

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MRGCD IRRIGATORS**

### **WATER BANK RULE**

The MRGCD established the [Water Bank rule](#) to allow lands without water rights to continue irrigating under surplus water supply conditions. The MRGCD is notifying holders of Water Bank leases that Water Bank deliveries are curtailed for the 2023 irrigation season because the MRGCD will not have sufficient supplemental water in storage to augment the flow of the Rio Grande to provide for all irrigators during the season.

### **ALTERNATE CURTAILMENT LOCATION (ACL) PROCEDURE**

The MRGCD established the Alternate Curtailment Location (ACL) procedure to allow irrigators with options to dry out irrigable lands to continue irrigating lands without water rights. This procedure requires an applicant to designate an area to be curtailed to move water from land that is currently irrigated to land without water rights. Administration of ACLs is facilitated through a Water Bank application and agreement. Approved ACLs may receive water delivery according to the terms of the Water Bank Lease/ ACL Agreement. If you are interested in an ACL, please contact the Assessments Department to schedule an appointment.

### **CURTAILMENT COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT**

It has come to the attention of MRGCD staff that some irrigators did not follow the terms and conditions of 2022 Water Bank Lease/ ACL Agreements. The MRGCD is concerned that areas to be curtailed were irrigated either willfully, negligently, or because of incidental delivery of water from regular lands to curtailment lands. Field borders separating curtailment areas from irrigable fields must be installed according to MRGCD specifications.

For the 2023 irrigation season, MRGCD staff will perform routine inspections to ensure compliance with Water Bank Lease/ ACL Agreements. Inspections include but are not limited to a review of field conditions, a check of field borders, an evaluation of on-farm delivery systems, soil moisture testing and monitoring, water measurement, and aerial surveillance. Failure to comply with specifications may result in suspension of water delivery and up to termination of the Water Bank Lease/ ACL Agreement.

### **WATER SERVICE CHARGE (WSC)**

MRGCD Irrigation Systems Operators (ISOs) Logbooks will identify delinquent properties and other issues with properties. If your ISO informs you there is an issue with your property, please contact the Assessments Department at 505-247-0234 or [assessments@mrgcd.us](mailto:assessments@mrgcd.us). Irrigators are highly encouraged to verify their property status prior to the start of the season to avoid delays to water delivery.

**WCS payments can be made online at <https://wscportal.mrgcd.com/>**

**Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD)**  
**2023 Irrigation Season**  
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