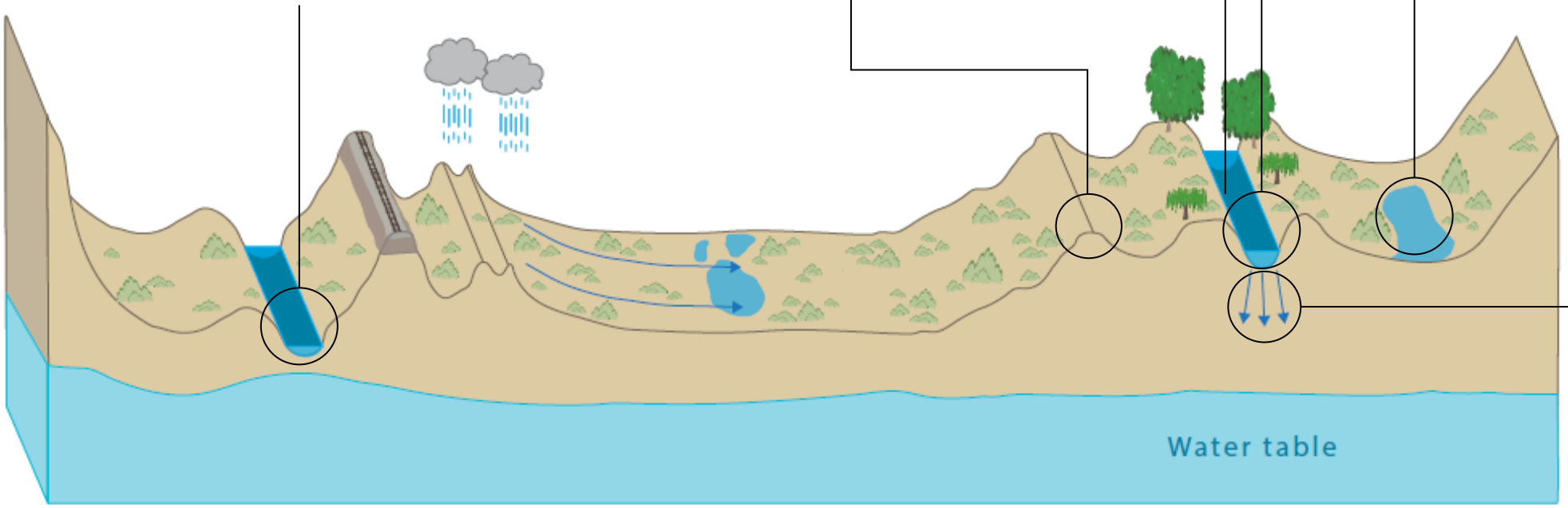
During low flows in the summer months, the river dries, negatively impacting fish populations and riparian vegetation.

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

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

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

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.



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

Figure is not to scale and is for illustrative purposes only.

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)

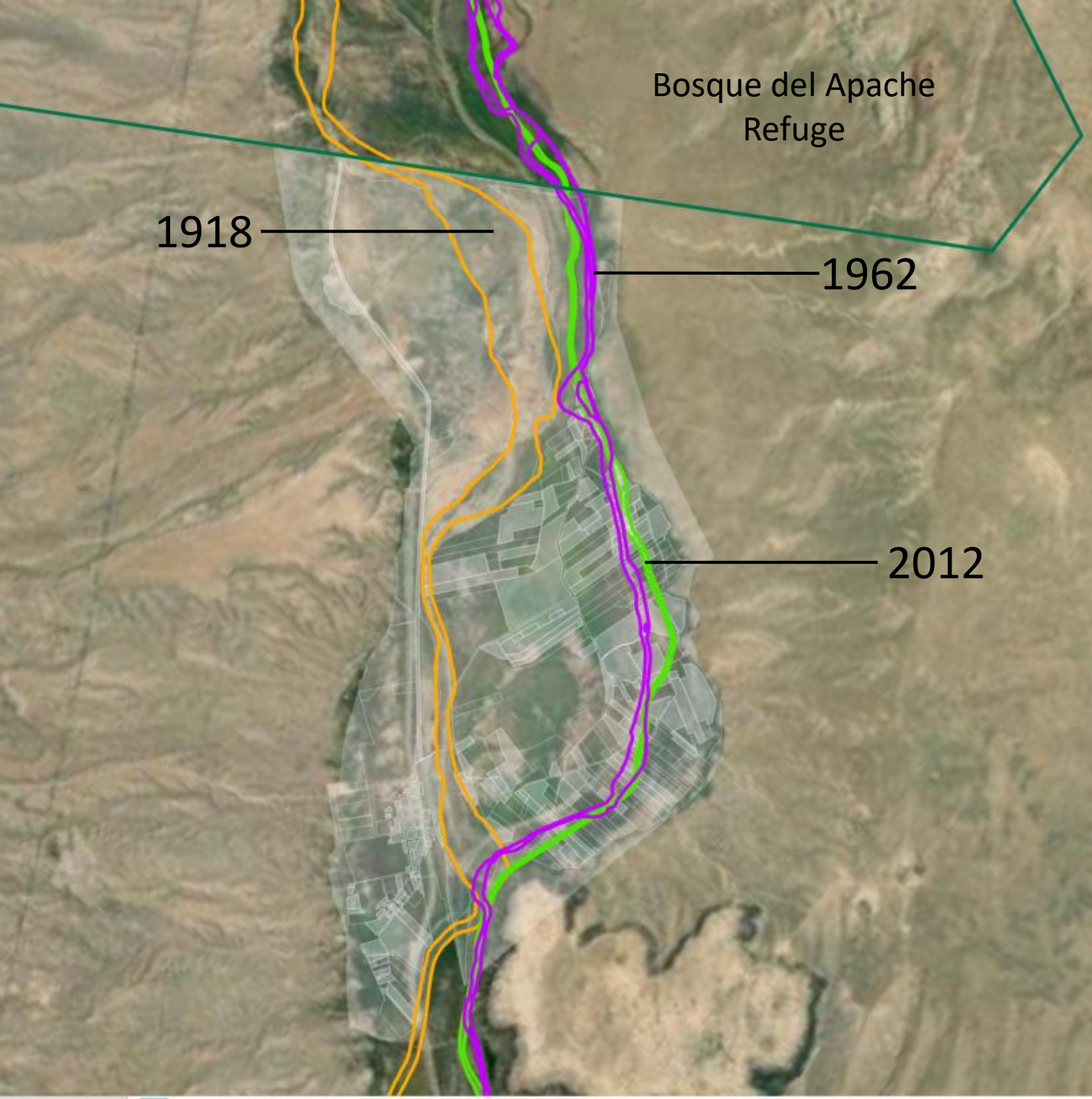
Key Issue – Stressors on Endangered Species Habitats

- 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.

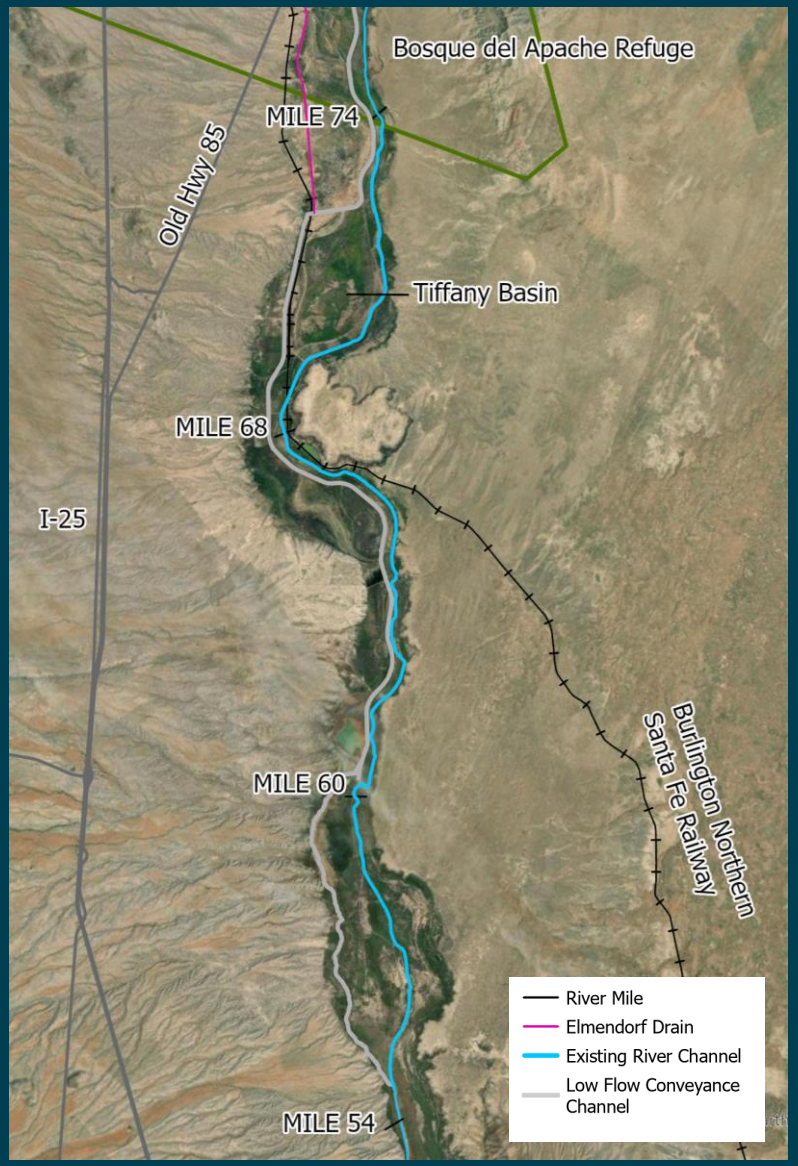
What do these lines tell us?



- 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



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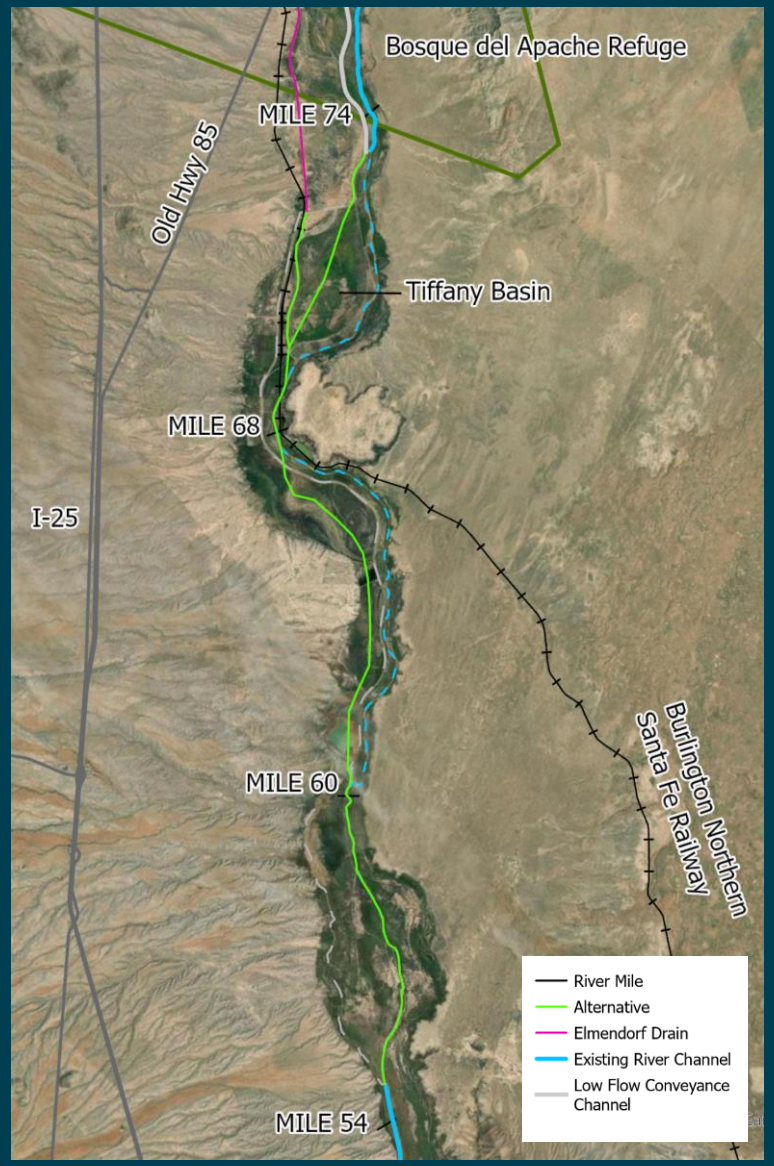

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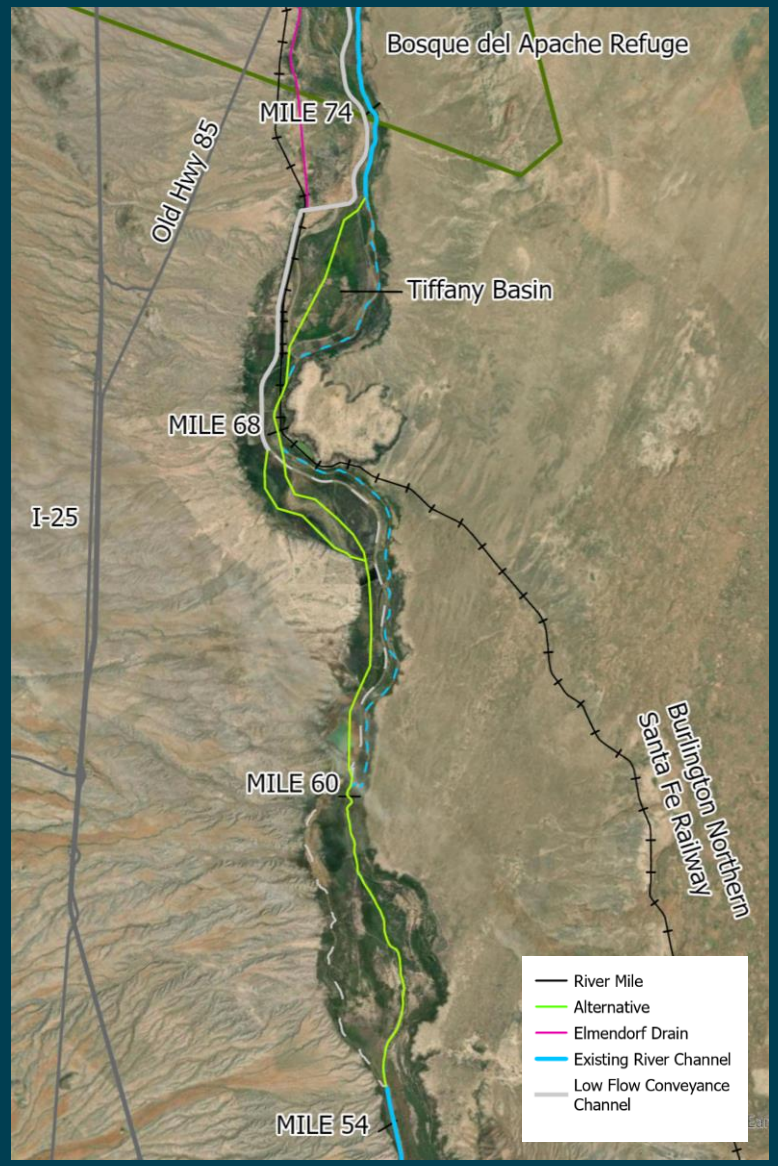

Project Timeline

- 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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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**

National Water Resources Association

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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.*
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.*
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.*
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.*
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.*
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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Wednesday, April 19, 2023

6:30 am – 8:00 am Breakfast Area	**Breakfast** Complementary for hotel guests of the Embassy Suites
7:30 am-10:00 am	**Registration & Coffee**
8:00 am – 8:30 am Embassy Suites Capital Ballroom A	**Keynote Speaker - Congressman Chuck Fleischmann** *Join us for a conversation with the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy & Water Development and hear about the subcommittee agenda for 2023.*
8:30 am – 9:30 am Embassy Suites Capital Ballroom A	**Financing Our Nation's Water Infrastructure Needs** **Jorianne Jernberg – EPA** **Aaron M. Snyder, PMP – Army Corps** *Come listen to representatives from the U.S. EPA and Army Corps discuss initiatives designed to assist with the financing of water infrastructure projects.*
9:30 am – 10:00 am Embassy Suites	**Networking Break**
10:00 am – 10:30 am Embassy Suites Capital Ballroom A	Department of Interior Update Gary Gold, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water & Science *Come hear about the current Western water priorities and initiatives being carried out by the Department of Interior.*
10:45 am – 11:45 am Embassy Suites Capital Ballroom B	NWRA Board of Directors Meeting
11:00 am – 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.*

Conservation Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

April 20th , 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 2nd 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

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

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

84th Annual Meeting (108th 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 83rd Annual Meeting (106th Meeting)

13. Approval of the Minutes of the November 10, 2022 Special Meeting (107th 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^2) for 30 sites. High spring runoff years in 2017 and 2019 had October RGSM densities of 23.2 and 3.4 fish/m^2. 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.

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.cYCoRHRii3VuQpqF?startTime=1682435207000

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Listening Session regarding the Experimental Monsoon LFCC Proposal

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Interstate Stream Commission

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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?

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

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

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.

Contract No.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
AUDIT CONTRACT

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

hereinafter referred to as the "Agency," and

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC

hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor," agree:

As required by the Audit Rule, Section 2.2.2.1 NMAC *et seq.*, Contractor agrees to, and shall, inform the Agency of any restriction placed on Contractor by the Office of the State Auditor pursuant to Section 2.2.2.8 NMAC, and whether the Contractor is eligible to enter into this Contract despite the restriction.

1. **SCOPE OF WORK** (Include in Paragraph 25 any expansion of scope)

   A. The Contractor shall conduct a financial and compliance audit of the Agency for Fiscal Year **2023** in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards,* the Audit Act, Sections 12-6-1 through 12-6-15, NMSA 1978, and the Audit Rule (Section 2.2.2.1 NMAC *et seq.).*

2. **DELIVERY AND REPRODUCTION**

   A. In order to meet the delivery terms of this Contract, the Contractor shall deliver the documents required by Section 2.2.2.9 NMAC to the State Auditor on or before the deadline set forth for the Agency in Section 2.2.2.9 NMAC.

   B. Reports uploaded into OSA Connect by 5:00 pm of the Agency's due date will be considered received by the due date for purposes of Section 2.2.2.9 NMAC. Unfinished or excessively deficient reports will not satisfy this requirement; such reports will be rejected and returned to the Contractor and the State Auditor may take action in accordance with Section 2.2.2.13 NMAC. If the State Auditor does not receive copies of the management representation letter and the completed Report Review Guide with the audit report or prior to delivery of the audit report, the State Auditor will not consider the report submitted to the State Auditor.

   C. As soon as the Contractor becomes aware that circumstances exist that will make the Agency's audit report late, the Contractor shall immediately provide written notification of the situation to the State Auditor in accordance with Section 2.2.2.9 NMAC.

   D. Pursuant to Section 2.2.2.10 NMAC, the Contractor shall prepare a written and dated engagement letter that identifies the specific responsibilities of the Contractor and the Agency.

