



# 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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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
**MARCH 11, 2024**  
**Checks for the Period February 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024**

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Check Number	Vendor Name	Check Amount	Description	Location
EFT	NEW MEXICO TAXATION & REVENUE DEPARTMENT	21,225.93 920.20	JANUARY 2024 WITHHOLDING TAX WORKERS' COMPENSATION FEE - QTR 4	
EFT	STATE OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	100.28	2023 QUARTER 4 WITHHOLDING TAX	
EFT	DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS	1,694.36	2023 QUARTER 4 UNEMPLOYMENT FEE	
EFT	PAYROLL	311,522.51	PAY PERIOD 03	
EFT	PERA	109,012.94	PAY PERIOD 03	
EFT	IRS	39,133.48	PAY PERIOD 03	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	8,066.00	PAY PERIOD 03	
EFT	PAYROLL	310,186.54	PAY PERIOD 04	
EFT	PERA	107,756.64	PAY PERIOD 04	
EFT	IRS	38,775.67	PAY PERIOD 04	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	8,041.00	PAY PERIOD 04	
	<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>	<b>956,435.55</b>		
150037	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	24.98	COOLANT CAP	SOCORRO DIVISION
		778.71	DIAGNOSE & REPAIR	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150038	A & A LOCK & KEY	1,108.00	FY 2024 BOSQUE ACCESS TUMBLERS & KEYS	BELEN DIVISION
		152.00	FY 2024 BOSQUE ACCESS TUMBLERS & KEYS	COCHITI DIVISION
		4,588.00	FY 2024 BOSQUE ACCESS TUMBLERS & KEYS	GENERAL FUND
150039	A-1 QUALITY REDI-MIX	1,698.25	FY24 BUDGET CONCRETE/ SHOTCRETE	SOCORRO DIVISION
150040	ABCWUA	638.98	JAN24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGE	GENERAL OFFICE
		500.41	JAN24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		297.80	JAN24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		137.00	JAN24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGE	ER&T
150041	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	479.40	TRANSMISSION OIL	INVENTORY
150042	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHT	102.35	FILTER & SENSOR	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150043	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	60.00	SUBSCRIPTION FOR EL DEFENSOR CHIEFTAIN	NON DIVISION
150044	AMAZON CAPITAL	78.52	CASES	LICENSING & LAND SALES
		276.60	FUSES	WATER OPS & CONS
		997.89	IT ORDER	INFORMATION SYS
		82.33	IT SUPPLIES	INFORMATION SYS
		58.75	RELAYS	WATER OPS & CONS
		69.99	WALKIE TALKIES	BELEN DIVISION
150045	AUI INC	739,701.44	HWY 147 CULVERT 11/30/23- 12/31/23	CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND ABQ
150046	AUTOZONE, INC	96.96	ADDITIVE	SOCORRO DIVISION
		61.66	FILTERS & PUMP	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		72.23	OIL & ADDITIVE	COCHITI DIVISION
150047	BARNHILL BOLT CO	261.08	SUPPLIES	WATER OPS & CONS
150048	BOOT BARN	118.99	FY24-BOOT VOUCHER	ER&T
		590.24	FY24-BOOT VOUCHER	SOCORRO DIVISION
		273.24	FY24-BOOT VOUCHER	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		118.99	FY24-BOOT VOUCHER	BELEN DIVISION
		144.99	FY24-BOOT VOUCHER	COCHITI DIVISION
		135.99	FY24-BOOT VOUCHER	LICENSING & LAND SALES
150049	BOYD-SHUCK NAPA	97.83	REPAIR-UNIT# 67004 2009 JOHN DEERE TRACTOR	SOCORRO DIVISION
		8.49	REPAIR-UNIT# 67018 2018 JD TRACTOR MOWER	SOCORRO DIVISION
150050	BRUCKNER TRUCK SALES	48.35	FILTER	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150051	CELLCO PARTNERSHIP	5,646.50	NOV23 - GPS MONTHLY SERVICE	ER&T
150052	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	434.24	CASE FILTERS	GENERAL FUND
		11,803.24	DIAGNOSE & REPAIR	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		242.50	FUEL FILTERS	COCHITI DIVISION
		681.10	HOSE	SOCORRO DIVISION
150053	CENTURY LINK	80.67	JAN24 TELEPHONE/ALARM	BELEN DIVISION
150054	CF PADILLA, LLC	1,307,287.97	SOCORRO MAIN CANAL PHASE 1 12/23/23-1/26/24	GRANTS FUND SOC

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150055	CHOICE STEEL COMPANY	5,734.82	METAL/PIPE	INVENTORY
150056	CITY OF BELEN	224.94	25 GENERAL E BACA JAN24	BELEN DIVISION
150057	CITY OF SOCORRO	931.44	JAN24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGE	SOCORRO DIVISION
150058	COMPASS ENGINEERING	115,277.83	JAN24- STOREY WASTEWAY OCS	<b>GRANTS FUND BELEN</b>
150059	CONCRETE SYSTEMS INC	254.61	CONCRETE SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150060	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	75.48	BATTERY	COCHITI DIVISION
		186.81	BATTERY	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		24.95	BATTERY	WATER OPS & CONS
		66.30	BATTERY 78CP	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150061	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	42.20	CRAIG TIRE	BELEN DIVISION
		44.43	TIRE REPAIR	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
150062	CRITTER CONTROL	219.61	JAN24- PEST CONTROL	COCHITI DIVISION
150063	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	150.00	OIL CHANGE	BELEN DIVISION
150064	DESERT GREENS EQUIP	1,012.02	MISC. JOHN DEERE TRACTOR MOWER PARTS	SOCORRO DIVISION
150065	ENCHANTMENT SAFETY A	1,198.50	ISO YELLOW JACKET ORDER	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
150066	FEDEX	67.70	OVERNIGHT FUNDING AGREEMENTS TO OSE	NON DIVISION
150067	FLEETPRIDE	44.70	MARKER LAMPS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150068	FORESTRY SUPPLIES	565.39	STAFF GAUGES	WATER OPS & CONS
150069	GENUINE NAPA	384.68	HYDRAULIC HOSE/FITTINGS	BELEN DIVISION
		167.90	LIGHTS, HEATER HOSE, CHISEL SET	BELEN DIVISION
		88.36	NAPA MICHAEL	BELEN DIVISION
150070	GEOTEL CORPORATION	229.46	JAN24- ANNUAL PRESS CLIPPING SERVICE	NON DIVISION
150071	GILBERT GARCIA & SON	242.90	SPARE KEYS WITH PROGRAMMING	BELEN DIVISION
150072	GPS, LLC	359.61	TIRE REPAIR- 2018 JD TRACTOR MOWER	SOCORRO DIVISION
150073	GRAINGER	89.00	BLADES	ER&T
		21.21	THERMOSTAT	ER&T
150074	GRAYBAR	45.02	HYDROLOGY PART	WATER OPS & CONS
150075	HOME DEPOT CREDIT	418.58	SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		598.00	VENTILATION FANS/ FIELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
150076	INLAND KENWORTH INC.	36.84	SHIMS	ER&T
150077	JIVE COMMUNICATIONS,	2,509.37	FEB24 VOIP CHARGE	GENERAL OFFICE
150078	JOSE M. AGUILAR J.A	189.63	TIRE REPAIR	BELEN DIVISION
150079	MELLOY FORD LOS LUNA	683.24	ACCIDENT REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
150080	MESA OIL, INC	125.00	FY24 WASTE FOR USED OIL AND FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		80.19	FY24 FLEET PRODUCT DISPOSAL	ER&T
150081	NAPA AUTO PARTS	9.60	4WAY TO 7 WAY CONNECTOR	COCHITI DIVISION
		204.69	FILTER & WIRE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		205.46	MISC. PARTS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		39.35	MISC. PARTS	WATER OPS & CONS
		48.70	REGULATOR	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		139.80	TOOLS, CONNECTOR, CABLE, & LAMPS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		27.62	TOOLS, CONNECTOR, CABLE, & LAMPS	ER&T
150082	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	576.65	JAN24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGE	BELEN DIVISION
150083	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	75.04	JAN24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGE	COCHITI DIVISION
		28.47	JAN24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGE	COCHITI DIVISION
		113.35	JAN24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGE	COCHITI DIVISION
150084	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	17.66	BULB, FUSES, & FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		62.94	BULB, FUSES, & FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		727.00	MISC. PARTS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
150085	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	241.07	PRE EMPLOYMENT SCREENINGS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
150086	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTO	216.60	DEC23- PRINTING OVERAGES	NON DIVISION
		213.66	JAN24- PRINTING OVERAGES	NON DIVISION
150087	PENA BLANCA SANIT	80.39	SYSTEM# 38 JAN24	COCHITI DIVISION
150088	PNM	1,105.45	DEC&JAN24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGE	BELEN DIVISION
		55.03	JAN24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150089	POWER EQUIPMENT	589.61	FILTERS & O-RING	BELEN DIVISION
150090	POWER FORD	231.93	TUBE, PLUG, & ATF	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV



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150091	PRINT EXPRESS	138.00	BUSINESS CARDS - EXEC, LANDS/LICENSE STAFF	NON DIVISION
150092	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	52.13	FY24-UNIFORM RENTAL	ER&T
		100.00	FY24-UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
150093	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	48.15	MOUNT/DISMOUNT TIRE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		37.45	TIRE DISMOUNT/MOUNT	BELEN DIVISION
		124.23	TIRE REPAIR	COCHITI DIVISION
		421.48	TIRE REPAIRS & ALIGNMENT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150094	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	350.44	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		57.99	FIELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		164.98	GENERAL PVC SUPPLIES	WATER OPS & CONS
		56.54	SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		102.09	HEADWALL SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
150095	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	31.98	FIELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
150096	RED SHOVEL LLC	843.63	FEB24-MONTHLY GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	GENERAL OFFICE
150097	RELEVANT INDUSTRIAL	2.52	STRAIGHT THREAD CONNECTOR	BELEN DIVISION
150098	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	48.58	AIR LEAK	BELEN DIVISION
		50.59	FITTINGS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		34.15	PRESSURE SWITCH	BELEN DIVISION
		867.98	ROBERTS TRUCKING	BELEN DIVISION
150099	SAFETY COUNSELING	640.37	BOOM TRAINING	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
150100	SANDOVAL COUNTY LAND	714.42	LANDFILL JAN24	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150101	SELLERS, REBECCA	1,496.60	2023 EWLP 2ND PAYMENT	GENERAL OFFICE
150102	SOCORRO ELECTRIC	3,300.36	10268007 JAN24	SOCORRO DIVISION
		385.75	10268012 JAN24	SOCORRO DIVISION
150103	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	481.25	ALIGNMENT & TIRES	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		1,079.91	TIRE	SOCORRO DIVISION
		665.18	TIRE REPAIR/SERVICE CALL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150104	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTION	239.61	CUTTING EDGE & HARDWARE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150105	SOUTHWEST LANDFILL	3,599.77	JAN24 LANDFILL ACCT 10130	BELEN DIVISION
		487.09	LANDFILL- JAN24	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150106	SOUTHWEST SEWER SERV	6,437.48	ASSIST WITH ISLETA RIVERSIDE DRAIN	CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND ABQ
		1,841.44	ASSIST WITH LOS LENTES DRAIN	BELEN DIVISION
150107	SPECIALTY COMMUNICATION	322.88	JAN24- RADIO REPEATER	GENERAL OFFICE
150108	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	288.70	PRINTER CARTRIDGES	COCHITI DIVISION
		23.97	STAPLES ORDER	LICENSING & LAND SALES
		55.30	SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
150109	TAS SECURITY SYSTEMS	37.61	FEB24 MONTHLY ALARM	BELEN DIVISION
150110	THE PRINTERS PRESS	735.00	BOSQUE ACCESS PERMITS FY 24 - 25	GENERAL FUND
		1,942.00	PRINT FORMS	NON DIVISION
150111	UNICOR	248.32	JAN24 - SHRED BINS PICKUP	ACCOUNTING
150112	UNIFIRST CORP	63.75	FY24-UNIFORM RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
150113	UNIFIRST CORP	127.50	FY24-UNIFORM RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
150114	UNIVERSITY OF NM	500.00	THE UTTON TRANSBOUNDARY RESOURCES CTR	NON DIVISION
150115	VALENCIA COUNTY CLERK	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
150116	VALLEY SANITATION	5.20	VALENCIA COUNTY TRASH REMOVAL	BELEN DIVISION
150117	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCE	1,410.86	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
150118	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	258.21	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
150119	THOMASON LAW FIRM	138.39	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
150120	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	42.04	PLUGS	SOCORRO DIVISION
150121	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	900.00	MINI EXCAVATOR RENTAL 1/9/24 - 1/16/24	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		3,000.00	MINI EXCAVATOR RENTAL 2/6/23- 3/4/24	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		266.24	FILLER CAP AND TANK	BELEN DIVISION
150122	A-1 QUALITY REDI-MIX	598.50	FY24 BUDGET CONCRETE/ SHOTCRETE	SOCORRO DIVISION
150123	ACOSTA EQUIPMENT INC	84.99	WELDING SUPPLIES NEEDED	SOCORRO DIVISION
150124	ACTION HOSE INC.	25.12	FITTINGS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150125	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHT	763.09	VALVE , KIT, & HOUSING	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150126	ALBUQUERQUE GRAVEL P	6,717.00	FY 24 CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

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		8,673.00	FY 24 CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	BELEN DIVISION
		3,105.00	FY24 CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	COCHITI DIVISION
150127	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	129.00	FY24 SUBSCRIPTION FOR NEWS-BULLETIN	NON DIVISION
150128	ALBUQUERQUE SUPPLY	275.00	9 WIRE	INVENTORY
150129	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	355.59	R&R HYDRAULIC CYLINDER	WATER OPS & CONS
150130	AMAZON CAPITAL	29.99	IT SUPPLIES	INFORMATION SYS
		239.94	PROPANE TORCH WEED BURNER KIT	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
150131	AWARDS ETC	30.00	NAME PLATE - NEW BOARD MEMBER	GENERAL OFFICE
150132	BANK OF AMERICA	576.96	2024 TYLER CONNECT - FLIGHT	ACCOUNTING
		492.96	2024 TYLER CONNECT - HOTEL & FLIGHT	HUMAN RESOURCES
		92.54	COSTCO ORDER-MANAGEMENT TRAINING	HUMAN RESOURCES
		98.28	COSTCO ORDER	GENERAL OFFICE
		488.20	DANIELLE FEYGIN- ALB VISIT -FLIGHT	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		980.00	ENGINEERING REGISTRATION	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		359.46	FAMILY FARM ALLIANCE CONFERENCE	EXEC TEAM
		39.97	FEB24- INTERMEDIA MONTHLY	INFORMATION SYS
		35.00	GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION	ACCOUNTING
		68.10	HOTEL DEPOSIT CONFERENCE	EXEC TEAM
		3,451.68	ICE MACHINE	SOCORRO DIVISION
		39.99	JAN24- INTERMEDIA MONTHLY	INFORMATION SYS
		2.16	JAN24- ZENDESK MONTHLY CHARGE	INFORMATION SYS
		245.00	NM SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS	EXEC TEAM
		470.00	LICENSING CONFERENCE	LICENSING & LAND SALES
		229.30	LUNCH FOR SPECIAL MEETING 01-26-2024	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		24.95	OSHA TRAINING	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
		600.00	REGISTRATION NWRA POLICY CONFERENCE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		600.00	REGISTRATION NWRA POLICY CONFERENCE	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
		600.00	REGISTRATION NWRA POLICY CONFERENCE	EXEC TEAM
		745.96	FLIGHTS NWRA POLICY CONFERENCE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		678.97	FLIGHTS NWRA POLICY CONFERENCE	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
		270.52	FLIGHTS NWRA POLICY CONFERENCE	EXEC TEAM
		304.27	SOUTHWEST HAY CONFERENCE	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
		433.54	SOUTHWEST HAY CONFERENCE	EXEC TEAM
150133	BEMP	7,500.00	FY24- MOA- QUARTER 1 & QUARTER 2	NON DIVISION
150134	BENAVIDEZ, CAROL	519.79	FEB24- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
150135	BERNALILLO COUNTY CL	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
150136	BOHANNAN HUSTON	819.56	SAN ACACIA LEVEE CERT- USACE CO- JAN24	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
150137	BOOT BARN	260.49	FY24-BOOT VOUCHERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		135.99	FY24-BOOT VOUCHER	COCHITI DIVISION
150138	BOYD-SHUCK NAPA	56.98	REPAIR - MILLER BOBCAT WELDER	SOCORRO DIVISION
		89.70	REPAIR-UNIT# 67113 CAT BACKHOE	SOCORRO DIVISION
		32.29	SERVICE UNIT# 63605 1999 DODGE	SOCORRO DIVISION
150139	BRUCKNER TRUCK SALES	33.91	OIL FILL CAP	COCHITI DIVISION
150140	CELLCO PARTNERSHIP	5,460.88	MAY23- GPS MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	ER&T
150141	CHAPA, ARACELY M.	26,209.95	INVOICE 1- FOR CENTENNIAL DOCUMENTARY	NON DIVISION
150142	CINTAS FIRST AID	55.00	FEB24- WATER COOLER RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		45.00	FEB24- WATER COOLER RENTAL	ER&T
		45.00	FEB24- WATER COOLER RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
		90.47	FY 24 - FIRST AID SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
		204.96	REFILLED FIRST AID STATION	BELEN DIVISION
150143	CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE	192,700.53	FEB24 - PRESBYTERIAN	GENERAL FUND
150144	CONCRETE CANVAS US	1,195.00	CONCRETE CANVAS DEMONSTRATION	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150145	CONCRETE SYSTEMS INC	335.51	SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150146	CONSERVANCY OIL CO	2,174.86	15W40 DRUMS	INVENTORY
150147	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	198.28	BATTERIES	BELEN DIVISION
150148	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	168.82	INSTALLED NEW TIRES	BELEN DIVISION
		219.00	TIRE REPAIR	BELEN DIVISION

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		22.21	TIRE REPAIR	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
150149	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	150.00	OIL CHANGE	BELEN DIVISION
		75.00	OIL CHANGE	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
150150	DELTA DENTAL	11,178.06	FEB24 - DELTA DENTAL FY2024	GENERAL FUND
150151	DESERT GREENS EQUIP	191.00	CYLINDER, SECTOR, SENSOR, & SEAL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		7.12	O-RING	SOCORRO DIVISION
150152	FINANCE AUTHORITY	12,956.82	FEB24 EQUIPMENT	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>
		17,664.19	PPRF-4727 FEB24 EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>
150153	FLEETPRIDE	171.44	MISC SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150154	FRANK'S SUPPLY CO	589.05	CHIPPING HAMMER & TAMPER BACKFILL	COCHITI DIVISION
150155	GENUINE NAPA	12.99	MILWAUKEE TOOL FOR TRUCK SUPPLY	BELEN DIVISION
		95.78	GAUGE/HOUSING	BELEN DIVISION
150156	GOMEZ, RAY	1,691.80	FEB24- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
150157	GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO	983.07	DEC23 - INVESTMENT ADVISOR FEES	ACCOUNTING
150158	GPS, LLC	24.23	TIRE REPAIR-UNIT# 23433 2017 FORD F150	SOCORRO DIVISION
150159	GRAINGER	50.76	STRETCH WRAP	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150160	GREENWOOD, JEFFREY C	370.92	FEB24- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
150161	HM LIFE INSURANCE	1,422.19	FEB24 - DAVIS VISION FY2024	GENERAL FUND
150162	HUB INTERNATIONAL	1,334.00	COMMERCIAL - 2 MOWERS, SOIL COMPACTOR	NON DIVISION
		448.00	COMMERCIAL - 2023 VOLVO EXCAVATOR	NON DIVISION
		140.00	COMMERCIAL - 3 BRUSH CUTTERS	NON DIVISION
		250.00	OSHA 30HR TRAINING CARD COST	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
150163	INLAND KENWORTH INC.	276.12	AIR BAG	ER&T
150164	JOSE M. AGUILAR J.A	809.92	J&A TIRE	BELEN DIVISION
		329.88	TIRE REPLACEMENT	BELEN DIVISION
150165	JPR DECORATIVE	1,358.65	6" - 8" ROCK	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150166	LUCERO, JOHN	372.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT- ARROYO DITCH	BELEN DIVISION
150167	MAINTENANCE SERVICE	414.10	FEB24 - JANITORIAL CLEANING	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		2,036.03	FEB24 - JANITORIAL CLEANING	NON DIVISION
150168	MARQUEZ, BELLINA C	718.05	FEB24- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
150169	MARQUEZ, DENNIS M	1,394.21	FEB24- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
150170	MARTINEZ, DANIEL	554.35	FEB24- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
150171	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	109.88	FUEL SENDER	COCHITI DIVISION
		390.00	RETURN ON RENTAL	ER&T
150172	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	385.91	TARP MOTOR & RELAY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150173	MONTANO, JERRY	416.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT - GARCIA	BELEN DIVISION
150174	NAPA AUTO PARTS	884.20	BRAKE CLEAN GREASE CARB CLEAN	GENERAL FUND
		22.59	BULB	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		32.09	CONNECTOR & KITS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		42.05	OIL, FILTERS, & SPARK PLUG	COCHITI DIVISION
		40.20	STRAP WRENCH & COUPLERS	ER&T
150175	NEW MEXICO MUTUAL	16,845.42	INSTALLMENT & DEDUCTIBLE	NON DIVISION
150176	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	348.70	PRE EMPLOYMENT & DOT RECERT	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
150177	OLGUIN TAMMY	191.77	FEB24- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
150178	OPEN SPACE ALLIANCE	50.00	ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH	NON DIVISION
150179	PARTS AUTHORITY	1,642.34	BALDWIN FILTERS	INVENTORY
150180	PNM	248.99	FEB24 UTILITY CHARGE	COCHITI DIVISION
		588.55	FEB24 UTILITY CHARGE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		21.06	FEB24 UTILITY CHARGE	BELEN DIVISION
150181	POWER EQUIPMENT	2,409.38	DIAGNOSE & REPAIR	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150182	POWER FORD	449.85	DIAGNOSE & REPAIR	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		338.46	TRANSMISSIONS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		44.50	VACUUM TUBE	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
150183	PRINT EXPRESS	46.00	BUSINESS CARDS / DIRECTOR COLIN T. BAUGH	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
150184	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	50.00	FY24 UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		52.13	FY24-UNIFOM RENTAL	ER&T
150185	QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	55.60	DOT RANDOM & POST ACCIDENT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

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		148.30	DOT RANDOM & POST ACCIDENT	BELEN DIVISION
		37.10	POST ACCIDENT	ER&T
150186	RAIN FOR RENT	12,273.72	PUMP RENTAL - HWY 147 PROJECT 12/21/23-1/17/24	CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND ABQ
		29,754.29	JAN24 - RENTAL FOR CORRALES PUMPS	CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND ABQ
150187	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	80.97	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		44.30	FIELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		45.30	MISC SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		17.16	RACKS FOR METAL CLIPS	WATER OPS & CONS
		140.29	SHOP SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
150188	REAL TIME SOLUTIONS	102.24	SUPPORT SERVICE FEE FOR DNS CHANGE	INFORMATION SYS
150189	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	413.17	SURGE TANK	BELEN DIVISION
		196.02	TANK & SHOCKS	BELEN DIVISION
150190	SAN ACACIA MDWCA	21.52	FEB24 WATER SAN ACACIA	SOCORRO DIVISION
150191	SNELLING	855.94	ABQ DIVISION TEMP- 31.25 HRS 1/29/24-2/1/24	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150192	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTION	246.46	CUTTING EDGE & HARDWARE	BELEN DIVISION
150193	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	135.48	STAPLES ORDER OF OFFICE SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		19.98	SUPPLIES	ER&T
		68.00	SUPPLIES	HUMAN RESOURCES
		96.80	SUPPLY ORDER	GENERAL OFFICE
150194	THOMPSON SAFETY LLC	344.40	SAFETY GLASSES	INVENTORY
150195	TRANSCRIPTION	576.13	JAN24 -REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
150196	UNIFIRST CORP	127.50	FY24- UNIFORM RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
150197	UNIFORMS & MORE	54.00	SHIRT ORDER	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
150198	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE	3,748.41	JAN24- LIFE, AD&D, STD, & LTD	GENERAL FUND
		7,093.27	JAN24- UNUM LIFE EMPLOYER	GENERAL FUND
		1,819.68	JAN24-CRITICAL, HOSPITAL & ACCIDENT	GENERAL FUND
150199	V-VARGAS, ERMELIND	506.50	FEB24- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
150200	VALENCIA COUNTY CLERK	75.00	RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING
150201	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	160.38	SEALS	SOCORRO DIVISION
150202	WASTE MANAGEMENT	216.07	FEB24 - MONTHLY DUMPSTER SERVICE	COCHITI DIVISION
150203	WEX BANK	71,930.93	JAN24: UNL \$15,278 DSL \$56,584 FEES \$69.49	MULTIPLE DEPTS/DIVISIONS
150204	WILSON & COMPANY	15,341.70	BELEN WATERSHED DOCUMENTS 12/2/23-12/29/23	<b>GRANTS FUND GO</b>
150205	WINTON APPRAISAL	600.00	APPRAISAL - OFF FARM MARKET ROAD	LICENSING & LAND SALES
150206	WIPER SUPPLY INC	404.89	JANITORIAL RESTOCK	GENERAL FUND
150207	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	587.23	FILTERS & CONTROLLER	BELEN DIVISION
150208	ACTION HOSE INC.	92.64	HOSE	BELEN DIVISION
		4.76	TEE FITTING	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150209	ALBUQUERQUE BOLT	2.00	BOLTS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		16.00	BOLTS	ER&T
150210	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHT	37.16	CAB AIR BAG	BELEN DIVISION
150211	ALBUQUERQUE GRAVEL P	1,980.00	FLOW FILL	BELEN DIVISION
		10,180.00	CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		7,329.00	CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	BELEN DIVISION
		1,498.00	CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	COCHITI DIVISION
150212	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	100.72	FEB24 - EL DEFENSOR BOARD MEETING NOTICE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		105.43	FEB24- ABQ JOURNAL BOARD MEETING NOTICE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		101.93	FEB24- VALENCIA CO NEWS MEETING NOTICE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		106.16	JAN24- ABQ JOURNAL BOARD MEETING NOTICE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		102.92	JAN24- EL DEFENSOR BOARD MEETING NOTICE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		101.93	JAN24- VALENCIA CO NEWS MEETING NOTICE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
150213	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	707.23	FABRICATE GATE COUPLING	WATER OPS & CONS
150214	AUI INC	1,071,608.90	HWY 147 CULVERT 12/31/23- 1/31/24	CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND ABQ
150215	AUTOZONE, INC	48.48	ADDITIVE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150216	AVALLONE, SARAH	259.78	FEB24- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
150217	BAKER, CHARLES	600.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT- SAN ANTONIO ACEQUIA	SOCORRO DIVISION
150218	BLACK ROCK	2,291.54	4"-8" RIP RAP	BELEN DIVISION
150219	BOHANNAN HUSTON	14,597.48	FEEDER 3 STATION THROUGH FEB 2, 2023	CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND ENG

