



Agenda

For Presentation at the 2,203rd Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

September 11, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:

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All items on Agenda are Subject to Action and times shown are approximate and are subject to change.

- 3:00 1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3:01 2. **Approval of the Agenda**
- 3:03 3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – September 11, 2023
 - b. Consideration/Approval of August 2023 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
 - c. Consideration/Approval of August 2023 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.
 - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – August 14, 2023
 - e. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for August 2023 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Convene Board of Equalization**
 - a. Reclassification Hearing – Estella Gamboa, Assessment Clerk III
- 3:30 5. **Reconvene Regular Board Meeting**
- 3:31 6. **Update on the 2023 MRGCD Board of Directors Election** – Eli Lovato, Election Director, Automated Election Services
- 3:40 7. **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
- 3:50 8. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**
- 4:20 9. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department** – Christine L. Nardi, MBA
 - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
- 4:25 10. **Report(s) from the Procurement Officer** – Richard DeLoia, CPO
 - a. Consideration/Approval for the Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining Project Construction (Water Trust Board Funded) – Alicia Lopez, Engineering & Mapping Manager
 - b. Consideration/Approval for the Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining Project Construction Management (Water Trust Board Funded) – Alicia Lopez, Engineering & Mapping Manager
 - c. Consideration/Approval for the MRGCD Centennial Documentary – Casey Ish, Conservation Program Supervisor
- 4:40 11. **Report(s) from the Department of the Interior**
 - a. Bureau of Reclamation – Jennifer Faler, Area Manager
 - b. Bureau of Indian Affairs – Sarah K. Delavan, Designated Engineer
- 4:50 12. **Report(s) from the Chief Operating Officer – Eric Zamora, PE**
 - a. Report on the Near North Valley Neighborhood Association Meeting to Discuss Trail and Easement Issues, August 22, 2023 – Eric Zamora, COO and Director Joaquin Baca
 - b. NM 147 Update – Eric Zamora, COO
 - c. Albuquerque Levee Updates – Eric Zamora, COO
 - d. MRGCD Division Manager Updates – Daniel Arquero, Cochiti Division Manager

- 5:05 13. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**
- a. Discussion/Approval on the Rio Grande Valley State Park JPA Revision – Yasmeen Najmi, Planner and Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
 - b. Discussion/Approval of the Agreement between the US Department of the Interior & the MRGCD for Operations & Maintenance on Newly Reclaimed Pueblo Lands – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
 - c. Consideration/Approval of MOA among Bureau of Reclamation and the MRGCD and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation concerning Middle Rio Grande Native Water Leasing and Habitat Restoration Pilot Program – Casey Ish, Conservation Program Supervisor
 - d. Consideration/Approval of Resolution BD-09-11-23-56 Regarding Replacement of a Member of the Board of Directors upon a Vacancy – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
 - e. Update on the MRGCD Centennial Luncheon, August 21, 2023 – Amanda Molina, PIO, Yasmeen Najmi, Planner, Director Joaquin Baca and Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
 - f. Report on the Atrisco Acequia Madre Master Plan, September 5, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Yasmeen Najmi, Planner and Director Barbara Baca
 - g. Report on the San Juan-Chama Project Contractors Association Annual Workshop, Meeting & Field Trip, August 23-25, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Casey Ish, Conservation Program Supervisor and Ashley Veihl, Water Resource Specialist
 - h. Update on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition Meeting, September 8, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
 - i. 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 7, 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
- 6:05 14. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**
- 6:10 15. **Report(s) from the Board**
- a. Report on the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting, August 17, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca
 - b. Report on the Meeting with Linda Stover, Bernalillo County Clerk, August 22, 2023 – Director Barbara Baca
 - c. Report on the Meeting with Rep. Vasquez, August 24 & 25, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca
 - d. Report on the First Friday Regenerate the Valley Meeting, September 1, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca
 - e. Report on the Valencia County Commission Meeting, September 6, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca
 - f. Report on the Finance Committee Meeting, September 8, 2023 – Vice Chair Dunning and Directors Kelly and Barbara Baca
- 6:40 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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