   E. After its review of the audit report pursuant to Section 2.2.2.13 NMAC, the State Auditor shall authorize the Contractor to print and submit the final audit report. Within five business days after the date of the authorization to print and submit the final audit report, the Contractor shall provide the State Auditor an electronic version of the audit report, in PDF format, and the electronic copy of the Excel version of the Summary of Findings Form, and any other required electronic schedule (if applicable). After the State Auditor officially releases the audit report by issuance of a release letter, the Contractor shall deliver **20** copies of the audit report to the Agency. The Agency or Contractor shall ensure that every member of the Agency's governing authority shall receive a copy of the report.

3. **COMPENSATION**

   A. The total amount payable by the Agency to the Contractor under this Contract shall not exceed **$48,002.63** including applicable gross receipts tax.

   B. Contractor agrees not to, and shall not, perform any services in furtherance of this Contract prior to approval by the State Auditor. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it will not be entitled to payment or compensation for any services performed by Contractor pursuant to this Contract prior to approval by the State Auditor.

   C. Total Compensation will consist of the following:

SERVICES	AMOUNTS

(1) Financial statement audit	$34,650.00
(2) Federal single audit	$4,400.00
(3) Financial statement preparation	$5,500.00
(4) Other nonaudit services, such as depreciation schedule updates	$0.00
(5) Other (i.e., component units, specifically identified)	$0.00

Gross Receipts Tax = $3,452.63

Total Compensation = $48,002.63 including applicable gross receipts tax

D. The Agency shall pay the Contractor the New Mexico gross receipts tax levied on the amounts payable under this Contract and invoiced by the Contractor. Payment is subject to availability of funds pursuant to the Appropriations Paragraph set forth below.

E. The State Auditor may authorize progress payments to the Contractor by the Agency; pursuant to Section 2.2.2.8(M)(3) NMAC; provided that the authorization is based upon evidence of the percentage of audit work completed as of the date of the request for partial payment. State Auditor approval after being approved by the Agency. If requested by the State Auditor, the Agency shall provide a copy of the progress billings. Final payment for services rendered by the Contractor shall not be made until a determination and written finding is made by the State Auditor in the release letter that the audit has been made in a competent manner in accordance with the provisions of this Contract and applicable rules of the State Auditor.G. The State Auditor may authorize progress payments to the Contractor by the Agency; pursuant to Section 2.2.2.8(M)(3) NMAC; provided that the authorization is based upon evidence of the percentage of audit work completedas of the date of the request for partial payment. If requested by the State Auditor, the Agency shall provide a copy of the progress billings. Final payment for services rendered by the Contractor shall not be made until a determination and written finding is made by the State Auditor in the release letter that the audit has been made in a competent manner in accordance with the provisions of this Contract and applicable rules of the State Auditor.

4. **TERM.** Unless terminated pursuant to Paragraphs 5 or 19, this Contract shall terminate one calendar year after the latest date on which it is signed.

5. **TERMINATION, BREACH AND REMEDIES**

A. This Contract may be terminated:

1. By either party without cause, upon written notice delivered to the other party and the State Auditor at least ten (10) days prior to the intended date of termination.

2. By either party, immediately upon written notice delivered to the other party and the State Auditor, if a material breach of any of the terms of this Contract occurs. Unjustified failure to deliver the report in accordance with Paragraph 2 shall constitute a material breach of this Contract.

3. By the Agency pursuant to Paragraph 19, immediately upon written notice to the Contractor and the State Auditor.

4. By the State Auditor, immediately upon written notice to the Contractor and the Agency after determining that the audit has been unduly delayed, or for any other reason.

B. By termination, neither party may nullify obligations already incurred for performance or failure to perform prior to the date of termination. If the Agency or the State Auditor terminates this Contract, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for work performed prior to termination in the amount of earned, but not yet paid, progress payments, if any, that the State Auditor has authorized to the extent required by Paragraph 3(E). If the Contractor terminates this Contract for any reason other than Agency's breach of this Contract, the Contractor shall repay to the Agency the full amount of any progress payments for work performed under the terms of this Contract.

C. Pursuant to Section 2.2.2.8 NMAC, the State Auditor may disqualify the Contractor from eligibility to contract for audit services with the State of New Mexico if the Contractor knowingly makes false statements, false assurances or false disclosures under this Contract. The State Auditor on behalf of the Agency or the Agency may bring a civil action for damages or any other relief against a Contractor for a material breach of this Contract.

D. THE REMEDIES HEREIN ARE NOT EXCLUSIVE, AND NOTHING IN THIS SECTION 5 WAIVES OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF THE PARTIES.

6. **STATUS OF CONTRACTOR**

The Contractor and its agents and employees are independent contractors performing professional services for the Agency and are not employees of the Agency. The Contractor and its agents and employees shall not accrue leave, retirement, insurance, bonding, use of state vehicles or any other benefits afforded to employees of the Agency as a result of this Contract. The Contractor agrees not to purport to bind the State of New Mexico to any obligation not assumed under this Contract unless the Contractor has express written authority to do so, and then only within the strict limits of that authority.

7. **ASSIGNMENT**

The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Contract or assign any claims for money due or to become due under this Contract.

8. **SUBCONTRACTING**

The Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the services to be performed under this Contract without the prior written approval of the Agency and the State Auditor. An agreement between the Contractor and a subcontractor to subcontract any portion of the services under this Contract shall be completed on a form prescribed by the State Auditor. The agreement shall be an amendment to this Contract and shall specify the portion of the audit services to be performed by the subcontractor, how the responsibility for the audit will be shared between the Contractor and the subcontractor, the party responsible for signing the audit report and the method by which the subcontractor will be paid. Pursuant to Section 2.2.2.8 NMAC, the Contractor may subcontract only with independent public accounting firms that are on the State Auditor's List of Approved Firms, and that are not otherwise restricted by the State Auditor from entering into such a contract.

9. **RECORDS**

The Contractor shall maintain detailed time records that indicate the date, time, and nature of services rendered during the term of this Contract. The Contractor shall retain the records for a period of at least five (5) years after the date of final payment under this contract. The records shall be subject to inspection by the Agency and the State Auditor. The Agency and the State Auditor shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment. Payment under this Contract shall not foreclose the right of the Agency or the State Auditor on behalf of the Agency to recover excessive or illegal payments.

10. **RELEASE**

The Contractor, upon receiving final payment of the amounts due under the Contract, releases the State Auditor, the Agency, their respective officers and employees and the State of New Mexico from all liabilities, claims and obligations whatsoever arising from or under this Contract. This paragraph does not release the Contractor from any liabilities, claims or obligations whatsoever arising from or under this Contract.

11. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

All information provided to or developed by the Contractor from any source whatsoever in the performance of this Contract shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor, except in accordance with this Contract or applicable standards, without the prior written approval of the Agency and the State Auditor.

12. **PRODUCT OF SERVICES; COPYRIGHT AND REPORT USE**

Nothing developed or produced, in whole or in part, by the Contractor under this Contract shall be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Contractor. The Agency and the State Auditor may post an audited financial statement on their respective websites once it is publicly released by the State Auditor. For District Courts and District Attorneys only, the contractor agrees that the Financial Control Division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) is free to use the audited financial statements in the statewide Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and that the Contractor's audit report may be relied upon during the audit of the statewide Comprehensive Annual Financial Report , if applicable. However, DFA should not provide to any third party, other than the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report auditor, the District Courts' or District Attorneys' draft audit reports or their opinion letters or findings.

13. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contractor represents and warrants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required under this Contract. Each of the Contractor and the Agency certifies that it has followed the requirements of the Governmental Conduct Act, Section 10-16-1, *et seq.*, NMSA 1978, regarding contracting with a public officer, state employee or former state employee, as required by the applicable professional standards.

14. **INDEPENDENCE**

The Contractor represents and warrants its personal, external and organizational independence from the Agency in accordance with the *Government Auditing Standards* , issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and Section 2.2.2.8 NMAC. The Contractor shall immediately notify the State Auditor and the Agency in writing if any impairment to the Contractor's independence occurs or may occur during the period of this Contract.

15. **AMENDMENT**

This Contract shall not be altered, changed or amended except by prior written agreement of the parties and with the prior written approval of the State Auditor. Any amendments to this Contract shall comply with the Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1- 199, NMSA 1978.

16. **MERGER**

This Contract supersedes all of the agreements, covenants, and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof. No prior agreement or understanding, verbal or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless embodied in this Contract. Contractor and Agency shall enter into and execute an engagement letter pursuant to Section 2.2.2.10 NMAC, consistent with

Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) and Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS). **The engagement letter and any associated documentation included with or referenced in the engagement letter shall not be interpreted to amend this Contract. Conflicts between the engagement letter and this Contract are governed by this Contract, and shall be resolved accordingly.**

17. **APPLICABLE LAW**

The laws of the State of New Mexico shall govern this Contract. By execution of this Contract, Contractor irrevocably consents to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New Mexico over any and all lawsuits arising from or related to this Contract.

18. **AGENCY BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The Agency is responsible for maintaining control of all books and records at all times and the Contractor shall not remove any books and records from the Agency's possession for any reason.

19. **APPROPRIATIONS**

The terms of this Contract are contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorization being made by the legislature or the Agency's governing body for the performance of this Contract. If sufficient appropriations and authorization are not made by the legislature or the Agency's governing body, this Contract shall terminate upon written notice being given by the Agency to the Contractor. The Agency's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations are available shall be accepted by the Contractor and shall be final. This section of the Contract does not supersede the Agency's requirement to have an annual audit pursuant to Section 12-6-3(A) NMSA 1978.

20. **PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF LAW**

The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, NMSA 1978, imposes civil and criminal penalties for certain violations. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

21. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE**

The Contractor shall abide by all federal and state laws, rules and regulations, and executive orders of the Governor of the State of New Mexico pertaining to equal employment opportunity. In accordance with all such laws, rules, regulations and orders, the Contractor assures that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, physical or mental handicap or serious medical condition, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identity be excluded from employment with or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity performed under this Contract. If the Contractor is found not to be in compliance with these requirements during the life of this Contract, the Contractor shall take appropriate steps to correct these deficiencies.

22. **WORKING PAPERS**

A. The Contractor shall retain its working papers of the Agency's audit conducted pursuant to this Contract for a period of at least five (5) years after the date shown on the opinion letter of the audit report, or longer if requested by the federal cognizant agency for audit, oversight agency for audit, pass through-entity or the State Auditor. The State Auditor shall have access to the working papers at the State Auditor's discretion. When requested by the State Auditor, the Contractor shall deliver the original or clear, legible copies of all working papers to the requesting entity.

B. The Contractor should follow the guidance of AU-C 210 A.27 to A.31 and AU-C 510 .A3 to .A11 in communications with the predecessor auditor and to obtain information from the predecessor auditor's audit documentation.

23. **DESIGNATED ON-SITE STAFF**

The Contractor's on-site individual auditor responsible for supervision of work and completion of the audit is **Sara Specht**. The Contractor shall notify the Agency and the State Auditor in writing of any changes in staff assigned to perform the audit.

24. **INVALID TERM OR CONDITION**

If any term or condition of this Contract shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Contract shall not be affected.

25. **OTHER PROVISIONS**

SIGNATURE PAGE

This Contract is made effective as of the date of the latest signature.

AGENCY		CONTRACTOR	
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District		Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC	
PRINTED NAME:	Jason M. Casuga, P.E.	PRINTED NAME:	Alan D. Bowers, Jr.
SIGNATURE:		SIGNATURE:	
TITLE:	Chief Engineer/CEO	TITLE:	Partner
DATE:	5/12/2023	DATE:	5/11/2023

From:	Rebecca Thompson
To:	DeAnna Philips
Subject:	Wiggins Apr23 Invoice- for Board Meeting June23
Date:	Thursday, May 11, 2023 3:47:39 PM
Attachments:	Wiggins Apr23 Invoice- OLD.pdf Wiggins Apr23 Corrected Invoice.pdf

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Hi DeAnna,

Attached is the Corrected & old invoice for Wiggins Williams & Wiggins.

Below is also the email chain I had with Celina Salazar.

Rebecca Thompson
Accounts Payable/Receivable
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
PO Box 581 | 87103-0581
1931 2nd St SW | 87102-4515
Albuquerque, New Mexico
(505) 247-0234 ext. 1355
(505) 370-9660 Direct Line

From: Celina Salazar <csalazar@wwwlaw.us>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 2:10 PM
To: Rebecca Thompson <rebecca@mrgcd.us>
Cc: Pamela Fanelli <pfanelli@mrgcd.us>; Jason Casuga <jason@mrgcd.us>
Subject: RE: April 2023 Invoice

> Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I am so sorry, Rebecca, and apologize for the inconvenience. Here is a revised invoice.

Celina Salazar
Office Administrator/Paralegal
Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
A Professional Corporation
1803 Rio Grande NW (87104)
P. O. Box 1308
Albuquerque, NM 87103-1308
Phone: (505) 764-8400
Fax: (505) 764-8585
Email: csalazar@wwwlaw.us

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From: Rebecca Thompson <rebecca@mrgcd.us>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 1:32 PM
To: Celina Salazar <csalazar@wwwlaw.us>
Cc: Pamela Fanelli <pfanelli@mrgcd.us>; Jason Casuga <jason@mrgcd.us>
Subject: April 2023 Invoice
Importance: High

Good afternoon, Ms. Salazar,

I am reaching out to you today, regarding our invoice we received for the month of April 2023. The total amount on the invoice is for $9,387.00 but my calculations show it should be $13,252.53.
I will need a corrected invoice before I can pay. Can you please email me a new invoice, so I can get this paid?

Wiggins Williams and Wiggins PC
PO Box 1308
Albuquerque NM 87103

Bill to:
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
Attn: DeAnna Philips
CONFIDENTIAL
PO Box 581
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

Service Month
April 2023

Matter	Invoice Number	Amount*
General Counsel	48880	$5,776.74
Alvin Apodaca	48881	$3,610.26
Adriana Villar	48884	$3,865.53
	Total	$9,387.00

I certify that the amounts invoiced are correct and payment has not been received.

By: Celina Salazar Date: 04/05/2023
Celina Salazar
Office Administrator

*Amount does not include any previous balance owed.

Thank you very much,

Rebecca Thompson
Accounts Payable/Receivable
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O/K to Pay

I certify that the amounts invoiced are correct and payment has not been received.

By: Celina Salazar Date: 04/05/2023 Revised 05/11/2023
Celina Salazar

Wiggins Williams and Wiggins PC
PO Box 1308
Albuquerque NM 87103

20230033

Bill to:
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
Attn: DeAnna Philips
CONFIDENTIAL
PO Box 581
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

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OK to pay
Pam Fanelli

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By: Celina Salazar Date: 04/05/2023
Celina Salazar
Office Administrator

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MEMORANDUM
LICENSING AND LANDS DEPARTMENT

F.Y.I.

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

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

FROM: Rhett Sanders-Spencer, Right-of-Way Specialist

DATE: June 8, 2023

RE: MRGCD Executed Licenses for May 2023

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1. 315-2022 – 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.

2. 348-2022 – License with TDS Broadband Service LLC to install and maintain a buried utility parallel to the easterly outer 5' of the Socorro Ditch aka Socorro Acequia Pump right-of-way.

3. 350-2022 – License with TDS Broadband Service LLC to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Luis Lopez Interior Drain "C" right-of-way.

4. 351-2022 – License with TDS Broadband Service LLC to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Green Stub Interior Drain right-of-way.

5. 352-2022 – License with TDS Broadband Service LLC to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Florida Lateral right-of-way.

6. 353-2022 – License with TDS Broadband Service LLC to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Florida Lateral right-of-way.

7. 354-2022 – License with TDS Broadband Service LLC to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Florida Lateral right-of-way.

8. 355-2022 – License with TDS Broadband Service LLC to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Florida Lateral right-of-way.

9. 358-2022 – License with Comcast of New Mexico, LLC to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Duranes Acequia right-of-way.

10. 002-2023 – License with Public Service Company of New Mexico to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Isleta Interior Drain right-of-way.

11. 045-2023 – Special Use License with NM Underground Utilities to discharge groundwater from dewatering operations across into the Valencia Acequia right-of-way per the Chablis Lane road and utility improvements.

12. 052-2023 – License Lumen Technologies, Inc. to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Isleta Interior Drain right-of-way.

13. 068-2023 – Special Use License with Edward Roibal to temporarily stockpile dirt and access to fill in a pool within the Griegos Interior Drain right-of-way.

14. 069-2023 – Special Use License with New Mexico Biopark Society to host a foot-race fundraising event titled "The 36th Annual Run for the Zoo…and Walk with Us Too".

15. 075-2023 – License with New Mexico Gas Company to install and maintain a buried utility line crossing within the San Fernandez Lateral right-of-way.

16. 091-2023 – Special Use License with Hydra Aquatic Inc. to harvest willows within the Belen Upper Riverside Drain, the Belen Lower Riverside Drain, the Riverside Feeder Canal, the Peralta Lower Riverside Drain, and the San Juan Feeder Canal rights-of-way.

17. 114-2023_AMD1(086-2022) – Amendment to License 086-2022 to reinstate and renew it.

18. 120-2023 – Special Use License with Healing Hands International to conduct Albuquerque Walk 4 Water, a community walking event to support the Healing Hands International Clean Water Program.

19. 122-2023 – License with New Mexico Gas Company to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Rogers Lateral right-of-way.

20. 125-2023 – Special Use License with Basic IDIQ to install the east viewing deck for the City of Albuquerque per License Number 265-2022 within the Duranes Acequia right-of-way.

21. 127-2023 – Special Use License with CF Padilla LLC to discharge groundwater from dewatering operations into the Sandia Acequia per Government Subdivision – Phase 1, NM 313 & RR Land Development Plan (Sandia Pueblo).

22. 129-2023 – Special Use License with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) to collect water samples from the Rio Grande for analysis of pesticides.

MEMORANDUM
GIS/MAPPING DEPARTMENT

F.Y.I.

TO: Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO

FROM: Doug Strech, Systems and Data Integration

DATE: June 12, 2023

RE: Properties omitted or excluded from the Appraisal Record and now recognized as within the Benefited Area of the MRGCD

The following properties have been reclassified in recognition of the benefits received.

SANDOVAL COUNTY

1. **Map 15 Tract 11= 1.0709 ac.**
   Ownership: Tito Montoya
   Division: Albuquerque

VALENCIA COUNTY

2. **Tract 8A = 1.3530 ac. and Tract 8B = 1.1410 ac., as shown on the Land Division Plat for Tracts 8A and 8B Land of Mrs. Juan E. Zamora (filed on 5/26/2006), on MRGCD Map 84**
   Ownership: Danny G. and Mellie (aka Ermelina) Zamora
   Division: Belen

SOCORRO COUNTY

3. **MAP 150 Tract 69B = 5.6940 ac. & Tract 71A = 5.7640 ac. (11.4580 AC TOT)**
   Ownership: Anthony Thomas and Judith K. Tafoya
   Division: Socorro

4. **Tract A1 = 1.0600 ac., as shown on the Plat of Division of Land of Martin & Josephine Lopez (filed on 2/15/2011), on MRGCD Map 159**
   Ownership: Josephine Lopez
   Division: Socorro

5. **Tract A2 = 1.4800 ac., as shown on the Plat of Division of Land of Martin & Josephine Lopez (filed on 2/15/2011), on MRGCD Map 159**
   Ownership: Andrew Lopez
   Division: Socorro

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
Board of Directors

FROM: Eli Lovato, Election Director
Automated Election Services

DATE: June 8, 2023

RE: 2023 Poll Official Compensation

Below is the research of what the counties will be paying their poll officials for the upcoming Regular Local election.