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150220	BOOT BARN	150.00	FY24-BOOT VOUCHER	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		150.00	FY24-BOOT VOUCHER	SOCORRO DIVISION
150221	BOR UC REGION: UPPER	137,432.87	FY24 O&M SAN JUAN CHAMA PROJECT QRT 2	CONTRACT PAYMENTS
		110,521.50	FY24 QTR 2 - EL VADO PROJECT 178R-423	CONTRACT PAYMENTS
150222	BOYD-SHUCK NAPA	25.64	REPAIR 2020 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK	SOCORRO DIVISION
		15.08	REPAIR 1999 DODGE 2500 BURNER TRUCK	SOCORRO DIVISION
150223	BRADBURY STAMM	2,300.00	REFUND OF LICENSE NO 270-2022	GENERAL FUND
150224	CARRILLO, RALPH	59.00	FEB24- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
150225	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	455.30	AIR CLEANER ASSEMBLY	BELEN DIVISION
		108.91	REAR MAIN SEAL	BELEN DIVISION
150226	CENTURY LINK	164.25	FEB24 TELEPHONE/ALARM	SOCORRO DIVISION
150227	CHACON, MARK	19.94	FEB24- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
150228	CHASE MECHANICAL LLC	1,208.00	ER&T HEATER SERVICE CALL	ER&T
150229	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCE	1,410.86	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
150230	CINTAS FIRST AID	45.00	NOV23- WATER COOLER RENTAL	ER&T
		215.26	RESTOCK FIRST AID CABINETS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		201.27	RESTOCK FIRST AID CABINETS	ER&T
		260.25	RESTOCK FIRST AID CABINETS	GENERAL OFFICE
150231	CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE	2,358.29	JAN24 FUEL CHARGES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		125.00	JAN24 FUEL CHARGES	NON DIVISION
		46.44	JAN24 ADMIN FEE	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		87.34	JAN24 FUEL CHARGES	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
150232	COMPASS ENGINEERING	2,300.00	SP-176-2023 DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND	GENERAL FUND
150233	CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	299.43	MISC. STIHL PARTS	COCHITI DIVISION
150234	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	309.00	BATTERIES	BELEN DIVISION
150235	DESERT GREENS EQUIP	86.59	YOKE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150236	DMC LOGISTICS	266.14	FEB24 -DELIVERY OF BOD MEETING PACKETS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
150237	GENSLER, DAVID	268.48	JAN24- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
150238	GUZMAN CONSTRUCTION	2,300.00	SP-186-2021 DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND	GENERAL FUND
150239	HUB INTERNATIONAL	107.00	COMMERCIAL - COMPRESSOR & WELDING SHOP	NON DIVISION
150240	HUNTER BOWER LUMBER	9,573.40	LUMBER ORDER	INVENTORY
150241	IMSCO DIVISION	2,237.06	MOTOR SPEED CONTROL BOARDS	WATER OPS & CONS
150242	INLAND KENWORTH INC.	(93.75)	CREDIT CORE CHARGE INV 109804ALP PO 24005234	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,186.40	MISC. KENWORTH DUMP TRUCK PARTS UNIT 44418	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150243	JPR DECORATIVE	6,286.70	12" ROCK ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150244	KRONOS SAASHR, INC.	1,364.25	JAN24- UKG KRONOS READY SOFTWARE	INFORMATION SYS
150245	KV POWER, LLC.	2,300.00	DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND SP-284-2022	GENERAL FUND
150246	LAW & RESOURCE	6,738.34	JAN24- COUNSEL	NON DIVISION
150247	LEVEL 3 FINANCING IN	1,414.39	MAR24 INTERNET CHARGES	COCHITI DIVISION
		242.77	FEB24 INTERNET CHARGES	BELEN DIVISION
		1,547.85	FEB24 INTERNET CHARGES	INFORMATION SYS
		242.77	FEB24 INTERNET CHARGES	SOCORRO DIVISION
150248	LOPEZ PRECISION, LLC	121,913.38	SOCORRO MAIN CANAL CULVERT CROSSING	CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND SOC
150249	MARCO STEEL & ALUM	56.75	ALUMINUM	WATER OPS & CONS
150250	MARK THOMAS CONSTRUCT	2,300.00	REFUND DAMAGE DEPOSIT 357-2024	GENERAL FUND
150251	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	214.87	TARP TUBE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150252	MOERCH, MARTA	264.00	SHRM MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	HUMAN RESOURCES
150253	MORA, RUBEN	600.72	FEB24- RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
150254	MRGCD PETTY CASH	19.14	REPLENISH PETTY CASH FEB24	WATER OPS & CONS
		20.01	REPLENISH PETTY CASH JAN24	LICENSING & LAND SALES
150255	NAPA AUTO PARTS	149.00	FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		18.02	FUSE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		3.67	KNEEPAD	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		68.46	O-RINGS & OILERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		307.87	SWITCH, FLUID, & FILTER	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		33.51	THERMOSTAT	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		40.00	TOOLS & BATTERIES	ER&T

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		55.44	TRANSMISSION FILTER/ GASKET	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150256	NATURE CONSERVANCY	50,000.00	PMT 2 - MOA	NON DIVISION
150257	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	466.46	FEB24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGES	GENERAL OFFICE
		197.46	FEB24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,254.12	FEB24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGES	ER&T
150258	NM UNDERGROUND	2,300.00	SPECIAL USE LICENSE NO 045-2023 REFUND	GENERAL FUND
150259	NMWRA	3,466.33	2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES	NON DIVISION
150260	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	28.50	REPAIR-UNIT# 67305 2019 JD EXCAVATOR	SOCORRO DIVISION
150261	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	241.07	PRE EMPLOYEE & DOT RECERT	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		107.63	PRE EMPLOYEE & DOT RECERT	SOCORRO DIVISION
150262	ORTEGA'S PROPANE SER	136.28	RE-FILL & FITTINGS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150263	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTO	347.60	FEB24 -COPIER LEASE 3RD YEAR - 2023-2024	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		204.41	FEB24 -COPIER LEASE 3RD YEAR - 2023-2024	ER&T
		1,155.17	FEB24 -COPIER LEASE 3RD YEAR - 2023-2024	GENERAL OFFICE
150264	PNM	793.88	FEB24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		233.72	FEB24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGES	ER&T
		1,039.84	FEB24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGES	GENERAL OFFICE
		28.90	FEB24 MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGES	BELEN DIVISION
150265	POWER EQUIPMENT	589.61	57313 FILTERS	INVENTORY
		233.58	FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		354.43	VOLVO FILTERS	INVENTORY
150266	POWER FORD	15.30	EGR GASKETS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		4,623.58	TRANSMISSION ASSEMBLY UNIT 80007	WATER OPS & CONS
150267	PRINT EXPRESS	1,999.53	2024 IRRIGATION SEASON PLANNERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
150268	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	50.00	FY24- UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		52.13	FY24- UNIFORM RENTAL	ER&T
150269	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	1,126.66	TIRE REPAIR & TIRE PURCHASE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		422.90	TIRES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150270	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	8.89	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION KEYS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150271	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	69.99	MATERIAL NEEDED FOR HEADWALLS	SOCORRO DIVISION
150272	REAL TIME SOLUTIONS	102.24	MODIFICATIONS TO WEBSITE	INFORMATION SYS
150273	RMCI GENERAL CONTR	2,300.00	DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND SP-108-2023	GENERAL FUND
		2,300.00	DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND SP-109-2023	GENERAL FUND
150274	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	(30.00)	CREDIT CORE CHANGE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		496.12	FILTERS, HINGES, & MOLDING	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		2,833.40	TURBOCHARGER KIT	BELEN DIVISION
150275	ROSALES, MARIO R	1,040.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT- LEMITAR WASTEWAY	SOCORRO DIVISION
150276	SAVE OUR BOSQUE TASK	10,000.00	2ND INSTALLMENT- MOA	NON DIVISION
150277	SNELLING	1,095.60	ABQ DIVISION TEMP- 40.00 HRS 2/5/24-2/8/24	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
150278	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	671.75	TIRE	BELEN DIVISION
		451.72	TIRE REPAIR & PURCHASE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,949.90	TIRES AND TUBES	GENERAL FUND
150279	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	166.44	BINDERS & INDEX NUMERIC PAPER DIVIDERS	GENERAL OFFICE
		583.31	SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		48.88	MAPPING/ENGINEERING PLOTTER PAPER	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		130.71	WHITE ENVELOPES	NON DIVISION
150280	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	258.21	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
150281	THOMASON LAW FIRM	138.39	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
150282	TLC CO INC	2,300.00	DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND SP-195-2022	GENERAL FUND
150283	TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	7,337.47	JOHN DEERE EXCAVATOR PARTS UNIT 57310	BELEN DIVISION
		5,408.30	MOWER BLADES AND PARTS	INVENTORY
150284	TREES, LLC	2,300.00	DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND SP-027-2022	GENERAL FUND
150285	U.S. DISTRIBUTING	135.42	HEATER VALVE	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
150286	UNIFIRST CORP	63.75	FY24- UNIFORM RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION

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150287	UNIVERSITY MRO LLC	8.50	UA SPECIMEN PROCESSING	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		12.75	UA SPECIMEN PROCESSING	BELEN DIVISION
150288	VITAL CONSULTING	2,300.00	DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND SP-280-2022	GENERAL FUND
150289	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	98.69	HOSE	BELEN DIVISION
150290	WATER STRATEGIES	8,000.00	FEB24- FEDERAL CONSULTING SERVICES	NON DIVISION
150291	WIGGINS, WILLIAMS	15,686.05	JAN24- COUNSEL	NON DIVISION
150292	WILSON & COMPANY	15,770.29	#12 SOCORRO MAIN CANAL N. SECT 12/30/23-1/26/24	GRANTS FUND SOC
		<b>956,435.55</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>	
		<b>965,536.59</b>	<b>TOTAL CHECKS - GENERAL FUND</b>	
		<b>30,621.01</b>	<b>TOTAL CHECKS - DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>	
		<b>1,453,677.79</b>	<b>TOTAL CHECKS - GRANTS FUND</b>	
		<b>1,996,286.69</b>	<b>TOTAL CHECKS - CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND</b>	
		<b><u>\$ 5,402,557.63</u></b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	
<hr/> Pamela S. Fanelli, CFO		<hr/> Stephanie Russo Baca, Chair		

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**MINUTES OF THE  
2,208th REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2024 - 3:00 PM**

Directors having been duly notified; Madam Chair Russo Baca called the regular meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. The following directors and staff were present including Director Sandoval who attended virtually:

**DIRECTORS**

Stephanie Russo Baca, Madam Chair Present  
Karen Dunning, Vice Chair Present  
John Kelly, Director Present  
Colin T. Baugh, Director Present  
Brian Jiron, Director Present  
Glen Duggins, Director Present  
Micheal T. Sandoval, Director Present

**STAFF**

Jason Casuga Chief Engineer/CEO  
Lorna Wiggins General Counsel  
Dr. Charles DuMars Chief Water Counsel  
Pamela Fanelli Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
Eric Zamora Chief Operations Officer  
Anne Marken Water Distribution Division Mgr.  
Matt Martinez Water Operations Division Mgr.

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The following names of individuals were interested viewers, callers and/or participants

Alicia Lopez, MRGCD	Judge J. Miles Hanisee	Adam Turner
Casey Ish, MRGCD	Jerry Montano	Alexander Alvarnas
Josh Hind, MRGCD	Mike Lopez	Natalie Smead
Raquel Dawson, MRGCD	Dr. Ara Winter	Chance Mitchell
Yasmeen Najmi, MRGCD	Elaine Hebard	Marco Alarid
Danielle Feygin, MRGCD	Geri Rhodes	Morgan Pettit
John Thompson, MRGCD	Karen Raff	Annalisa Miller
Brittany Erdmann, MRGCD	Sharlyn Pimentel	Oscar Lorta
Rusty Swint, MRGCD	Genevieve Allan	Maddie D'Arezzo
Michael Padilla, MRGCD	Stefany Olivas	Paige Romero
Mitch Georgina, MRGCD	Oscar Simpson	M. Justin Niska
Angel Madera, MRGCD	Page	Matt Whitworth
Estella Gamboa, MRGCD	Claire Conrad	Kristin Guin
Christine Nardi, MRGCD	Cory Braxton	John Fleck
Judith McSweeney, MRGCD	Jasper	Jerry Reynolds
Josh Gamboa, MRGCD	David Montoya	Jacobo Sanchez
Amanda Molina, MRGCD	Martin Haynes	Nolan Meadows
Rhett Sanders-Spencer, MRGCD	K.A. McCord	Nora Quintal
Ashley Veihl, MRGCD	Chris Reedy	Anthony
Deirdra Velasquez	Rudy Perea	

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

17 Mila Baugh led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting.

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19 Chair Russo Baca declared a quorum, and the hybrid meeting was publicly noticed.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO.2 - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

23 Director Kelly asked to move Item 4, Call to Order, before the Consent Agenda to swear in the  
24 newly selected board member.



Vice Chair Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA WITH THE ABOVE CHANGES**. Seconded by Director Kelly. **The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - CALL TO ORDER**

**a. Oath of Office for Newly Appointed Board of Director - Honorable Judge J. Miles Hanisee, NM Court of Appeals**

**1. Bernalillo County Position No. 4 - Colin T. Baugh**

Honorable Judge J. Miles Hanisee swore in Colin T. Baugh as the Bernalillo County Position No. 4 and Director of the Board.



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification - February 12, 2024**
- b. Consideration/Approval of January 2024 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins**
- c. Consideration/Approval of January 2024 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.**
- d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting - January 8, 2024**
- e. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting - January 8, 2024**
- f. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting - January 26, 2024**
- g. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for January 2024 (For informational Purposes Only)**

Vice Chair Dunning made the **MOTION TO REMOVE 3(c) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO DISCUSS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**. Seconded by Director Kelly. **The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA with the above changes**. Seconded by Director Duggins. **The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - REPORT ON THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE - John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist**

John Thompson, the MRGCD Lobbyist, stated the 2024 Legislative Session would be ending Thursday at noon and it was a unique session. He said there was a minimal amount of bills filed with slow action and little crossover, with 658 bills filed and only 78 crossed from their original

67 chamber and only three (3) making it up to the governor's desk. He added there were not a lot  
68 of water bills filed and the main purpose was passing a budget. He noted the Senate Finance  
69 Committee did pass the budget that afternoon, but he had not had time to review it yet. Mr.  
70 Thompson discussed House Bill 2, stating the Senate put in 75 million for matching that would  
71 benefit the District and other Conservancy irrigation districts. He stated there would be an  
72 additional \$58 million to DFA with a more restricted use, an \$100 million injection to the Water  
73 Trust Fund, a time extension period for 10 million dollars to the State Engineer's Office for river  
74 channel maintenance, and time extensions to water leasing from the Hickory Apache Nation for  
75 strategic water reserve, and recurring increases for staffing for the State Engineer's Office, and  
76 \$20 million injection to the State Engineer's Office for Indian water right settlements for  
77 expenditure through FY 27. He expressed the House Health Committee passed Senate Bill 3 to  
78 codify a family medical leave program for all employers in the state with the exception of those  
79 with less than five employees.

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81 Vice Chair Dunning asked how the bill for matching funds worked. Mr. Thompson said he  
82 understood there would be some sort of application process and the fund received an additional  
83 \$300 million this year.

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85 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR (Comments are limited to six (6)**  
86 **minutes)**

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88 **Kathy McCord**

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90 Ms. McCord talked about the Los Lunas Council meeting the week prior on the consideration of  
91 the expansion of the amount of water Niagara was allowed to divert. She said the mayor did not  
92 allow public comment but had Dr. Lee Wilson answer some questions. She expressed Dr. Lee  
93 said that Niagara was not compliant, and Niagara was taking more water than permitted and the  
94 Council still voted to approve them 600 acre feet per year on a 3 to 2 vote, even though  
95 everyone in the community said not to give them any more water. Ms. McCord said she wanted  
96 to let MRGCD know that was going on and asked for help, because this decision would impact  
97 everyone who relied on the water from the aquifer

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99 **Deirdra Velasquez**

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101 Ms. Velasquez, with Valencia Water Watchers, concurred with everything Ms. McCord stated  
102 and asked MRGCD to protest the water rights transfer for Niagara at the Office of the State  
103 Engineer. She added that in the face of unmitigated and continuing climate change, it was  
104 imperative that MRGCD file a protest to stop this. She stated it was a shared resource for  
105 everyone that extended beyond the chamber of the Village of Los Lunas Council.

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107 **David Montoya**

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109 Mr. Montoya said MRGCD was spending their tax money to help people block the ditches and it  
110 was happening everywhere. He stated he would like some attention to this issue.

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112 **Rudy Perea**

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114 Mr. Perea said he did not think Mr. Casuga was handling his job well. He stated he was not  
115 able to water for a month last year and then their water was overrunning the bathrooms and  
116 tables were underwater when they released water when the season was over. He expressed  
117 that the runoff was so much that it eroded the bank in Corrales almost all the way to the levee.  
118 He expressed that would not have happened if they had done the siphon instead of the pumps.

119 Mr. Perea added Mr. Casuga did not seem to know what he was doing and asked him to be  
 120 replaced.

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 122 **Nolan Meadows**  
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124 Mr. Meadows thanked Mike and the ditch riders and stated everything worked out pretty well for  
 125 them last year in Peralta.

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 127 **Glen Duggins**  
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129 Director Duggins made comment that he resigned from the New Mexico Certified Chile Board  
 130 and discussed who would most likely be his replacement.

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 132 **Elain Hebard**  
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134 Chair Russo Baca noted that they did receive Elaine Hebard's written comments:

MRGCD Board Meeting of February 12, 2024  
 Public Comment - Elaine Hebard

Good afternoon, my name is Elaine Hebard and I reside in Bernalillo County. I am a former chemist, attorney and water planner, with decades of experience in working in the middle Rio Grande. My goal is to ensure sane water administration to enable a green valley. Understanding water may not be the only task of the Board, but it is a basic one.

One of the primary responsibilities of the MRGCD is to protect the water rights of its rate payers from encroachment by other users.

Back in 2004, the District hired Balleau and Associates to study the potential impacts of the then-proposed Drinking Water Project by the City of Albuquerque, which was done. In May of 2012, I came to the budget work session of the Board to ask for inclusion of \$10,000 to update the Study of Impacts of the DWP in the FY13 Budget.

On August 25, 2014, Balleau's firm presented to the Board a draft *Assessment of Hydrologic Effects to Surface-Water System from ABCWUA DWP*. Included in that was a preliminary "conclusion that the post-DWP depletion condition is more erratic and greater than the pre-DWP condition."

Again, I urged the completion of the report in 2015. A Board member at the time suggested that perhaps folks who wanted a deletions analysis should pay for it. Needless to say, I was stunned. What I don't know is whether that report was ever finished and if so, what the findings were. No matter what, ten years later, the study must be done again, and that expense should be included in the budget for FY25.

At the May 2012 meeting, and many times before and after, I also urged the Board to ensure that good water accounting was being implemented to protect all constituents.

For instance, the impacts of transferring water from agricultural to urban users are many. One which may not be well understood, or at least included in planning, is the loss of recharge. According to the Bureau of Reclamation's 1995 *Middle Rio Grande Water Assessment*, during 1993 and 1994, recharge from the Rio Grande, the riverside drains, canal seepage, and deep percolation from irrigated fields ranged from about 58,000 to 75,000 acre feet per year. In Bernalillo County east of the river and west of the river north of Bridge Street, the recharge probably moved toward wells. However, in the southwest valley and in the rest of the basin interior and riverside drains captured the deep percolation and returns it to the Rio Grande. ... The cumulative loss in annual recharge due to reduced irrigation in the valley from 1975 to 1995 was equivalent to the annual water use of more than 13,000 people at a per capita use rate of 200 gallons per day.<sup>1</sup>

That loss is huge. What are the recharge numbers now? Rather than use the OSE's usage numbers, which only include human diversions, a more nuanced and complete water accounting is needed.

Additional groundwater uses are ongoing or being proposed. Pumping for Intel is expected to increase by more than 3 kafy. Niagara was just granted additional pumping, leasing uncertain water rights from PNM to offset its depletions, and Maxeon's anticipated total average water consumption is estimated to be 5600 afy. What is the impact of those users on a river which was fully, if not over, appropriated by 1907? For

<sup>1</sup> *Land Use Trends and Their Effect on Water Use and the Hydrologic Budget in the Albuquerque Basin, New Mexico*, Supporting Document No. 14, Middle Rio Grande Water Assessment, Bureau of Reclamation, 1995

that matter, what is the impact of the tens of thousands of acre feet of vested water rights granted by the OSE to urban areas, of water for the District's reclaimed lands and of the thousands of domestic wells which have been drilled?

Additionally, while the region has significantly conserved water since 1995, due to projected temperature increases, surface water supply is projected to continue to decrease.

A water budget, including water rights, is needed in order to achieve the fiduciary responsibilities of the District. Such should be included in the FY25 budget as well.

This morning, Senate Conservation Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 294 was dropped. It calls for the creation of a Strategic Water Supply "to reduce reliance on limited freshwater resources while furthering clean energy and advanced manufacturing development that meaningfully contributes to the state achieving a measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions." It is to be paid for with severance bonds. The bill requires that the environment department consult with the office of the state engineer, the Indian affairs department and potentially impacted Indian nations, tribes and pueblos to determine that a brackish water treatment project will not impair existing water rights or adversely impact landowners when certifying the need for the issuance of bonds. The SCONG agenda lists it as the first bill to be heard tomorrow morning. The MRGCD should take a position on this bill.

Finally, I want to say a few words about the board selection process which I recently participated in. A board of directors makes many substantive decisions. Filling a board vacancy is one of the most important of all -- as you are replacing the voters' will with your decision. Therefore, board voting procedures must be open and transparent so that such decisions can be trusted.

Here, a process was laid out by email whereby candidates were to submit written answers and appear in an open public hearing as a part of the interviewing process. Public comment was to follow.

While not mentioned in the email, a process for accepting written comments was provided. I did not find out about this until too late. Based upon what I learned afterwards, prior to the hearing, at least one board member met with at least one candidate -- with at least one board member even making a prior commitment to support!

I didn't think, and still don't, that it was appropriate for Board members to speak with candidates separately -- rather, you should all hear from each of us at the same time. I *really* don't think it appropriate to make a support commitment beforehand. Indeed, it made me question why candidates would ever participate in such a charade. And made me wonder whether I should thank or apologize to my supporters.

You see, politicization doesn't only mean political parties -- it means politicizing the process ... which happened here. I do hope that, should the occasion arise again, procedures are put into place whereby such pre-selection conversations do not happen.

Thank you.

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 137 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - REPORT(S) FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT -**  
 138 **Christine L. Nardi, MBA**

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 140 **a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires**  
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142 Christine Nardi introduced the new MRGCD hires, including a promotion to heavy equipment  
 143 operator in Albuquerque, two promotions and a new field maintenance tech hire in Belen, facility  
 144 support tech in the ER&T, field maintenance tech in Cochiti Division, and new ISO hire in the  
 145 general office. She noted the vacancy rate now sat around 8% and a year ago they were  
 146 around 20%.  
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**Belen Division**

ANTHONY	WOODY	MEDIUM EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	01/22/2024 PROMOTION
TYLER	INGRAM	LIGHT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	02/05/2024 PROMOTION
ERIK	GONZALES	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	02/05/2024

**Albuquerque Division**

JESUS	HERRERA	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	02/05/2024 PROMOTION
VALENTINO	LOPEZ JR.	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	01/22/2024

**Cochiti Division**

DARREN	TRANCOSA	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	01/22/2024
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**Equipment Repair & Transportation Division**

JOHN	ARMIJO	FACILITIES SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	01/22/2024
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**General Office**

JOSEPH	BRITO	IRRIGATION SYSTEMS OPERATOR	02/05/2024
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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - REPORT(S) FROM THE WATER OPERATIONS AND DISTRIBUTION DIVISIONS**

**a. Report on Water Supply Conditions - Anne Marken, Water Ops Division Manager**

Ms. Marken stated snowpack conditions had improved and discussed the SNOTEL graph results, showing 103% of median and 66% of peak median conditions from the Rio Grande Headwaters, 138% of median and 83% of peak median in the Upper Rio Grande, and 134% of median and 103% peak median in the Rio Grande Elephant Butte. She discussed the February forecast, showing above average chances for a wetter February and equal chances for above or below average temperatures. The 90-day outlook showed equal chances for above or below precipitation and temperatures through April. Ms. Marken expressed the District would not be able to store native Rio Grande water in El Vado Reservoir due to BOR's Safety of Dams Program, but the staff was working to try to secure space in the Abiquiu Reservoir to store water. She noted the District would have its 2024 San Juan Chama allocation available for storage this year, but it was still too early to tell if they would have a full allocation or not, but she is optimistic. She added they would probably start to release San Jaun Chama water to augment low summer flows after spring runoff. She explained that New Mexico ended 2022 with 93,000 acre feet in debt and the estimated debt for the end of 2023 was 120,000 acre feet. She noted that if they continue to see storms like they have in the past couple weeks they could see an average spring runoff.

