



# Agenda

For Presentation at the  
2,209th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

March 11, 2024 – 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 – March 11, 2024
  - b. Consideration/Approval of February 2024 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
  - c. Consideration/Approval of February 2024 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.
  - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – February 12, 2024
  - e. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for February 2024 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Consideration/Approval of Cooperative Agreement Between the NM Interstate Stream Commission and the MRGCD – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Casey Ish, Conservation Program Manager and Hannah Riseley-White, NMISC Director and Report on the NM Interstate Stream Commission Meeting, March 5, 2024 – Chair Russo Baca**
- 3:20 5. **Report on the New Mexico Legislature – John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist**
- 3:30 6. **Discussion/Approval on the Length of Public Comment**
- 3:45 7. **Discussion and Assignment of New Member(s) to Sub-Committees**
- 3:55 8. **Update from Law & Resource Planning Associates – Dr. Charles DuMars**
- 4:05 9. **Village of Los Ranchos Open Space Project Updates – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Eric Zamora and Report on the Field Report – Vice Chair Dunning and Director Kelly**
- 4:15 10. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**
- 4:25 11. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department – Christine L. Nardi, MBA**
  - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
  - b. Employee Recognition
- 4:35 12. **Report(s) from the Water Operations and Distribution Divisions**
  - a. Report on Water Supply Conditions – Anne Marken, Water Ops Division Manager
  - b. Status Report on Water Distribution – Matt Martinez, Water Distribution Division Manager
- 4:45 13. **Report(s) from the Department of the Interior**
  - a. Bureau of Reclamation – Jennifer Faler, Area Manager
  - b. Bureau of Indian Affairs – Dr. Sarah Delavan, Designated Engineer
- 4:50 14. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**
  - a. Report on the Fiscal Year 2023 Report

- 5:00 15. **Report(s) from the Chief Procurement Officer** – Richard DeLoia  
a. Consideration/Approval of the Loretta Road Intersection Project
- 5:10 16. **Report(s) from the Public Information Officer** – Amanda Molina  
a. Report on Website Updates & Board Meeting Videos  
b. Report on Valle Vista Elementary Project Kickoff, February 16, 2024  
c. Notice of Belen Public Meeting, April 10-11, 2024
- 5:15 17. **Consideration/Approval for Proposed Land Sale – Eric Zamora, COO**  
a. Map 150 Tract 44-B-1 – Vega Farm
- 5:25 18. **Report(s) from the Chief Operations Officer** – Eric Zamora, PE  
a. Report from the Right-of-Way Department – Michael Padilla, Right-of-Way Supervisor  
b. Report on the 2024 Southwest Hay & Forage Conference, January 24-26, 2024 – Eric Zamora, COO and Jose Contreras Alvarado, Ag Irrigation Specialist  
c. Report on the Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference, February 22-23, 2024
- 5:40 19. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**  
a. Report on the New Mexico Society of Professional Engineers Conference, February 23, 2024 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO  
b. Report on the Meeting with Jaime A. Pinkham, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (PDASA(CW)), February 28, 2024 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO  
c. Report on the Oasis Presentation, February 29, 2024 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO  
d. Report on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition Meeting, March 8, 2024 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO  
e. Discussion regarding a Summer El Vado and San Juan-Chama Facility Tour – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO  
f. Information on Upcoming Events  
1. Law of the Rio Grande Conference, Santa Fe, NM | April 11-12, 2024
- 6:00 20. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**
- 6:10 21. **Report(s) from the Board**  
a. Report on the Conservation Advisory Meeting, February 15, 2024 – Chair Russo Baca  
b. Report on the Socorro County Community Conversation on Water, February 17, 2024- Chair Russo Baca, Vice Chair Dunning, and Director Duggins  
c. Report on the MRG Pollinator Networking Group, February 20, 2024 – Chair Russo Baca  
d. Report on the Land and Water Summit, March 6-8, 2024 – Chair Russo Baca and Directors Sandoval, Jiron and Baugh  
e. Report from the Finance Committee Meeting, March 7, 2024 – Directors Kelly, Dunning and Russo Baca
- 6:40 22. **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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