Bernalillo County
Presiding Judges – 400.00
Clerks – 300.00

Sandoval County
Presiding Judges – 300.00
Clerks – 250.00

Socorro County
Presiding Judges -400.00
Clerks – 300.00

Valencia County
Presiding Judges – 200.00
Clerks – 175.00

After reviewing the county clerk's compensation, I recommend the following for the 2023 MRGCD Board of Directors Election. Election Day Presiding Judges will make $300.00 each and all-other Election Day poll officials $250.00.

All Early Voting Poll Officials no matter the position will be paid at a rate of $15.00 per hour plus time and one half overtime if necessary.

Also, if necessary, mileage may be paid to (1) judge at the current government rate per mile at the time of the election for the return of all election materials, election returns and equipment on election night after the close of polls. Plus $25.00 for all poll officials who attend the training.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at any time 505-891-6530.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

2023
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELECTION

ELECTION SUPPLIES

AUTOMATED ELECTION SERVICES
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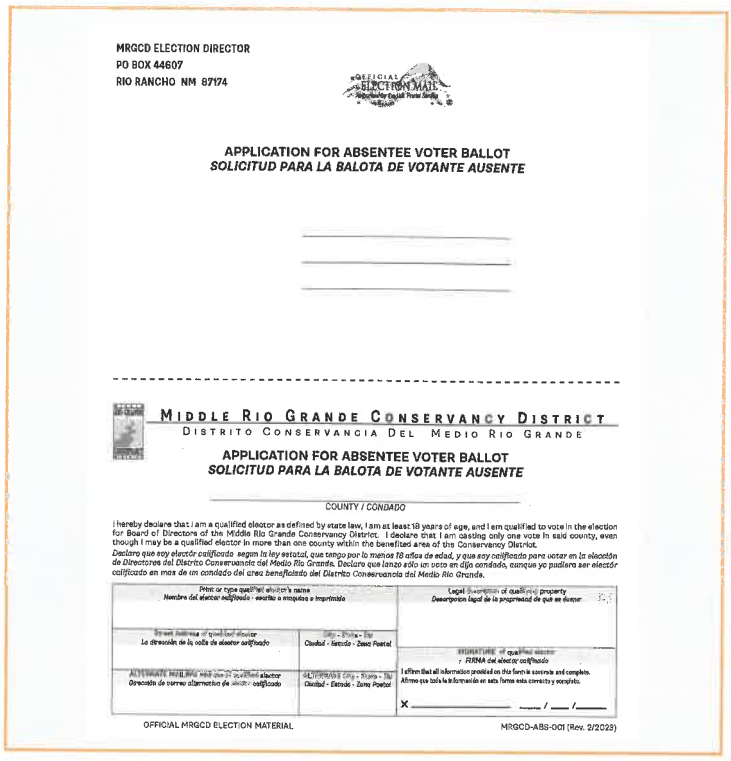


MRGCD ELECTION DIRECTOR
PO BOX 44607
RIO RANCHO NM 87174

OFFICIAL ELECTION MAIL

APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT
SOLICITUD PARA LA BALOTA DE VOTANTE AUSENTE

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
DISTRITO CONSERVANCIA DEL MEDIO RIO GRANDE

APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT
SOLICITUD PARA LA BALOTA DE VOTANTE AUSENTE

COUNTY / *CONDADO*

I hereby declare that I am a qualified elector as defined by state law, I am at least 18 years of age, and I am qualified to vote in the election for Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. I declare that I am casting only one vote in said county, even though I may be a qualified elector in more than one county within the benefited area of the Conservancy District.

Declaro que soy elector calificado según la ley estatal, que tengo por lo menos 18 años de edad, y que soy calificado para votar en la elección de Directores del Distrito Conservancia del Medio Rio Grande. Declaro que lanzo solo un voto en dijo condado, aunque yo pudiera ser elector calificado en mas de un condado del area beneficiado del Distrito Conservancia del Medio Rio Grande.

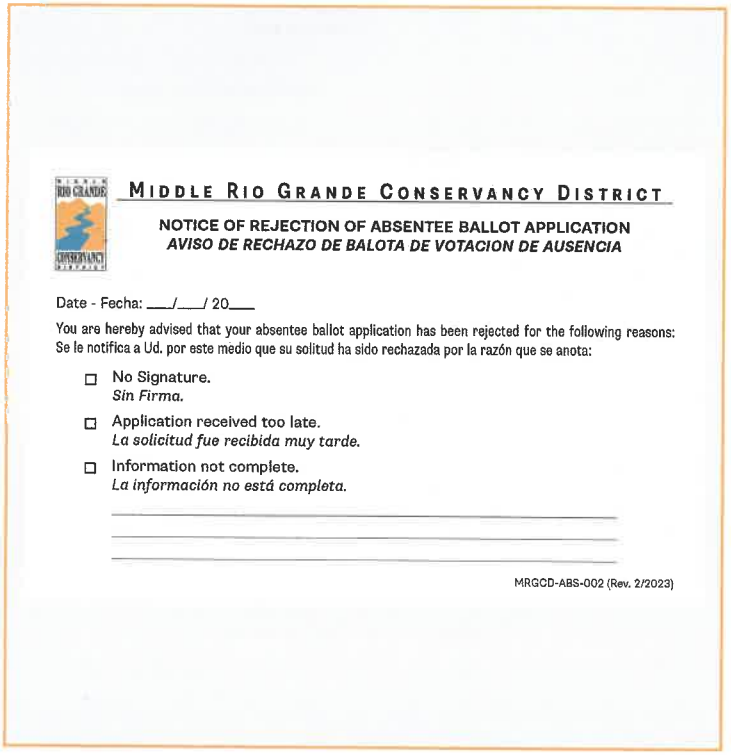
Print or type qualified elector's name *Nombre del elector calificado - escrito a máquina o imprimido*	Legal description of qualifying property *Descripcion legal de la propiedad de que se dueño*
Street Address of qualified elector *La dirección de la calle de elector calificado* — City - State - Zip *Ciudad - Estado - Zona Postal*	SIGNATURE of qualified elector *FIRMA del elector calificado*
ALTERNATE MAILING address of qualified elector *Dirección de correo alternativo de elector calificado* — ALTERNATE City - State - Zip *Ciudad - Estado - Zona Postal*	I affirm that all information provided on this form is correct and complete. *Afirmo que toda la información en este forma esta correcta y completa.* X _____ ____/____/____

OFFICIAL MRGCD ELECTION MATERIAL — MRGCD-ABS-001 (Rev. 2/2023)

Application for Absentee Voter Ballot

MRGCD-ABS-001

8.5" X 11" - Sheet (Card), 2 sided, self mailer



MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION
AVISO DE RECHAZO DE BALOTA DE VOTACION DE AUSENCIA

Date - Fecha: ___/___/ 20___

You are hereby advised that your absentee ballot application has been rejected for the following reasons:
Se le notifica a Ud. por este medio que su solitud ha sido rechazada por la razón que se anota:

- ☐ No Signature.
  Sin Firma.
- ☐ Application received too late.
  La solicitud fue recibida muy tarde.
- ☐ Information not complete.
  La información no está completa.

_____
_____
_____

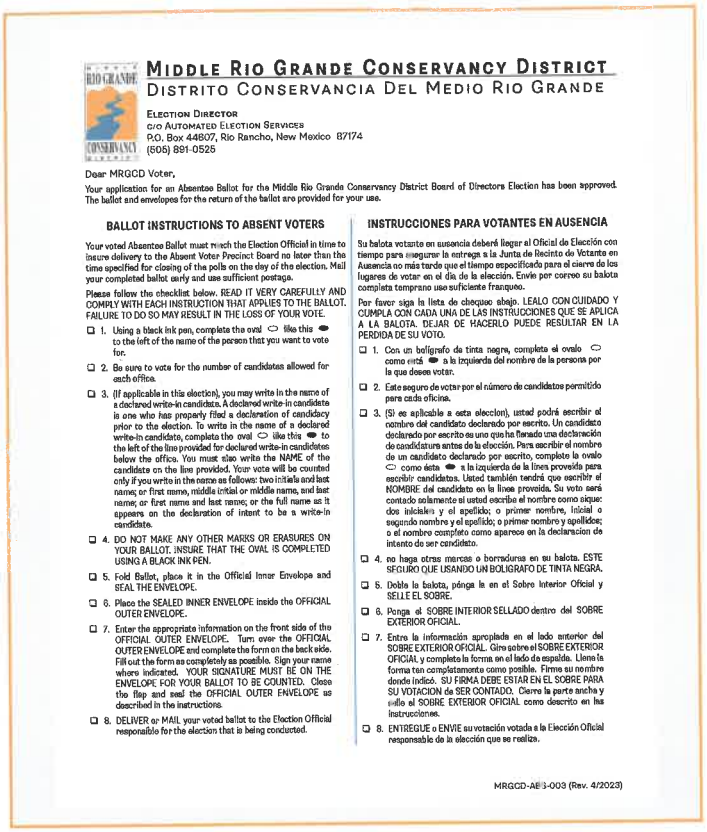
MRGCD-ABS-002 (Rev. 2/2023)

Notice of Rejection of Absentee Ballot Application

MRGCD-ABS-002

6" X 4" - Sheet (Postcard)

ABSENTEE



MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
DISTRITO CONSERVANCIA DEL MEDIO RIO GRANDE

ELECTION DIRECTOR
C/O AUTOMATED ELECTION SERVICES
P.O. Box 44807, Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87174
(505) 891-0525

Dear MRGCD Voter,

Your application for an Absentee Ballot for the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board of Directors Election has been approved. The ballot and envelopes for the return of the ballot are provided for your use.

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSENT VOTERS

Your voted Absentee Ballot must reach the Election Official in time to insure delivery to the Absent Voter Precinct Board no later than the time specified for closing of the polls on the day of the election. Mail your completed ballot early and use sufficient postage.

Please follow the checklist below. READ IT VERY CAREFULLY AND COMPLY WITH EACH INSTRUCTION THAT APPLIES TO THE BALLOT. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF YOUR VOTE.

- ☐ 1. Using a black ink pen, complete the oval ⬭ like this ⬬ to the left of the name of the person that you want to vote for.
- ☐ 2. Be sure to vote for the number of candidates allowed for each office.
- ☐ 3. (If applicable in this election), you may write in the name of a declared write-in candidate. A declared write-in candidate is one who has properly filed a declaration of candidacy prior to the election. To write in the name of a declared write-in candidate, complete the oval ⬭ like this ⬬ to the left of the line provided for declared write-in candidates below the office. You must also write the NAME of the candidate on the line provided. Your vote will be counted only if you write in the name as follows: two initials and last name; or first name, middle initial or middle name, and last name; or first name and last name; or the full name as it appears on the declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.
- ☐ 4. DO NOT MAKE ANY OTHER MARKS OR ERASURES ON YOUR BALLOT. INSURE THAT THE OVAL IS COMPLETED USING A BLACK INK PEN.
- ☐ 5. Fold Ballot, place it in the Official Inner Envelope and SEAL THE ENVELOPE.
- ☐ 6. Place the SEALED INNER ENVELOPE inside the OFFICIAL OUTER ENVELOPE.
- ☐ 7. Enter the appropriate information on the front side of the OFFICIAL OUTER ENVELOPE. Turn over the OFFICIAL OUTER ENVELOPE and complete the form on the back side. Fill out the form as completely as possible. Sign your name where indicated. YOUR SIGNATURE MUST BE ON THE ENVELOPE FOR YOUR BALLOT TO BE COUNTED. Close the flap and seal the OFFICIAL OUTER ENVELOPE as described in the instructions.
- ☐ 8. DELIVER or MAIL your voted ballot to the Election Official responsible for the election that is being conducted.

INSTRUCCIONES PARA VOTANTES EN AUSENCIA

Su balota votante en ausencia deberá llegar al Oficial de Elección con tiempo para asegurar la entrega a la Junta de Recinto de Votante en Ausencia no más tarde que el tiempo especificado para el cierre de los lugares de votar en el día de la elección. Envíe por correo su balota completa temprano use suficiente franqueo.

Por favor siga la lista de chequeo abajo. LEALO CON CUIDADO Y CUMPLA CON CADA UNA DE LAS INSTRUCCIONES QUE SE APLICA A LA BALOTA. DEJAR DE HACERLO PUEDE RESULTAR EN LA PERDIDA DE SU VOTO.

- ☐ 1. Con un bolígrafo de tinta negra, complete el ovalo ⬭ como está ⬬ a la izquierda del nombre de la persona por la que desea votar.
- ☐ 2. Este seguro de votar por el número de candidatos permitido para cada oficina.
- ☐ 3. (Si es aplicable a esta elección), usted podrá escribir el nombre del candidato declarado por escrito. Un candidato declarado por escrito es uno que ha llenado una declaración de candidatura antes de la elección. Para escribir el nombre de un candidato declarado por escrito, complete la ovalo ⬭ como esta ⬬ a la izquierda de la linea provista para escribir candidatos. Usted también tendrá que escribir el NOMBRE del candidato en la linea provista. Su voto será contado solamente si usted escribe el nombre como sigue: dos iniciales y el apellido; o primer nombre, inicial o segundo nombre y el apellido; o primer nombre y apellidos; o el nombre completo como aparece en la declaración de intento de ser candidato.
- ☐ 4. no haga otras marcas o borraduras en su balota. ESTE SEGURO QUE USANDO UN BOLIGRAFO DE TINTA NEGRA.
- ☐ 5. Doble la balota, pónga la en el Sobre Interior Oficial y SELLE EL SOBRE.
- ☐ 6. Ponga el SOBRE INTERIOR SELLADO dentro del SOBRE EXTERIOR OFICIAL.
- ☐ 7. Entre la información apropiada en el lado anterior del SOBRE EXTERIOR OFICIAL. Gire sobre el SOBRE EXTERIOR OFICIAL y complete la forma en el lado de espalda. Llene la forma tan completamente como posible. Firme su nombre donde indicó. SU FIRMA DEBE ESTAR EN EL SOBRE PARA SU VOTACION de SER CONTADO. Cierre la parte ancha y cólle al SOBRE EXTERIOR OFICIAL como descrito en las instrucciones.
- ☐ 8. ENTREGUE o ENVIE su votación votada a la Elección Oficial responsable de la elección que se realiza.

MRGCD-ABS-003 (Rev. 4/2023)

OVAL ABSENTEE INSTRUCTIONS

MRGCD-ABS-003

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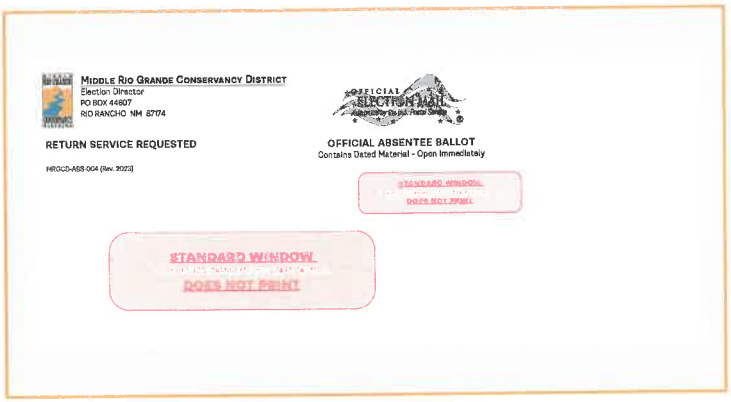


MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Election Director
PO BOX 44607
RIO RANCHO NM 87174

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MRGCD-ABS-004 (Rev. 2023)

OFFICIAL ELECTION MAIL

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT
Contains Dated Material - Open Immediately

STANDARD WINDOW
DOES NOT PRINT

STANDARD WINDOW
DOES NOT PRINT

OUTBOUND BALLOT ENVELOPE

MRGCD-ABS-004

10.375" X 4.5" - #11 ENVELOPE

OFFICIAL OUTER ENVELOPE
OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT
BALOTA OFICIAL DEL AUSENTE

Official MRGCD Election Material - DO NOT DUPLICATE
MRGCD-ABS-005 (Rev. 2023)

OFFICIAL ELECTION MAIL

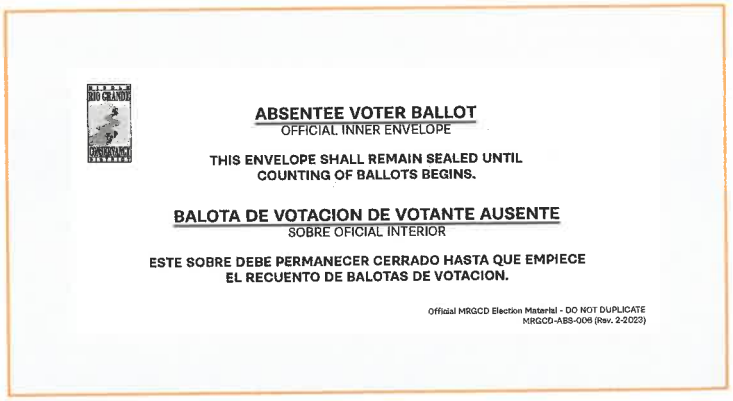
Place proper postage here

MRGCD ELECTION DIRECTOR
PO BOX 44607
RIO RANCHO NM 87174

RETURN BALLOT ENVELOPE

MRGCD-ABS-005

9.5" X 4.125" - #10 ENVELOPE



ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT
OFFICIAL INNER ENVELOPE

THIS ENVELOPE SHALL REMAIN SEALED UNTIL COUNTING OF BALLOTS BEGINS.

BALOTA DE VOTACION DE VOTANTE AUSENTE
SOBRE OFICIAL INTERIOR

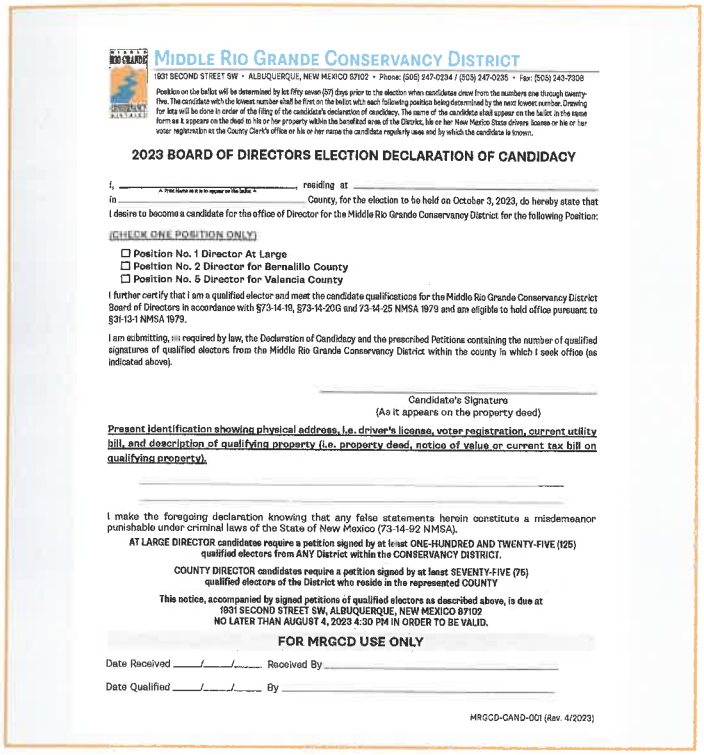
ESTE SOBRE DEBE PERMANECER CERRADO HASTA QUE EMPIECE EL RECUENTO DE BALOTAS DE VOTACION.