Director Kelly asked a few questions, including how much water the low flow conveyance channel was producing, what are the constraints and opportunities for them to be able to store a big chunk of water in the Jemez Reservoir and if they could split the storage, and why could they not park their Article 6 water in there and surplus for use.

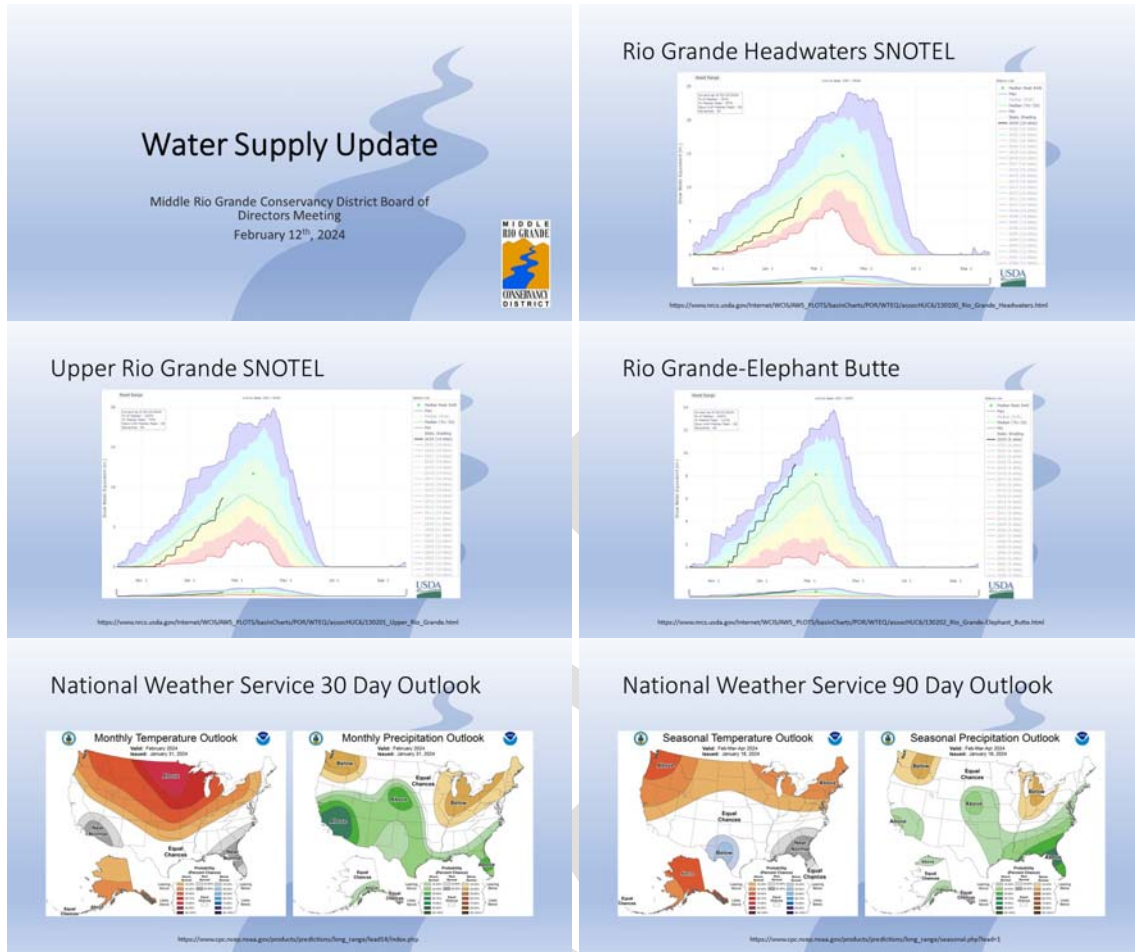
Ms. Marken stated they were authorized by Congress and limited to flood control storage at this point. She said it was also a challenge that they are both on pueblo land and would need coordination with landowners.

Mr. Casuga added that they could do a presentation at a board meeting related to the constraints associated with working with the Corps facilities and the processes. He said they were seeking flexibility everywhere.



183 Dr. DuMars stated it was an election year and they might get Senator Heinrich, who is running  
184 for office, to put a small piece of legislation that says they should get storage in Cochiti  
185 Reservoir and Jemez.  
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**b. Overview of New MRGCD Gauging Website - Brittney Erdmann, Hydrology Technician II**

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Director Duggins asked if they heard of the CFS coming out of the low flow.

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Ms. Marken said up until five days ago, the gauge reported 140 CFS leaving the low flow and going to the river but encountered a power supply issue. She said right now they were in the middle of experimental operations with BOR, so there was currently about 40 CFS going out of the outfall, but it should be up and running again in the next day or so when power is restored.

Director Duggins asked if the drains would increase when irrigation starts.

210 Ms. Marken stated they should see some irrigation return flows in the low flow conveyance  
211 channel and agreed to an operation plan to allow them to release some water to the river.  
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213 Mr. Casuga added that the construction of the outfall came with compliance requirements, so  
214 they were working through the adaptive management plan. He said the point of their project  
215 was to have low flow always discharging water. He also said federal partners agreed to a plan  
216 to determine what the habitat needed  
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218 Director Kelly asked what the critical habitat was for the flycatcher or the yellow-billed cuckoo or  
219 both. Mr. Casuga stated it was typically for the flycatcher.  
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223 **c. Status Report on Water Distribution - Matt Martinez, Water Distribution Division**  
224 **Manager**  
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226 Mr. Martinez stated they were two weeks away from the start of the irrigation season and would  
227 be opening diversions at Cochiti, Angostura, and Isleta on February 26th to begin charging the  
228 irrigation system. He noted Socorro Division would be using drain water and return flow to  
229 begin its season. He believed an early start would satisfy prior and paramount demands and  
230 help overcome any infrastructure setbacks as they begin irrigation deliveries. He stated the  
231 goal was to begin limited irrigation deliveries after all the main canals were charged and the  
232 water reached the end of each lateral or acequia, which they expect to be around mid-March.  
233 He noted the average date of the last front in the far north of the District was around April 15th,  
234 so they did not expect irrigators and farmers in the north to take much water until late March or  
235 early April. Mr. Martinez expressed that water users were highly encouraged to contact  
236 MRGCD assessment staff to verify their property status prior to the start of the irrigation season  
237 and ISOs will not schedule deliveries to properties with delinquencies or any other issues. He  
238 noted information on supply and scheduling type could be found on the website under the  
239 irrigation water delivery tab, and water users do not need to expect to get water the same day  
240 they ask for it and instead give a five days advanced notice. He stated ISO were available  
241 between 7 to 11 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 24-hours for emergencies  
242 and were still short-staffed. He reminded that even though they were starting to deliver water  
243 earlier they still needed to be conservative with water use.  
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245 Director Duggins inquired about not working on Sundays. He also asked them to consider  
246 giving ISOs that worked in the water running season the winter off.  
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248 Mr. Martinez they would be open for emergencies still on Sundays.  
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250 Mr. Casuga added ISOs are still people and there needed to be a work/life balance, because  
251 they have a lot of ISOs leave due to burnout.  
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253 Director Duggins stated having scheduling hours put them at risk of falling behind even more  
 254 and farmers were struggling, but so were ditch riders and they were doing a good job.  
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 257 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - REPORT(S) FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER/CFO - Pamela**  
 258 **Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**  
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- 260 **a. Consideration/Approval of the Resolution #M-02-12-24-206 for the Loan**  
 261 **Agreement by and between the NM Finance Authority and the Middle Rio Grande**  
 262 **Conservancy District**  
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264 Ms. Fanelli asked to approve Resolution M-02-12-24-206 to authorize the District to enter into  
 265 the loan agreement in the amount of \$2.9 million with a 2.4% interest rate.  
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267 Director Colin Baugh made the **MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION M-02-12-24-**  
 268 **206.** Seconded by Director Kelly. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
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- 270 **b. Consideration/Approval of the Revised MRGCD Travel Policy and the Report on**  
 271 **the Finance Committee Meeting, February 12, 2024 - Chair Russo Baca, Vice Chair**  
 272 **Dunning and Director Kelly**  
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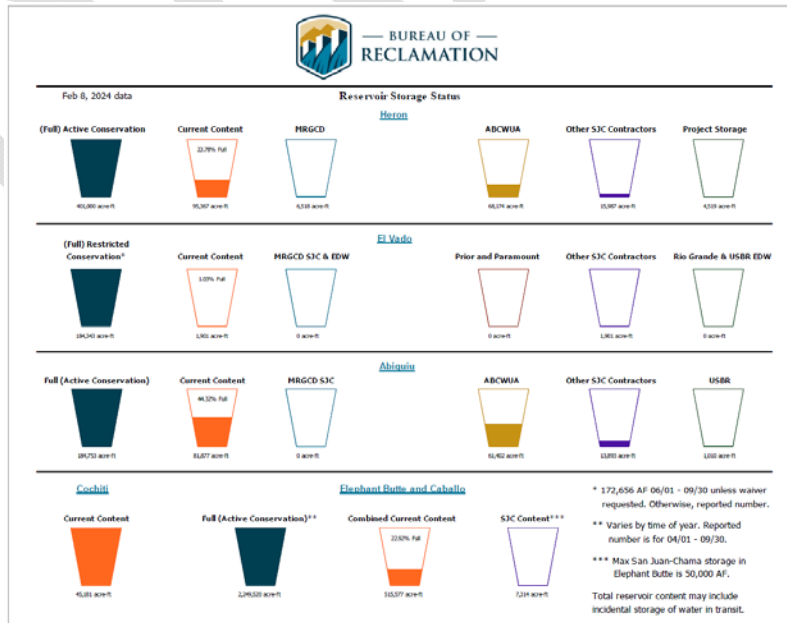
274 Ms. Fanelli asked to approve the revised travel policy that clarifies travel to Santa Fe.  
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276 Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MRGCD PER DIEM AND**  
 277 **TRAVEL POLICY FOR EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, AND ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS.**  
 278 Seconded by Chair Russo Baca. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
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280 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - REPORT(S) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**

- 281 **a. Bureau of Reclamation - Jennifer Faler, Area Manager**  
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283 Ms. Faler was not present for today’s meeting; although the BOR provided the reservoir storage  
 284 status, better known as the “bucket”.



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287 **b. Bureau of Indian Affairs - Dr. Sarah Delavan, Designated Engineer**

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289 Dr. Delavan was not present for today's meeting.

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291 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - REPORT(S) FROM THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER -**  
292 **Amanda Molina**

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294 Ms. Molina stated there had been some changes, including a new contact form, addition of the  
295 BOR video of their presentation about El Vado Dam, a new YouTube channel, and Farmers  
296 Meeting video. She also discussed the Valle Vista Elementary Project that will be kicked off  
297 with a cleanup session with students, parents, and some community members.

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299 Chair Russo Baca thanked Ms. Molina for helping to facilitate the public meetings.

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301 Director Kelly asked what they did different at the Bernalillo County meeting versus the Valenica  
302 meeting, because they got hammered.

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304 Ms. Molina said they were able to go through their communication system and email some folks  
305 in Bernalillo County and ISOs also did a good job getting people there.

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307 Director Baugh stated it was a good turnout and they got great feedback. He said the text  
308 message was very personable and people related to it. He suggested having an address or  
309 pictures uploaded also to have more to connect with.

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311 Vice Chair Dunning asked where to meet for the cleanup. Ms. Molina answered at the school.

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313 Director Duggins expressed he did not know why they did not buy lumber and metal for the kids  
314 to make signs to keep the bosque clean.

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316 Madam Chair Russo Baca directed Ms. Fanelli and the Finance Committee to add that to the  
317 budget.

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319 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER - Eric**  
320 **Zamora, PE**

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322 **a. Report from the Equipment, Repair & Transportation (ER&T) Division Manager -**  
323 **Rusty Swint**

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325 Rusty Swint, ER&T Division Manager, gave a quick rundown of what ER&T went through this  
326 year and an update on all the projects they are doing. He said they faced multiple challenges in  
327 implementing new use of current software, which will bring a more effective way of doing  
328 business and tracking repairs, costs, and schedule maintenances. He said they had to do a lot  
329 of cleanup and data entry to be effective and mechanics would be going paperless soon. He  
330 stated transport was implemented and went live with a service request module to better track  
331 transport requests and training went well. Mr. Swint expressed they were prepping for the  
332 equipment for the loan money approved but they were facing price increases. He said the  
333 ordering of parts had gotten a little better, but they were still facing long wait periods, some  
334 parts not being produced, and high shipping costs. He mentioned they had been down a couple  
335 of mechanics, so the workloads were increased. He said they would be replacing the current  
336 GPS systems and all units.



338 Director Kelly asked if they were going to run union requirements with the new GPS monitoring  
339 system.

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341 Lorna Wiggins commented that she did not believe that this was an issue because it was  
342 considered past practice and not yet addressed at the union negotiation sessions.

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344 Director Kelly inquired if their insurance provider gave a discount because of the system and  
345 safeguards implemented. Ms. Fanelli answered probably not.

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347 Chair Russo Baca said it did help in the judicial sector.

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349 Ms. Wiggins added the motivating factor in the GPS system was to ensure the safety of the  
350 workers and being able to constantly know their whereabouts if there is an emergency has been  
351 valuable for the District and private clients they represent.

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353 Madam Chair Russo Baca asked if there was a training or program for students that would be  
354 new to the workforce for it.

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356 Mr. Swint said he definitely wanted to do some type of education training.

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358 Director Baugh asked about a meet the machine day for recruitment of new employees. Mr.  
359 Swint said it would be an awesome opportunity to have a conservancy rodeo for employees to  
360 get together.

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362 **b. Off Season Updates - Eric Zamora, COO**

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364 Mr. Zamora gave an overview of operations as they transition out of offseason work. He said  
365 their focus was now switching to burning ditches to make sure they're prepped and ready with  
366 no major obstructions. He went through each of the divisions' offseason work, including  
367 finishing the new check structure on the Augustine Lateral and a couple of turnout installations  
368 in Cochiti, completions of two projects in Sandia Pueblo and completing the Ruby Lateral in the  
369 Albuquerque Division, repairs on erosion and washout in Belen Division, and reconstruction of a  
370 culvert crossing in Socorro Division. Mr. Zamora expressed the Lands and Licensing  
371 Department was fully staffed and they were getting caught up on a lot of issues. He said they  
372 were experiencing issues with the coordination at Valencia County due to Valencia County  
373 Sheriff taking a backseat to them in responding to calls. He noted they were going to reach out  
374 to Valencia County emergency services and get the emergency response plan back up and  
375 running.

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377 Director Kelly asked what they did with the material they used for the adobes in the  
378 Albuquerque Main Canal and if someone could buy it.

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380 Mr. Zamora said they had stockpile locations throughout the District that will end up going into  
381 other projects as a resource.

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383 Director Jiron asked if they would continue dredging until they start charging ditches.

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385 Mr. Zamora, yes, the long reach excavators would be dedicated to dredging year round.

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387 Director Jiron expressed the concerns of farmers he spoke to on the Belen Highline that had  
388 asked their ISO if they could open up their one turnout and irrigate through their piping system  
389 because it was dumping back into the drainage and were denied.. Director Jiron stated

390 hopefully this next season ISOs will allow farmers if water is passing to let the guy downstream  
391 start irrigating to use all the water efficiently.  
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393 Mr. Casuga explained the Belen Highline was unique and highly litigious right now and  
394 constrains them from a water delivery standpoint and cannot push as much water through there  
395 as they historically have. He said they were planning a separate project for a pump station to  
396 be able to augment water. He also discussed how water in Feeder 3 is used and the drain  
397 feeds heading south to drain at Seven Extension during certain times of year to make sure  
398 Socorro gets the appropriate share of water. He said it was hard to be able to say the specific  
399 reason without knowing the time and date the farmers asked the ISO about that.  
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401 Director Duggins pointed out he's heard the same complaints from farmers, and it was a  
402 problem.  
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404 Director Jiron stated he talked to other farmers that mentioned some pits that used to be on the  
405 west side of the highline that would collect water runoff. Mr. Casuga said he would answer that  
406 in executive session.  
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408 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 - REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER - Jason M. Casuga, PE**  
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410 **a. Report on Construction Updates - Alicia Lopez, Mapping & Engineering Manager**  
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412 Alicia Lopez gave an update on construction, including lining 4500 feet of the canal with  
413 shotcrete lining and a connection to the Unit 7 Heading underneath the railroad. She noted  
414 Wilson & Company was advising CF Padilla every step of the way. She showed pictures of the  
415 construction. She explained that was phase one and they would be starting phase two in  
416 November.  
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418 Mr. Casuga reminded the Board this project was funded through the Water Trust Board funding  
419 and has been in the works for almost two years. He added they had two significant projects  
420 with the Water Trust Board, the Socorro Main and Corrales Siphon, and hoped not every  
421 section of the lining would always be the most expensive kind.  
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423 Ms. Lopez then discussed the Highway 147 Project, which would allow the Isleta Drain to  
424 continue to function as an outflow for some irrigation ditches, flowing underneath a large road  
425 and the Belen Highline. She displayed pictures of that project.  
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427 Director Kelly asked if the bore was complete under Highway 147. Ms. Lopez said yes, the bore  
428 was completed a couple weeks ago.  
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430 Ms. Lopez then talked about the Storey Wasteway Project that is funded by NFWF. She said  
431 they had Compass Engineering out there and showed pictures of the project. She stated they  
432 were well on their way to being ready for the Water Operations Team to set up the gauging.  
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434 Director Kelly suggested considering a short curb on either side of the bridge, so someone  
435 doesn't drive off of it. Ms. Lopez said they would do that.  
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437 Madam Chair Russo Baca asked if they would be having a ribbon cutting for Whitfield. Ms.  
438 Lopez stated it was in the plan to have one.  
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440           **b. Consideration/Approval of Abiquiu Storage Agreement and the Suballotment**  
441           **Agreement - Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO & Casey Ish, Conservation Program**  
442           **Supervisor**  
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444 Casey Ish presented on two separate agreements for consideration and approval, the Abiquiu  
445 Storage Agreement and Suballotment Agreement. He explained the Abiquiu Storage  
446 Agreement contemplates storage within a column of San Juan Chama water not apportioned for  
447 storage to the Albuquerque Water Utility Authority inside Abiquiu and the Corps would be  
448 required to maintain about 29,100 acre feet of San Juan Chama contract space inside Abiquiu  
449 for non-water utility authority contractors. He stated MRGCD's apportionment would be  
450 approximately 2000 acre feet. He explained the Suballotment Agreement, which would  
451 increase the storage elevation by the Utility Authority by an additional 10 feet around the  
452 contour of the current reservoir pool, doing cultural compliance, environmental compliance, and  
453 purchasing an acquisition of easements by the Water Utility Authority. He said they now would  
454 need to sign the agreement to go in front of the Corps for ultimate review, and they were able to  
455 negotiate partial repayment of the water owed to the Water Utility Authority.  
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457 Mr. Casuga expressed it was a negotiating piece between MRGCD and ABCWA. He said  
458 getting the water control manual done and lining these things up at the same time gave them  
459 legal clearance for 40,000 acre feet, but it was a tremendous amount of work. He added he  
460 believes they only have begun to scratch the creative things that could be done with native  
461 storage in Abiquiu.  
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463 Vice Chair Dunning asked if they were going to repay some of the water owed to the Water  
464 Authority in the agreement now or in the future.  
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466 Mr. Ish explained they were basically doing a maximum daily storage volume accounting and  
467 would have 40,000 acre feet of total storage volume at the end of the calendar year they could  
468 potentially store inside Abiquiu under the agreement. He said they agreed to a 15% potential  
469 storage volume payment and half would go towards paying their debt.  
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471 Dr. DuMars added the agreement gave Mr. Ish and Mr. Casuga the ability to develop a  
472 relationship with the ABCWUA and that was very valuable.  
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474           Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE WATER STORAGE**  
475 **AGREEMENT WITH THE ABCWA AND THE SUBALLOTMENT AGREEMENT WITH**  
476 **ABCWA.** Seconded by Director Colin Baugh. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
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478           **c. Report on the SWCA Outfall Monitoring Project - Casey Ish, Conservation**  
479           **Program Supervisor**  
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481 Mr. Ish stated that as part of their cooperative agreement with the BOR and the National Fish &  
482 Wildlife Foundation, they worked on conducting monitoring at strategic outfalls to show results  
483 of the program to try to strike balance between Ag, Compact and ESA on the river. He said it  
484 also provided an opportunity to learn from management tactics and adapt for the next year. He  
485 explained that SWCA had been working for a while doing the outfall monitoring and that is now  
486 up. Mr. Ish expressed that all six outfall sites through Isleta Reach produced minnow and other  
487 fish.  
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489 Mr. Casuga added there was a requirement to create habitat and they would like to see an  
490 expansion.  
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492 Mr. Ish commented they were also looking to diversify how they do the sampling, including  
 493 using EDNA.

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495 **d. Introduction and Updates from the Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program**  
 496 **(BEMP) - Dr. Ara Winter BEMP/Sevilleta Information Manager and Yasmeen Najmi,**  
 497 **MRGCD Planner**

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499 Dr. Ara Winter stated that they focus on community science, education, and stewardship on the  
 500 bosque, and one of their core things is monthly monitoring. He explained they go out every  
 501 month and take school kids with them. He expressed they wanted people to meet the bosque  
 502 and understand it. He discussed what they monitored, including water quality, technology, and  
 503 flooding. He said there are exotic removals and clearings, fires, river drying events and  
 504 explained that fires have a big impact and hammers their native species. He noted that kochia  
 505 and tumbleweed increase in plant cover year after year even if burned to the ground but could  
 506 be crowded out by other plants. He talked about cottonwoods and the critical threshold for  
 507 them, and stated they need to start thinking about how to collect data to help support better  
 508 management decisions and support adaptive management. He did say there were a lot of ways  
 509 to make corrections and changes for riparian vegetation and cottonwoods, such as swales,  
 510 bank lowering, pole planting, and creating back channels. Dr. Winter explained that mosaic of  
 511 vegetation allowed high resilience and native riparian plants need to be connected to  
 512 groundwater.

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514 Director Duggins stated he did not know how natural the bosque was because it never  
 515 appeared until the Conservancy came into existence. He stated cottonwoods were more  
 516 dangerous for fire if too thick and it might be better to have fewer healthy ones.

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518 Dr. Winter said having a mosaic of cottonwoods made it more resilient and less fire prone than  
 519 more open space with grass.

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521 Director Duggins asked Dr. Winter to explain the groundwater level more. Dr. Wilson said it  
 522 depended on where you were in the South Valley, and south of I-40 was when you see a big  
 523 change in river geomorphology depending on where you are.

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525 Mr. Casuga stated it was important to remember the cottonwood forest in the bosque today will  
 526 likely not be the bosque of the future, but they are trying to gather data on how to best transition  
 527 to a more mosaic bosque.

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529 Director Duggins explained that he loves the bosque, but if it is too thick it will be unhealthy. He  
 530 said from what he sees, the mistletoe is killing the bosque.

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532 Dr. Wilson noted they had lots of data on thinning projects.

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534 Vice Chair Dunning asked if they were doing fencing for the beavers to keep them from  
 535 chopping the cottonwoods down.

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537 Dr. Wilson explained they did not engage in restoration work but could gather data on it.  
 538 Yasmeen Najmi added that at the bosque school, which is part of BEMP, students were doing  
 539 wildlife research projects and one of them was on beavers.

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541 Director Kelly asked what they needed to do to take the data and convince the world that  
 542 heading towards a mosaic as the new river corridor was what they should be doing. He also

543 asked what they needed to add to the program to get the message out that replacing  
544 cottonwoods was a failed effort.

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546 Dr. Winter said they had data they could get together to use for leverage on what they needed  
547 to get done.

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549 *NOTE: Director Sandoval left the meeting at 5:51 p.m.*

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551 **e. Report on the NM Water Dialogue 29th Annual Statewide Meeting, January 11,**  
552 **2024 - Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Chair Russo Baca**

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554 Mr. Casuga discussed the NM Water Dialogue Meeting, stating they covered a lot relating to  
555 legislation and what was coming up in the 30-day session, including the governor's budget from  
556 a water standpoint, funding, and water dialogue.

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558 Madam Chair Russo Baca added it was an interesting meeting and she talked to people about  
559 groundwater versus surface water diversion and the Socorro community.

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561 **f. Report on the Sandoval County Farmers & Irrigators Meeting, January 22, 2024 -**  
562 **Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chair Russo Baca, Vice Chair Dunning, Directors Kelly**  
563 **and Duggins**

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565 Mr. Casuga discussed the Sandoval County Farmers & Irrigators Meeting, stating they had a  
566 good contingent of Corrales folks there even though it was in Bernalillo and got a lot of positive  
567 feedback.

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569 Vice Chair Dunning asked if there was an update or follow up with the Sandoval County  
570 Accessor's Office on not allowing agricultural exemption if people follow.

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572 Mr. Casuga said the plan was to follow up and attend a county commissioners meeting and also  
573 talk to the county accessor. He said he did meet with Kathleen Cates about it.

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575 **g. Report on the Bernalillo County Farmers & Irrigators Information Meeting,**  
576 **February 6, 2024 - Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chair Russo Baca, Directors Kelly,**  
577 **Sandoval and Baugh**

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579 Mr. Casuga talked about the Bernalillo County Farmers & Irrigators Information Meeting, which  
580 had the best turnout for constituent participation. He said he appreciated the Q&A format.

