



# Agenda

For Presentation at the  
2,206th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

December 11, 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 – December 11, 2023
  - b. Consideration/Approval of November 2023 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
  - c. Consideration/Approval of November 2023 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.
  - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – November 13, 2023
  - e. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for November 2023 (For Informational Purposes Only)
  - f. November / December 2023 from Amanda Molina, PIO (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Announcement of the Vacancy of Position No. 4 – Bernalillo County Seat on the MRGCD Board of Directors as of December 12, 2023**
- 3:07 5. **Recognition of Director Joaquin Baca's Service to the Middle Rio Grande Valley from June 2017 to December 2023**
- 3:15 6. **Presentation on the San Acacia Operations & Maintenance Manual – Lt. Col. Hansbrough, Brian Sanchez and Jacob Pauly, USACE**
- 3:45 7. **Report from the Bureau of Reclamation – Jennifer Faler, Area Manager**
- 4:15 8. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**
- 4:45 9. **Report(s) from the Water Operations and Water Distribution Divisions**
  - 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
- 4:55 10. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department – Christine L. Nardi, MBA**
  - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
  - b. Consideration/Approval of the 2024 Holiday Schedule
- 5:10 11. **Report(s) from the Chief Procurement Officer – Richard DeLoia, CPO**
  - a. Consideration/Approval for the Storey Wasteway Project – Alicia Lopez, Engineering and Mapping Manager
  - b. Consideration/Approval of the Film Production Agreement Between MRGCD and Filmmaker Aracely "Arcie" Chapa – Casey Ish, Conservation Program Supervisor
- 5:20 12. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**
  - a. Report of the Exit Interview for FY2023 Audit with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, November 30, 2023 – Pam Fanelli, CFO, Chair Russo Baca and Vice Chair Dunning
  - b. Report on the Finance Committee Meeting, December 11, 2023 – Director Kelly, Vice Chair Dunning and Chair Russo Baca
  - c. Set Date for Special Meeting to Determine Water Bank Lease Rates

- 5:30 13. **Report(s) from the Bureau of Indian Affairs** – Dr. Sarah Delavan, Designated Engineer
- 5:40 14. **Report(s) from the Chief Operating Officer – Eric Zamora, PE**  
 a. MRGCD Division Manager Updates – Julian Avalos, Socorro Division Manager
- 5:50 15. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**  
 a. Report from the Conservation Program’s On-Farm Program Projects – Jose Contreras-Alvarado, Agriculture Irrigation Specialist
- b. Report on the Socorro Farmers–Irrigators Meeting, November 30, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chair Russo Baca and Directors Jiron, Kelly and Duggins
- c. Report on Middle Rio Grande Flood Control Association Breakfast, December 5, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chair Russo Baca, Vice Chair Dunning and Directors Baca, Kelly, Sandoval and Jiron
- d. Report on the Water Leaders Workshop, December 6 – 8, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- e. Report on the San Juan Chama Project Triannual Contractors Meeting, November 28, 2023 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Pamela Fanelli, CFO
- f. Report on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition Meeting, December 7, 2023 – Eric Zamora, COO, Casey Ish, Conservation Program Supervisor, Anne Marken, Water Operations Manager and Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- g. Information on Upcoming Events  
 1. Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference, Reno, NV | February 22-23, 2024  
 2. Land and Water Summit, Albuquerque, NM | March 6-8, 2024  
 3. National Water Resources Association (NWRA) 2024 Policy Conference, Washington DC | April 9-11, 2024  
 4. Law of the Rio Grande Conference, Santa Fe, NM | April 11-12, 2024
- 6:50 16. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**
- 7:00 17. **Report(s) from the Board**  
 a. Report on the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting, November 16, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca  
 b. Report on the NM Acequia Association Congreso de las Acequias, November 17-18, 2023, Chair Russo Baca  
 c. Report on the NM Northern Wetlands Roundtable, November 29, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca  
 d. Report on the Valencia County Commission Meeting, December 6, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca  
 e. Report on the Village of Los Lunas Council Meeting, December 7, 2023 – Chair Russo Baca
- 7:15 18. **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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