Official MRGCD Election Material - DO NOT DUPLICATE
MRGCD-ABS-006 (Rev. 2-2023)

OFFICIAL INNER ENVELOPE

MRGCD-ABS-006

8.75" X 4" - CUSTOM SIZE ENVELOPE



MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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Position on the ballot will be determined by lot fifty seven (57) days prior to the election when candidates draw from the numbers one through twenty-five. The candidate with the lowest number shall be first on the ballot with each following position being determined by the next lowest number. Drawing for lots will be done in order of the filing of the candidate's declaration of candidacy. The name of the candidate shall appear on the ballot in the same form as it appears on the deed to his or her property within the beneficial area of the District, his or her New Mexico State driver license or his or her voter registration at the County Clerk's office or his or her name the candidate regularly uses and by which the candidate is known.

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

I, _____ residing at _____
^ Print Name as it is to appear on the ballot ^
in _____ County, for the election to be held on October 3, 2023, do hereby state that I desire to become a candidate for the office of Director for the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District for the following Position:

(CHECK ONE POSITION ONLY)

- ☐ Position No. 1 Director At Large
- ☐ Position No. 2 Director for Bernalillo County
- ☐ Position No. 5 Director for Valencia County

I further certify that I am a qualified elector and meet the candidate qualifications for the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board of Directors in accordance with §73-14-19, §73-14-20G and 73-14-25 NMSA 1979 and am eligible to hold office pursuant to §31-13-1 NMSA 1979.

I am submitting, as required by law, the Declaration of Candidacy and the prescribed Petitions containing the number of qualified signatures of qualified electors from the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District within the county in which I seek office (as indicated above).

_____
Candidate's Signature
(As it appears on the property deed)

Present identification showing physical address, i.e. driver's license, voter registration, current utility bill, and description of qualifying property (i.e. property deed, notice of value or current tax bill on qualifying property).

_____

_____

I make the foregoing declaration knowing that any false statements herein constitute a misdemeanor punishable under criminal laws of the State of New Mexico (73-14-92 NMSA).

AT LARGE DIRECTOR candidates require a petition signed by at least ONE-HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE (125) qualified electors from ANY District within the CONSERVANCY DISTRICT.

COUNTY DIRECTOR candidates require a petition signed by at least SEVENTY-FIVE (75) qualified electors of the District who reside in the represented COUNTY

This notice, accompanied by signed petitions of qualified electors as described above, is due at 1931 SECOND STREET SW, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87102 NO LATER THAN AUGUST 4, 2023 4:30 PM IN ORDER TO BE VALID.

FOR MRGCD USE ONLY

Date Received ____/____/____ Received By _____

Date Qualified ____/____/____ By _____

MRGCD-CAND-001 (Rev. 4/2023)

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

MRGCD-CAND-001

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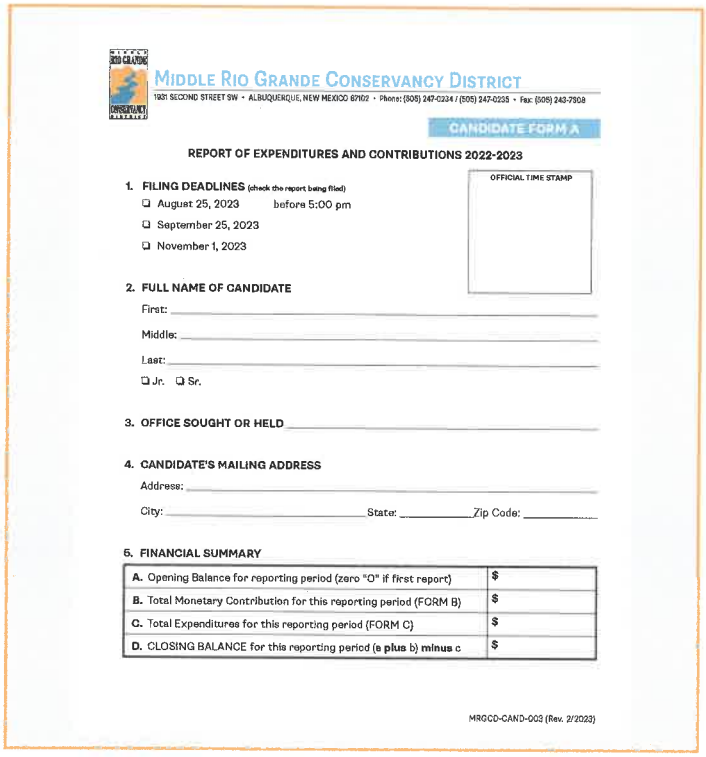

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CANDIDATE FORM A

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES AND CONTRIBUTIONS 2022-2023

OFFICIAL TIME STAMP

1. **FILING DEADLINES** (check the report being filed)
   - ☐ August 25, 2023 before 5:00 pm
   - ☐ September 25, 2023
   - ☐ November 1, 2023
2. **FULL NAME OF CANDIDATE**
   First: _____
   Middle: _____
   Last: _____
   ☐ Jr. ☐ Sr.
3. **OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD** _____
4. **CANDIDATE'S MAILING ADDRESS**
   Address: _____
   City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
5. **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

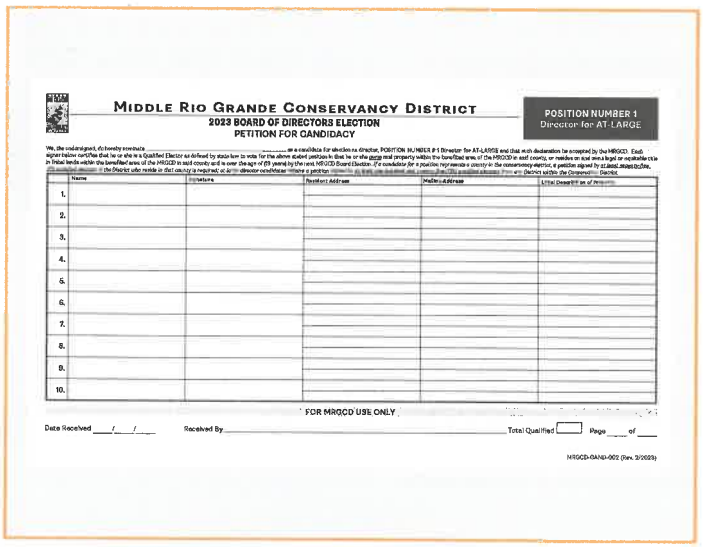
A. Opening Balance for reporting period (zero "0" if first report)	$
B. Total Monetary Contribution for this reporting period (FORM B)	$
C. Total Expenditures for this reporting period (FORM C)	$
D. CLOSING BALANCE for this reporting period (**a plus** b) **minus** c	$

MRGCD-CAND-003 (Rev. 2/2023)

CANDIDATE EXPENDITURES AND CONTRIBUTION FORM

MRGCD-CAND-003

8.5" X 11" - SHEET (PAPER), 6 PAGES/FORMS A-C



MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION
PETITION FOR CANDIDACY

POSITION NUMBER 1
Director for AT-LARGE

We, the undersigned, do hereby nominate _____ as a candidate for election as director, POSITION NUMBER #1 Director for AT-LARGE and that such declaration be accepted by the MRGCD. Each signer below certifies that he or she is a Qualified Elector as defined by state law to vote for the above stated position in that he or she owns real property within the beneficial area of the MRGCD in said county, or resides on such area legal or equitable title in fee or lease within the beneficial area of the MRGCD in said county and is over the age of 18 years by the next MRGCD Board Election. For candidates for a position requiring a county in the conservancy district, a petition signed by at least seventy-five (75) qualified electors of the District who reside in that county is required; or with director candidates filing a petition signed by at least one hundred and twenty-five (125) qualified electors from any district within the Conservancy District.

	Name	Signature	Resident Address	Mailing Address	Legal Description of Property
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					

FOR MRGCD USE ONLY

Date Received ____/____/____ Received By _____ Total Qualified ____ Page ____ of ____

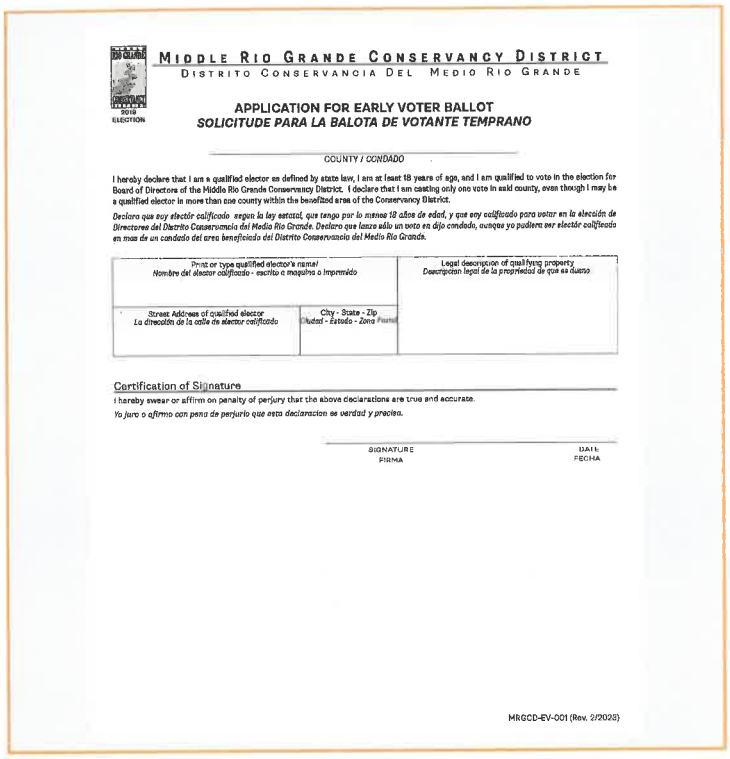
MRGCD-CAND-002 (Rev. 3/2023)

PETITION FOR CANDIDACY

MRGCD-CAND-002

8.5" X 14" - SHEET (PAPER), (CUSTOM BY OFFICE)

EARLY VOTING



MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
DISTRITO CONSERVANCIA DEL MEDIO RIO GRANDE

2019 ELECTION

APPLICATION FOR EARLY VOTER BALLOT
SOLICITUDE PARA LA BALOTA DE VOTANTE TEMPRANO

COUNTY / CONDADO

I hereby declare that I am a qualified elector as defined by state law, I am at least 18 years of age, and I am qualified to vote in the election for Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. I declare that I am casting only one vote in said county, even though I may be a qualified elector in more than one county within the benefited area of the Conservancy District.

Declaro que soy electór calificado segun la ley estatal, que tengo por lo menos 18 años de edad, y que soy calificado para votar en la elección de Directores del Distrito Conservancia del Medio Rio Grande. Declaro que lanzo allá un voto en dijo condado, aunque yo pudiera ser electór calificado en mas de un condado del area beneficiado del Distrito Conservancia del Medio Rio Grande.

Print or type qualified elector's name/ *Nombre del elector calificado - escrito o maquina o Imprimido*		Legal description of qualifying property *Descripcion legal de la propiedad de que es dueno*
Street Address of qualified elector *La dirección de la calle de elector calificado*	City - State - Zip *Ciudad - Estado - Zona Postal*	

Certification of Signature

I hereby swear or affirm on penalty of perjury that the above declarations are true and accurate.

Yo juro o afirmo con pena de perjurio que esta declaracion es verdad y precisa.

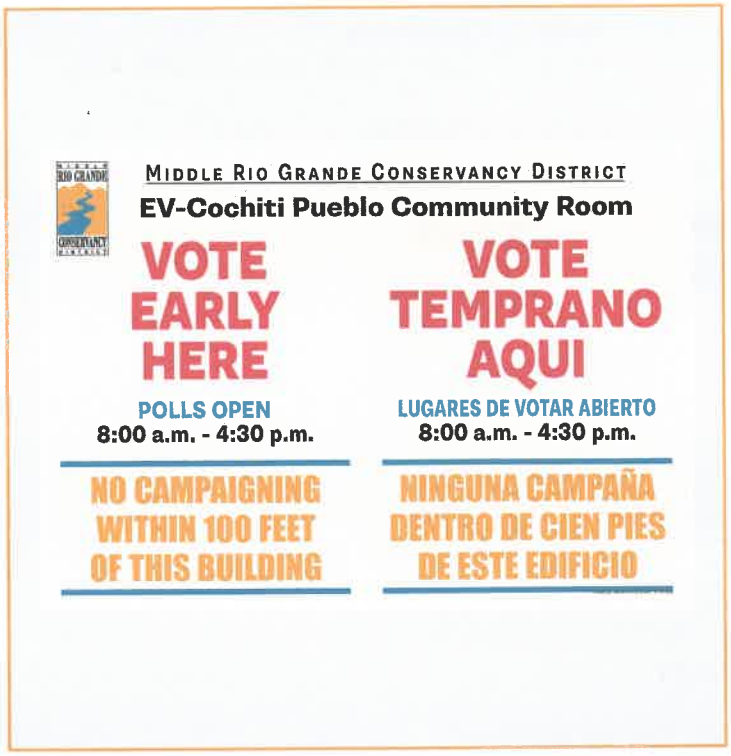
SIGNATURE / FIRMA — DATE / FECHA

MRGCD-EV-001 (Rev. 2/2023)

APPLICATION FOR EARLY VOTER BALLOT

MRGCD-EV-001

8.5" X 11" - SHEET(CARD)



MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

EV-Cochiti Pueblo Community Room

VOTE EARLY HERE

POLLS OPEN
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

NO CAMPAIGNING WITHIN 100 FEET OF THIS BUILDING

VOTE TEMPRANO AQUI

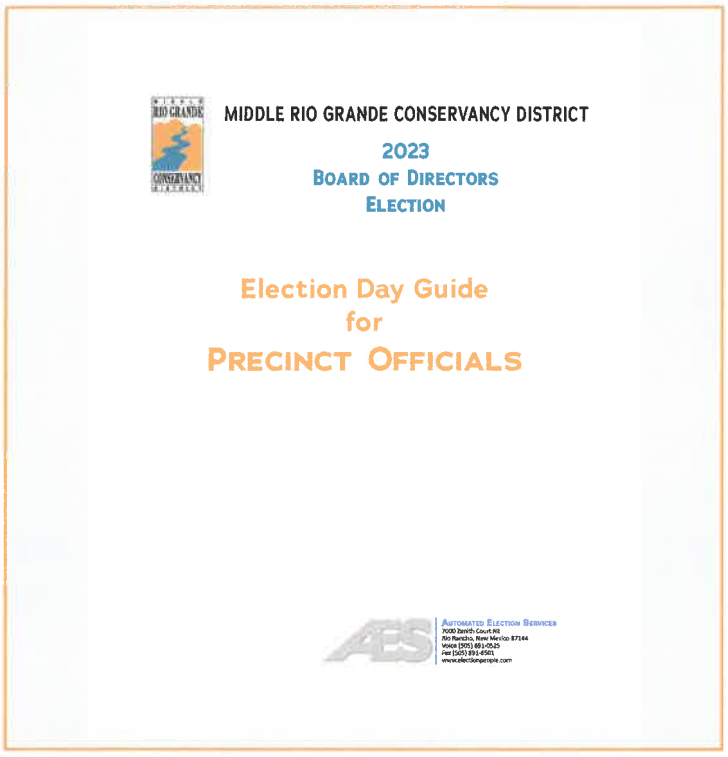
LUGARES DE VOTAR ABIERTO
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

NINGUNA CAMPAÑA DENTRO DE CIEN PIES DE ESTE EDIFICIO

"VOTE EARLY HERE" (CUSTOM WITH SITE NAME)

MRGCD-SIGN-003

20" X 14.25" - SHEET(CARD)


MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

2023
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELECTION

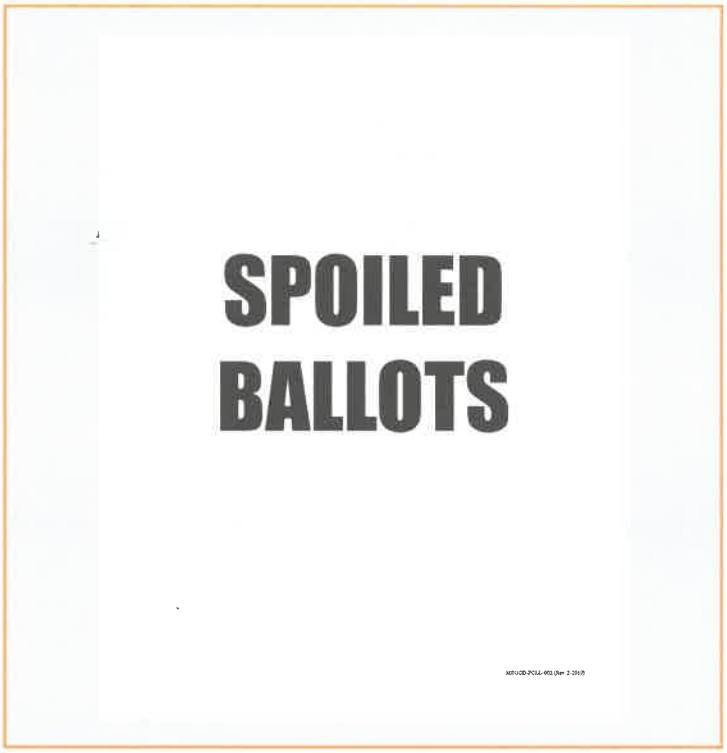
Election Day Guide
for
PRECINCT OFFICIALS

AUTOMATED ELECTION SERVICES
7000 Zenith Court NE
Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87144
Voice (505) 891-0525
Fax (505) 891-4501
www.electionsimple.com