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582 **h. Report on the Pueblo of Isleta Farmers & Irrigators Information Meeting, January**  
583 **30, 2024 - Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chair Russo Baca, Vice Chair Dunning and**  
584 **Director Jiron**

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586 Mr. Casuga discussed the Pueblo of Isleta Farmers & Irrigators Information Meeting, stating  
587 they also had a good turnout. He said they heard a lot of items related to the Pueblo of Isleta  
588 and items from Valencia County. He discussed talking to a constituent about an employee of  
589 MRGCD having an unprofessional engagement with her one time but was very professional on  
590 every other occasion. He expressed to staff that no matter how many times you are  
591 professional to constituents, they will always remember the one time you were not, so it is  
592 important to be professional at all times. Mr. Casuga thanked the Pueblo of Isleta and said the  
593 participation was fantastic.

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595 **i. Report on the Sandia Trial Council Meeting, January 31, 2024 - Jason M. Casuga,**  
 596 **CE/CEO, Chair Russo Baca, Vice Chair Dunning and Director Sandoval**  
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598 Mr. Casuga reported on the Sandia Trial Council Meeting, where they discussed the Corrales  
 599 Siphon. He explained there was coordination that involved a sovereign trail nation on land for  
 600 construction and lining of the project, and there was a question about the floodway easement  
 601 associated with the Pueblo of Sandia. He said they were not allowed to access the land and the  
 602 only way to get access was to talk to the tribal council, and subsequently did get approval and  
 603 that work was now taking place.  
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605 Vice Chair Dunning expressed thanks to Sandia Pueblo because they did not have to give them  
 606 permission for that. She also reminded people it is a very complex project when working with  
 607 another sovereign and MRGCD is doing the best they can.  
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609 **j. Report on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition Meeting, February 8, 2024 -**  
 610 **Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Director Jiron**  
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612 Mr. Casuga discussed the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition Meeting, stating there was a  
 613 lot of energy at the meeting and was happy that MRGCD no longer went first and answer  
 614 questions they should not be. He said there was a question of why they were starting water so  
 615 early, but he explained their startup plan met the negotiated contract. He stated he appreciates  
 616 the work Dr. Delevan is doing and it is important. He added there was also a sense of better  
 617 improvement on O&M.  
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619 Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING PAST 6:07 PM.**  
 620 Seconded by Vice Chair Dunning. The **MOTION CARRIED with one opposed.**  
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Chair Russo Baca	Yes	Vice Chair Dunning	Yes
Director Baugh	Yes	Director Duggins	No
Director Kelly	Yes	Director Jiron	Yes

622 Director Jiron said he thought the meeting was very informative.  
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625 Mr. Casuga also noted five of the six administration changed with Isleta being the only  
 626 exception.  
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628 **k. Information on Upcoming Events**

- 629 **1. Socorro Community Conservation on Water, Socorro Fairgrounds -**  
 630 **February 17, 2024**
- 631 **2. Land and Water Summit, Albuquerque, NM - March 6-8, 2024**
- 632 **3. Law of the Rio Grande Conference, Santa Fe, NM - April 11-12, 2024**  
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634 Madam Chair Russo Baca gave information on the upcoming events.  
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636 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 - REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD ATTORNEY(S) - Chief Water**  
 637 **Counsel or General Counsel**  
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639 Lorna Wiggins stated in the case of Adriana Villar, the criminal trial was moved to May 2nd and  
 640 3rd, and the civil trial was set for November 18-21, 2024.  
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642 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 - REPORT(S) FROM THE BOARD**  
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644 a. **Report on the Legislative Committee Meeting, January 12, 2024 - Chair Russo**  
 645 **Baca and Vice Chair Dunning**  
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647 Chair Russo Baca stated Mr. Thompson went over everything in his report that they went over  
 648 in the Legislative Committee Meeting.  
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650 b. **Report on the Conservation Advisory Meeting, January 18, 2024 - Chair Russo**  
 651 **Baca**  
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653 Madam Chair Russo Baca gave a report on the Conservation Advisory Committee, highlighting  
 654 the following program, stating you can still enroll until February 16th.  
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656 c. **Report on the Food and Farms Day, NM Legislature, January 25, 2024 - Chair**  
 657 **Russo Baca**  
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659 Madam Chair Russo Baca stated the Food and Farm Day highlighted the farming community  
 660 and the food they grow.  
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662 d. **Report on the World's Largest Matanza, January 27, 2024 - Chair Russo Baca**  
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664 Madam Chair Russo Baca reported on the World's Largest Matanza, stating it was a really good  
 665 event and wondered if it was something they could sponsor. She explained it was meant for  
 666 scholarships for schools in Valencia County.  
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668 Director Duggins asked what it had to do with the MRGCD.  
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670 Madam Chair Russo Baca explained that as a public official, they needed to ensure they were  
 671 supporting things that supported education and farmers.  
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673 e. **Report on the Los Lunas Village Council Meeting, February 8, 2024 - Chair Russo**  
 674 **Baca and Director Jiron**  
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676 Madam Chair Russo Baca discussed the Los Lunas Village Council Meeting, specifically on the  
 677 Niagara lease for water. She said it was something they could discuss further on what actions,  
 678 if any, they want to take.  
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680 f. **Report on the Personnel Committee Meeting, February 12, 2024 - Chair Russo**  
 681 **Baca, Vice Chair Dunning and Director Kelly**  
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683 Director Kelly said they were going to break down the eight pages of tasks for Mr. Casuga they  
 684 made down to one page of high overarching goals. He stated the Personnel Committee was  
 685 working with Jan Maples on that.  
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687 Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORTS FROM THE BOARD.**  
 688 Seconded by Vice Chair Dunning. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
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690 The chair requested a motion to go into the closed session at 6:16 p.m.  
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692 Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Seconded by  
 693 Vice Chair Dunning. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes.  
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Director Jiron	Yes	Vice Chair Dunning	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Director Duggins	Yes
Chair Russo Baca	Yes	Director Baugh	Yes

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 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

The chair requested a motion to back into regular session at 7:21 p.m.

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION.**  
Seconded by Vice Chair Dunning. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Director Jiron	Yes	Vice Chair Dunning	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Director Duggins	Yes
Chair Russo Baca	Yes	Director Baugh	Yes

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Vice Chair Dunning stated they agreed there were things that needed to be discussed in open session during their closed session, including Item 3(c) from the consent agenda.

Vice Chair Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 2024 INVOICE FOR LAW AND RESOURCE PLANNING ASSOCIATION as if it was not pulled from consent agenda.** Seconded by Director Kelly. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Director Kelly made the **MOTION THAT MRGCD TAKE ACTIONS TO ISSUE RFPs FOR GENERAL COUNSEL AND CHIEF WATER COUNSEL FORTHWITH.** Seconded by Vice Chair Dunning. The **MOTION CARRIED.**

With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Madam Chair Russo Baca adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of February 12, 2024.

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**ATTESTED:**

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Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Stephanie Russo Baca, Madam Chair  
MRGCD Board of Directors





**MEMORANDUM  
LICENSING AND LANDS DEPARTMENT**

**F.Y.I.**

TO: Jason M. Casuga, P.E., Chief Executive Officer/Chief Engineer

THRU: Eric Zamora, P.E., Chief Operations Officer

FROM: Rhett Sanders-Spencer, Right-of-Way Specialist

DATE: March 11, 2024

RE: M.R.G.C.D. Executed Licenses for February 2024

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1. 309-2022 – Special Use License with USFWS to perform work related the Rio Grande silvery minnow including fish surveys, fish rescue and release, and egg collection within the Rio Grande Floodway.
  2. 356-2022 – License with TDS Broadband Service, LLC to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Florida Lateral right-of-way.
  3. 004-2023 – License with TDS Broadband Service, LLC to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Green Stub Interior Drain right-of-way.
  4. 101-2023 – License with TDS Broadband Service, LLC to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Socorro Acequia right-of-way.
  5. 102-2023 – License with TDS Broadband Service, LLC to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Socorro Acequia right-of-way.
  6. 103-2023 – License with TDS Broadband Service, LLC to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Lopez Lateral right-of-way.
  7. 188-2023 – License to install and maintain a 48” Ø X 40’ culvert crossing within the Harlan Henderson Lateral right-of-way to serve Tracts 7A, 8A, 9, 10, 11, 22, 23, & 24, MRGCD Map 92, Loma del Rio Subdivision in care of current owner(s) and their successors and/or assigns.
  8. 222-2023 – Special Use License Anna Armijo for farming and irrigation access within the Alameda Lateral right-of-way.
  9. 340-2023 – Special Use License with Damian Gutierrez for irrigation access within the Peralta Acequia right-of-way.
  10. 342-2023 – License with Unite Private Networks to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Bernalillo Acequia right-of-way.
  11. 348-2023 – License with New Mexico Gas Company to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Rogers Lateral right-of-way.
  12. 350-2023\_AMD1(211-2023) – Amendment to license with Public Service Company of New Mexico to include the installation of a 40’ class 4 pole within the westerly outside 5’ of the Huning Lateral right-of-way.

13. 353-2023 – License to maintain an existing 60” Ø X 47’ culvert crossing within the Garcia Acequia right-of-way to serve MRGCD Map 105, Tracts 95A, 96, and 98A3, in the care of current owner(s) and its successors and/or assigns.
14. 355-2023 – License to maintain an existing 60” Ø X 25’ culvert crossing within the El Cerro Drain right-of-way to serve MRGCD Map 84, Tracts 1A1A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, B, and 16B1, in the care of current owner(s) and its successors and/or assigns.
15. 356-2023 – License to maintain an existing 60” Ø X 40’ culvert crossing within the El Cerro Drain right-of-way to serve MRGCD Map 105, Tracts 1A1A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, B, and 16B1, in the care of current owner(s) and its successors and/or assigns.
16. 358-2023\_AMD1(233-2023) – Amendment to Special Use License with Precision Surveys Inc. to extend the expiration date to continue research activities until September 30, 2024.
17. 360-2023 – License with Unite Private Networks to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Bernalillo Acequia right-of-way.
18. 005-2024 – Special Use License with Center for Social Sustainable Systems (CESOSS) to host an annual fun run within the Armijo Acequia right-of-way between Sanchez Farms and Barcelona Rd SW.
19. 017-2024 – Special Use License with Desert Fox Paving, LLC to install a 72” Ø X 40’ culvert crossing within the Otero Lateral right-of-way per License No. 289-2023.
20. 051-2024\_AMD1(2-143-2017) – Amendment to License with the Village of Corrales to include an additional buried water line perpendicular to the Corrales Main Canal right-of-way.
21. 052-2024 – Special Use License with Sun State Mechanical Inc. to install a C-900 fire main water line to provide fire suppression to the Village of Corrales.
22. 054-2024 – License with the Village of Los Lunas to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Huning Lateral right-of-way.
23. 056-2024 – Special Use License with Compass Engineering Construction Services to discharge groundwater from dewatering operations and to install a sewer utility within the Albuquerque Main Canal and Bernalillo Interior Drain per the Sandia Pueblo Vacuum Station Construction Project.
24. 060-2024 – Special Use License with Barr Engineering to update the biological survey for project’s (proposed road project sponsored by the Village of Los Lunas in cooperation with the New Mexico Department of Transportation) environmental documentation.
25. 061-2024\_AMD1(084-2023) – Amendment to License with Vexus Fiber to change the route of the proposed utility from an aerial utility paralleling the Menaul Lateral to a buried crossing.
26. 062-2024 – Special Use License with LAV Construction & Septic to install a 48” Ø X 40’ culvert crossing with concrete slope protection and riprap within the Harlan Henderson Lateral right-of-way.
27. 063-2024 – Special Use License with Lopez Precision, LLC, to repair an existing culvert crossing that is in disrepair, under License No. 2-113-2012, within the Albuquerque Main Canal right-of-way.
28. 064-2024 – Special Use License with Terracon to perform an auger boring for geotechnical survey within the Duranes Acequia right-of-way.
29. 065-2024 – Special Use License with Albuquerque Asphalt, Inc. to store equipment and to facilitate a small dirt stockpile within the Alameda Interior Drain right-of-way.
30. 068-2024 – Special Use License with NM Underground Utilities, Inc. to install a buried 8” Ø in steel casing per License No. 054-2024 within the Huning Lateral right-of-way.

1 **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**  
2 **BETWEEN THE NEW MEXICO INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION**  
3 **AND THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
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5 1. Parties

6 This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the New Mexico Interstate  
7 Stream Commission, a statutory agency of the State of New Mexico hereinafter referred  
8 to as the "NMISC", and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, a political  
9 subdivision of the State, hereinafter referred to as "MRGCD", collectively the NMISC  
10 and the MRGCD are referred to as the "Parties." This Agreement shall be effective as of  
11 the date it is executed by the last signatory (the "Effective Date").

12 2. Purpose.

- 13 A. The Parties desire to collaborate through coordinated water management actions,  
14 river channel maintenance and infrastructure projects to aid recovery of listed  
15 endangered species and to increase water conveyance to Elephant Butte Reservoir by  
16 planning designing and constructing river channel maintenance projects.
- 17 B. This Agreement is entered into for the purpose of establishing a cooperative effort  
18 between MRGCD and NMISC to address a substantial interest and a pressing need  
19 for emergency, short-term and long-term water management and operations within the  
20 Rio Grande Basin to improve water management and water operations; provide river  
21 channel capacity for flood control purposes and to improve water conveyance for Rio  
22 Grande Compact administration and to improve species habitat conditions for  
23 Endangered Species Act of 1973, (16 U.S.C. Ch. 35 § 1531 et seq, ("ESA")) purposes.
- 24 C. The MRGCD and NMISC are participants in the Middle Rio Grande Biological  
25 Opinion for Water Management and River Maintenance Activities (U.S. Fish and  
26 Wildlife Service 2016) as well as signatories of the Middle Rio Grande Endangered  
27 Species Collaborative Program. This Agreement allows for planning, design,  
28 construction, equipment purchase and lease, on the following mutually beneficial  
29 water management projects: (i) to address emergency, short-term, and long-term goals  
30 of protection of critical infrastructure, improvements in river channel capacity and  
31 water conveyance; and (ii) to implement habitat restoration for the protection and  
32 recovery efforts for certain federally listed endangered species under the ESA.
- 33 D. This Agreement will assist in providing for the public health and safety, provide flood  
34 protection, maintain Rio Grande channel capacity, protect critical habitat, reduce  
35 future maintenance and operation costs, and contribute to Rio Grande Compact  
36 compliance.

37 E. This Agreement will enable the Parties to exchange information, enhance  
38 coordination of operations, establish standardized procedures, clarify respective  
39 responsibilities, and maintain a mutually beneficial partnership.

40 F. This Agreement supports the Parties to work in partnership with other stakeholders,  
41 tribes, and agencies to allow for open dialogue and community engagement.

42 3. Authorities

43 The authorities of the Parties to enter into this Agreement are listed below:

44 A. New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission

45 The NMISC is authorized to protect, conserve, develop, and investigate the waters of  
46 the State, including interstate streams. Section 72-14-3 New Mexico Statutes  
47 Annotated 1978. With respect to the Rio Grande, this statutory authority includes  
48 conducting projects and monitoring operations at reservoirs and water conveyance  
49 facilities to support compliance with the Rio Grande Compact of 1938. *Id.* See also  
50 Section 72-15-23 NMSA.

51 The NMISC has a duty to evaluate the potential impact of river channel capacity and  
52 maintenance projects on the Rio Grande as it pertains to the State authority to deliver  
53 water to Elephant Butte Reservoir, pursuant to the Rio Grande Compact.

54 B. Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

55 The MRGCD is a governmental entity organized under the laws of the State of New  
56 Mexico, See Ch. 50, NML. 1931; Ch. 80, 1933 and Chs. 37 and 150, NML. 1935, and  
57 is authorized to accept the contribution of funds.

58 The MRGCD has authority and obligation to operate, maintain, and manage for  
59 various conservation purposes lands within and along portions of the Middle Rio  
60 Grande floodway.

61 4. Responsibilities

62 The NMISC agrees to:

63 Work in cooperation with the MRGCD to advance efforts to implement emergency,  
64 short-term, and long-term protection of critical infrastructure, improvements in river  
65 channel capacity and water conveyance, and implementation of habitat restoration for  
66 the protection and recovery of endangered species in the middle Rio Grande.

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69 The MRGCD agrees to:

70 Work in cooperation with the Commission to advance projects and activities in the  
71 middle Rio Grande to implement emergency, short-term, and long-term protection of  
72 critical infrastructure, improvements in river channel capacity and water conveyance,  
73 and implementation of habitat restoration for the protection and recovery of  
74 endangered species in the middle Rio Grande.

75 5. Mutually Agreed Projects

76 A. The NMISC and the MRGCD wish to formalize their cooperation on mutually  
77 identified projects that will be beneficial to the Parties in furtherance of addressing  
78 the need for coordinated water management actions in Middle Rio Grande.

79 B. This Agreement summarizes the general categories of projects that are anticipated to  
80 be initiated between the Parties through this Agreement. Funding sources will be  
81 assigned as projects are initiated. To that end, this Agreement provides the foundation  
82 for the Parties to develop, implement, monitor, and report on specific projects in the  
83 MRG including, but not limited to:

84 i) Purchase and rent equipment for river maintenance and floodplain restoration  
85 work performed by MRGCD so that improvements in conveyance in the Isleta  
86 Reach and other Middle Rio Grande reaches can occur in an expedited manner.  
87 This work will be followed by routine maintenance and monitoring. Equipment  
88 purchases and/or rentals for the term of this agreement may consist of, but may  
89 not be limited to, excavators, backhoes, dirt movers, water trucks, masticators,  
90 woodchippers, and/or dozers. This equipment will support the maintenance of the  
91 river system in the Middle Rio Grande.

92 ii) Contractual services for river and floodplain restoration work in the Isleta Reach  
93 and other Middle Rio Grande reaches. Construction contracts will be funded  
94 through this Agreement to conduct bosque rehabilitation, channel maintenance,  
95 infrastructure improvements within the floodplain, and other related work.

96 iii) Contractual services for professional services, such as environmental monitoring,  
97 scientific studies, and engineering. Yet to be determined activities and purchases  
98 with mutual benefit to both Parties are included in this agreement. NMISC and  
99 MRGCD may use this Agreement to obtain services and equipment as long as  
100 those services and/or equipment are agreed upon by both Parties. These services,  
101 for example, may include environmental monitoring, topographic surveying,  
102 hydrologic studies, monitoring, and measurement equipment.

103 iv) Development of Isleta Reach River Management Plan for the active river channel  
104 and adjacent floodplain between the southern boundary of Isleta Pueblo to San  
105 Acacia Diversion Dam, excluding private lands. NMISC and MRGCD will jointly

106 manage and fund the development of an Isleta Reach River Management Plan, in  
107 cooperation with other governmental agencies and stakeholders. The plan will  
108 utilize professional services contracts available to the Parties for preparation of  
109 the plan.

110 v) NMISC and MRGCD will evaluate anticipated critical threats in the Isleta Reach  
111 for immediate action, such as corrective action in areas of prolonged and  
112 excessive ponding during spring runoff likely to impact levee structural integrity  
113 and increased depletions.

114 6. Organization and Implementation

115 A. The organization for conducting work under this Agreement will consist of the  
116 Parties' respective Points of Contact, and individual projects teams reporting to the  
117 Points of Contact. The Points of Contact will be responsible for the oversight of  
118 Project Teams and coordination of Agreement activities including work planning,  
119 work plan development, budgets, any regulatory approvals for projects, and  
120 schedules.

121 B. The Project Teams developing and implementing individual projects or coordinating  
122 overall work will meet individually and with the Point of Contacts at least twice a  
123 year; and at least annually with the Signatories to review the implementation of  
124 agreed upon projects, assess the priority of proposed projects, and agree upon next  
125 steps. If conflicts arise that cannot be resolved within the Project Teams, they will be  
126 referred to the Points of Contact for resolution.

127 7. Costs

128 This Agreement does not impose any direct financial commitments on either Party.  
129 Specific activities or initiatives that involve the transfer of funds, services, or property  
130 among the Parties will require execution of separate agreements and will be contingent  
131 upon the availability of appropriated funds. Negotiation, execution, and administration of  
132 each such agreement must comply with all relevant statutes, regulations, and procedures.  
133 The obligations of the NMISC and the MRGCD under this Agreement are expressly  
134 contingent upon appropriations by and availability of funds from the New Mexico  
135 Legislature and the MRGCD, respectively.

136 8. No Individual Right of Action

137 This Agreement is not intended, and should not be construed, to create any right or  
138 benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or otherwise by any employee or  
139 third party against the Parties to this Agreement, the parent agencies, the State, or the  
140 officers, employees, agents, or other personnel thereof.

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142 9. Other Agreements or Arrangements

143 This Agreement does not impact or supersede any existing or future agreements or  
144 arrangements among the Parties and does not affect the ability of the Parties to enter into  
145 other agreements or arrangements related to activities on the middle Rio Grande. This  
146 Agreement in no way restricts the parties from participating with other public and private  
147 agencies, sovereign tribes, organizations, and individuals.

148 10. Points of Contact for the Parties

NMISC Project      Grace Haggerty  
Manager:            Interstate Stream Commission  
                          5550 San Antonio Drive, NE  
                          Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102  
                          Office: (505) 553-2436  
                          Email: [grace.haggerty@state.nm.us](mailto:grace.haggerty@state.nm.us)

MRGCD Project     Casey Ish  
Manager             Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
                          1931 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, SW  
                          Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87102  
                          Office: (505) 247-0234  
                          Cell: (505) 259-8799  
                          Email: [casey@mrgcd.us](mailto:casey@mrgcd.us)

149 11. Liability and Indemnification

150 On behalf of itself, its officers, directors, members, employees, agents, and  
151 representatives, each Party agrees that it will be responsible for its own acts and  
152 omissions subject to relevant state and federal laws and the results thereof and that is  
153 shall not be responsible for the acts or omissions of any other party, nor the results  
154 thereof. Each Party therefore agrees that it will assume the risk and liability to itself, its  
155 agents, employees, and volunteers for any injury to or death of persons or loss or  
156 destruction of property resulting in any manner from the conduct of the party's own  
157 operations and/or the operations of its agents, employees, and/or volunteers under this  
158 Agreement. Each Party further releases and waives all claims against every other party  
159 for compensation for any loss, cost, damage, expense, personal injury, death, claim, or  
160 other liability arising out of the performance of this Agreement, including without  
161 limitation any loss, cost, damage, expense, personal injury, death, claim, or other liability  
162 arising out of the other party's negligence, provided, however, that any party may agree  
163 to voluntarily compensate another.

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165 12. Term of the Agreement and Right of Termination

166 This Agreement shall take effect on the date of the last signature below and will continue  
167 in effect for a period of five (5) years. It may be modified or extended at any time by  
168 mutual written agreement of the MRGCD and the NMISC. The Agreement may be  
169 terminated in writing at any time by either party by providing a 30-day written notice to  
170 the other.

171 13. Statutes and Regulations

172 The provisions of any statutes and/or regulations cited in this Agreement contain legally  
173 binding requirements. The Agreement itself does not alter, expand, or substitute for those  
174 provisions or regulations, nor is it a statute itself. Thus, it does not impose legally  
175 binding requirements on the Parties. This Agreement contains procedural guidance to  
176 assist the Parties in carrying out existing legal requirements. This Agreement is not a  
177 contract, statute, rule or regulation.

178 14. Authority.

179 If MRGCD is other than a natural person, the individual(s) signing this Agreement on  
180 behalf of MRGCD represents and certifies that they have the power and authority to bind  
181 MRGCD, and that no further action, resolution, or approval from MRGCD is necessary  
182 to enter into a binding Agreement.

183 Names and Signatures of participating Parties

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185 MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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188 By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
189 Jason M. Casuga, P.E.  
190 CEO/Chief Engineer  
191 Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

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195 NEW MEXICO INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION

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199 By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
200 Hannah Riseley-White, Director  
201 New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission

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**NOTICE OF REGULAR WEBINAR/TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE  
NEW MEXICO INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION**

**FINAL DRAFT AGENDA**

**March 5, 2024  
8:30am – 12:15pm**

**VIA WEBINAR**

WEBINAR LINK: PLEASE JOIN THIS MEETING FROM YOUR COMPUTER, TABLET OR SMARTPHONE

<https://meet.goto.com/NMISC/nmiscmeetingmarch52024>

**CALL IN NUMBER: DIAL IN USING YOUR PHONE: (224) 501-3412 ACCESS CODE: 112-757-941**

**CLOSED SESSION MEETING WILL BE FROM 8:30 – 9:00 am**

- I. Commission convenes a closed session meeting prior to the open session.
- II. Closed session discussion pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7) regarding pending and threatened litigation:
  - A. Texas v. New Mexico and Colorado, No. 141 Original
  - B. State of New Mexico ex rel. Office of the State Engineer, et al. v. Intrepid Potash, Inc. No. S-1-SC-40182 in the Supreme Court of New Mexico. Appeal from A-1- CA-40372 and D-504-WH-3001240. Pecos River Stream System Carlsbad Section
  - C. In the Matter of the Application by David Maley for Permit to Appropriate Groundwater for Irrigation, Livestock, Domestic, Commercial, and Industrial Use in the Carlsbad Underground Water Basin Hearing Unit No. 23-022
  - D. In the Matter of the Application by Select Energy Services LLC for Permit to Temporarily Use Surface Points of Diversion within the Carlsbad Underground Water Basin Hearing Unit Nos. 23-028, 23-029, 23-031.

**30 Minutes**

**THE OPEN SESSION OF THE MEETING WILL CONVENE AT 9:15 AM**

- III. Opening Business:
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Approval of Agenda
  - C. Approval of Minutes from the January 16, 2024, regular meeting
  - D. Public comments can be made via email or at the virtual meeting. Please provide your comments prior to the meeting via email to: [ISC.Commission@ose.nm.gov](mailto:ISC.Commission@ose.nm.gov). Providing your comments via email at least 24 hours prior to the meeting allows the Commission time to review and consider your comments. Comments received after the beginning of the meeting will not be reviewed until after the meeting.
  - E. Staff Report.

