



# Agenda

For Presentation at the  
2,202nd Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

August 14, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:

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- 3:00 1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3:01 2. **Approval of the Agenda**
- 3:03 3. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – August 14, 2023
  - b. Consideration/Approval of July 2023 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
  - c. Consideration/Approval of July 2023 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.
  - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – July 10, 2023
  - e. Consideration/Approval of Contract Renewals for MRGCD Legal Counsel and Approval of the Contract for Year Four of a Four-Year Agreement
    - 1. Wiggins, Williams and Wiggins, PC, General Counsel
    - 2. Law and Resource Planning Associates, PC, Chief Water Counsel
  - f. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for July 2023 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Report(s) from the Election Director – Eli Lovato, Automated Election Services**
  - a. Announcement of Certified Candidates
  - b. Update on the 2023 Polling Locations
- 3:15 5. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**
- 3:30 6. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department – Christine L. Nardi, MBA**
  - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
- 3:35 7. **Report(s) from the Procurement Officer – Richard DeLoia, CPO**
  - a. Consideration/Approval for the following
    - 1. Langemann Gate Order for Storey Wasteway Project
    - 2. Corrales Siphon Design Agreement
- 3:40 8. **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
- 4:00 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
- 4:10 10. **Presentation and Request for Sponsorship for the Great NM Chile Taste-Off – Travis Day, Executive Director, NM Chile Association**
- 4:15 11. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**
  - a. Discussion/Approval for Water Trust Board Application for Socorro Lining Project
    - 1. Resolution M-08-14-23-201
  - b. Notification of the 2023 MRGCD Water Service Charge Reclassification (Protest) Hearing per NMSA §73-18-8.1; hearing scheduled for September 11, 2023

- 4:25 12. **Report(s) from the Chief Operating Officer – Eric Zamora, PE**  
a. Update from the Division Offices – Eric Zamora, COO
- 4:35 13. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**  
a. Information Update to the MRGCD Divisions – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO  
b. Report on the USACE / MRGCD Levee Coordination Meeting, August 7, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO  
c. Report on the Planning of the Conservancy Act Centennial, August 7, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO  
d. Report on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition Meeting, August 10, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO  
e. Report on the BIA Agreement Discussion, July 31, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO  
f. Thank you Card & Feedback from Oasis Albuquerque – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO  
g. Upcoming Events  
1. NM Water Law Conference, Santa Fe, NM | September 18-19, 2023  
2. Inaugural Meeting Coalition of Rio Grande Water Users, Hotel Santa Fe | October 3-5, 2023  
3. Great NM Chile Taste-Off, City of Socorro Rodeo & Sports Complex | October 2023  
4. Latinos Farmers & Ranchers International El Congreso 2023, Isleta Resort & Casino | October 26-28, 2023  
5. 2023 CRWUA Conference, Paris Las Vegas Hotel | December 13-15, 2023  
6. Irrigation Leader Magazine featuring the EBID & MRGCD Tour
- 5:35 14. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**
- 5:45 15. **Report(s) from the Board**  
a. Report on the Valencia County Informational Meeting, July 13, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca, Vice Chair Dunning and Director Kelly  
b. Report on the Valencia County Soil and Water Conservation District, Summer Conservation Camp, July 10, 12 & 14, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca  
c. Report on the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting, July 20, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca  
d. Report on NM Interstate Stream Commission’s Plans to Stand-Up the New Regional Water Resilience Planning Program, July 21, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca  
e. Report on the Meeting with Belen Public Works Director Regarding Belen Riverside Park Discussion, August 1, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca  
f. Report on NM State University’s Agricultural Science Center Field Day, August 8, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca  
g. Report on the Election Committee Meeting, August 8, 2023 – Vice Chair Dunning and Directors Joaquin Baca and Sandoval  
h. Report on the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting, August 9, 2023 – Directors Kelly, Dunning and Barbara Baca
- 6:00 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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