ELECTION DAY GUIDE

MRGCD-POLL-001

8.5" X 11" - BOOK

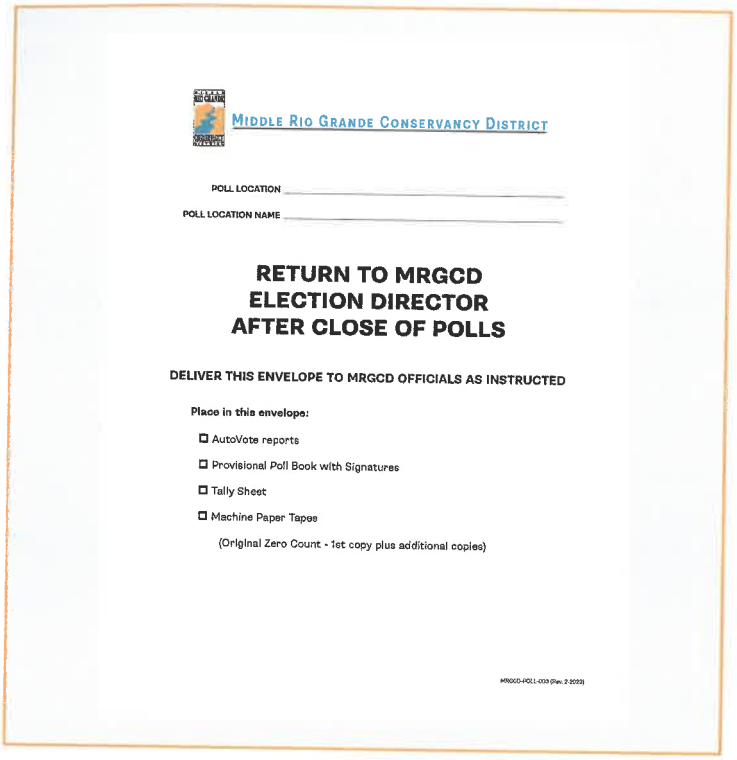


"SPOILED BALLOTS" ENVELOPE

MRGCD-POLL-002

12" X 15.5" - ENVELOPE

ELECTION DAY
Poll sites



MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

POLL LOCATION _____

POLL LOCATION NAME _____

RETURN TO MRGCD ELECTION DIRECTOR AFTER CLOSE OF POLLS

DELIVER THIS ENVELOPE TO MRGCD OFFICIALS AS INSTRUCTED

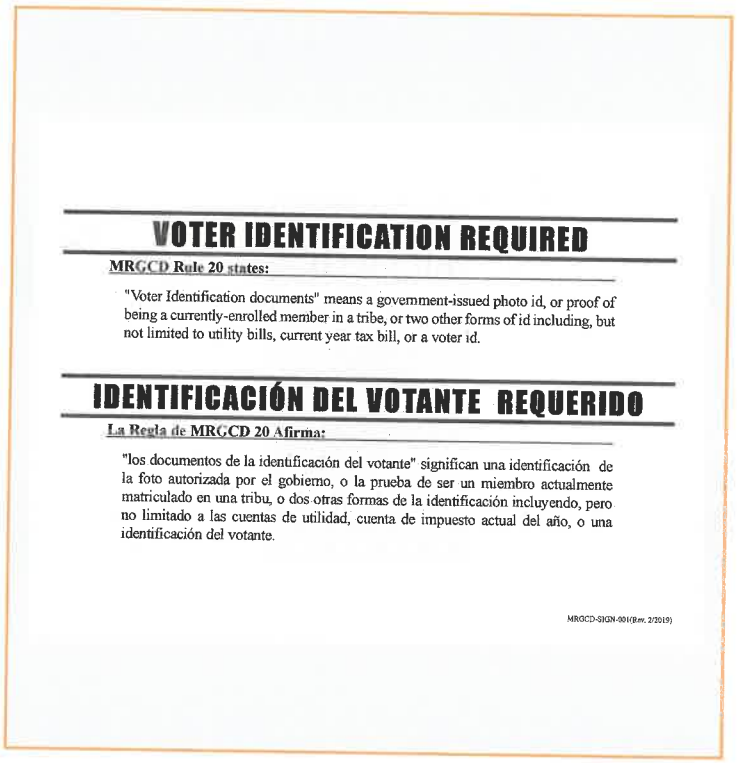
Place in this envelope:

- ☐ AutoVote reports
- ☐ Provisional Poll Book with Signatures
- ☐ Tally Sheet
- ☐ Machine Paper Tapes

(Original Zero Count - 1st copy plus additional copies)

MRGCD-POLL-003 (Rev. 2-2020)

ELECTION RESULTS RETURN ENVELOPE
MRGCD-POLL-003
12" X 15.5" - ENVELOPE



VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED

MRGCD Rule 20 states:

"Voter Identification documents" means a government-issued photo id, or proof of being a currently-enrolled member in a tribe, or two other forms of id including, but not limited to utility bills, current year tax bill, or a voter id.

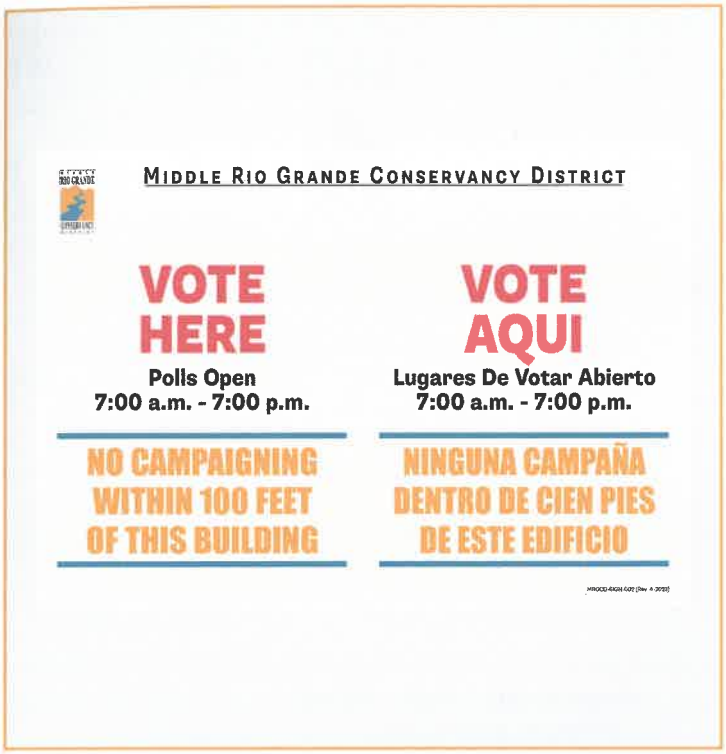
IDENTIFICACIÓN DEL VOTANTE REQUERIDO

La Regla de MRGCD 20 Afirma:

"los documentos de la identificación del votante" significan una identificación de la foto autorizada por el gobierno, o la prueba de ser un miembro actualmente matriculado en una tribu, o dos otras formas de la identificación incluyendo, pero no limitado a las cuentas de utilidad, cuenta de impuesto actual del año, o una identificación del votante.

MRGCD-SIGN-001 (Rev. 2/2019)

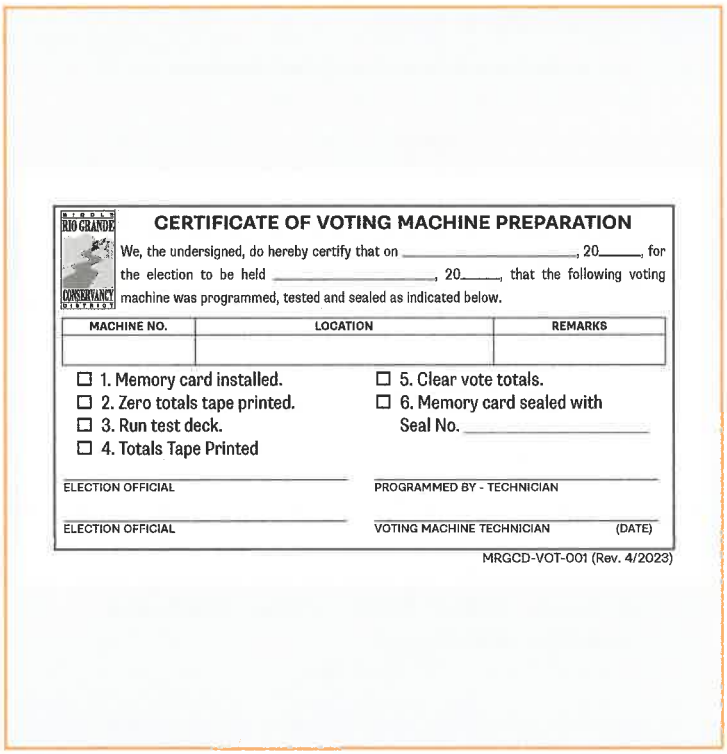
VOTER ID REQUIRED SIGN
MRGCD-SIGN-001
11" X 8.5" - SHEET (CARD)



"Vote Here 7 to 7"

MRGCD-SIGN-002

20" x 14" - Sheet (Card)



CERTIFICATE OF VOTING MACHINE PREPARATION

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that on _____, 20_____, for the election to be held _____, 20_____, that the following voting machine was programmed, tested and sealed as indicated below.

MACHINE NO.	LOCATION	REMARKS

- ☐ 1. Memory card installed.
- ☐ 2. Zero totals tape printed.
- ☐ 3. Run test deck.
- ☐ 4. Totals Tape Printed
- ☐ 5. Clear vote totals.
- ☐ 6. Memory card sealed with Seal No. _____

ELECTION OFFICIAL _____ PROGRAMMED BY - TECHNICIAN _____

ELECTION OFFICIAL _____ VOTING MACHINE TECHNICIAN _____ (DATE)

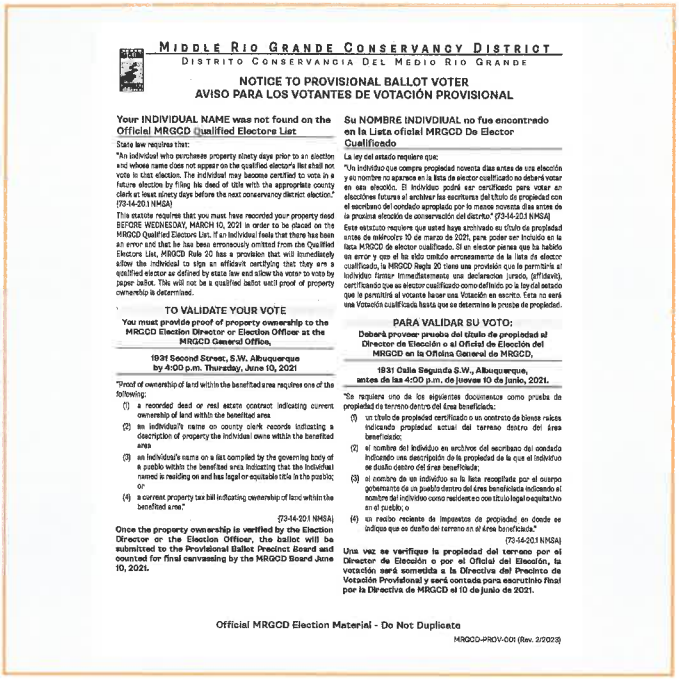
MRGCD-VOT-001 (Rev. 4/2023)

M-100 Voter Machine Certificate

MRGCD-VOT-001

5" x 3" - 2 part NCR

PROVISIONAL



MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
DISTRITO CONSERVANCIA DEL MEDIO RIO GRANDE

NOTICE TO PROVISIONAL BALLOT VOTER
AVISO PARA LOS VOTANTES DE VOTACIÓN PROVISIONAL

Your INDIVIDUAL NAME was not found on the Official MRGCD Qualified Electore List

State law requires that:

"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. The individual may become certified to vote in a future election by filing his deed of title with the appropriate county clerk at least ninety days before the next conservancy district election." (73-14-20.1 NMSA)

This statute requires that you must have recorded your property deed BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021 in order to be placed on the MRGCD Qualified Electore List. If an individual feels that there has been an error and that he has been erroneously omitted from the Qualified Electore List, MRGCD Rule 20 has a provision that will immediately allow the individual to sign an affidavit certifying that they are a qualified elector as defined by state law and allow the voter to vote by paper ballot. This will not be a qualified ballot until proof of property ownership is determined.

TO VALIDATE YOUR VOTE

You must provide proof of property ownership to the MRGCD Election Director or Election Officer at the MRGCD General Office,

1931 Second Street, S.W. Albuquerque by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, June 10, 2021

"Proof of ownership of land within the benefited area requires one of the following:

(1) a recorded deed or real estate contract indicating current ownership of land within the benefited area
(2) an individual's name on county clerk records indicating a description of property the individual owns within the benefited area
(3) an individual's name on a list compiled by the governing body of a pueblo within the benefited area indicating that the individual named is residing on and has legal or equitable title in the pueblo; or
(4) a current property tax bill indicating ownership of land within the benefited area."

(73-14-20.1 NMSA)

Once the property ownership is verified by the Election Director or the Election Officer, the ballot will be submitted to the Provisional Ballot Precinct Board and counted for final canvassing by the MRGCD Board June 10, 2021.

Su NOMBRE INDIVDIUAL no fue encontrado en la Lista oficial MRGCD De Elector Cualificado

La ley del estado requiere que:

"Un individuo que compra propiedad noventa días antes de una elección y su nombre no aparece en la lista de elector cualificado no deberá votar en esa elección. El individuo podrá ser certificado para votar en elecciones futuras al archivar las escrituras del título de propiedad con el secretario del condado apropiado por lo menos noventa días antes de la próxima elección de conservación del distrito" (73-14-20.1 NMSA)

Este estatuto requiere que usted haya archivado su título de propiedad antes de miércoles 10 de marzo de 2021, para poder ser incluido en la lista MRGCD de elector cualificado. Si un elector piensa que ha habido un error y que él ha sido omitido erroneamente de la lista de elector cualificado, la MRGCD Regla 20 tiene una provisión que le permitirá al individuo firmar inmediatamente una declaración jurada, (affidavit), certificando que se elector cualificado como definido por la ley del estado que le permitirá al votante hacer una Votación en escrito. Esta no será una Votación cualificada hasta que se determine la prueba de propiedad.

PARA VALIDAR SU VOTO:

Deberá proveer prueba del título de propiedad al Director de Elección o al Oficial de Elección del MRGCD en la Oficina General de MRGCD.

1931 Calle Segunda S.W., Albuquerque, antes de las 4:00 p.m. de jueves 10 de junio, 2021.

"Se requiere uno de los siguientes documentos como prueba de propiedad de terreno dentro del área beneficiada:

(1) un título de propiedad certificado o un contrato de bienes raíces indicando propiedad actual del terreno dentro del área beneficiada;
(2) el nombre del individuo en archivos del secretario del condado indicando una descripción de la propiedad de la que el individuo se dueño dentro del área beneficiada;
(3) el nombre de un individuo en la lista recopilada por el cuerpo gobernante de un pueblo dentro del área beneficiada indicando el nombre del individuo como residente en con título legal o equitativo en el pueblo; o
(4) un recibo reciente de impuestos de propiedad en donde se indique que es dueño del terreno en el área beneficiada."

(73-14-20.1 NMSA)

Una vez se verifique la propiedad del terreno por el Director de Elección o por el Oficial del Elección, la votación será sometida a la Directiva del Precinto de Votación Provisional y será contada para escrutinio final por la Directiva de MRGCD el 10 de junio de 2021.

Official MRGCD Election Material - Do Not Duplicate

MRGCD-PROV-001 (Rev. 2/2023)

PROVISIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

MRGCD-PROV-001

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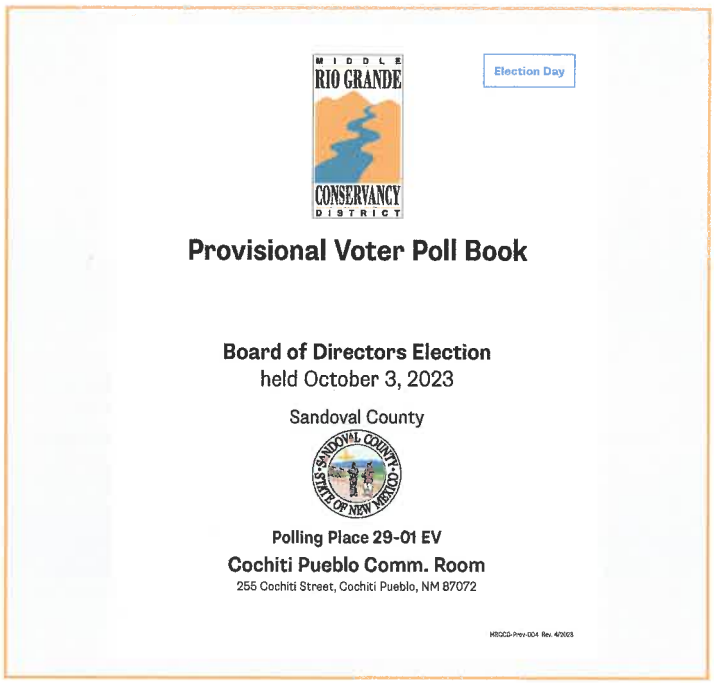


MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Election Day

Provisional Voter Poll Book

Board of Directors Election
held October 3, 2023

Sandoval County

Polling Place 29-01 EV

Cochiti Pueblo Comm. Room

255 Cochiti Street, Cochiti Pueblo, NM 87072

MRGCD-Prov-004 Rev. 4/2023

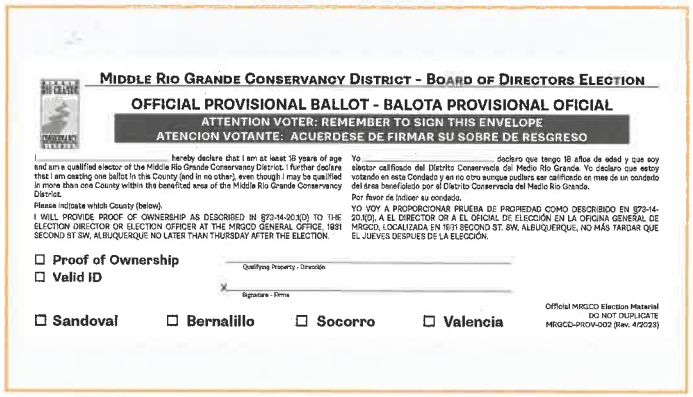
PROVISIONAL POLL BOOK

MRGCD-PROV-004

8.5" X 11" - BOOK

These booklets will produced for each poll site, by County.

The booklets will have Provisional numbers to be assigned to provisional voters.



MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT - BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

OFFICIAL PROVISIONAL BALLOT - BALOTA PROVISIONAL OFICIAL

ATTENTION VOTER: REMEMBER TO SIGN THIS ENVELOPE
ATENCION VOTANTE: ACUERDESE DE FIRMAR SU SOBRE DE RESGRESO

I _____ hereby declare that I am at least 18 years of age and am a qualified elector of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. I further declare that I am casting one ballot in this County (and in no other), even though I may be qualified in more than one County within the benefited area of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District.

Please indicate which County (below).

I WILL PROVIDE PROOF OF OWNERSHIP AS DESCRIBED IN §73-14-20.1(D) TO THE ELECTION DIRECTOR OR ELECTION OFFICER AT THE MRGCD GENERAL OFFICE, 1931 SECOND ST SW, ALBUQUERQUE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY AFTER THE ELECTION.

Yo _____ declaro que tengo 18 años de edad y que soy elector calificado del Distrito Conservacia del Medio Rio Grande. Yo declaro que estoy votando en este Condado y en no otro aunque pudiera ser calificado en mas de un condado del área beneficiado por el Distrito Conservacia del Medio Rio Grande.

Por favor de indicar su condado.

YO VOY A PROPORCIONAR PRUEBA DE PROPIEDAD COMO DESCRIBIDO EN §73-14-20.1(D), A EL DIRECTOR OR A EL OFICIAL DE ELECCIÓN EN LA OFICINA GENERAL DE MRGCD, LOCALIZADA EN 1931 SECOND ST. SW, ALBUQUERQUE, NO MÁS TARDAR QUE EL JUEVES DESPUES DE LA ELECCIÓN.