**60 Minutes**

- IV. Informational presentation by NMISC staff on:
  - A. Survey responses from the NMISC and Water Trust Board related to the conjunctive development of an application process for the NM Unit Fund, and
  - B. Propose timeline for next steps in 2024

**15 Minutes – Hannah Riseley-White, Maya Clifford, and Marquita Russel, CEO NM Finance Authority**

- V. Summary report by NMOSE staff and Agency Auditor on:  
NMOSE/NMISC fiscal year 2023 financial audit ending June 30, 2023  
**15 Minutes – Eric Spurlin and AJ Bowers, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC and Jim Williamson**
- VI. Requested by NMISC staff for Commission approval and delegation of authority to the NMISC Director to:
- A. complete due diligence and enter into grant agreements identified in the amount of \$205,035.00, if they meet the due diligence requirements for the Lower Rio Grande Groundwater Conservation Program; and
  - B. enter, amend, and execute assignments and addendums that are reasonably necessary for the successful administration of the Lower Rio Grande Groundwater Conservation Program Grant Agreements approved by the Commission on March 5, 2024, and make necessary clerical corrections to those documents.
- 05 Minutes – Ryan Serrano**
- VII. Request by NMISC staff for Commission delegation of authority to the NMISC Director to:
- A. enter into a cooperative agreement between NMISC and Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) to establish joint efforts to assist in mutually beneficial water management projects in the Middle Rio Grande to address emergency, short-term, and long-term goals of protecting critical infrastructure, improving river channel capacity and water conveyance, and implementing habitat restoration initiatives.
- 15 Minutes – Hannah Riseley-White, Grace Haggerty, and Jason Casuga, CEO & Chief Engineer of the MRGCD**
- VIII. Informational presentation by NMISC staff on:
- A. an agreement to establish a cooperative effort between NMISC and New Mexico Tech to rehabilitate, instrument, monitor, evaluate, and report on groundwater conditions in the San Acacia Reach of the Rio Grande in existing NMISC monitoring wells, with a cost not to exceed \$154,000 in FY2024 and \$650,000 through FY2027.
- 10 Minutes - Grace Haggerty and Page Pegram**
- IX. by NMISC staff for Commission delegation of authority to the NMISC Program Manager to approve the following:
- A. as authorized officer to sign the Water Trust Board Grant WPF-5679 financial documents.
- 05 Minutes – Jennifer Baca**
- X. Request by NMISC staff for Commission approval and delegation of authority to the NMISC Director for:
- A. approval of the Interstate Stream Commission 2024 Annual Priorities letter for the Strategic Water Reserve;
  - B. approval of the Annual Report to the Legislature for 2023 on the status of the Strategic Water Reserve; and
  - C. delegation of authority to the NMISC Director to sign and transmit both documents.
- 15 Minutes – Chris Shaw**
- XI. Presentation of and request for commission approval of:
- A. the 2023 State Water Plan Review
- 15 Minutes – Andrew Erdmann**

- XII. Informational presentation on:
  - A. the release of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham’s 50-Year Water Action Plan  
**15 Minutes – Tanya Trujillo and Hannah Riseley-White**
- XIII. Set future meeting date, other business and informational items not requiring NMISC action  
**10 Minutes – Hannah Riseley-White**
- XIV. Adjournment

The mission of the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (NMISC): to investigate, conserve, protect, and develop the water resources and stream systems of New Mexico and carry out plans and programs for beneficial uses in the state, all in accordance with the law.

In accordance with the current NMISC Resolution directing compliance with the Open Meetings Act a final draft agenda will be available 72 hours in advance of the meeting: 1) on the Office of the State Engineer/NMISC website <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/ISC>; 2) posted and available in the Commission's office at Bataan Building, 407 Galisteo Street, Room 101, Santa Fe; and 3) emailed or faxed to persons making a specific request for the final draft agenda by calling the Commission's office at (505) 670-8482. In addition, materials provided to the Commission in advance of each meeting will be posted for public viewing on the above referenced website.

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3/7/2024

Board of Directors  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
1931 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Members of the Board,

Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> marked the constitutional deadline for the Governor to take action on bills that passed as a result of the 2024 Legislative Session. Any bills not acted upon by that date are considered pocket vetoed. The Governor has line-item veto authority over funding bills, primarily the budget and capital outlay. This session was notably low in bill filings and bills passed. In total 658 bills were filed and 72 passed, marking an 11% passage rate, which is on the lower end or normal. That figure usually trends at 10%-15%. As a result of the 2024 session only one bill was vetoed and there were no pocket vetoes.

At the conclusion of this legislature the Governor expressed her displeasure with the Legislatures inaction on public safety measures and eluded that she may call a Special Session to address crime and public safety matters. The Governor reiterated the possibility again this week at a bill signing event in Albuquerque. Should the Governor call a Special Session, it is solely her discretion as to what items will be considered.

Capital Outlay was passed and approved in the very late stages of the session after requiring last minute revisions to account for errors and mistakes. Capital awards to the district were less than expected. I will break those down below. There was fierce competition for funds in the 2024 capital outlay process. That coupled with multiple in stream changes to process, eligibility and funding levels sowed confusion and became borderline unnavigable at times. While those issues are external and uncontrollable, in future years I would humbly suggest identifying funding requests in the Summer / Fall which will allow greater time to develop supporting materials and early collaboration and support with legislative sponsors.

The 2024 interim will be very active. Both the House and Senate will be in election cycles with the Primary elections in June and the General in November. The House and Senate will look very different in 2025 with many members not seeking re-election. It is incumbent on me to be as active as possible to meet and form relationships

with those who will have new seats in 2025, particularly in the benefited area. In addition to election season, it is certain that there will be robust interim committee process this summer and fall. I expect a hefty agenda from the Water and Natural Resources Committee.

**HB2 / FY25 Budget Highlights, as signed:**

-Total of \$10.2 Billion, a 6.8% increase over FY24

-\$75M to DFA to provide matching assistance to local entities (including Conservancy Districts) for matching local and federal funds (Originally \$50M)

-\$300M to the Conservation Legacy Trust Fund

-\$50M to DFA for Water Trust Fund Corpus (Originally \$100M in House Version). In FY24 there was a \$100M appropriation made to the Water Trust Fund.

-To OSE, the period of time for expending the \$10M appropriated to the OSE in FY2024 for purposes of river channel maintenance to increase flows into Elephant Butte and for habitat restoration, LFCC channel maintenance and flood control projects in the San Acacia reach was extended through FY28.

-To OSE, the period of time for expending the \$7.5M appropriated to the OSE in FY2024 for purposes of leasing water from the Jicarilla Apache Nation for the strategic water reserve is extended through FY28.

-The OSE received a \$2.2M recurring increase, for staffing increases

-\$20M to OSE for Indian water rights settlements and adjudication for expenditure through FY27

-\$7M to the Environment Department for the water quality management fund for development, implementation and administration of state surface water and groundwater permitting programs.

**Funding Measures:**

HB177 / NM Federal Matching Fund: This bill creates a matching fund for select governmental agencies to assist in generating matching funds for federal projects. Conservancy districts are included as an allowable entity. SIGNED 2/28/24.

SB9 / Legacy Fund: SB9 appropriates and additional \$300M to the Legacy Fund. Fully funded in HB2.

### **Capital Outlay:**

The District was awarded \$75k for Traffic Control Measures (LFC # 656) and \$25k for Canal Improvement (LFC # 657).

There were some indirect awards to the State Engineers Office that are of note:

- Elephant Butte Delta and River Channel Improvement, \$1M
- Rio Grande Habitat Restoration and Flood Control, \$9M
- Strategic Water Reserve Acquisition, \$1M
- Surface and Ground Water Measurement, \$500k in HB2, \$1M in SB275

### **Water Policy:**

HB211/ Water Project Prioritization:

The House Agriculture, Acequias and Water Resources Committee introduced a committee substitute for HB 211 that prioritizes Water Project Fund projects that are urgent to address public health and safety. It allows the Water Trust Board to authorize water projects for wastewater conveyance and treatment and provides that the New Mexico Finance Authority set requirements of financial capability of qualifying entities and determine costs of originating grants and loans. It removes the requirement that eligible entities conduct an audit. It removes fiscal agent fees from items that are eligible for grants and loans and reduces the amount of water project funds distributed to the state engineer for the next five years. HB211 changes the date that the Water Trust Board is required to report to the legislature. It provides that money in the Water Project Fund may be used to hire contractors to provide technical assistance. The provision that proposed to remove the legislative approval process for WTB projects was removed via Senate Floor Amendment. SIGNED 2/9/24.

HB9 / Climate, Energy & Water Division: Creates the Climate, Energy and Water Division within the Economic Development Department and provides the powers and duties of the division. It establishes the decarbonization technology program and creates the Climate, Energy and Water Project Fund. HB 9 appropriates \$15M. TABLED in House Appropriations and Finance 2/9.

### **Paid Family Leave:**

The Paid Leave Ordinance that was most likely to pass the legislature, SB3 was defeated on the House Floor on a 36-34 vote in the closing hours of the session. 2025 will surely bring another rendition of this measure.

**Other:**

HB41 / Clean Fuel Standards: This bill seeks to reduce carbon intensity of fuels and sets benchmarks. HB41 passed and is on the Governor's desk. There will be a lengthy rule promulgating process that accompanies this legislation, it is not expected to be implemented until late 2025 / early 2026. SIGNED 3/5/24.

SB160 / Rio Grande State Park Restoration: Appropriates \$20M to the Local Government Division of DFA for expenditure in FY25 and subsequent FYs for the city of Albuquerque to restore Rio Grande Valley State Park. SB160 passed Senate Conservation and died awaiting a hearing in Senate Finance. No funds were allocated in the budget for this project, however it appears \$1.6M was directed to the City of Albuquerque for similar purposes via capital outlay.

I thank you for the opportunity, it is truly appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John L. Thompson". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the top and several horizontal strokes below.

John L. Thompson  
505.804.4473

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Legislation Report Thursday, March 7, 2024

## Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

Currently tracking 21 pieces of legislation

### HB 6 PAID FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (Christine Chandler)

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: HPREF [2] HHC/HCEDC-HHC [4] DP-HCEDC

Position: Priority: Category:  
Current Location: HCEDC  
Referrals: HHC/HCEDC  
Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:  
Updated on - Date: 01/25/2024  
Introduced on - Date: 01/13/2024  
Message #: 14

**Summary:** House Bill 6 (HB 6) enacts the Paid Family and Medical Leave Act and creates the Paid Family and Medical Leave Fund. HB 6 provides for the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program to pay eligible employees a percentage of their wages to bond with a new child or care for a family member for a limited time. HB 6 makes exceptions for certain employees. HB 6 provides for the Workforce Solutions Department to administer the program. Similar programs are preempted. HB 6 creates a temporary advisory committee.

**Relationship:** House Bill 6 duplicates Senate Bill 226552 to create the Paid Family and Medical Leave Act.

### HB 8 ELECTED OFFICIALS & GOV'T CONDUCT ACT CHANGES (Kathleen M Cates)

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: HPREF [1] not prntd-HRC [2] w/drn-prntd-ref- HGEIC/HJC-HGEIC [3] DP-HJC [5] DNP-CS/DP [6] PASSED/H (66-0)- SJC/SFC-SJC

Position: Priority: Category:  
Current Location: SJC  
Referrals: HGEIC/HJC/SJC/SFC  
Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:  
Updated on - Date: 02/01/2024  
Introduced on - Date: 01/12/2024  
Message #: 21

**Summary:** House Bill 8 (HB 8) - Outlines amendments to the Governmental Conduct Act in the state of New Mexico.

### HB 9 CLIMATE, ENERGY & WATER DIVISION (Meredith Dixon)

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [4] HCEDC/HAFC-HCEDC [9] DNP-CS/DP-HAFC

Position: Priority: Category:  
Current Location: HAFC  
Referrals: HCEDC/HAFC  
Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:  
Updated on - Date: 02/06/2024  
Introduced on - Date: 01/29/2024  
Message #:

**Summary:** House Bill 9 (HB 9) creates the Climate, Energy and Water Division within the Economic Development Department and provides the powers and duties of the division. It establishes the decarbonization technology program and creates the Climate, Energy and Water Project Fund. HB 9 appropriates fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000). House Bill 9 (HB 9) creates the Climate, Energy and Water Division within the Economic Development Department and provides the powers and duties of the division. It establishes the decarbonization technology program and creates the Climate, Energy and Water Project Fund. HB 9 appropriates fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000).

**Relationship:** HB 9 relates to HB 237



**Current Law:** New Mexico's objective is to achieve a statewide reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of at least 45% by 2030 as compared to 2005 levels. Governor Lujan Grisham by executive order 2019-003 established the Climate Change Task Force comprised of nine smaller, interagency Climate Action Teams responsible for proposing, planning, and implementing strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance New Mexico's ability to adapt to climate change.

### HB 11 PAID FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE ACT (Marian Matthews)

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [2] HHC/HCEDC-HHC

**Position:** Priority: Category:  
**Current Location:** HHC  
**Referrals:** HHC/HCEDC  
**Scheduled on - Date:** Time: Location:  
**Updated on - Date:** 01/18/2024  
**Introduced on - Date:** 01/18/2024  
**Message #:** 14

**Summary:** House Bill 11 (HB 11) enacts the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act and creates an authority and board. HB 11 creates the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund and provides for administration. HB 11 exempts certain employees. HB 11 provides for rule making and an appeals process. HB 11 preempts similar programs. HB 11 prescribes penalties.

**Relationship:** Relates to SB 3 and HB 6 Paid Family and Medical Leave Act.

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Action Text: [2] HHC/HCEDC-HHC

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**Updated on - Date:** 01/18/2024  
**Introduced on - Date:** 01/18/2024  
**Message #:** 14

**Summary:** House Bill 11 (HB 11) enacts the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act and creates an authority and board. HB 11 creates the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund and provides for administration. HB 11 exempts certain employees. HB 11 provides for rule making and an appeals process. HB 11 preempts similar programs. HB 11 prescribes penalties.

**Relationship:** Relates to SB 3 and HB 6 Paid Family and Medical Leave Act.

### HB 41 CLEAN TRANSPORTATION FUEL STANDARDS (Kristina Ortez)

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: HPREF [2] HENRC/HJC-HENRC- DP-HJC [4] DNP-CS/DP [8] PASSED/H (36-33) [6] SCONC/SFC-SCONC [7] DP-SFC [9] DP [12] PASSED/S (26-15) SGND BY GOV (Mar. 5) Ch. 54.

**Position:** Priority: Category:  
**Current Location:** PCH  
**Referrals:** HENRC/HJC/SCONC/SFC  
**Scheduled on - Date:** Time: Location:  
**Updated on - Date:** 03/05/2024  
**Introduced on - Date:** 01/03/2024  
**Message #:** 2

**Summary:** House Bill 41 (HB 41) authorizes the Environmental Improvement Board to adopt rules to establish and assess fees for a clean transportation fuels standard.

**Current Law:** The state has no clean fuel transportation standards or program currently.

### HB 154 PUBLIC RETIREES RETURNING TO WORK (William Rehm)

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [2] rclid frm/h

Position: Priority: Category:  
Current Location:  
Referrals: HRC  
Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:  
Updated on - Date: 01/18/2024  
Introduced on - Date: 01/18/2024  
Message #:

**Summary:** House Bill 154 (HB 154) This act is related to public employees in the state of New Mexico. The act outlines conditions under which certain public employees may retire and subsequently return to work for affiliated public employers.

**HB 177 NM MATCH FUND (Meredith Dixon)**

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)  
*Action Text: [2] HRDLC/HAFC-HRDLC [3] DP-HAFC [7] DP/a [9] PASSED/H (65-0) [6] SFC-SFC [8] DP [9] PASSED/S (37-0) SGND BY GOV (Feb. 28) Ch. 7.*

Position: Priority: Category:  
Current Location: PCH  
Referrals: HRDLC/HAFC/SFC  
Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:  
Updated on - Date: 02/29/2024  
Introduced on - Date: 01/18/2024  
Message #: 12

**Summary:** House Bill 177 (HB 177) creates the New Mexico Match Fund and appropriates one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) to the NM Match Fund. It declares an emergency.

**Current Law:** Currently the state has no one source for matching funds or project overruns for federal grants. Having a source of matching funds and funds for administrative use for the grant will make it easier, especially for smaller qualified entities, to obtain and keep federal grant awards.

**HB 182 ELECTION CHANGES (Gail C. Chasey)**

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)  
*Action Text: [2] HGEIC/HJC-HGEIC [6] DP-HJC [10] DNP-CS/DP [14] PASSED/H (38-28) [9] SJC-SJC [13] DP - PASSED/S (25-14) SGND BY GOV (Mar. 5) Ch. 57.*

Position: Priority: Category:  
Current Location: PCH  
Referrals: HGEIC/HJC/SJC  
Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:  
Updated on - Date: 03/05/2024  
Introduced on - Date: 01/22/2024  
Message #: 27

**Summary:** House Bill 182 (HB 182) amends sections of the Campaign Reporting Act by requiring disclaimers for advertisements generated by using artificial intelligence or containing materially deceptive media. It also creates the crime of distributing materially deceptive media. The bill has an emergency clause, to take effect immediately.

**HB 196 GOV'T ACCOUNTABILITY TRUST & FUND (Nathan Small)**

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)  
*Action Text: [2] HAFC-HAFC [10] DNP-CS/DP [12] PASSED/H (39-28) [7] SFC-SFC [9] DP [10] PASSED/S (37-0) SGND BY GOV (Feb. 29) Ch. 18.*

Position: Priority: Category:  
Current Location: PCH  
Referrals: HAFC/SFC  
Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:  
Updated on - Date: 03/01/2024  
Introduced on - Date: 01/22/2024  
Message #:

**Summary:** House Bill 196 (HB 196) creates the Government Accountability Expendable Trust (GAET) and the Government Accountability Program Fund (GAPF); provides for distributions from the GAET to the GAPF to fund pilot projects that will be evaluated by the Legislative Finance Committee in consultation with the state budget division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) and the state agency administering the pilot project; changes a provision of law that currently transfers certain excess revenue to the tax stabilization reserve to instead transfer the excess revenue to the GAET.

**Current Law:** Currently, the Government Accountability Expandable Trust (GAET) and Government Accountability Program Fund (GAPF) do not exist, nor are there related allowable distributions. Also, certain excess revenue currently may only be transferred to the Tax Stabilization Reserve. If the bill does not pass, this situation will remain the status quo.

## HB 196 GOV'T ACCOUNTABILITY TRUST & FUND (Nathan Small)

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [2] HAFC-HAFC [10] DNP-CS/DP [12] PASSED/H (39-28) [7] SFC-SFC [9] DP [10] PASSED/S (37-0) SGND BY GOV (Feb. 29) Ch. 18.

Position: Priority: Category:  
Current Location: PCH  
Referrals: HAFC/SFC  
Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:  
Updated on - Date: 03/01/2024  
Introduced on - Date: 01/22/2024  
Message #:

**Summary:** House Bill 196 (HB 196) creates the Government Accountability Expandable Trust (GAET) and the Government Accountability Program Fund (GAPF); provides for distributions from the GAET to the GAPF to fund pilot projects that will be evaluated by the Legislative Finance Committee in consultation with the state budget division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) and the state agency administering the pilot project; changes a provision of law that currently transfers certain excess revenue to the tax stabilization reserve to instead transfer the excess revenue to the GAET.

**Current Law:** Currently, the Government Accountability Expandable Trust (GAET) and Government Accountability Program Fund (GAPF) do not exist, nor are there related allowable distributions. Also, certain excess revenue currently may only be transferred to the Tax Stabilization Reserve. If the bill does not pass, this situation will remain the status quo.

## HB 211 WATER PROJECT PRIORITIZATION (Susan K Herrera)

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [3] HAAWC/HAFC-HAAWC [5] DNP-CS/DP-HAFC [10] DP/a [13] PASSED/H (67-0) [8] SCONC-SCONC [9] DP [13] fl/a- PASSED/S (34-5) [15] h/cncrd SGND BY GOV (Feb. 28) Ch. 9.

Position: Priority: Category:  
Current Location: PCH  
Referrals: HAAWC/HAFC/SCONC  
Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:  
Updated on - Date: 02/29/2024  
Introduced on - Date: 01/23/2024  
Message #:

**Summary:** House Bill 211 (HB 211) prioritizes Water Project Fund projects that are urgent to address public health and safety. It allows the Water Trust Board to authorize water projects for wastewater conveyance and treatment and provides that the New Mexico Finance Authority set requirements of financial capability of qualifying entities and determine costs of originating grants and loans. HB 211 removes the requirement that eligible entities conduct an audit and that water project plans are reviewed and recommended by the state engineer and the Department of Environment before approval. It removes fiscal agent fees from items that are eligible for grants and loans and reduces the amount of water project funds distributed to the state engineer. HB 211 allows the New Mexico Finance Authority to fund water projects without receiving the approval of the legislature for the next five years and changes the date that the Water Trust Board is required to report to the legislature. It provides that money in the Water Project Fund may be used to hire contractors to provide technical assistance.

### COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

The House Agriculture, Acequias and Water Resources Committee introduced a committee substitute for HB 211 (HAAWC CS/HB 211) that prioritizes Water Project Fund projects that are urgent to address public health and safety. It allows the Water Trust Board to authorize water projects for wastewater conveyance and treatment and provides that the New Mexico Finance Authority set requirements of financial capability of qualifying entities and determine costs of originating grants and loans. HAAWC CS/HB 211 removes the requirement that eligible entities conduct an audit. It removes fiscal agent fees from items that are eligible for grants and loans and reduces the amount of water project funds distributed to the state engineer for the next five years. HAAWC CS/HB 211 allows the New Mexico Finance Authority to fund water projects without receiving the approval of the legislature for the next five years and changes the date that the Water Trust Board is required to report to the legislature. It provides that money in the Water Project Fund may be used to hire contractors to provide technical assistance;

**Current Law:**

Pursuant to the Water Project Finance Act (Section 72-4A-1 et seq NMSA 1978), NMFA provides administrative support to the sixteen-member Water Trust Board and manages the Water Project Fund on its behalf. NMFA makes loans and grants for projects recommended by the Water Trust Board and authorized by the legislature including water conservation or recycling, treatment or water reuse projects; flood prevention projects; Endangered Species Act (ESA) collaborative projects; water storage, conveyance or delivery projects; and/or watershed restoration and management projects. The Water Project Fund annually receives nine percent of Senior Severance Tax Bond ("STB") proceeds as well as a distribution from the Water Trust Fund. Water Trust Board awards are a combination of grants and loans, based upon the financial capacity of the applicants.

<https://www.nmfinance.com/water-project-fund/>

**HB 219 REDUCE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX RATE (Jason C. Harper)**

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [3] HCEDC/HTRC-HCEDC [5] w/drn-HTRC

Position: Priority: Category:

Current Location: HTRC

Referrals: HCEDC/HTRC

Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:

Updated on - Date: 01/30/2024

Introduced on - Date: 01/23/2024

Message #:

**Summary:**

House Bill 219 (HB 219) reduces Gross Receipts Tax and Compensating Tax rates. HB 219 expands deductions for the sale of professional services.

**HB 301 FUTURE WATER TRUST FUND (William Rehm)**

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [6] HAAWC/H AFC-HAAWC [9] DP-HAFC [14] DP/a

Position: Priority: Category:

Current Location: HCal

Referrals: HAAWC/H AFC

Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:

Updated on - Date: 02/12/2024

Introduced on - Date: 01/31/2024

Message #:

**Summary:**

House Bill 301 (HB 301) creates the Future Water Trust Fund and the Future Water Project Fund. It includes the Future Water Trust Fund in the permanent funds invested by the State Investment Council. HB 301 makes an appropriation.

**Current Law:**

The Water Trust Fund (WTF) another constitutionally protected permanent fund, created in 2006, distributes \$4 million annually to the state's Water Trust Board, which authorizes spending these and other state funds on various water infrastructure projects around New Mexico.

<https://www.sic.state.nm.us/investments/permanent-funds/water-trust-fund/>

**SB 1 WATER TRUST FUND (Peter Wirth)**

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [1] SCC/SCONC/SFC-SCC-germane-SCONC [3] DP-SFC

Position: Priority: Category:

Current Location: SFC

Referrals: SCC/SCONC/SFC

Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:

Updated on - Date: 01/24/2024

Introduced on - Date: 01/16/2024

Message #:

**Summary:**

Senate Bill 226849 (SB) transfers one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) to the Water Trust Fund. The Water and Natural Resources Committee asked for the introduction of this bill.

**Current Law:**

The Water Trust Fund (WTF) is a constitutionally protected permanent fund created in 2006 with an initial appropriation of \$40 million and a subsequent legislative contribution of \$15 million in 2007.

The WTF distributes \$4 million annually to the state's Water Trust Board, which authorizes spending these and other state funds on various water infrastructure projects around New Mexico.

<https://www.sic.state.nm.us/investments/permanent-funds/water-trust-fund/>

### SB 3 PAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (Mimi Stewart)

[Link to PDF & FIR: Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [1] SCC/STBTC/SFC-SCC [2]germane-STBTC [4] DP-SFC [6] DP/a [7] fl/aa- PASSED/S (25-15) [13] HHHC-HHHC [14] DP [15] FAILED/H (34-36).

Position: Priority: Category:  
Current Location: DEAD  
Referrals: SCC/STBTC/SFC/HHHC  
Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:  
Updated on - Date: 02/14/2024  
Introduced on - Date: 01/10/2024  
Message #: 12

**Summary:** Senate Bill 3 (SB 3) enacts the Paid Family and Medical Leave Act and creates the Paid Family and Medical Leave Fund. SB 3 provides for the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program to pay eligible employees a percentage of their wages to bond with a new child or care for a family member for a limited time. SB 3 makes exceptions for certain employees. SB 3 provides for the Workforce Solutions Department to administer the program. Similar programs are preempted. SB 226552 creates a temporary advisory committee.