☐ Proof of Ownership
☐ Valid ID

Qualifying Property - Dirección

X _____
Signature - Firma

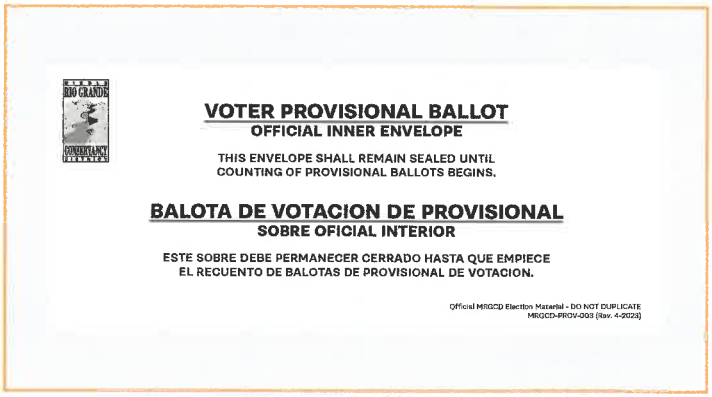
☐ Sandoval ☐ Bernalillo ☐ Socorro ☐ Valencia

Official MRGCD Election Material
DO NOT DUPLICATE
MRGCD-PROV-002 (Rev. 4/2023)

OFFICIAL OUTER PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE

MRGCD-PROV-002

11" X 4.75" - #12 ENVELOPE



VOTER PROVISIONAL BALLOT
OFFICIAL INNER ENVELOPE

THIS ENVELOPE SHALL REMAIN SEALED UNTIL COUNTING OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS BEGINS.

BALOTA DE VOTACION DE PROVISIONAL
SOBRE OFICIAL INTERIOR

ESTE SOBRE DEBE PERMANECER CERRADO HASTA QUE EMPIECE EL RECUENTO DE BALOTAS DE PROVISIONAL DE VOTACION.

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MRGCD-PROV-003 (Rev. 4-2023)

OFFICIAL INNER PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE

MRGCD-PROV-003

10.375" X 4.5" - #11 ENVELOPE

Notes

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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: June 12, 2023

Re: Introduction of New Hires and Job/Title Changes

General Office

ARCHIE	VIGIL	IRRIGATION SYSTEMS OPERATOR	05/30/2023

Belen Division

BRETT	TAFOYA	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	05/30/2023
TRISTIAN	ARAGON	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	06/12/2023
JOHNATHAN	MARQUEZ	EQUIPMENT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	06/12/2023 PROMOTION

Socorro Division

HUNTER	O'BRIEN	MEDIUM EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	06/12/2023
CURTIS	GREENWOOD	MEDIUM EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	06/12/2013

DESIGN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
AND
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
FOR DESIGN FOR THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE BERNALILLO TO BELEN, NM PROJECT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this ___ day of _____, _____, by and between the Department of the Army (hereinafter the "Government"), represented by the District Commander for Albuquerque District (hereinafter the "District Commander") and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (hereinafter the "Non-Federal Sponsor"), represented by the CEO/Chief Engineer.

WITNESSETH, THAT:

WHEREAS, Federal funds were provided in Fiscal Year 2022 through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58) to reinitiate design of the Middle Rio Grande Bernalillo to Belen flood control project based on the 2020 General Reevaluation Report;

WHEREAS, Section 103 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended (33 U.S.C. 2213), and Section 8355 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 specify the cost-sharing requirements applicable to construction of the Project, and Section 105(c) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2215(c)), provides that the costs of design shall be shared in the same percentages as construction of the Project;

WHEREAS, based on the Project's primary purpose of flood risk management, the parties agree that the Non-Federal Sponsor shall contribute 25 percent of the design costs under this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Government and Non-Federal Sponsor have the full authority and capability to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

A. The term "Project" means construction of approximately 48 miles of engineered levee and the creation of approximately 266 acres of riparian habitat in the floodway along the Rio Grande from Albuquerque to Belen, New Mexico, as generally described in the Integrated General Reevaluation report and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, dated December 2019 and approved by Chief of Engineers on March 13, 2020.

B. The term “Design” means performance of detailed pre-construction engineering and design, up through preparation of plans and specifications for the initial construction contract, for the Project.

C. The term “design costs” means the sum of all costs that are directly related to the Design and cost shared in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the term shall include the Government’s costs for engineering and design, including economic, real estate, and environmental analyses, a safety assurance review, if required, and supervision and administration; and the Non-Federal Sponsor’s creditable costs for in-kind contributions, if any. The term does not include any costs for dispute resolution; participation by the Government and Non-Federal Sponsor in the Design Coordination Team to discuss significant issues and actions; audits; betterments; or the Non-Federal Sponsor’s cost of negotiating this Agreement.

D. The term “HTRW” means hazardous, toxic, and radioactive wastes, which includes any material listed as a “hazardous substance” (42 U.S.C. 9601(14)) regulated under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (hereinafter “CERCLA”) (42 U.S.C. 9601-9675) and any other regulated material in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

E. The term “in-kind contributions” means those creditable materials or services provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor that are identified as being integral to Design of the Project by the Division Commander for South Pacific Division (hereinafter the “Division Commander”). To be integral, the material or service must be part of the work that the Government would otherwise have undertaken for Design of the Project. In-kind contributions also include any investigations performed by the Non-Federal Sponsor to identify the existence and extent of any HTRW as required for Design of the Project.

F. The term “betterment” means a difference in the Design of the Project that results from the application of standards that the Government determines exceed those that the Government would otherwise apply to Design of the Project.

G. The term “fiscal year” means one year beginning on October 1st and ending on September 30th of the following year.

ARTICLE II - OBLIGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR

A. In accordance with Federal laws, regulations, and policies, the Government shall conduct the Design using funds appropriated by the Congress and funds provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor. In carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall comply with all requirements of applicable Federal laws and implementing regulations, including but not limited to, if applicable, Section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d), and Department of Defense

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Directive 5500.11 issued pursuant thereto; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6102); and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), and Army Regulation 600-7 issued pursuant thereto.

B. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall contribute 25 percent of design costs in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

1. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall be responsible for undertaking any investigations that the Government determines are required for Design of the Project to identify the existence and extent of any HTRW.

2. After considering the estimated amount of credit for in-kind contributions, if any, that will be afforded in accordance with paragraph C. of this Article, the Government shall provide the Non-Federal Sponsor with a written estimate of the amount of funds required from the Non-Federal Sponsor to meet its cost share for the initial fiscal year of the Design. No later than 60 calendar days after such notification, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the full amount of such funds to the Government in accordance with Article III.C.

3. No later than August 1st prior to each subsequent fiscal year of the Design, the Government shall provide the Non-Federal Sponsor with a written estimate of the amount of funds required from the Non-Federal Sponsor during that fiscal year to meet its cost share. No later than September 1st prior to that fiscal year, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the full amount of such required funds to the Government in accordance with Article III.C.

C. The Government shall include in design costs and credit towards the Non-Federal Sponsor's share of such costs, the cost of in-kind contributions performed by the Non-Federal Sponsor that are determined by the Government to be integral to Design of the Project. Creditable in-kind contributions may include costs for engineering, design, and supervision and administration, but shall not include any costs associated with betterments. Such costs shall be subject to audit in accordance with Article VII to determine reasonableness, allocability, and allowability, and crediting shall be in accordance with the following procedures, requirements, and limitations:

1. As in-kind contributions are completed and no later than 60 calendar days after such completion, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the Government appropriate documentation for the Government to determine the costs that are creditable to the Non-Federal Sponsor's share of design costs. Failure to provide such documentation in a timely manner may result in denial of credit. Appropriate documentation includes invoices and certification of specific payments to contractors, suppliers, and the Non-Federal Sponsor's employees.

2. No credit shall be afforded for the following: interest charges, or any adjustment to reflect changes in price levels between the time the in-kind contributions are completed and credit is afforded; the value of in-kind contributions obtained at no

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cost to the Non-Federal Sponsor; any items provided or performed prior to the effective date of this Agreement unless covered by an In-Kind Memorandum of Understanding; any items not identified as integral in the integral determination report; or costs that exceed the Government's estimate of the cost for such in-kind contributions.

3. No reimbursement will be provided for any in-kind contributions that exceed the Non-Federal Sponsor's share of the design costs under this Agreement.

D. To the extent practicable and in accordance with Federal laws, regulations, and policies, the Government shall afford the Non-Federal Sponsor the opportunity to review and comment on contracts solicitations prior to the Government's issuance of such solicitations; proposed contract modifications, including change orders; and contract claims prior to resolution thereof. Ultimately, the contents of solicitations, award of contracts, execution of contract modifications, and resolution of contract claims shall be exclusively within the control of the Government.

E. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall not use Federal program funds to meet any of its obligations under this Agreement unless the Federal agency providing the funds verifies in writing that the funds are authorized to be used for the Project. Federal program funds are those funds provided by a Federal agency, plus any non-Federal contribution required as a matching share therefor.

F. In addition to the ongoing, regular discussions between the parties regarding Design delivery, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor may establish a Design Coordination Team to discuss significant issues or actions. Neither the Government's nor the Non-Federal Sponsor's costs for participation on the Design Coordination Team shall be included in the design costs. The Non-Federal Sponsor's costs for participation on the Design Coordination Team shall be paid solely by the Non-Federal Sponsor without reimbursement or credit.

G. The Non-Federal Sponsor may request in writing that the Government include betterments in the Design of the Project. Each request shall be subject to review and written approval by the Division Commander. If the Government agrees to such request, the Non-Federal Sponsor, in accordance with Article III.F., must provide funds to cover the difference in the costs for design of such work, as determined by the Government, in advance of the Government performing the work.

H. If the Government and Non-Federal Sponsor enter into a Project Partnership Agreement for construction of the Project, the Government shall include the design costs in the calculation of construction costs for the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Project Partnership Agreement.

ARTICLE III - PAYMENT OF FUNDS

A. As of the effective date of this Agreement, design costs are projected to be $1,733,333, with the Government's share of such costs projected to be $1,300,000, and

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the Non-Federal Sponsor's share of such costs projected to be $433,333, which includes creditable in-kind contributions projected to be $0 and the amount of funds required to meet its cost share projected to be $433,333. Costs for betterments are projected to be $0. These amounts are estimates subject to adjustment by the Government, after consultation with the Non-Federal Sponsor, and are not to be construed as the total financial responsibilities of the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor.

B. The Government shall provide the Non-Federal Sponsor with monthly reports setting forth the estimated design costs and the Government's and Non-Federal Sponsor's estimated shares of such costs; costs incurred by the Government, using both Federal and Non-Federal Sponsor funds, to date; the amount of funds provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor to date; the estimated amount of any creditable in-kind contributions; and the estimated remaining cost of the Design.

C. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide to the Government required funds by delivering a check payable to "FAO, USAED Albuquerque District (L4)" to the District Commander, or verifying to the satisfaction of the Government that the Non-Federal Sponsor has deposited such required funds in an escrow or other account acceptable to the Government, with interest accruing to the Non-Federal Sponsor, or by providing an Electronic Funds Transfer of such required funds in accordance with procedures established by the Government.

D. The Government shall draw from the funds provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor to cover the non-Federal share of the design costs as those costs are incurred. If the Government determines at any time that additional funds are needed from the Non-Federal Sponsor to cover the Non-Federal Sponsor's required share of the design costs, the Government shall provide the Non-Federal Sponsor with written notice of the amount of additional funds required. Within 60 calendar days of such notice, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide the Government with the full amount of such additional funds.

E. Upon completion of the Design and resolution of all relevant claims and appeals, the Government shall conduct a final accounting and furnish the Non-Federal Sponsor with the written results of such final accounting. Should the final accounting determine that additional funds are required from the Non-Federal Sponsor, the Non-Federal Sponsor, within 60 calendar days of written notice from the Government, shall provide the Government with the full amount of such additional funds by delivering a check payable to "FAO, USAED Albuquerque District (L4)" to the District Commander, or by providing an Electronic Funds Transfer of such funds in accordance with procedures established by the Government. Should the final accounting determine that the Non-Federal Sponsor has provided funds in excess of its required amount, the Government shall refund the excess amount, subject to the availability of funds or if requested by the Non-Federal Sponsor, apply the excess amount towards the non-Federal share of the cost of construction of the Project in the event a Project Partnership Agreement is executed for the Project. Such final accounting does not limit the Non-Federal Sponsor's responsibility to pay its share of design costs, including contract claims or any other liability that may become known after the final accounting.

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F. If the Government agrees to include betterments on the Non-Federal Sponsor's behalf, the Government shall provide written notice to the Non-Federal Sponsor of the amount of funds required to cover such costs. No later than 30 calendar days after receipt of such written notice, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall make the full amount of such required funds available to the Government through either payment method specified in Article III.E. If at any time the Government determines that additional funds are required to cover any such costs, as applicable, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall provide those funds within 30 calendar days from receipt of written notice from the Government. If the Government determines that funds provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor exceed the amount required for the Government to complete such work, the Government shall refund any remaining unobligated amount.

ARTICLE IV - TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

A. If at any time the Non-Federal Sponsor fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, the Government may suspend or terminate Design unless the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) determines that continuation of the Design is in the interest of the United States or is necessary in order to satisfy agreements with any other non-Federal interests in connection with the Project.

B. If the Government determines at any time that the Federal funds made available for the Design are not sufficient to complete such work, the Government shall so notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing within 30 calendar days, and upon exhaustion of such funds, the Government shall suspend Design until there are sufficient Federal funds appropriated by the Congress and funds provided by the Non-Federal Sponsor to allow Design to resume.

C. In the event of termination, the parties shall conclude their activities relating to the Design and conduct an accounting in accordance with Article III.E. To provide for this eventuality, the Government may reserve a percentage of available funds as a contingency to pay costs of termination, including any costs of resolution of contract claims and contract modifications.

D. Any suspension or termination shall not relieve the parties of liability for any obligation incurred. Any delinquent payment owed by the Non-Federal Sponsor pursuant to this Agreement shall be charged interest at a rate, to be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, equal to 150 per centum of the average bond equivalent rate of the 13 week Treasury bills auctioned immediately prior to the date on which such payment became delinquent or auctioned immediately prior to the beginning of each additional 3 month period if the period of delinquency exceeds 3 months.

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ARTICLE V - HOLD AND SAVE

The Non-Federal Sponsor shall hold and save the Government free from all damages arising from the Design, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the Government or its contractors.

ARTICLE VI - DISPUTE RESOLUTION

As a condition precedent to a party bringing any suit for breach of this Agreement, that party must first notify the other party in writing of the nature of the purported breach and seek in good faith to resolve the dispute through negotiation. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute through negotiation, they may agree to a mutually acceptable method of non-binding alternative dispute resolution with a qualified third party acceptable to the parties. Each party shall pay an equal share of any costs for the services provided by such a third party as such costs are incurred. The existence of a dispute shall not excuse the parties from performance pursuant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII - MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS AND AUDIT

A. The parties shall develop procedures for the maintenance by the Non-Federal Sponsor of books, records, documents, or other evidence pertaining to costs and expenses for a minimum of three years after the final accounting. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall assure that such materials are reasonably available for examination, audit, or reproduction by the Government.

B. The Government may conduct, or arrange for the conduct of, audits of the Design. Government audits shall be conducted in accordance with applicable Government cost principles and regulations. The Government's costs of audits for the Design shall not be included in design costs.

C. To the extent permitted under applicable Federal laws and regulations, the Government shall allow the Non-Federal Sponsor to inspect books, records, documents, or other evidence pertaining to costs and expenses maintained by the Government, or at the Non-Federal Sponsor's request, provide to the Non-Federal Sponsor or independent auditors any such information necessary to enable an audit of the Non-Federal Sponsor's activities under this Agreement. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall pay the costs of non-Federal audits without reimbursement or credit by the Government.

ARTICLE VIII - RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

In the exercise of their respective rights and obligations under this Agreement, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor each act in an independent capacity, and neither is to be considered the officer, agent, or employee of the other. Neither party

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shall provide, without the consent of the other party, any contractor with a release that waives or purports to waive any rights a party may have to seek relief or redress against that contractor.

ARTICLE IX - NOTICES

A. Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been duly given if in writing and delivered personally or mailed by registered or certified mail, with return receipt, as follows:

If to the Non-Federal Sponsor:
CEO/Chief Engineer
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
1931 Second St SW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

If to the Government:
District Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District
4101 Jefferson Plaza NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109

B. A party may change the recipient or address to which such communications are to be directed by giving written notice to the other party in the manner provided in this Article.

ARTICLE X - CONFIDENTIALITY

To the extent permitted by the laws governing each party, the parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of exchanged information when requested to do so by the providing party.

ARTICLE XI - THIRD PARTY RIGHTS, BENEFITS, OR LIABILITIES

Nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor may be construed, to create any rights, confer any benefits, or relieve any liability, of any kind whatsoever in any third person not party to this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, which shall become effective upon the date it is signed by the District Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY	MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
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Lt. Col. Jerre V. Hansbrough U.S. Army District Commander	Jason M. Casuga CEO/Chief Engineer
DATE: _____	DATE: _____

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Memorandum

To: **MRGCD Chair Russo Baca and Board of Directors**
Jason Casuga, CE/CEO
Pam Fanelli, CFO

From: **Richard DeLoia, Chief Procurement Officer** RD

Date: **June 6, 2023**

Re: **Recommendation for the selection of On-Call Professional Engineering Services**

Request for Proposals (RFPs) for On-Call Professional Engineering Services were advertised on April 18th and April 20th, 2023, and four (4) RFP's were received by the deadline 10:00 am on May 17th, 2023. After thorough review and evaluation, MRGCD staff is confident to have received proposals from highly qualified engineering firms.

MRGCD staff hereby recommends to the Board of Directors award of a one-year contract with the option of three (3) additional years to the 3 highest scoring firms beginning on July 1st, 2023 as follows;

1. **Wilson & Company**
2. **Bohannan Huston**
3. **HDR Inc.**

Memorandum

To: **MRGCD Chair Russo Baca and Board of Directors**
Jason Casuga, CE/CEO
Pam Fanelli, CFO

From: **Richard DeLoia, Chief Procurement Officer** RD

Date: **June 6, 2023**

Re: **Recommendation for the selection of Infrastructure On-Call Contractors**

Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Infrastructure On-Call Contractors were advertised on April 18th and April 20th, 2023, and five (5) RFP's were received by the deadline 10:00 am on May 11th, 2023.

MRGCD staff hereby recommends to the Board of Directors award of a one-year contract with the option of three (3) additional years to the 3 highest scoring, qualified Contractors beginning on July 1st, 2023 as follows;

1. **Lopez Precision**
2. **AUI Inc.**
3. **SDV Construction**

Memorandum

To: MRGCD Chair Russo Baca and Board of Directors
Jason Casuga, CE/CEO
Pam Fanelli, CFO

From: Richard DeLoia, Chief Procurement Officer RD

Date: June 6, 2023

Re: Recommendation for the selection of the MRGCD Federal Lobbyist Services

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Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Federal Lobbyist Services were advertised on May 24th and May 26th, 2023, and One (1) RFP was received by the deadline 10:00 am on June 2nd, 2023. After thorough review and evaluation, MRGCD staff believes we received a proposal from a highly responsive firm to obtain the best qualified and most advantageous for representing the interests of the MRGCD.

MRGCD staff hereby recommends to the Board of Directors award of a one-year contract with the option of three (3) additional years between the MRGCD and Water Strategies LLC beginning on July 1st, 2023.

Cost Breakdown:

Description of Services:	Monthly Cost
Monthly Rate for Services Performed	$8,000.00 + Tax

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

Adoption of Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (07-01-22 to 06-30-23)

No. BA-06-12-23-90

WHEREAS, staff of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, State of New Mexico ("MRGCD"), has developed a budget for fiscal year 2022/2023; and

WHEREAS, said budget was adopted by the Governing Body of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District on May 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration approved said budget; and

WHEREAS, due to unprecedented high flow water volume in the Rio Grande River, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District levees have sustained damage and are in need of urgent repair in order to prevent major levee breaches; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District needs to increase appropriations for expenditures that have not been included in the original budget; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District needs to increase the appropriations by $500,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, being the Governing Body of the MRGCD, approves the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 budget and instructs the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer to submit the amended budget to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for approval.

RESOLVED: in session this 12th day of June 2023.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Stephanie Russo Baca, Chair

Karen Dunning, Vice-Chair

Barbara Baca, At-Large Director

John P. Kelly, Director

Joaquin Baca, Director

Glen Duggins, Director

Michael T. Sandoval, Director

ATTEST:

Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT
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Jason M. Casuga, P.E.
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
1931 Second St. SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102-4515

RE: Request to modify Cochiti flood operations, limiting total releases out of Cochiti Dam to no more than 4,000 cubic feet per second

Dear Mr. Casuga:

I am in receipt of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District's (MRGCD) letter dated 25 May 2023, wherein you request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) modify the outflow from Cochiti Reservoir to no more than 4,000 cubic feet per second for the remainder of the 2023 spring runoff. We have heard and understand your concerns regarding current river conditions and ongoing maintenance activities by MRGCD.

With regards to the outflow from Cochiti Reservoir during each spring flood, USACE is tasked by law with passing the "maximum rate of flow that can be carried at the time in the channel of Rio Grande through the middle valley without causing flooding of areas protected by levees or unreasonable damage to channel protective works." In accordance with our statutory tasking, this is not considered a deviation, but rather a determination as to what, in our engineering judgment, is the maximum rate of flow.

Based on our staffs' inspections and site-specific field observations, it was deemed appropriate that the outflow from Cochiti Reservoir be reduced to 5000cfs in order to prevent unreasonable damage to these individual locations on channel protective works. USACE will reevaluate the flows and the concerns on Monday, 5 June 2023, to determine if any further adjustments to the outflow from Cochiti Reservoir are needed to avoid flooding of areas protected by levees or to prevent unreasonable damage to channel protective works.

We greatly value the ongoing coordination efforts with MRGCD to ensure the safety of communities protected by spoil bank levees along the Rio Grande. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

JERRE V. HANSBROUGH
LTC, EN
Commanding

May 25, 2023

Lt. Col. Jerre V. Hansbrough
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Albuquerque District
4101 Jefferson Plaza NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Re: Request to modify Cochiti flood operations, limiting total releases out of Cochiti Dam to no more than 4,000 cubic feet per second

Dear Lt. Col. Hansbrough:

On behalf of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), and the communities we serve within Sandoval, Bernalillo, Valencia, and Socorro counties, I am requesting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) modify flood operations from Cochiti Dam by limiting total release to no more than 4,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) for the remainder of the 2023 spring runoff. Due to high runoff the Corps is presently managing releases from Cochiti Dam to limit damage to the downstream spoil levees that protect communities within the Rio Grande Valley from river flooding. Releases from Cochiti Dam are now at about 5,250 cfs and briefly reached 5,500 cfs in early May. With current river channel capacity conditions diminished in the Isleta reach this high-volume release has resulted in a significant amount of water resting against the spoil bank levees through sections of the middle Rio Grande, particularly in Valencia County. Given the amount of flood water stored in Cochiti Reservoir and the expected duration of spring runoff, MRGCD has serious concerns about the impact of sustained releases from Cochiti Dam above 4,000 cfs on the middle Rio Grande spoil bank levee system.

Current River Conditions:

In June 2019, measured inflow at the Albuquerque gauge was above 5,200 cfs for four days and peaked at about 5,500 cfs. Releases from Cochiti Dam were reduced once it became clear that some river sections through the middle valley could not safely convey this amount of water without compromising the spoil levees. The 5,200 cfs flow at Albuquerque was well below the 7,000 cfs defined channel capacity in the Corps' Water Control Plan for Cochiti Lake, and river channel capacity through the middle Rio Grande has continued to decline. Since 2019, three consecutive years of below average runoff have extended periods of drying in the river channel, particularly through Valencia County. The prolonged drying of the river channel allowed for significant vegetation encroachment. The result of this encroachment is reduced flow velocities and river channel capacity through much of the valley. Lower flows are producing higher water surface elevations than have not been observed in previous years.

The area of greatest concern is the river channel through Valencia County, where water has been observed at the toe of the levee when flows reached 3,000 cfs at the USGS Rio Grande gage near Bosque Farms, causing sloughing and other immediate concerns. Releasing high rates of flow into the middle valley to restore river channel capacity below Cochiti Dam has been detrimental to the integrity of the spoil levee system through Valencia County and is not having the desired effect of scouring islands and bars. Vegetation that has established along and within the riverbank during the past three years of drought is not being mobilized by the high discharges from Cochiti, and the riverbank is no longer migrating in this reach.

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Impacts of High Flows on Levees:

As you know, the current flood protection for Valencia County communities along the Rio Grande is comprised of non-engineered spoil levees maintained by the MRGCD. The MRGCD is the local non-federal sponsor for the Corps Bernalillo to Belen Unit Levee (BtoB) project to replace the existing spoil levee with a fully engineered levee. As stated in the signed BtoB Chiefs Report, *"Observations of the performance of the existing spoil bank system during a higher flow dam release (Section 5.1.3.4), as well as the results of numerical modeling of spoil bank seepage and stability (Appendix F, Section 4.1), indicate that the existing spoil bank system may temporarily provide flood mitigation for short duration flow events. Note that even the limited degree of flood risk management provided by the spoil banks is dependent on continuous monitoring, maintenance, and repair to maintain the integrity of the spoil bank system."*

The Chiefs Report clearly states that the spoil levee only provides flood mitigation for short duration events and that the limited flood protection requires continuous monitoring, maintenance, and repairs. To date, the spoil levee has had water against its bank for over a month, with at least a month and a half remaining before water is likely to recede to the main channel.

When river flows reached 3,000 cfs below Isleta Diversion Dam in mid-April, the MRGCD began daily inspections of the spoil levee on both sides of the river, documenting areas of concern as green, yellow, and red. Green indicates a monitoring site, yellow indicates a site that should be visited during every inspection day, and red indicates a site with significant damage that requires immediate attention and repair. MRGCD has been repairing red sites up and down the levee since mid-April. Valencia County, the Bureau of Reclamation and the Village of Los Lunas have also started assisting the MRGCD with rock hauling operations to various sites.

The MRGCD and its partners no longer have the capability (staff, equipment, rock) to repair red sites at the current pace they are developing.

The current Water Control Plan (WCP) was written in 1996. River maintenance activities and the hydrology of the middle Rio Grande have shifted significantly in the past 27 years, resulting in a river channel that can no longer accommodate the flows contemplated in the 1996 WCP.

To ensure the safety of communities protected by the spoil levees along the Rio Grande in Valencia County, MRGCD requests the Corps reduce Cochiti Dam releases to 4,000 cfs gradually over the next two weeks.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this request.

Jason M. Casuga, P.E.
CEO/Chief Engineer

Topic: Preparing for Monsoon Flood Events

Dear Constituents of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District:

The staff at the MRGCD is very grateful for the amazing snowpack and strong runoff the Middle Valley is currently experiencing. Thus far, 2023 is providing a much-needed reprieve from the water shortages of 2020, 2021, and 2022. As the snowpack continues to recede in the mountains, the MRGCD is looking ahead to the Monsoon season when the source, severity, and location of our water supply can change from minute to minute and hour by hour. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, along with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, are both modeling a likely shift from the warmer and drier La Nina weather pattern, to a wetter and cooler El Nino pattern for 2023. This shift means strong thunderstorms could start arriving earlier and potentially continue late into August or September. These thunderstorm events have the potential to provide much needed supplemental irrigation to our farmers and water for the river corridor. However, they can also produce torrential rain events in some areas causing significant upland flooding and damage to MRGCD canals and adjacent private property.

Along with delivering irrigation water to the valley the MRGCD is also tasked with protecting the middle valley from flooding due to the Rio Grande. MRGCD does so through the construction and maintenance of riverside levees. In recent years, civil lawsuits have been brought against the MRGCD blaming MRGCD for property damages related to upland storm events well above the 100-year category, that originate outside the boundaries of the MRGCD. Storm events such as these can produce significant volumes of water in a short amount of time, in watersheds adjacent to the Rio Grande. MRGCD's irrigation system, which provides crucial water resources to the middle valley, was not, and is not designed to control upland watershed storm events. Upland stormwater is typically the responsibility of local flood control authorities such as those developed in Bernalillo and Sandoval counties. There are no such agencies in Valencia and Socorro counties; therefore, upland stormwater management falls to local municipalities or counties. Despite the limited scope of MRGCD's role and jurisdiction, MRGCD does pay close attention to incoming storm events during the Monsoon season. Although the MRGCD has little power and jurisdiction, the MRGCD will proactively drain water from a canal to mitigate the risk of a breach if a direct hit from a monsoon event looks imminent. However, this task, at times, takes hours to complete.

In an effort to help residents of the Middle Valley, particularly in Valencia and Socorro Counties, the MRGCD will be establishing sandbag stations in Valencia and Socorro Counties (at X location) where members of the public can fill up sandbags at no cost. Additionally, if you live in the benefited area of the MRGCD, it is highly recommended you have flood insurance.

If you have questions about upland stormwater management, flood control, or flood remediation, please contact your local municipality or flood plain managers in your respective counties.

Please use this information in planning for the coming Monsoon season.

Sincerely,

Jason M. Casuga, PE
Chief Engineer/CEO

Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District: Checking In A Year After the Big Hole Fire

June 12th, 2023, Board Meeting of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District -- Board of Directors

Andrew Hautzinger
VSWCD District Director

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Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District Mission, Board of Supervisors & Staff

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

- VSWCD Board of Supervisors:
  - Abel Camarena, Chair
  - Teresa Smith de Cherif, Vice Chair
  - Duana Draszkiewicz, Treasurer
  - Richard Bonine, Board Supervisor (Laguna Pueblo)
  - Gail Goodman, Board Supervisor
  - Priscilla Abeita, Board Supervisor (Isleta Pueblo)
  - Pamela Cordova, Board Supervisor
- VSWCD Staff:
  - Andrew Hautzinger, District Director
  - Johnny Chavez, Conservation Program Manager
  - Megan McCready, Business Manager
  - Laura McCann, Education Manager

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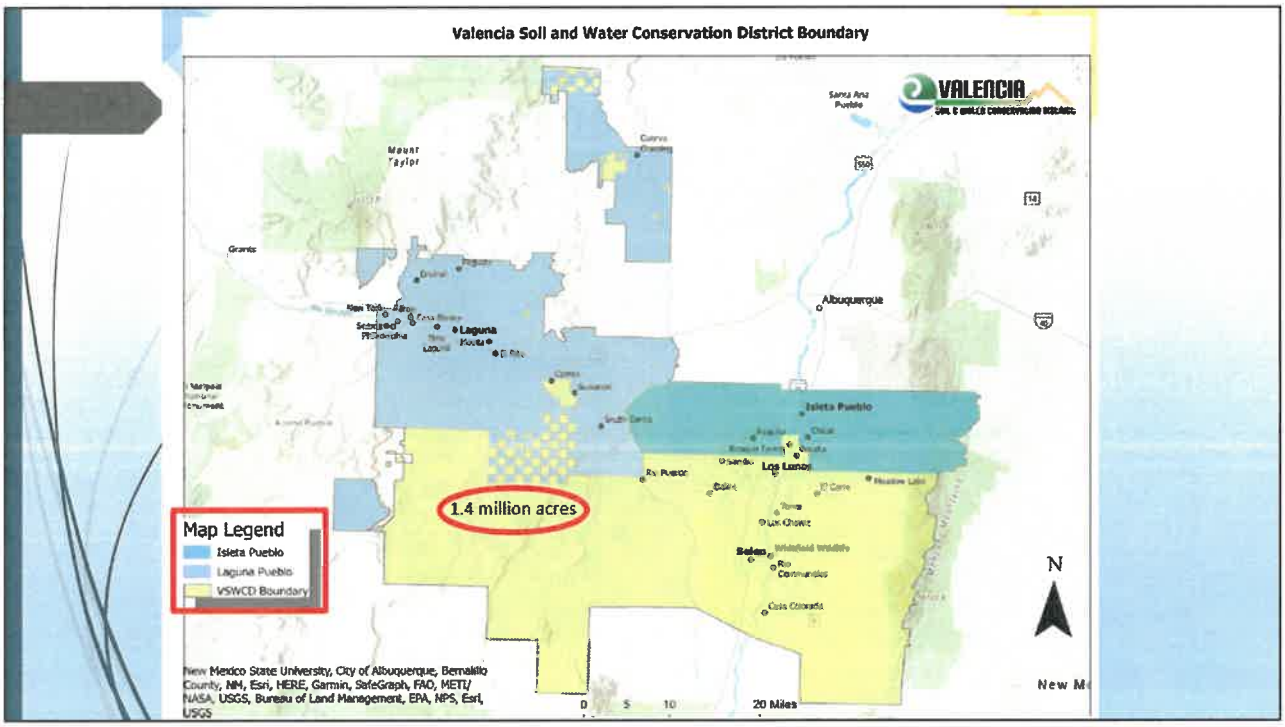

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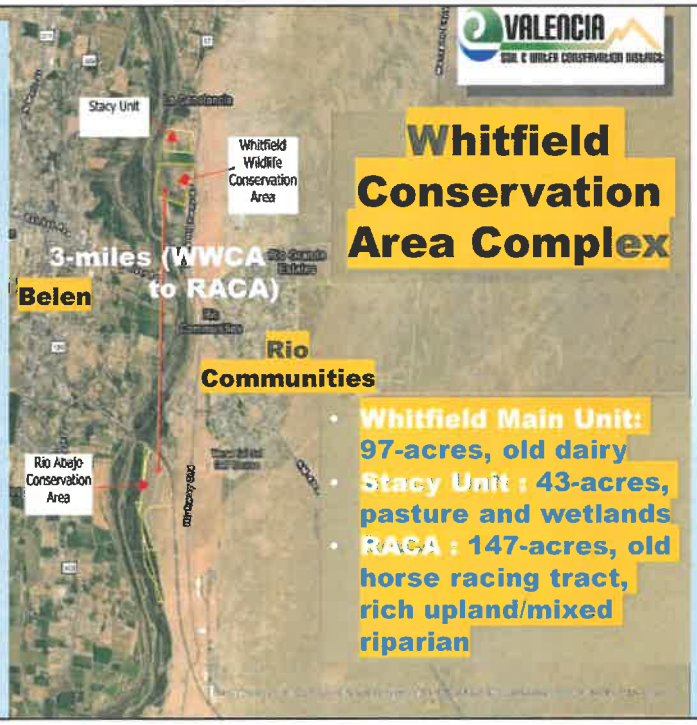
Take a moment here:

THANKS TO MRGCD STAFF:

- Robert Caladerra (ISO)
- Yasmeen Najmi
- Gabby Coughlin
- Casey Ish
- Anne Marken
- Alicia Lopez

To CEO Casuga & the BoD, sincere thanks from VSWCD to everyone at the Conservancy for all these examples of partnership in action.



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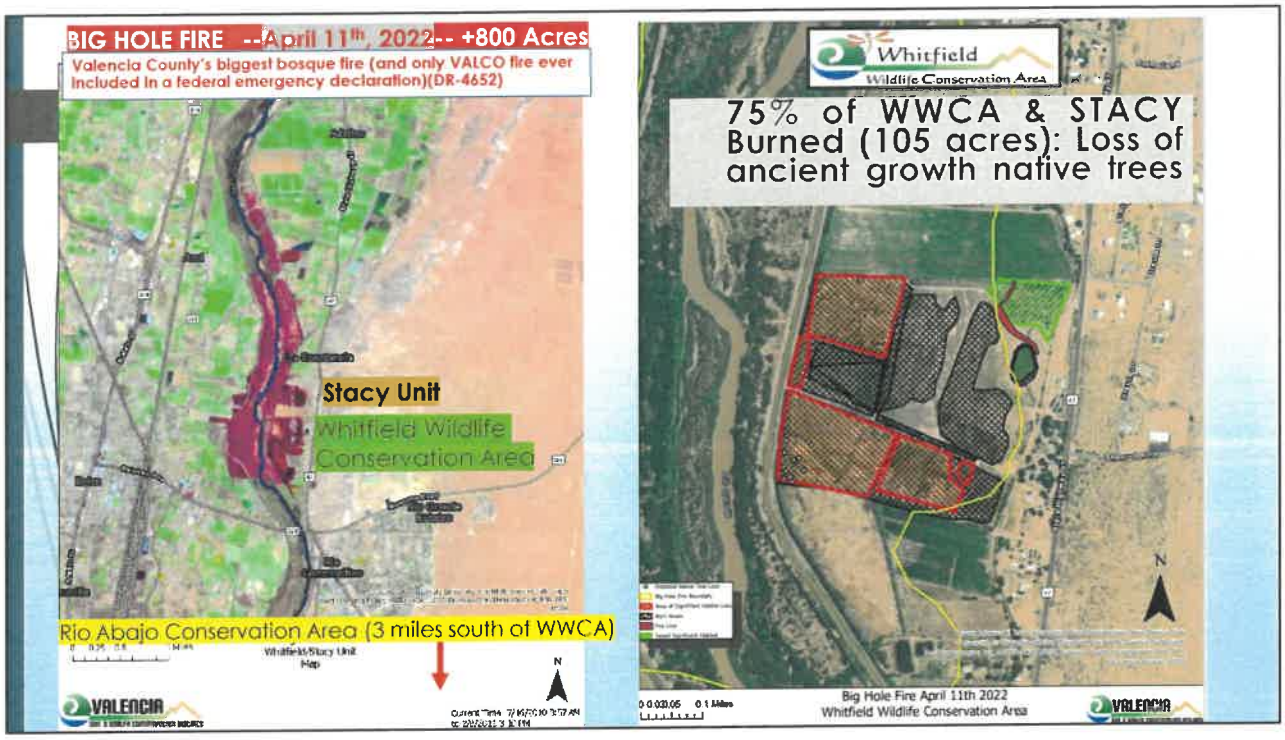
BIG HOLE FIRE --April 11th, 2022-- +800 Acres
Valencia County's biggest bosque fire (and only VALCO fire ever included in a federal emergency declaration)(DR-4652)
Stacy Unit
Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area
Rio Abajo Conservation Area (3 miles south of WWCA)
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Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area
75% of WWCA & STACY Burned (105 acres): Loss of ancient growth native trees
Big Hole Fire April 11th 2022
Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area
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WHITFIELD's Iconic OWL TREE
Summer 2021
100 Year Old Teaching Tree
Most Visited Tree in Valencia County