**Relationship:** Senate Bill 3 duplicates House Bill 6 to create the Paid Family and Medical Leave Act.

### SB 9 CONSERVATION LEGACY FUND (Steven P. Neville)

[Link to PDF & FIR: Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [1] SCC/SCONC/SFC-SCC-germane-SCONC [3] DP-SFC

Position: Priority: Category:  
Current Location: SFC  
Referrals: SCC/SCONC/SFC  
Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:  
Updated on - Date: 01/24/2024  
Introduced on - Date: 01/16/2024  
Message #:

**Summary:** Senate Bill 9 (SB 9) transfers three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) to the Conservation Legacy Permanent Fund for the purposes of the fund and makes an appropriation.

**Relationship:** SB 9 relates to SJR 15

**Current Law:** After four years of negotiations with constituent interest groups, New Mexico created the Land of Enchantment Legacy Fund during the 2023 legislative session. Until that year, New Mexico did not have a dedicated revenue stream for conservation and restoration projects which meant there were no line items in funding bills for these types of projects and no federal matching funds. The legislature appropriated \$100 million during that same session, with \$50 million slated to be spent over the next four years, and \$50 million put into a permanent fund to generate interest. Money from the fund goes to 10 existing programs, including 10% to the River Stewardship program which does riparian restoration work, 22% to the Game and Fish Department for Endangered Species work, and 22.5% to the Department of Agriculture for soil health and noxious weeds management. The rest of the spending will go toward other conservation causes.

### SB 43 UTILITY EASEMENTS FOR BROADBAND (Michael Padilla)

[Link to PDF & FIR: Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [1] SCC/STBTC/SJC-SCC

Position: Priority: Category:  
Current Location: SCC  
Referrals: SCC/STBTC/SJC  
Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:  
Updated on - Date: 01/17/2024  
Introduced on - Date: 01/04/2024  
Message #: 13

**Summary:** Senate Bill 43 (SB 43) enacts the Utility Easements for Broadband Act, authorizing the use and sharing of easements for the provision of communication services throughout the state.

**Relationship:** Senate Bill 49 (SB 49) - Rural Infrastructure Response Act  
Senate Bill 45 (SB 45) - Broadband Infrastructure

**Current Law:** Chapter 62 NMSA 1978 is currently in place to provide guidance on electric (and other) utilities. If the bill does not pass, the proposed additional sections will not be included to modify and clarify the existing law related to easements for broadband.

### SB 101 WATER LAW VIOLATION PENALTIES (Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez)

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [1] SCC/SCONC/SJC-SCC

**Position:** Priority: Category:  
**Current Location:** SCC  
**Referrals:** SCC/SCONC/SJC  
**Scheduled on - Date:** Time: Location:  
**Updated on - Date:** 01/18/2024  
**Introduced on - Date:** 01/12/2024  
**Message #:**

**Summary:** Senate Bill 101 (SB 101) authorizes the Office of the State Engineer to inspect permit and license holder records. It increases the maximum penalty for a violation of water law and provides for an annual increase in penalties for a violation of water law to account for inflation.

**Current Law:** There is no requirement that owners or lessees must show the OSE or other officials any of their records upon request. The maximum daily penalty for most violations is now one hundred dollars (\$100) and the maximum civil penalty in a district court action on an appeal of a suspension or revocation of a license is one thousand dollars.

### SB 111 PROTECT STATE WATERS (Siah Correa Hemphill)

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [1] SCC/SCONC/SFC-SCC [2]germane-SCONC- DP-SFC

**Position:** Priority: Category:  
**Current Location:** SFC  
**Referrals:** SCC/SCONC/SFC  
**Scheduled on - Date:** Time: Location:  
**Updated on - Date:** 01/25/2024  
**Introduced on - Date:** 01/18/2024  
**Message #:**

**Summary:** Senate Bill 111 (SB 111) appropriates eight hundred forty thousand dollars (\$840,000) to the Department of Environment to provide additional resources to protect water in the state

**Current Law:** According to NMED website, one of the steps to identify surface water quality issues is to collect water quality data and information through organized, quality-controlled monitoring. The Surface Water Quality Bureau in the NMED uses robust scientific methods in a way that is transparent to water quality agencies and the public. Its Monitoring Program tests surface water quality for such bodies as streams, rivers, lakes, and reservoirs and focuses primarily on chemical, physical, and biological conditions in these perennial waters, and includes sampling for most pollutants that have numeric or narrative water quality criteria in New Mexico. To meet federal and state requirements and expectations, the Surface Water Quality Bureau of the NMED developed and occasionally updates a monitoring strategy (2016, revisions pending 2023). It assesses the data collected during these water quality surveys to determine if they meet state water quality standards. These data assessments are then used to develop the State of New Mexico Clean Water Act §303(d)/305(b) Integrated Report and Total Maximum Daily Load planning documents.  
<https://www.env.nm.gov/surface-water-quality/water-quality-monitoring/>

### SB 160 RIO GRANDE STATE PARK RESTORATION (Antonio "Moe" Maestas)

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [2] SCC/SCONC/SFC-SCC-germane-SCONC [4] DP-SFC

**Position:** Priority: Category:  
**Current Location:** SFC  
**Referrals:** SCC/SCONC/SFC  
**Scheduled on - Date:** Time: Location:  
**Updated on - Date:** 01/30/2024  
**Introduced on - Date:** 01/22/2024  
**Message #:**

**Summary:** Senate Bill 160 (SB 160) appropriates twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) for the restoration of the Rio Grande Valley State Park.

**Current Law:**

According to the city of Albuquerque's website, the state legislature established the Rio Grande Valley State Park [known colloquially as the Bosque (forest)] in 1983 which is managed cooperatively by the Open Space Division and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. The 4,300-acre park extends from Sandia Pueblo in the north through Albuquerque and south to Isleta Pueblo, and is located on both the east and west sides of the Rio Grande.

The City's Open Space Division and Albuquerque Fire and Rescue secured a nearly \$1,000,000 FEMA grant in 2019 to support a wildfire mitigation project to reduce the severity of catastrophic wildfires and support overall forest health in the park. FEMA approved the mitigation plan in September 2023. The project area is 470 acres on both the west and east sides of the Rio Grande, south of Bridge Boulevard to north of Central Avenue. In recent years, this stretch of forest has seen numerous wildfires varying in size and severity. Crews are primarily focused on removing non-native species of plants as well as thinning understory vegetation that serves as ladder fuels under large cottonwood trees and removing downed wood.

<https://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/open-space/lands/rio-grande-valley-state-park>.

### SB 169 LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND CHANGES (Mimi Stewart)

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [2] SCC/SCONC/SFC-SCC [4]germane-SCONC [6] DP/a-SFC [7] DP/a [8] PASSED/S (38-0) [13] HRDLC-HRDLC [14] DP [15] PASSED/H (64-0) SGND BY GOV (Feb. 28) Ch. 14.

Position: Priority: Category:

Current Location: PCH

Referrals: SCC/SCONC/SFC/HRDLC

Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:

Updated on - Date: 02/29/2024

Introduced on - Date: 01/23/2024

Message #: 48

**Summary:**

Senate Bill 169 (SB 169) amends the State Supplemental Land and Water Conservation Fund by removing the political subdivision fund matching requirement and changing the incorporated municipality population cap. It amends eligible recipients of funds and requires prioritization of funding requests of Indian nations, tribes and pueblos. SB 169 removes a reference to a defunct entity and revising citations. It appropriates ten million dollars (\$10,000,000).

Amendment  
2/9/2024

The Senate Finance Committee amended SCONC SB 169A (SFC SB 169AA) by removing the political subdivision fund matching requirement and changing the incorporated municipality population cap in the State Supplemental Land and Water Conservation Fund. It amends eligible recipients of funds and requires prioritization of funding requests of Indian nations, tribes and pueblos. It clarifies the State Supplemental Land and Water Conservation Fund's usage . SFC SB 169AA removes a reference to a defunct entity and revising citations

**Current Law:**

The Energy, Minerals And Natural Resources Department administers the State Supplemental Land and Water Conservation Fund including processing of grants which are conditioned, in part, on having at least fifty percent federal funding for the project. (Section 16-1-2 NMSA 1978)

The US Congress has funded the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) since 1965 with the goals of acquiring land and interest in land to safeguard natural areas, water resources and cultural heritage, and to provide recreation opportunities to all Americans.

Congress permanently authorized the LWCF in 2019, and in 2020 enacted full funding of \$900 million annually, allocated among the BLM, the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service and state and local governments. The fund helps strengthen communities, preserve history and protect the national endowment of lands and waters, in part, by providing matching grants to state governments for the acquisition and development of public parks and other outdoor recreation sites. The BLM uses LWCF to support specific conservation and recreation projects and to enhance public access to public land, waters and resources, under the direction of the bureau's National Conservation Lands and Community Partnerships office.

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/land-and-water-conservation-fund>

<https://www.doi.gov/lwcf>

### SB 185 WATER PROJECT FUND (Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales)

Link to PDF & FIR: [Bill Info](#)

Action Text: [2] SCC/SCONC/SFC-SCC [3]germane-SCONC [4] DP-SFC

**Position: Priority: Category:**  
**Current Location:** SFC  
**Referrals:** SCC/SCONC/SFC  
**Scheduled on - Date: Time: Location:**  
**Updated on - Date:** 01/30/2024  
**Introduced on - Date:** 01/23/2024  
**Message #:**

**Summary:** Senate Bill 185 (SB 185) appropriates one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) to the Water Project Fund.

**Relationship:** SB 185 duplicates HB 201 and relates to HB 148.

**Current Law:** Pursuant to the Water Project Finance Act (Section 72-4A-1 et seq NMSA 1978), NMFA provides administrative support to the sixteen-member Water Trust Board and manages the Water Project Fund on its behalf. NMFA makes loans and grants for projects recommended by the Water Trust Board and authorized by the legislature including water conservation or recycling, treatment or water reuse projects; flood prevention projects; Endangered Species Act (ESA) collaborative projects; water storage, conveyance or delivery projects; and/or watershed restoration and management projects. The Water Project Fund annually receives nine percent of Senior Severance Tax Bond ("STB") proceeds as well as a distribution from the Water Trust Fund. Water Trust Board awards are a combination of grants and loans, based upon the financial capacity of the applicants.  
<https://www.nmfinance.com/water-project-fund/>



**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BOARD COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTARY ADVISORY COMMITTEES  
2023-2024**

**BOARD COMMITTEES**

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<b>Election Committee</b>	
Chair Stephanie Russo Baca Director John Kelly Director Brian Jiron	

**VOLUNTARY ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Conservation Advisory Committee (NFWF grant requirement)

Urban Issues Advisory Committee

- Composition TBD

Irrigation Advisory Committee

- Proposed Composition: 10-person committee, 2 Tribal members, 2 members from each County



# Memorandum

**To:** MRGCD Chair Russo Baca and Board of Directors

**Through:** Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO

**From:** Human Resources

**Date:** March 11, 2024

**Re:** Introduction of New Hires and Job/Title Change

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## General Office

REBECCA	THOMPSON	JUNIOR ACCOUNTANT	02/19/2024 PROMOTION
FABIAN	SILVA	IRRIGATION SYSTEMS OPERATOR	03/04/2024

## Belen Division

ERIC	BAKER	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	03/04/2024
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## Albuquerque Division

DANIELLE	YONNIE	DIVISION CLERK II	02/19/2024
ELADIO	BERNAL	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	03/18/2024



# Memorandum

**To: MRGCD Board of Directors**

**From: Christine Nardi, HR Director**

**Date: March 11, 2024**

**Re: Employee Recognition, Allstar Award for Brittney Erdmann, Hydrology Technician II, Water Operations Division**

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Brittney Erdmann, Hydrology Technician II, was assigned to implement a new polling software (Contrail) for the MRGCD network of telemetered water measurement and control structures. This project was particularly difficult to undertake because of the need to have our existing hardware interface with Contrail. To further complicate the project, there was a desire to not abandon the existing way that the public accessed the data, which was not a straightforward problem to tackle. Brittney has shown diligence and thoughtfulness in the implementation of Contrail and has taken a great deal of ownership in the usability of the final product. While understanding and troubleshooting problems with existing MRGCD polling software is an expectation of Brittney's position, developing an entirely new polling software is unequivocally beyond the scope of her current job duties.

Implementation of Contrail will help the MRGCD improve customer satisfaction by providing access to critical water management data in a format that is easier to navigate. The Contrail website will help the public better understand the locations of measurement structures, which makes the information more useful to individuals who are not familiar with the MRGCD system. Additionally, the software could help improve monitoring on canals. For example, ISO's will be able to receive alerts about conditions on their facilities, which alerts them when something needs to be addressed. The software will also allow hydrology technicians to better diagnose problems with gauges remotely, which could help reduce travel and maintenance costs.

Most importantly Brittney has shown her ability to take on a new and difficult project and fully engage in the development to make it her own. The end result has far exceeded our expectations, Brittney truly has gone above and beyond to develop this critical water management tool.



# Memorandum

**To: MRGCD Board of Directors**

**From: Christine Nardi, HR Director**

**Date: March 11, 2024**

**Re: Employee Recognition, Key Contributor Award for Josh Hind, Systems Administrator, Accounting and Finance Division**

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Josh Hind, System Administrator, was asked to provide technical support to Brittney Erdmann to implement a new polling software (Contrail) for the MRGCD network of telemetered water measurement and control structures. This project was particularly difficult to undertake because of the need to have our existing hardware interface with Contrail. To further complicate the project, there was a desire to not abandon the existing way that the public accessed the data, which was not a straightforward problem to tackle. Josh's technical support and involvement in this project was vital to its success. Josh willingly provided his technical support and expertise to the installation of Contrail despite the many demands on his time. Without his support, this project would have taken much more time and expended more resources to complete.

Implementation of Contrail will help the MRGCD improve customer satisfaction by providing access to critical water management data in a format that is easier to navigate. The Contrail website will help the public better understand the locations of measurement structures, which makes the information more useful to individuals who are not familiar with the MRGCD system. Additionally, the software could help improve monitoring on canals. For example, ISO's will be able to receive alerts about conditions on their facilities, which alerts them when something needs to be addressed. The software will also allow hydrology technicians to better diagnose problems with gauges remotely, which could help reduce travel and maintenance costs.

Most importantly Josh has demonstrated his willingness to go above and beyond to ensure the success of this project, and that level of effort deserves to be recognized.

# Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

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BOARD PRESENTATION

MARCH 11, 2024

# Agenda

- Audit Timeline
- Auditors' Reports
- New and Upcoming Standards
- Value-Added Suggestions

# Timeline of the Audit



# Auditors' Reports

## Independent Auditors' Report

Opinion on the Financial Statements

- **Unmodified – Best opinion available**
  - Financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
  - No audit areas where an opinion could not be rendered.

## Other Auditors' Report

GAGAS Report on *Internal Control Over Financial Reporting* and on *Compliance and Other Matters*

- **Negative Assurance**
  - No findings noted

Uniform Guidance Report on *Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance*

- **Unmodified Opinion**
  - ALN# 15.571, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Grant



# Auditor Responsibility

- Our responsibility under U.S. & Government Auditing Standards
  - Form and express opinion if financial statements prepared by management are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP.
  - Obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance if financial statements are free from material misstatement.
  - Consideration of internal controls for purpose of determining and designing audit procedures.
  - Communicate significant matters related to financial statement audit.

# Management's Responsibility

- Management, with oversight from those charged with governance, is responsible for:
  - Establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities
  - The selection and application of accounting principles
  - The fair presentation in the financial statements of financial position and results of operations in conformity with the applicable framework
- Management is responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud
- The governing board participated in the entrance and exit conferences, and were sent the communications required by audit standards

# New Standard Implementation

- The implementation of GASB Statement No. 96 had a significant impact on the District. The implementation of GASB Statement Nos. 91, 94 and 99 did not affect the department in a material manner.
  - GASB Statement No. 91, Conduit Debt Obligations
  - GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*
  - GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*
  - GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*

# Upcoming Standards

- GASB Statement No. 100, is effective for fiscal years starting after June 15, 2023 and will apply to the District's 2024 fiscal year.
  - The requirements will enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.

# Upcoming Standards

- GASB Statement No. 101, is effective for fiscal years starting after December 31, 2023 and will apply to the District's 2025 fiscal year.
  - The requirement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences.

# Upcoming Standards

- GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*, is effective for fiscal years starting after June 15, 2024 and will apply to the District's 2025 fiscal year.
  - The requirement is to improve financial reporting by providing users of financial statements with essential information that currently is not often provided.

# Value-Added Suggestions

- Treat CRI as a year round resource
- Information Technology
  - The IT landscape is continually changing and at a rapid pace. The District should continue to assess and test the IT Environment and Cybersecurity to help the District adapt (whether internally or with through outside consultation).

# Concluding Comments

- The CFO/Secretary/Treasurer, Controller, and Accountants, as well as all the other District team members were very helpful and great to work with.
- Thank you for the opportunity to serve Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District.
- We value our relationship and hope to continue to build on it.



# THANK YOU!

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# Memorandum

**To:** MRGCD Chair Russo Baca and Board of Directors  
 Jason Casuga, CEO/CE  
 Pam Fanelli, CFO

**From:** Richard DeLoia, Chief Procurement Officer *RD*

**Date:** March 4, 2024

**Re:** Engineering Design – Loretta Road / Alameda Drain River Access

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MRGCD staff is requesting approval for the Loretta Drive / Alameda Drain River Access Engineering Design. The total cost is \$93,727.38 including New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax at 7.6250%. This contract will be awarded to Bohannon Huston Inc., through the MRGCD On-Call Engineering Contracts obtained through the Request for Proposals process. This project is funded through Capital Appropriations.

VENDOR	GRAND TOTAL
Bohannon Huston Inc.	\$93,727.38 w/ NMGRT

February 1, 2024

Jason Casuga  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
1931 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Re: Task No. 9: Loretta Intersection / Alameda Boat Ramp Parking Lot

Dear Jason:

Per recent discussions, Bohannon Huston, Inc. (BHI) is pleased to provide this proposal for professional engineering services as Task No. 9 under our On-Call Professional Engineering Services Contract (effective July 1, 2023). BHI will provide services as described in the attached scope of work, "Exhibit A". Our fees for these services are detailed in "Exhibit B", which is also enclosed. Work will be completed for a lump sum of \$87,087.00, plus applicable gross receipts tax.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 505-823-1000.

Sincerely,



Craig W. Hoover, PE  
Senior Vice President  
Water Resources

CWH/ab  
Enclosures

cc: Alicia Lopez, MRGCD (w/encls.)

**EXHIBIT A**  
**GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK AND FEE STRUCTURE**  
**ALAMEDA BOAT RAMP – LORETTA IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1**  
**ON-CALL TASK NO. 3**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2024**  
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**Introduction**

The purpose of this task order is to design a new entrance to the Alameda Boat Ramp parking lot at Loretta Drive and Alameda Boulevard. Right and left turn bays will be added along Alameda Boulevard; the existing entrance will be closed; and the existing parking lot will be graded with a gravel surface.

**Task 1 – Topographic Survey**

BHI will provide survey of the project areas as shown in the attached figure. BHI will contact NM One Call and survey all existing utility designated in the street. All survey will be performed under the direct supervision of a New Mexico Registered Professional Land Surveyor. The final base maps will have an accuracy of 1"=50' scale with 1 foot contour intervals. Survey data will be delivered in Civil 3D 2018 using BHNCS Standards. Files will consist of 2D and 3D planimetric files and a DTM surface file.

**Deliverables:**

- 2D and 3D planimetric files and a DTM surface file.

**Fee: Lump Sum \$13,120.00, plus applicable New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax**

**Task 2 – Traffic Signal Modifications**

The existing traffic signal at Loretta Drive will require modifications to support the MRGCD realignment on the north side of Alameda. The scope for the modification assumes two new Type I signal poles, and indications will be installed on the south leg for SB traffic control. The existing mast arm on the NE corner will require relocation and/or replacement to accommodate the new driveway returns. It is assumed the existing mast arm on the NW corner can remain and the curb returns will be designed to fit around it. The existing mast arm on the SE corner will be modified to switch a 3 section indication to a 5 section head. Existing pedestrian push button stations and pedestrian walk indications on the south leg of the intersection will remain. Existing ADA ramps on the south leg will be upgraded. ADA ramps on the north leg will be reconstructed with the driveway returns, and new pedestrian push buttons and signals will be included with the design. Existing video detection will remain with one new device being installed to monitor the north leg. It is assumed that the existing signal cabinet and controller can remain in-place and modifications made as necessary to add the new detection equipment. Existing fiber interconnect line running parallel to Alameda should not be impacted by improvements and therefore no modifications to it are anticipated or included in the scope.

BHI will provide NMDOT Traffic Technical Support with a list of updates for new signal equipment. NMDOT Traffic Technical Support staff will complete any needed updates to existing signal maintenance in agreement with Bernalillo County. Since the added traffic at the new north leg is anticipated to be lower than the traffic using the south leg (Loretta Drive) no adjustments to signal timing are anticipated or included in the scope.

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**Deliverables:**

- 50%, 90%, and Final plan submittals in a pdf format. Final plans in an AutoCAD 2018 format on DVD.

**Fee: Lump Sum \$19,087.00, plus applicable New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax**

**Task 3 – Preliminary and Final Roadway / Parking Lot Design**

BHI will prepare 50% and 90%/100% design plans for the improvements to the parking lot and Alameda Boulevard. ADA ramps will be designed at the 4 corners of the Loretta & Alameda Intersection. Right and left turn bays will be designed on Alameda Boulevard. A traffic control plan will be developed for work on Alameda Boulevard. General package sheets will be prepared including a cover sheet, vicinity map, summary of quantities sheet, applicable general notes, and typical sections. Plan & Profile sheets will be created for Alameda Boulevard. A grading plan will be created for the parking lot, as will minor signage for both roadways as needed. A drainage structure section will be prepared for the crossing of the roadside drain. An existing drop inlet will be relocated for the right turn bay.

Two potholes will be done on Alameda to determine the existing pavement thickness. The existing pavement section will be matched for the roadway widening. No geotechnical investigation or pavement design is included in the scope. The fee includes permitting from NMDOT and traffic control for the boring.

Two (2) plan reviews with MRGCD and NMDOT will be held. A utility coordination meeting will be held with local utility companies. BHI will prepare the driveway permit application (for public entities) for MRGCD to submit. Environmental clearance for work within the Alameda Boulevard right-of-way will be obtained by submitting an environmental clearance form to the NMDOT Environmental Section. No environmental surveys will be performed.

**Deliverables:**

- Pavement Core data.
- Driveway permit application.
- 50%, 90% and Final plan submittals in a pdf format. Final plans in an AutoCAD 2018 format on DVD.

**Fee: Lump Sum \$45,500.00, plus applicable New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax**

**Task 4 – Drainage Analysis and Design**

BHI will prepare a drainage analysis to support the proposed intersection and parking lot improvements associated with Phase 1 of this project. This will include analysis to size the proposed pipe for the new Nicholas Interior Drain crossing by the parking lot entrance road. It is assumed that we will use the MRGCD's standard culvert headwall

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detail for the new crossing, and we will review and incorporate the standard detail into our plan set.

In addition, we will analyze roadway drainage along Alameda associated with the intersection improvements. There is an existing drop inlet along Alameda Boulevard that appears to outfall into the drain. This inlet will need to be relocated to accommodate the addition of a right turn lane from Alameda to the parking area. The new inlet will be designed as a water quality inlet to minimize conveyance of trash and debris to the drain through the inlet.

**Deliverables:**

- Drainage calculations.
- 50%, 90%, and Final plan submittals in a pdf format. Final plans in an AutoCAD 2018 format on DVD. Drainage design elements will be incorporated into the Roadway Design plans.

**Fee: Lump Sum \$9,380.00, plus applicable New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax**

**Assumptions:**

- No NEPA documentation is required.
- Improvements are entirely within MRGCD or NMDOT right-of-way. No right-of-way surveys will be performed.
- No NMDOT certifications are required. If NMDOT funding is obtained for construction, these certifications will most likely be required in the future.
- No geotechnical investigation.
- No contract documents or bidding assistance are included. These services can be provided if requested.