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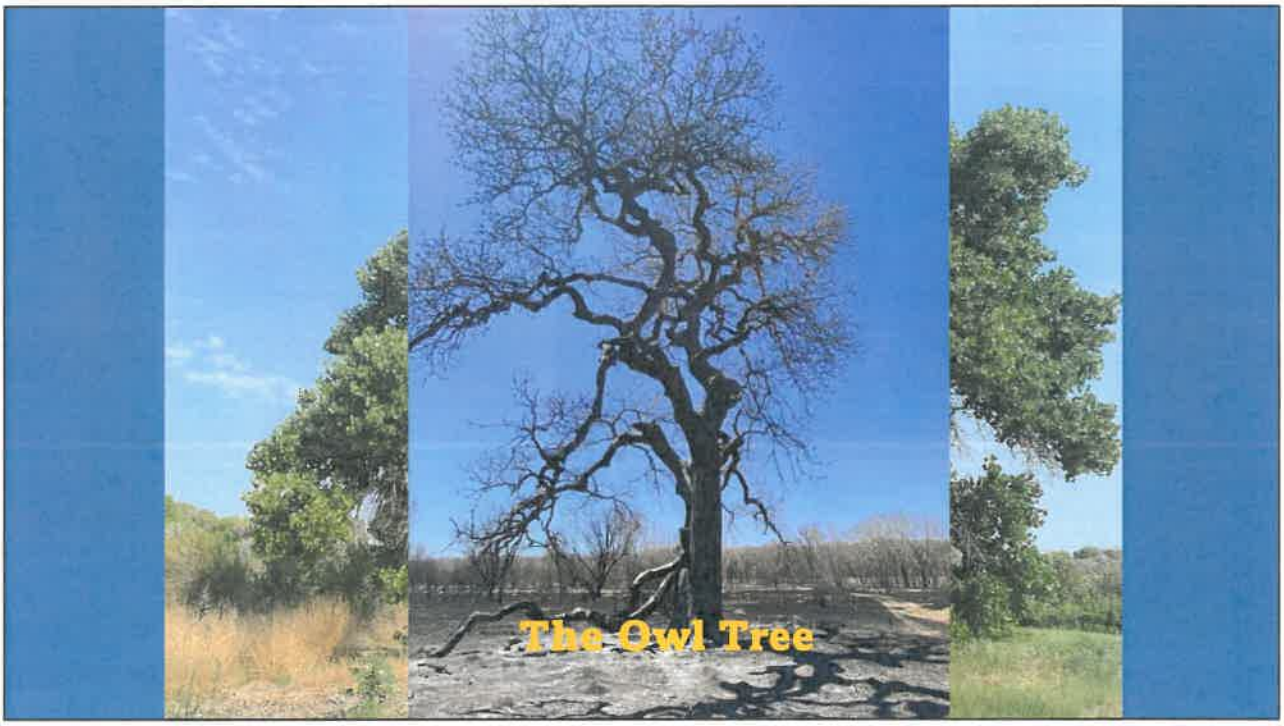

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Review of the Year Since the Big Hole Fire:

- Immediate Post-Fire Assessment:
  - 105 acres burned April 11th, 2022
  - 1,000 burned trees, including a dozen ancient trees (cottonwood/willows)
- Initial Post-Fire Actions:
  - Irrigate burned areas/cease travel on scar
  - Develop Restoration Design & Native Plant List (Climate- and Fire-adapted)
  - SECURE FUNDING (29 FEMA Zoom calls and counting…)
- Held a RESTORE WHITFIELD Workshop (April 6-7, 2023)

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Restoring Whitfield Workshop
VSWCD Report Out:

MRGCD Board of Directors
June 12, 2023 Board Meeting

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District Director
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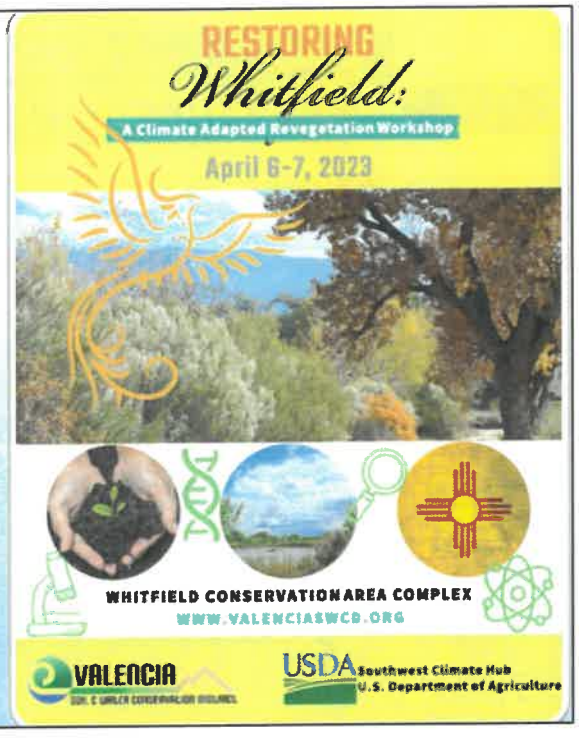

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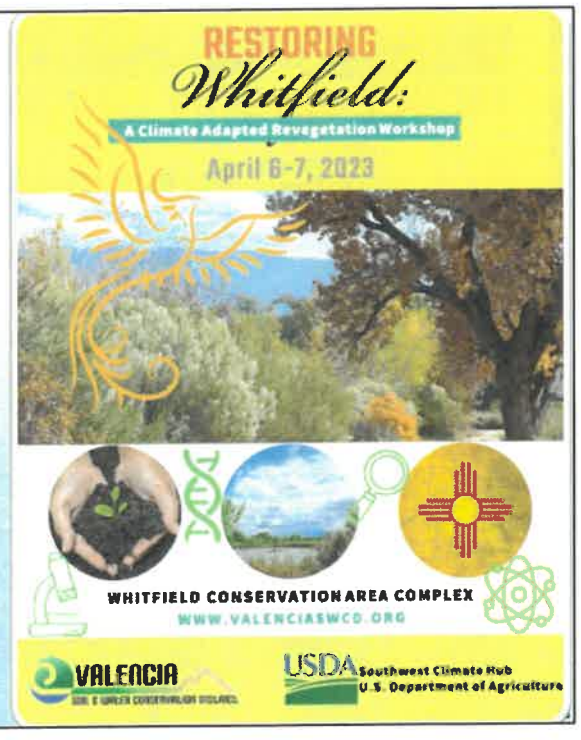
KEY WORKSHOP ASSUMPTIONS:

- The climate & the hydrology of the MRG is changing; as are the fire dynamics.
- The Big Hole Fire is an opportunity to plan for greater resiliency (part of Federal Emergency Declaration DR-4652).



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Restoring Whitfield Workshop:

KEY QUESTIONS:

- What are key considerations for the revegetation design, particularly with regard to the long-term viability of **plants** in context of **climate change**?
- What are strategies to reduce the severity of wildfires?
  - Strategic **Bosque Thinning**?
  - Using **Fuel breaks** of various designs?
  - On-demand **water** sprinkler system?

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Restoring Whitfield Workshop: POTENTIAL STRATEGIES TO REDUCE SEVERITY OF FUTURE WILDFIRE EVENTS

- PATCHY Revegetation Design
- NATIVE PLANT LIST: Climate- & Fire-Adapted
- FUEL BREAKS: STRATEGIC DESIGN & PLACEMENT
- UNDERSTORY Management
- Collaborate with Local Fire Community on Effective FIRE RESPONSE PLAN
- Ongoing PUBLIC EDUCATION & INVOLVEMENT

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Restoring Whitfield Workshop:

- Energetic participants with strong thirst for better networking and collaboration
  - Save the Date: MRGESCP October 2023: *Climate Futures Workshop* (WWCA field site)
- Workshop summary report (being printed)
- Iterate Restoration Design with workshop partners---building network & community.
- EARLY OUTCOME: VSWCD is working with USGS Ft. Collins Science Center to develop a PLANT MATRIX (with ecologists Pat Shafroth & Eduardo Gonzalez)

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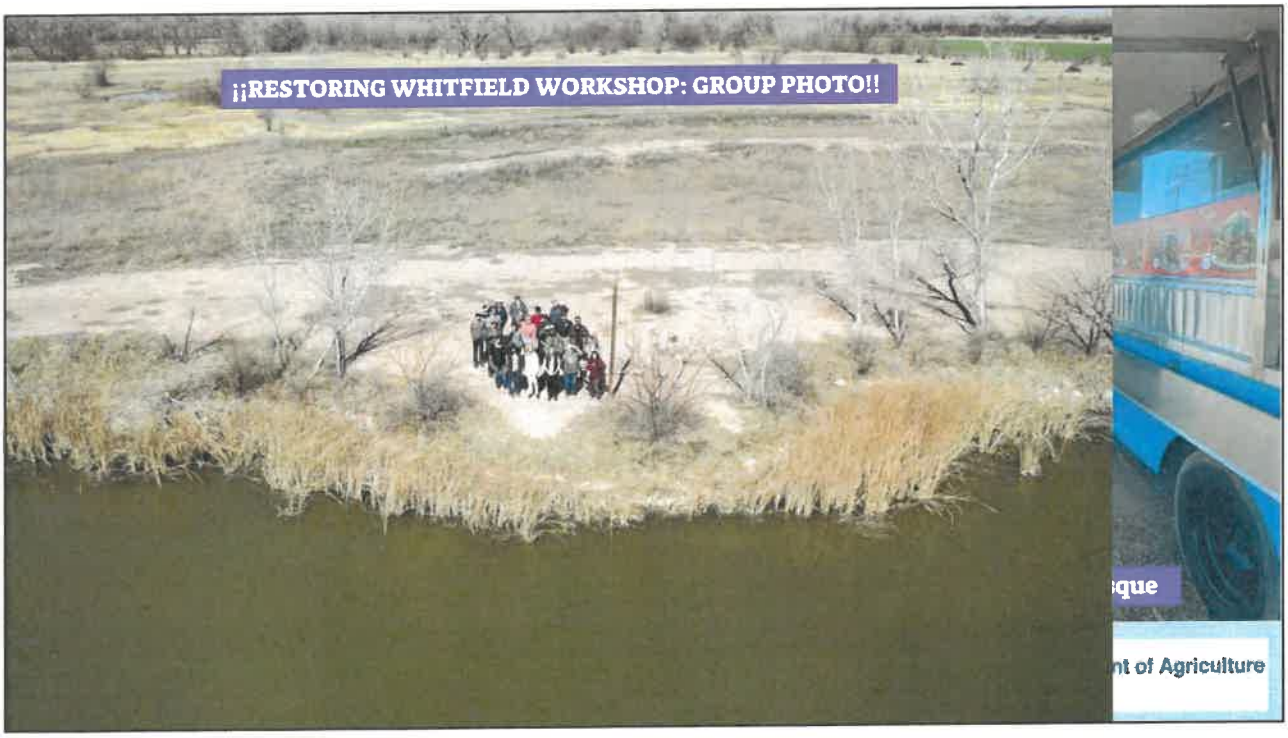

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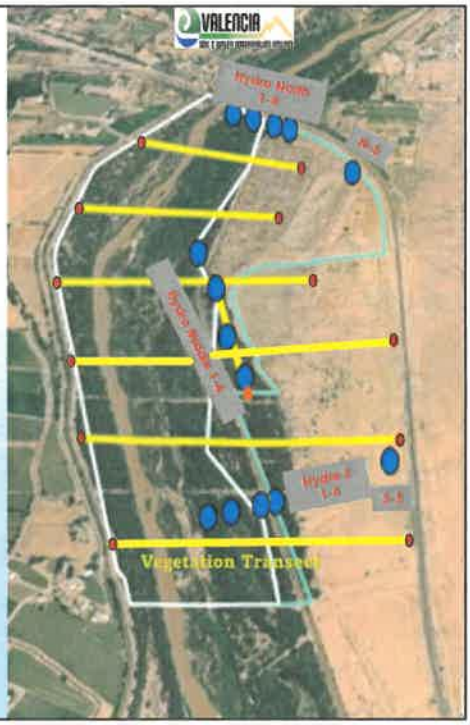
Rio Abajo Conservation Area: VSWCD

- 147-acre mixed riparian w/ uplands
- RACA est. in 2009; former Horse Racetrack
- Covers two river miles (miles 146-147)
- Fire Reduction Funding (FY22-23)
  - Thinning 50-acre grove
  - Restoration
  - Prototype Fuel Breaks
- **Long-term Sentinel Monitoring Site**
  - Installed July 2022
  - 14 shallow monitoring water wells (3 transects)
  - 6 Vegetative Transects
  - Photo Point & survey monumentation)



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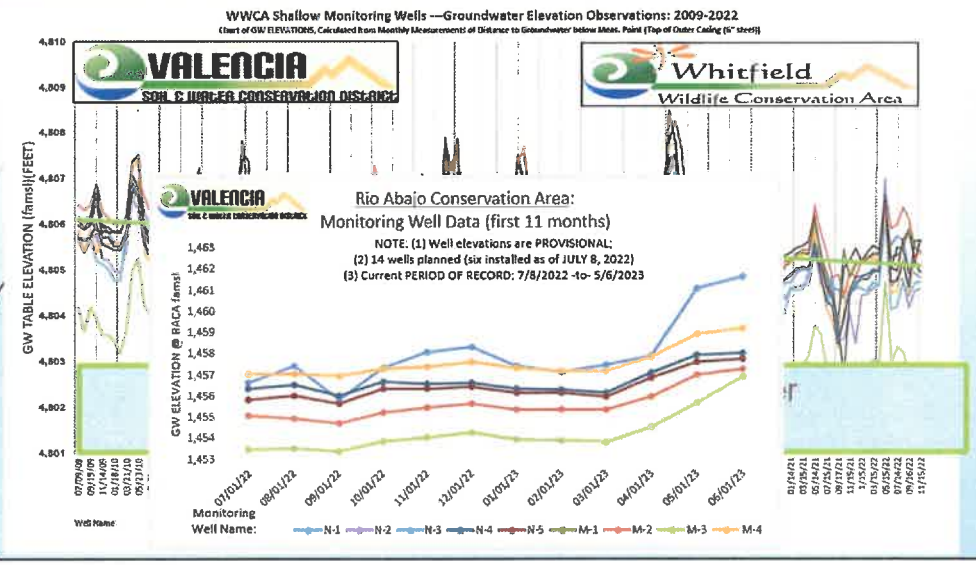
Groundwater Monitoring @ Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area: 13 Years of Monthly Tape Downs (by Volunteers like Ron Goens!!) (2009-2022)



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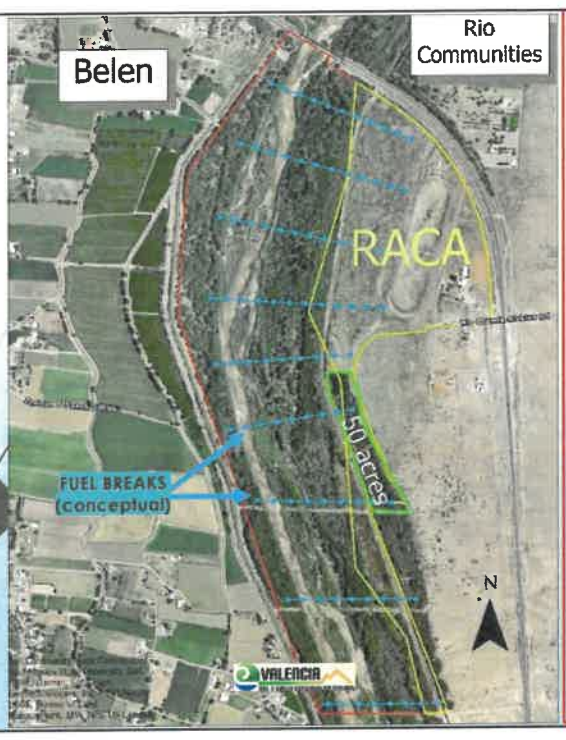

Rio Abajo Conservation Area: Bosque Management

PROPOSAL BENEFITS:

- Give firefighters EGRESS and DEFENSIBLE SPACE
- KEEP FIRES SMALLER
- HABITAT PROTECTION
- BETTER BOSQUE MANAGEMENT: Working at the Scale of the Problem

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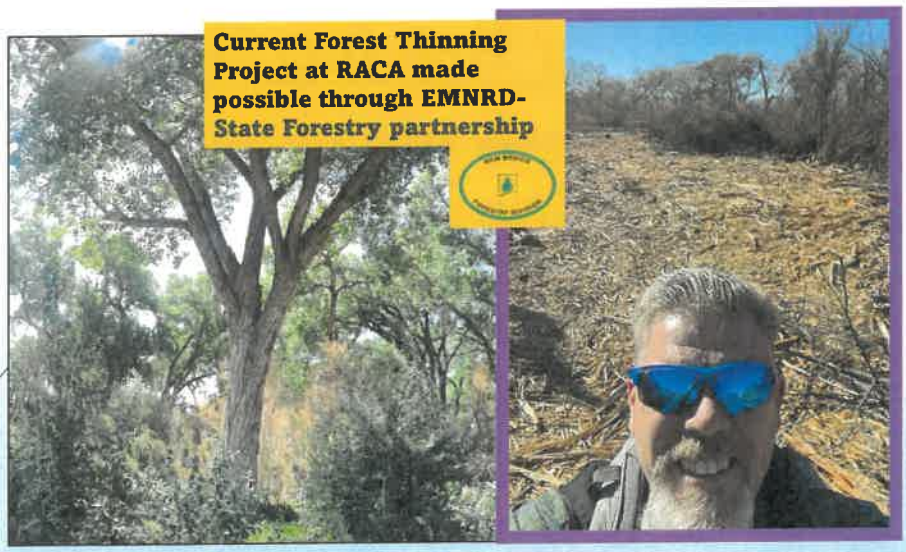

Highly Flammable Understory of 50-acre Rio Abajo Conservation Area's Cottonwood Stand

(2021 photo on left, with October 2022 photo on right)

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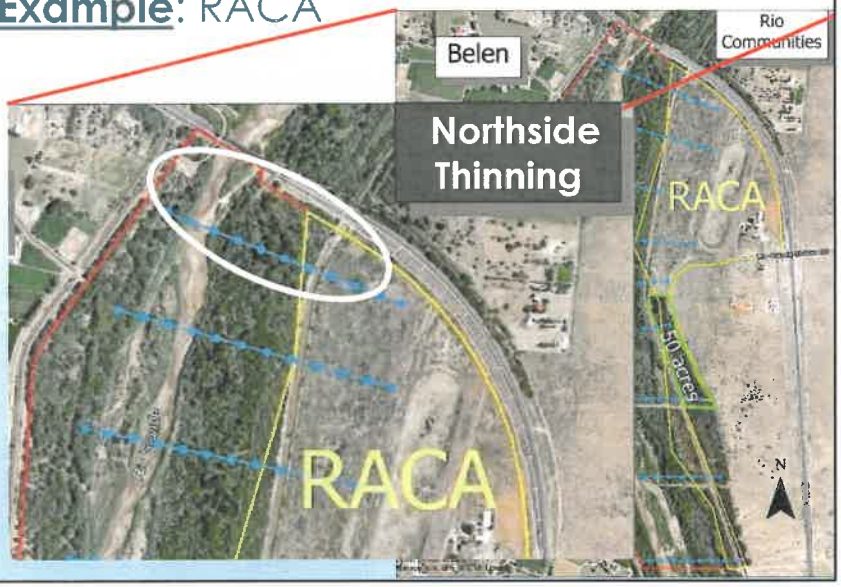
One Year After the Big Hole Fire:

❖**2023 Opportunity Example**: RACA

Possible thinning work at RACA's northern boundary (circa BNSF Bridge)



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One Year After the Big Hole Fire:

❖ **At Whitfield, Mother Nature Is repairing herself**

❖~70% of the Whitfield lands are coming back (especially the native grasses…less so the burned ancient trees…)

❖Resilient Restoration Takes A Village: VSWCD Needs YOUR HELP! Come for a Visit!

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Sincere Thanks to MRGCD's Board and Staff for the continued partnership with Valencia SWCD & the Whitfield Complex.
RISEN FROM THE ASHES
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Big Hole Fire: 4/11/2022
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