EXHIBIT B

MRGCD

Alameda Boat Ramp - Loretta Intersection Improvements Phase 1



2/1/2024

		Engr. 7	Engr. 6	Engr. 5	Engr. 4	Engr. 2	Engr. 1	TS 4	Eng. Tech 6	SV 5	Admin 6	Total	Fixed Costs	Sub Consultants	Total
	Fee Schedules Rates:	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours			Cost
		\$268.00	\$245.00	\$201.00	\$176.00	\$134.00	\$118.00	\$105.00	\$135.00	\$201.00	\$119.00				
<b>1</b>	<b>Topographic Survey</b>														
1	Field Survey								25			25	\$800.00		\$ 4,175.00
2	Office Processing								25			25			\$ 3,375.00
3	Office Coordination, Task Management / Oversight	3		2						14		19			\$ 4,020.00
4	NM One Call		1					6	5			12			\$ 1,550.00
	<b>TOTAL TASK 1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,120.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Traffic Signal Modifications</b>														
1	50% Plan Submittal for Traffic Signal Modifications	3		24				32				59			\$ 8,388.00
2	50% Review Meeting with Bernalillo County and NMDOT	2		4								6			\$ 1,240.00
3	90% Plan Submittal for Traffic Signal Modifications	2		12				16				30			\$ 4,328.00
4	90% Review Meeting with Bernalillo County and NMDOT	2		4								6			\$ 1,240.00
5	Final Plan Production	1		6				8				15			\$ 2,164.00
6	Task Management / Oversight	3		4							1	8			\$ 1,727.00
	<b>TOTAL TASK 2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,087.00</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Preliminary and Final Roadway / Parking Lot Design</b>														
1	Project Setup	1		2							2	5			\$ 908.00
2	Site Visit			3		3						6			\$ 1,005.00
3	Cover, vicinity map, summary of quantities, general notes			2		6		12				20			\$ 2,466.00
4	Typical Sections			1		4		8				13			\$ 1,577.00
5	Plan and profile sheets			2		8		8				18			\$ 2,314.00
6	Parking Lot Grading Plan			2		6		4				12			\$ 1,626.00
7	ADA Ramp Design			2		16		4				22			\$ 2,966.00
8	Traffic Control Plan			4		8		12				24			\$ 3,136.00
9	Permanent Signing and Striping Plan			2		4		4				10			\$ 1,358.00
10	Drainage Structure Section			1		4		4				9			\$ 1,157.00
11	QC Plan Review	4										4			\$ 1,072.00
12	50% Review Meeting with MRGCD and NMDOT			4		2					1	7			\$ 1,191.00
13	90% Plan Submittal for Roadway / Parking Lot			8		24		32				64			\$ 8,184.00
14	QC Plan Review	4										4			\$ 1,072.00
15	90% Review Meeting with MRGCD and NMDOT			4		2					1	7			\$ 1,191.00
16	Final Plan Production			4		12		16				32			\$ 4,092.00
17	Pavement Core			1								1		\$1,200.00	\$ 1,401.00
18	Utility Coordination Meeting			4		8						12			\$ 1,876.00
19	Environmental Clearance Form			2		5					1	8			\$ 1,191.00
20	Driveway Permit Application			2		6						1	9		\$ 1,325.00
21	Task Management / Oversight	8		10								2	20		\$ 4,392.00
	<b>TOTAL TASK 3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 45,500.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Drainage Analysis and Design</b>														
1	Project Kickoff and Site Visit	1		3			3					7			\$ 1,225.00
2	Roadway Drainage Analysis	1		2			8					11			\$ 1,614.00
3	On-site drainage design			2			4		4						\$ 1,414.00
4	Inlet relocation design	1		2			6		12			21			\$ 2,998.00
5	50% and 90% Plan Review Meetings with MRGCD and NMDOT			4								4			\$ 804.00
6	Attend MRGCD Board Meeting	2										2			\$ 536.00
7	Task Management / Oversight	1		2							1	4			\$ 789.00
	<b>TOTAL TASK 4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,380.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 87,087.00</b>
	<b>NMGRT @ 7.625%</b>														<b>\$ 6,640.38</b>
	<b>TOTAL PHASE FEE WITH NMGRT</b>														<b>\$ 93,727.38</b>


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### Water managers share what Albuquerque farmers can expect for Rio Grande irrigation season

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### Irrigation season will start early

Story by Valencia County News-Bulletin | Feb 29, 2024

The 2024 irrigation season is getting an early start, as managers at the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District began preparing for the upcoming season, which will begin about a month earlier compared to last year.

On Monday, Feb. 26, MRGCD water managers started charging, flushing and ensuring proper operation of canals.



eEdition

Feb 29- Valencia County News Bulletin

“Water managers share what ABQ farmers can expect for Rio Grande irrigation season”

### MRGCD prepares for irrigation season

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District opened its headgates this week to test infrastructure in advance of irrigation season. The opening of the gates on Monday allowed the MRGCD to flush the canals and ensure that everything is in working order when it comes time to deliver the water to irrigators. The official start of [...]

By Hannah Grover



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“MRGCD Prepares for Irrigation Season”





## MEMO

TO: Chair Russo Baca and the Board of Directors

THRU: Jason M. Casuga, PE, CEO/Chief Engineer and Eric Zamora, PE, COO

FROM: Michael Padilla, Right-of-Way Supervisor

DATE: March 4, 2024

RE: MRGCD's Board of Directors, Approval for Disposal of Land

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MRGCD Staff recommends that **Tract 44-B-1 MRGCD Map 150 – 0.9200 AC Socorro County**, be approved for disposal, with water rights appurtenant to the Property reserved.

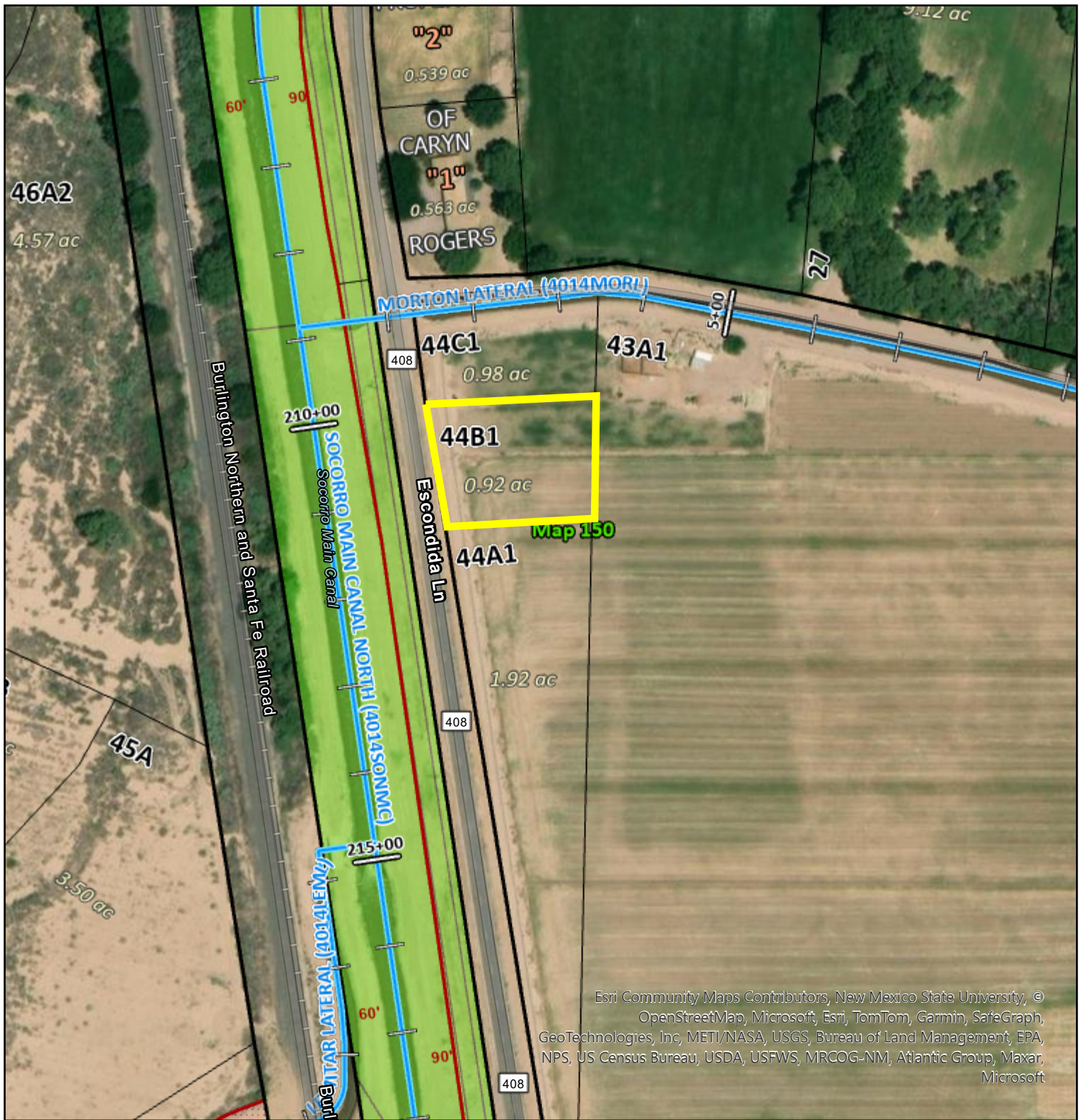
MRGCD staff have determined that the Property is an excess right-of-way. This is evidenced by:

- The Property was acquired by the State Tax Commission (Tax Deed # 3-400)
- Socorro Division Manager, Julian Avalos, has confirmed that Tract 44B1 is not required for operations and maintenance.
- MRGCD's letter to Mr. Vega informing him of his lease agreement for the continuation of farming until the land sale process is complete.

MRGCD staff evaluated the Property considering Board Resolution No. M-01-10-22-178 regarding the protection and preservation of MRGCD Ditches & Facilities and have determined that it is highly unlikely that the disposal of the Property at this time would affect any public use of the area, based on its location and limited accessibility to the public.


January 2024, Jose Vega with Vega Farms contacted MRGCD staff to finalize the land sale after being made aware that the title transfer was complete between the BOR and MRGCD. Mr. Vega is an adjacent landowner and submitted a Land Sale Application and associated \$250 non-refundable fee to MRGCD in June 2018. Should the disposal of the Property be approved at this time, the Property will continue to be evaluated for sale per the process outlined in MRGCD Rule 21, *Land Sales Policy* (Policy).








Enclosed: Exhibit Map; Docket 6743; MRGCD Letter, Land Sale Application Packet – Jose Vega (Vega Farms)



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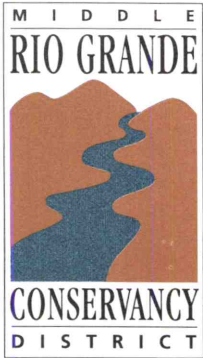
## Exhibit Map

  
 This map is for reference purposes only.

MRGCD Cadastre Lines	Facility Network	MRGCD Map Index
 Lot Lines	 Drain	 MRGCD Map Index
 Combined Lots	 Other	
 MRGCD ROW		
 Public ROW		

Date: 3/5/2024

June 14, 2018



Mr. Jose A. Vega  
Vega Farms  
1103 Fairgrounds Rd  
Socorro, NM 87801

Re: MRGCD Map 150 Tract 44-B-1 Lease Agreement

Dear Mr. Vega,

Earlier this year a portion of the property you irrigate was flagged earlier this year due to non-payment of a Water Service Charge (WSC) for delivery of irrigation water. The property is owned by MRGCD.

We have worked out a process whereby this parcel within your property can be irrigated as a part of the rest of your field until a land sale process is complete and MRGCD can dispose the land. Please review the attached lease agreement and if you agree, work with our Assessment Department to sign and settle the amounts due. The lease agreement would be \$50 for three years, hoping that it will not have to be renewed. In the event that it does have to be extended, we have placed a renewal clause in the agreement. The agreement references the Water Service Charge contract and the Land Sales application. The Land Sale has an associated fee as well. Please fill these out, sign and return them to us for processing.

We appreciate your efforts toward resolving this matter and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Hamman  
CEO / Chief Engineer

MAH/ds

P.O. Box 581

87103-0581

1931 Second St. SW

Albuquerque, NM

87102-4515

505-247-0234

Fax # 505-243-7308

xc: Assessment Department, file.





**2018 through 2020 PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is entered into between the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (1931 Second St SW, PO Box 581, Albuquerque, NM 87103-0581) and Vega Farms - Mr. Jose A. Vega (Owner # 16863) (1103 Fairgrounds Rd, Socorro, NM 87801), as described below:

**THIS AGREEMENT** ("AGREEMENT") between the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico ("MRGCD"), and Vega Farms ("Lessee") is made this 25 day of June, 2018, providing for the lease of a tract of property owned by MRGCD.

**RECITALS:**

**WHEREAS**, the MRGCD owns various small pieces of surplus land throughout the valley that are remnants of property acquired by either by deed or tax lien in prior years, and

**WHEREAS**, MRGCD Map 150 Tract 44-B-1 = 0.92 ac ("TRACT") is one such remnant owned by the MRGCD, and

**WHEREAS**, the TRACT is irrigated and contained on three sides by the Lessee's Property, and

**WHEREAS**, The Lessee presently desires to enter into an agreement to lease the TRACT during the pendency of Lessee's Land Sales Application, and

**WHEREAS**, The Lessee is willing to enter into an agreement to utilize the MRGCD delivery system for delivery of water to the TRACT in the 2018, 2019 and 2020 irrigation seasons. Lessee desires to irrigate the following described real property located within the boundaries of the MRGCD and in Bernalillo County, New Mexico:

Property Legal Description (TRACT): MRGCD Map 150 Tract 44-B-1  
Property Code Number(s): 300205600000000000  
Owner: MRGCD  
Total Acreage: 0.92 Ac. Total Acreage Irrigated: 0.92 Ac.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERE TO AS FOLLOWS:**

**1. Term of Lease**

The MRGCD, in consideration of the rents to be paid, does hereby let and demise the TRACT to the Lessee, together with all improvements located thereon for a term beginning on the date both parties have signed this agreement and lasting until this LEASE expires on December 31, 2020.

**2. Lease Application Fee and Rent**

A lease application fee of \$50 for the three-year duration of this contract is required at the signing of this agreement.

As lease rental for the TRACT, the Lessee agrees enter into a Water Service Agreement (Attachment A) with the MRGCD during the term of this LEASE and agrees to pay the annual MRGCD Water Service Charge, as set out in MRGCD's Water Service Agreement.

**3. Conditions and Obligations**

At or prior to the effective date of this LEASE, Lessee shall file with the MRGCD a Land Sales Application (Attachment B). During the term of this LEASE, Lessee shall take necessary and reasonable actions in pursuing the

approval of the Land Sales Application.

Lessee shall be responsible for all general maintenance and minor repairs of the TRACT. Lessee will not make material alterations or improvements to the TRACT until the final disposition of the property.

Lessee will not permit by reason of its own action or inaction any lien or encumbrance of any kind to attach against the TRACT. Should any work be performed on the property at Lessee's sole direction, or should any lien attach due to the action or inaction of the Lessee, the Lessee shall take all action to indemnify and hold MRGCD harmless from associated costs and expenses and post notice of MRGCD's non-responsibility, including notice required by NMSA 1978, § 48-2-11 as necessary.

Lessee shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, requirements and orders of any federal, state, county, or municipal government, and shall take all action to indemnify and hold MRGCD harmless from associated costs and expenses, including repayment of court costs and attorney's fees related to the legal compliance of the TRACT.

**4. Renewal**

Renewal of this LEASE shall occur only upon Lessee's delivery to MRGCD by December 1, 2020 of a written request to renew the LEASE for an additional term and MRGCD's acceptance of the request to renew. If Lessee fails to deliver such renewal notice, this LEASE shall expire at the end of the initial term.

**5. Termination and Cancellation of Agreement**

In the event the Lessee is unable to comply with any condition or obligation of this LEASE agreement, MRGCD shall provide Lessee with written notice to cure such default. If Lessee has not taken necessary and reasonable actions to cure such default within twenty (20) business days from receipt of notice, then MRGCD may terminate this LEASE and proceed to exercise such remedies against Lessee as are provided by law.

Either party may cancel this Agreement by providing written notice to the non-canceling party at the address listed above. Notice must be received by the non-canceling party on or before February 1, of the year in which the cancellation is to be effective.

**6. Miscellaneous Provisions**

This Agreement shall not affect in any manner whatsoever any water rights held by an individual Property Owner or the MRGCD.

The parties have read, fully understand and agree to the foregoing.

BY: Vega Farms  
Mr. Jose A. Vega

DATE: 06-25-18

BY: Michael A. Hamman  
Michael A. Hamman, CEO / Chief Engineer  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

DATE: 6-25-18

Vega Farm  
1103 Fairgrounds Rd  
Socorro, NM 87801

001523

95-0195/1122

DATE

06-25-18

PAY TO THE  
ORDER OF

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
~~Fifty & no/100~~ \$ 50<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

DOLLARS

Security features  
included  
Details on back

FIRST  
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PO Box 2  
Socorro, New Mexico 87801  
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MEMO

for lease 2018-2020

Lorenzo Vega

⑈001523⑈ ⑆112201959⑆ 0001119370⑈

MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENT RECPTH: 10375  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
1931 Second Street SW  
Albuquerque NM 87012

DATE: 06/25/18 TIME: 13:43  
CLERK: rebecca DEPT: ASSESSMNTS  
CUSTOMER#: 0

COMMENT: 3 YR LEASE EXP 2021

CHG: 10040 CONSTRUCTION - 50.00

AMOUNT PAID: 50.00

PAID BY: VEGA FARMS  
PAYMENT METH: CHECK  
1523

REFERENCE:

AMT TENDERED: 50.00  
AMT APPLIED: 50.00  
CHANGE: .00



APPLICATION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY  
FROM MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Jose Vega, Vega Farms  
Address: 1103 Fairgrounds Rd, Socorro, NM 87801  
City: Socorro State: NM Zip: 87801 Phone: 575-418-7643

Description of Property to Be Purchased: MRGCD Map No. 150

Tract No. 44B1 Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres: .92 County: Socorro

Have you ever been an employee of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District or do you hold title to any property in conjunction with a District employee?

Yes:  No:  If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own or lease or a combination thereof in excess of 160 acres of land subject to irrigation or will this purchase, if approved, give you more than 160 acres of land subject to irrigation?

Yes:  No:  If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the land to be purchased have legal access or have you received an easement or right-of-way which provides legal permanent access?

Yes:  No:  If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to have a survey of the property made by a registered Surveyor, if necessary, and to pay for the same with the understanding that you bear this cost whether or not the land is ultimately sold to you or anyone else?

Yes:  No:  If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to pay for an appraisal of the property by an Appraiser of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District's choice whether or not the land is ultimately sold to you or anyone else?

Yes:  No:  If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

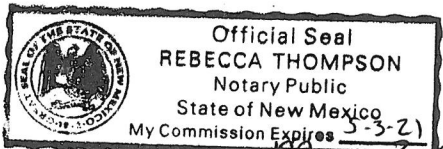
▶▶▶ NOTE: A FEE OF \$250.00 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION. THIS FEE IS NOT REFUNDABLE AND IS USED TO COVER DISTRICT EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PROCESSING OF THE APPLICATION. ▶▶▶

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF Bernalillo )

Comes now Jose Vega being first duly sworn upon oath, states and deposes that he has read and fully understands the foregoing Application To Purchase, and that any and all statements made therein are true and correct.

Jose Vega  
Signature

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June,  
19  
2018



My Commission Expires: May 3, 2021

Rebecca Thompson  
Notary Public

▶▶▶ NOTE: The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District will quitclaim deed property and does not make any warranties. The Quitclaim Deed will reserve all existing easements of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District which are necessary for its operations, and a reservation of any pre-1907 water rights. ▶▶▶



Vega Farm  
1103 Fairgrounds Rd  
Socorro, NM 87801

001524

95-0195/1122

DATE 6-25-2018

PAY TO THE  
ORDER OF

Middle Rio Grande Cons. Dist

\$ 250<sup>00</sup>

Two hundred fifty X7 1100

DOLLARS 

**FIRST**  
State Bank  
PO Box Z  
Socorro, New Mexico 87801  
575.835.1550 • 888.835.7142  
FSB@SocorroBanking.com

MEMO Land Sale Application map tract  
150 44-B-1

Jericho Vega

⑈001524⑈ ⑆112201959⑆ 0001119370⑈

MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENT RECPT#: 10376  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
1931 Second Street SW  
Albuquerque NM 87012

DATE: 06/25/18 TIME: 13:45  
CLERK: rebecca DEPT: ASSESSMTS  
CUSTOMER#: 0

COMMENT: LD SALE APP-SURPLUS

CHG: 10056 ADMINISTRATIVE 250.00

AMOUNT PAID: 250.00

PAID BY: VEGA FARMS  
PAYMENT METH: CHECK  
1524

REFERENCE:

AMT TENDERED: 250.00  
AMT APPLIED: 250.00  
CHANGE: .00

MRGCD owned Property  
(Lease Agreement 2018-2020)



### 2018 WATER SERVICE DELIVERY CONTRACT (NEW IRRIGATION)

This Agreement is entered into between the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (1931 Second St SW, PO Box 581, Albuquerque, NM 87103-0581) ("MRGCD") and the Property Owners, as described below:

Date: June 25, 2018, 2018  
Name of Property Owners/Lessee: Vega Farms / Jose L. Vega  
Mailing Address: 1103 Fairgrounds Rd City Socorro St NM Zip 87801  
Telephone: 575-418-7643 Owner# Vega Farms / Jose L Vega

The Property Owner is desirous of utilizing the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) delivery system for delivery of water to his or her property in the 2018 and subsequent irrigation seasons. Property Owners desires, in the 2018 and subsequent irrigation seasons, to irrigate the following described real property located within the boundaries of the MRGCD and in Socorro County, New Mexico:

Property Legal Description: MRGCD Map 150 Tract 44-B-1  
Property Code # - 300205600000000000  
Owner: MRGCD  
Total Acreage: .92 Ac. Total Acreage Irrigated: 0.92 Ac.

Property Code Number(s): 300205600000000000  
Total Acreage: .92 Total Acreage Irrigated: .92

The MRGCD agrees to provide irrigation water for the 2018 irrigation season and subsequent irrigation seasons for which this contract is in effect through the \_\_\_\_\_ ditch, lateral or acequia, sufficient to irrigate .92 acres, subject to physical availability and the lawful condition, rules, regulations, notices and orders established by the MRGCD.

The New Mexico Legislature in the Laws of 1993 mandated that for "all irrigable lands in the district as they appear on the records of the district or for which water availability under contract occurs," the District support provision of its services by levying a "water service charge against lands which are served by the district's water delivery system."

N.M.S.A. § 73-18-8.1 1978 (1993 Supp.) (Resolution No. BA-05-22-17-72) also establishes the minimum water service charge as \$40.00 per acre. Pursuant to the mandate of the Legislature and the terms of this Contract, the Property Owner/Lessee agrees to pay a "Water Service Charge" of \$40.00 per acre in the 2018 irrigation season. Property Owner agrees to abide by the lawful conditions, rules, regulations, notices and orders established by the MRGCD. Pursuant to N.M.S.A. §73-18-8.1, the "Water Service Charge" may be increased in subsequent irrigation seasons.

The Property Owner agrees that, in the event of water shortage, the MRGCD must allocate irrigation water according to the priorities established by law and that if insufficient water is available; the MRGCD may not be able to provide all of the water required by Property Owner. In times of shortage, the MRGCD shall allocate water as prescribed by N.M.S.A. § 73-14-49 1978. In the event of water shortage, the Property Owner shall not receive a rebate of any part of the "Water Service Charge."

The Property Owner further acknowledges that the MRGCD will not furnish water to the Property Owner if the Property Owner is delinquent on payment of MRGCD Assessments, Water Service Charges and/or other charges.

Either party may cancel this Agreement by providing written notice to the non-canceling party at the address listed above. Notice must be received by the non-canceling party on or before February 1, of the year in which the cancellation is to be effective.

This Agreement shall not affect in any manner whatsoever any water rights held by an individual Property Owner.

The parties have read, fully understand and agree to the foregoing.

Vega Farms  
José L. Vega  
Property Owner

BY: Rebecca Thompson  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District



**Tab Products Co.—Spacefinder Systems—Model 1321-00**  
For the TAB office nearest you call: 800-672-3100 ext. 3304 in California 800-743-0000 ext. 3304

So- 6743 Vega, Elida  
P.O. Box 3  
Polvadera, NM 87828  
Mar 150 Tr 44-P 1

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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

POST OFFICE BOX 581

1931 SECOND ST., S.W. PHONE 243-6796

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103

TO: The File

FROM: Bellina Luchetti-Rehab. Clerk

DATE: November 13, 1986

SUBJECT: Conservancy Court Denied the Sale to Elida Vega

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The Board of Directors approved the sale to Elida Vega for \$1,000.00

The Conservancy Court ruled prohibiting the sale to Mrs. Vega for less than the appraised value which was \$4,000.00.

On November 9th, 1982 we returned Mrs. Vega's Cashier's Check in the amount of \$ 1,000.00.

Docket # 6743

AUGUST 12, 1981

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
STAFF AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION REPORT

(1) Legal Description for Deed:

Map 150, Tract 44-B-1  
CONTAINING 0.92 ACRES

(2) MRGCD Map and Tract Description: MAP 150, Tract 44-B-1

(3) Date Property Acquired 11-15-66

(4) How was Property Acquired?

- a. Receipt and Conveyance N/A
- b. From Whom STATE TAX COMMISSION
- c. Amount paid for conveyance N/A
- d. State Tax Deed # 3-400 11-15-66
- e. Cost of acquisition from State \$ 33.19
- f. Foreclosure Suit N/A district court case No. N/A
- g. Cost of Foreclosure N/A

Attach copy of deed or Final Decree.

(5) Total Conservancy Assessment Due \$ 192.71

a. Attach detailed statement if applicable

(6) Field Evaluation:

a. Egress and Ingress without recourse to MRGCD right-of-ways:  
Yes  No

b. Surface irrigation facilities: Yes  No

(1) Explain: Egress & Ingress thru private property

c. Other 4,000.00 3-9-82 (Too High)

(7) Independent Appraisal \$ 1,000.00 Dated 3-23-82 (Approved Value)

(8) Approved by: (Person approving, please initial)

- a. Property Engineer Yes  No  Date 9/11/81
- b. Division Manager Yes F.T.C. No  Date 9-11-81
- c. District Engineer Yes  No  Date 10/12/81
- d. Secretary-Treasurer Yes RSC No  Date 10/12-81
- e. Conservancy Attorney Yes  No  Date ok: if price 4000 - 10-21-81
- f. General Manager Yes DL No  Date 10/14/81
- g. Bookkeeping Clerk-Rehab. Yes BL No  Date 10-23-81
- h. Bureau of Reclamation Yes  No  Date Not Required

(9) Approved by:

- a. Board of Directors Yes  No  Dated 7-24-79
- b. Board of Directors Yes  Dated 3-23-82
- c. " " " Yes  " 3-9-82
- d. " " " " " 6-8-82

# MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

POST OFFICE BOX 581  
1930 SECOND ST., S.W. PHONE 243-6796  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103

TO: Docket # 6743 Name ELIDA VEGA  
 FROM: Secretary-Treasurer  
 SUBJECT: Documentation review on sale or exchange of District real property (Sec. 3-54-2)  
 DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>In file</u>	<u>Out of file</u>	<u>Incomplete</u>	<u>Waived</u>	<u>Not Required</u>
1. Application	✓				
2. Staff report	✓				
3. Appraisal	✓				
4. Report to Board of Directors	✓				
5. Board approval	✓				
6. Conservancy Court approval	✓	Denied			
7. Board resolution of vacation of right-of-way					✓
8. Bureau of Rec. release					✓
9. Receipt for Indirect Costs	✓				
10. Receipt for direct cost of sale					
11. Photographs					✓
12. Tax Search	✓				
13. Proof of Publication	✓				
14. Copy of quitclaim deed	✓				
15. Other					
16. Indexed					
17. Revision					

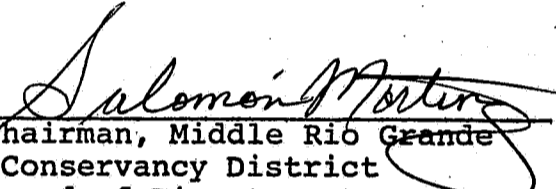
From BENAVIDEZ  
 To ALFONSO VEGA

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT

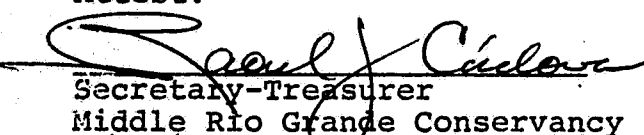
Application No.

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This matter having come on before the Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District upon a Verified Application to Purchase Property described as Tract No(s) 44-B-1, Map 150 on the records of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District located in the County of Secorro, and the Board being fully advised in the matter approves the issuance of a Deed to ELIDA VEGA for the above property after approval of the Conservancy Court and payment of the fees provided for in the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Staff Report.

  
Chairman, Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
Board of Directors

Attest:

  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
District



Approved: 7-24-79 + ALSO  
3-23-82

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APPLICATION TO REDEEM PROPERTY

Docket No. 6743

NAME: Elida Vega Application No. 1 County Secorro

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 3 Date of Application 10-1-80

\* Applicants relation to title: Previous Owner \_\_\_\_\_; Heir X

Adjoining Owner \_\_\_\_\_; Other X

DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres 0.92 School District \_\_\_\_\_

Map 150 Tract 44-B-1

Map \_\_\_\_\_ Tract \_\_\_\_\_

Addition \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_

How was property acquired by the District?

LAND DEEDED TO STATE-TAX DEED NOS. # 3-400 11-15-66

Delinquent Tax Years 19 \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECT COST TO PURCHASER

- 1. A. Market Value Set by Board \$ 1,000
- B. Market Value set by Individual Appraiser (Use only the Higher of A or B.) \$ 4,000

TOTAL DIRECT COST \$ 4,000.00

PURCHASE COST DISTRIBUTION

- 2. Acquisition Cost \$ 37.08
- 3. MRGCD Assessments\*\* \$ 155.63
- 4. Total Acquisition and Assessments Costs \$ 192.71
- 5. Income from sale of Land \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ 4,000.00

INDIRECT COST

- (a) Appraisal: \$ 78.00
- (b) Advertisement: \$ 23.87
- (c) Costs: \$ 4.00
- TOTAL \$ 105.87

St Cost \$ 105.87  
Received \$ 100.00  
# 5.87 BALANCE DUE

- CONDITIONS: 1. That the applicant be required to pay in cash to the District the sum of \$ 100.00, Receipt No. 13137  
1,000.00
2. Applicant to Pay Future Taxes Direct to Collection Entity.

\* Mark Yes where applicable.

\*\* Includes \_\_\_\_\_ year Taxes





EXHIBIT "A"

Zamora  
3.50 Ac.

Zamora  
1.96 Ac.

1.54 Ac.

Mrs. Geo. Hanna

Sta. 220+50.5 ±  
Socorro Main Canal

35.84 Ac.

Portion of  
MRGCD Map  
150.

Geo. D. Hildebrand

CANAL

A T & S F RY

POLVADERA  
DRAIN

100-A

0.36

0.50 Ac.

0.43 Ac.

0.76 Ac.

101-B1

102-A

101-A1

101-B1

102-A

101-A1

101-B1

102-A

101-A1

101-B1

102-A

101-A1

101-B1

102-A

101-A1

101-B1

102-A

101-A1

101-B1

102-A

101-A1

101-B1

102-A

LEMITAR  
WASTE  
DITCH

43-b1

Mrs. Jose Benavidez  
6.12 Ac.

Sta. 7+80.0 ±  
Sarracino Lateral

148-A

150



**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

POST OFFICE BOX 581  
1930 SECOND ST., S.W. PHONE 243-6796  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Subhas K. Shah, District Engineer and Frank Gonzales,  
Socorro Division Manager

**FROM:** R. C. Cordova, Secretary-Treasurer

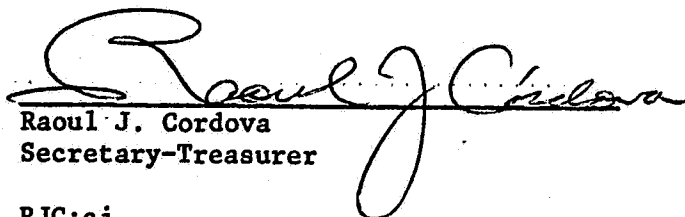
**DATE:** September 18, 1981

**SUBJECT:** Request to purchase by Elida Vega waste ditch that borders  
her property on Map 150, tract 43-A1

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Please field check if this waste ditch is no longer needed for District use and also determine size of area involved so that we can get an appraisal figure. If you need further information, contact Mr. Joe L. Vega, Polvadera, N.M.

Thank you.

  
Raoul J. Cordova  
Secretary-Treasurer

RJC:cj

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

To : Charles R. Martinez, R.J. Cordova, Joe Creigo

From : Frank T. Gonzales, Div. Mgr.

Subject: Polvadera Wasteway

Ref : Map 150 Track 43-A1

The above land has not been utalized for the past twenty (20) years,  
and we do not foresee any use of this land in the near future.

Thank You,



Frank T. Gonzales

Division Manager

Socorro Division



MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF UNPAID ANNUAL LEVIES

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Addition \_\_\_\_\_ County of SOCORRO  
 Map or Block No. 150 Tract or Lot No. 44-B-1 Area 0.92  
 Vol. No. 34-A Class Agric. S.D. 3-2-56

YEAR	Prin.	Int.	Constr.	Maint.	Total	REMARKS
19						
193 <sup>4</sup>						
193 <sup>5</sup>						
193 <sup>6</sup>						
193 <sup>7</sup>	1 03	4 85	5 88	3 04		
19 <sup>39</sup> 40		2 52	2 52	1 71		
19 41		2 52	2 52	2 28		1958 & Prior --- Due \$ 117.96.
19 42		2 52	2 52	2 28		
19 43	67	2 53	3 20	2 28		Class "B" --- 1959 thru 1980 -
19 44	72	2 04	2 76	2 85		Due \$15.14
19 45	71	2 01	2 72	2 50		
19 46	79	1 81	2 60	2 62		Class "B" ---
19 47	78	1 79	2 57	2 85		
19 48	82	1 41	2 23	3 42		
19 49	1 03	1 08	2 11	3 42		Class "B" P & I --- Due \$ 22.53.
19 50	PAID	PAID	PAID	PAID		
19 51	1 30	67	1 97	3 42		
19 52	1 26	66	1 92	4 56		Acquired by Virtue of Tax Deed
19 53	1 33	64	1 97	4 56		#3-400 11/15/66
19 54	1 39	96	2 35	4 56		
19 55	1 49	93	2 42	5 70		Cost of Acquisition Due \$ 37.08.
19 56	2 39		2 39	5 13		
19 57	2 65		2 65	5 13		
19 58	2 65		2 65	5 70		
Sub-Total	21 01	28 94	49 95	68 01	117 96	
19 59	37		37	89	1 26	Class "B" \$ 3.27
19 60	11		11	72	83	2.05
19 61	00		00	77	77	1.81
19 62	10		10	67	77	1.72
19 63	17		17	60	77	1.63
19 64	15		15	62	77	1.54
19 65	15		15	62	77	1.44
19 66	12		12	68	80	1.40
19 67	14		14	74	88	1.44
19 68	12		12	70	82	1.24
19 69	05		05	37	42	.59
19 70	08		08	52	60	.77
19 71	06		06	54	60	.69
19 72	06		06	64	70	.72
19 73	08		08	62	70	.64
19 74	06		06	62	68	1980 Assessed Owner: .54
19 75	07		07	43	50	.34
19 76	08		08	36	44	This property also subject to .24
19 77	06		06	34	40	any past due, presently due, .17
19 78	04		04	36	40	and any future assessments .13
19 79	05		05	51	56	under the lien of the M.R.G.C.D. .11
19 80	05		05	65	70	and the United States Government. .05
Total	23 18	28 94	52 12	80 98	133 10	BY

Secretary-Treasurer

Total \$ 133.10  
 P & I (Sept. '81) \$ 22.53  
 Cost of Acq. \$ 37.08  
 Total Cons. \$ 192.71

Receipt \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prepared by edd 9/18/81  
 Verified by \_\_\_\_\_

38.95

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF UNPAID ANNUAL LEVIES

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Addition \_\_\_\_\_ County of Docono  
 Map or Block No. 150 Tract or Lot No. 44-B-1 Area 0.92  
 Vol. No. 34-A Class Agrie. S.D. 3-2-56

YEAR	Prin.	Int.	Bond	Maint	REMARKS		
19							
19							
19							
19	<sup>37</sup> 103	485	588	304			
19	<sup>38</sup>	252	252	171			
19	<sup>39</sup>	252	252	228			Original Acreage -
19	41	252	252	228			1.20 Acres less
19	42	252	252	228			0.28 to H/W ad
19	43	67	320	228			per Rev. 2-60
19	44	72	296	285			
19	45	71	272	250			
19	46	79	181	262			0.28 is now 44-B-2
19	47	78	179	257			
19	48	82	141	223			
19	49	103	108	211			By virtue of
19	50	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid		Est. Need of
19	51	130	67	197	342		#3-400 11-15-66
19	52	126	66	192	456		
19	53	133	64	197	456		
19	54	139	96	235	456		
19	55	149	93	242	570		
19	56	239		239	513		
19	57	265		265	513		
19	58	265		265	570		
19	<i>Sub Total</i> 2101	2894	4995	6801	11796		
19	59	37		37	89	126	3.22 Class "B"
19	60	11		11	72	83	2.02 Val. 64.
19	61	00		00	77	77	1.78
19	62	10		10	67	77	1.69
19	63	17		17	60	77	1.60
19	64	15		15	62	77	1.51
19	65	15		15	62	77	1.41
19	66	12		12	68	80	1.37
19	67	14		14	74	88	1.40 Merged
19	68	12		12	70	82	1.21
19	69	05		05	37	42	.57
19	70	08		08	52	60	.74
19	71	06		06	54	60	.67
19	72	06		06	64	70	.70
19	73	08		08	62	70	.61
19	74	06		06	62	68	.51
19	75	07		07	43	50	.32
19	76	08		08	36	44	.23
19	77	06		06	34	40	.16
19	78	04		04	36	40	.11
19	79	05		05	51	56	.09
19	80	05		05	65	70	.02
Total	2318	2894	5212	8098	13310	21.94	

Total \$ 133.10 Receipt \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 May Paid \$ 21.94 Prepared by Up-dated 5/25/81 ldl  
 Total Cons. \$ 155.04 Verified by \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_



Mr. Romero stated that Mr. Garry Rowe from the Bureau will meet with the farmers in Socorro Wednesday morning, however, Mr. Miller will not be available. Mr. Benavidez felt that a letter should be written by the District to the Bureau indicating District objection to this takeover. All Board members present object to this takeover of the Dam and were in agreement with Mr. Benavidez' suggestion that a letter be written.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Tenorio made a motion THAT THE DISTRICT'S ATTORNEY WRITE A LETTER TO THE BUREAU STATING THAT THE DISTRICT OBJECTS TO THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TAKEOVER OF THE SAN ACACIA DIVERSION DAM FACILITY, AND THAT COPIES OF THIS LETTER BE SENT TO OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON. Mr. Romero seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Agenda item no. 7 - Southern Pueblos Agency report

There was no one representing the SPA at the meeting.

Agenda item no. 8 - Bureau of Reclamation report

There was no one representing the Bureau at the meeting.

Mr. Romero asked the Staff to get in touch with Mr. Joseph Miller from the Bureau and make sure he is at the next Board meeting in order that a delegation from Socorro can attend and hear his reasons for this takeover of the Dam.

Agenda item no. 9 - report of Attorney

A) Mr. Shollenbarger stated that the Conservancy Court would not approve the petition of the Elida Vega land sale involving tract 44-B-1, Map 150, containing 0.92 acre because of the difference in the appraisal price of \$4,000 and Board approval to sell it to Mrs. Vega for \$1,000. Mr. Romero stated he would get word to her of this denial by the Court. Vice Chairman Coble suggested that a letter be written to Mrs. Vega informing her of this action. The Court felt this land should be sold at public auction.

Agenda item no. 10 - report of Secretary-Treasurer

A) Mr. Cordova requested authorization from the Board to destroy the ballots of the May 4, 1982 Board election since the 30 day period requirement has already been met. Mr. Ray Shollenbarger suggested that, since this matter had to be taken to the Courts for a decision, it should be delayed until the 30 days from the Courts decision in the event someone appeals. This matter can be brought up again at the next Board meeting since the 30 day requirement will be met then.

B) Mr. Cordova stated that he is in the process of working on the budget for 1982-83 and asked the Board if they had any ideas as to the needs of the District for the current year. Vice Chairman Coble stated he was against raising taxes and the Board members were in agreement with this suggestion. Mr. Frank Tenorio stated that when he was on this Board two years ago, a new building for the General Office had been talked about and approved by the Board, and felt the need for it was great, most especially in the area of a meeting room for the Board. He feels this is a definite need. He also stated he would like for the Board to follow up on their decisions and not just make them and then get passive and do nothing.

Mr. Benavidez stated that he would like to see the Class "B" taxpayers receive some benefits for their taxes and felt by addressing the mosquito problem and control at the Bennett Lateral area this might show that something is being done for the Class "B" taxpayer. There was discussion as to the possibility of

MEETING  
HELD  
6-8-82

Mr. Coble made a motion THAT THE DISTRICT MAKE A SMALL TURNOUT IN THE CASA COLORADA DITCH IN ORDER TO SERVE MRS. BACA'S PROPERTY. Mr. Romero seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Sais requested Mr. Nanninga to write a letter to Mr. Adolfo Garcia reprimanding him for his attitude in handling situations such as this and also on not performing on other matters approved by the Board.

Agenda item no. 16 - Southern Pueblos Agency report

A) Mr. Polanco stated he has gotten together with Mr. Cordova and would like to make incremental payments on the O&M on Indian lands for the 1982 fiscal year. The payments will be made as follows: April 30; June 30; August 31; October 31; and December 31. The 1981 payment, however, will be made in one payment.

B) Mr. Polanco requested that the District reconstruct a portion of the Algodones Ditch in order that the people in San Felipe can get irrigation water for an additional 230 acres that they will put into cultivation. Mr. Wagner made a motion THAT THE DISTRICT GO AHEAD AND DO WHATEVER WORK IS NECESSARY IN RECONSTRUCTING THE ALGODONES DITCH IN ORDER TO PROVIDE WATER TO THE ADDITIONAL 230 ACRES IN SAN FELIPE PUEBLO. Mr. Coble seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

C) Mr. Polanco advised that Sandia Pueblo is also placing an additional 75 acres into cultivation and it will become necessary to restore an area of the Bosque Lateral #2 to carry water to this additional land. Mr. Wagner made a motion TO HAVE THE NECESSARY WORK DONE ON THE BOSQUE LATERAL #2 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE WATER TO THE ADDITIONAL 75 ACRES IN CULTIVATION IN SANDIA PUEBLO. Mr. Sais seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Agenda item no. 17 - Bureau of Reclamation report

Mr. Hudson stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Agenda item no. 18 - report of Attorney

Mr. Shollenbarger stated he had nothing to report.

Agenda item no. 19 - report of Secretary-Treasurer

A) Mr. Cordova reported that he had the amounts of \$100,000 and \$40,000 from the construction fund to be invested for 6 months.

Mr. Coble made a motion TO INVEST \$100,000 FROM THE CONSTRUCTION FUND FOR SIX MONTHS AT PLAZA DEL SOL NATIONAL BANK AT 13.00% INTEREST. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Christ made a motion TO INVEST \$40,000 FROM THE CONSTRUCTION FUND FOR SIX MONTHS AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK-SOCORRO AT 12.923% INTEREST. Mr. Sais seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

B) At the last Board meeting there were three options presented on proposed layout for our computer program to include other departments in the District. These options were explained by Mr. Jerry Cisneros at that meeting, and Mr. Cordova asked the Board what they had decided. Mr. Coble made a motion THAT THE DISTRICT ACCEPT COMPUTER OPTION #1 WHICH IS BASED ON A LEASE PURCHASE ON THE MEMORY AND THREE CRT'S AND A STRAIGHT LEASE ON THE TWO PRINTERS. Mr. Sais seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

C) On the land sale to Elida Vega which involved tract 44-B1, Map 150, containing .092 acres, Mr. Romero stated he has checked this property and feels the appraised value of \$4,000 was too high. Mr. Sais made a motion THE BOARD APPROVE THE SALE OF TRACT 44-B1, MAP 150 TO ELIDA VEGA FOR \$1,000. Mr. Romero seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Held  
3-23-82

Agenda item no. 10 - Bureau of Reclamation report

There was no one representing the Bureau of Reclamation at this meeting.

Agenda item no. 11 - report of Attorney

Mr. Shollenbarger stated he had nothing to report.

Agenda item no. 12 - report of Secretary-Treasurer

A) Mr. Cordova stated there was a total of \$300,000 to be invested. Mr. Christ made a motion TO INVEST \$200,000 FROM THE MAINTENANCE FUND AT ALBUQUERQUE NATIONAL BANK TO COME DUE 11/4/82 AT 13.00% INTEREST. Mr. Coble seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Romero made a motion TO INVEST \$100,000 FROM THE MAINTENANCE FUND AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK-SOCORRO TO COME DUE 11/18/82 AT 12.90% INTEREST. Mr. Coble seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Cordova asked Board ratification on an investment of \$40,000 from the Construction fund he made at First National Bank-Albuquerque. Mr. Wenk made a motion TO RATIFY MR. CORDOVA'S INVESTMENT OF \$40,000 FROM THE CONSTRUCTION FUND AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK-ALBUQUERQUE. Mr. Romero seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

B) Mr. Wenk made a motion TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1981. Mr. Christ seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Cordova asked that items "C" and "D" of his report be taken up later when Mr. Randy Pugh and Mr. Jerry Cisneros were present to present those items.

E) Mr. Cordova presented approved files for the following people on private land sales: Mr. Victor Jaramillo; Mrs. Elida Vega; Mr. Robert Ortega; Mr. Bill Hanratty and Mr. Kenneth Aragon. He stated these all have been cleared by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Mr. Romero made a motion TO APPROVE THE SALE OF TRACT 15-A AND A PORTION OF 16-ON MAP 125, CONTAINING 0.69 ACRE TO VICTOR JARAMILLO AT THE APPRAISED VALUE OF \$650.00. Mr. Wenk seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

On the matter of the sale of tract 44-B-1, Map 150, containing .092 acres to Mrs. Elida Vega, the appraised value was set at \$4,000. Due to the circumstances surrounding this sale, Mr. Romero suggested he take a look at this land and he will report his findings at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Sais made a motion TO APPROVE THE SALE OF TRACT 287-C, MAP 38 CONTAINING .09 ACRE TO MR. ROBERT ORTEGA, SUBJECT TO ESTABLISHING A VALUE. Mr. Romero seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Coble made a motion TO APPROVE THE SALE OF TRACT 3-B, MAP 7 CONTAINING .01 ACRE TO MR. BILL HANRATTY, SUBJECT TO APPRAISAL VALUE. Mr. Christ seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Sais made a motion TO APPROVE THE SALE OF TRACT 40-C, MAP 82, CONTAINING .19 ACRE TO MR. KENNETH ARAGON AT THE APPRAISED VALUE OF \$250.00. Mr. Coble seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

F) Mr. Cordova presented the rules and regulations for election of MRGCD Directors with a few changes as made by himself, Ray Shollenbarger and Mr. Nanninga. The Board members studied these changes, and it was decided that this matter would be acted upon at the next Board meeting.

Agenda item no. 13 - report of District Engineer

Mr. Shah presented a memo to the Board on his survey on efforts to provide additional water to the Garcia Ditch. After considerable discussion on Mr. Shah's findings it appeared that a well and pump might be the most logical solutions to get supplement water to the people in Abeytas, Sabinal and San Francisco areas.

Meeting Held 3-9-82

request and Mr. Coble made a motion TO WITHDRAW THESE TRACTS FROM PUBLIC AUCTION AND NEGOTIATE WITH MR. JARAMILLO ON THE PURCHASE OF THIS LAND. Mr.

seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The property of Mr. Earl DeBrine, tract 20-A-2, Map 158 was discussed. Mr. DeBrine wrote a letter to the District stating that in 1965 he exchanged a tract of his land to the District for this one. This tract, if purchased at the auction by anyone else would be landlocked. Mr. Coble made a motion THAT THE DISTRICT NEGOTIATE WITH MR. DEBRINE ON THIS LAND. Mr. Wenk seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Tract 19, Map 126 belonging to Mr. Salomon Griego, which is also for public auction was discussed. Mr. Cordova stated that Mr. Griego had owned this property all his life, and that it had been left out of the assessment and picked up by a tax deed. Mr. Coble made a motion TO WITHDRAW THIS PROPERTY FROM THE PUBLIC AUCTION AND SELL IT TO MR. GRIEGO. Mr. Sais seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

*July 24, 1979*  
Mr. Cordova stated that there was a widow by the name of Mrs. Vega, from Polvadera whose land was also up for public auction. This land is tract 44-B-1, Map 150 containing .92 acre and is against the Socorro Main Canal without access. There was a brief discussion, and Mr. Sais made a motion TO DELETE THIS PROPERTY FROM THE PUBLIC AUCTION LIST, WITH THE PROVISION THAT SHE BUY IT, AND THAT THIS STIPULATION BE MADE ON ALL THE REQUESTS FOR WITHDRAWALS. Mr. Coble seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Martinez asked Mr. Ace Elliott, former Project Superintendent for the Bureau of Reclamation, operating the works of the District, if he had anything to bring before the Board, and Mr. Elliott stated that he was just here observing.

Chairman Martinez asked where the Attorney was, and was advised by Mr. Nanninga that he was on vacation. Mr. Martinez stated that he felt when the Attorney was not going to be at one of the meetings, that he should leave someone in his place.

Agenda Item No. 11 - Report of Secretary-Treasurer

A) Mr. Cordova stated that a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$100,000 matures July 24, 1979 at the Albuquerque National Bank and can be invested to come due in October. After reviewing the rates of interest offered by the different banks, Mr. Sais made a motion THAT THIS MONEY BE INVESTED IN THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SOCORRO. Mr. Christ seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

*Elida Vega*

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
Post Office Box 581  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103

March 26, 1982

Mrs. Elida Vega  
Post Office Box 3  
Polvadera, New Mexico

RE: Map 150, Tract 44-B-1

Dear Mrs. Vega:

The Board of Directors at the regular meeting held March 23rd, 1982, have agreed to sell you the property above described for the sum of \$1000.00. As you know this property had been before the Board once before. If this is agreeable to you please send us your check so that a deed from the District can be prepared. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Raoul J. Cordova  
Secretary-Treasurer  
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

RJC/b1

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Ray Shollenbarger, Attorney  
FROM: Mr. Raoul J. Cordova, Secretary-Treasurer  
DATE: May 3, 1982  
SUBJECT: Court approval - Elida Vega

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At your convenience, would you please process the attached application.

Thank you.

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Raoul J. Cordova  
Secretary-Treasurer

RJC:cj  
Enclosure

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Reply to:  
Ray Shollenbarger, Jr., Attorney  
American Bank of Commerce Building  
200 Lomas N.W., Suite 1121  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102  
(505) 242-2616

TO: Raoul Cordova  
FROM: Ray Shollenbarger, Jr. *RS*  
DATE: May 5, 1982  
RE: Sale of MRGCD Land to Mrs. Vega

The Application's Exhibit B, Staff Report, which you provided me for the sale of MRGCD property to Elida Vega, is substantially different from one application to the other. I would assume that if you are going to make modifications to these exhibits that you would have them fully executed by all of the parties. I do not think that it looks good to have records at the District which clearly show modifications or inconsistencies.

I am enclosing the two different pages which were submitted to me as the same page. Would you please verify which is the proper page to be processed with this application and determine if everything has been properly approved by all of the parties.

RS:fht

Enclosure

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MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
Post Office Box 581  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103

TO: Ray Shollenbarger, Jr.  
FROM: Raoul J. Cordova  
DATE: May 27th, 1982  
RE: Sale of MRGCD land to Mrs. Vega

I herewith enclose copies of Elida Vega's Staff Report and also copies of all Board action taken of the purchase of the Land. Everything has been properly approved by our office. If all is in order and you are in agreement please Initial or approve new purchase price, approved by Board 3-23-82. Thank You

RJC/bl

Enclosure

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

ELIDA VEGA.

No. 14157

MARY STRAWN  
ENDORSED  
FILED IN MY OFFICE THIS

JUN 9 1982

PETITION

COMES NOW the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, *Elida Vega Young*  
by and through its attorney, Ray Shollenbarger, Jr., and  
petitions the Conservancy Court for approval to sell at a  
private sale, property located within the benefited area of  
the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and held in the  
name of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. In  
support of this Petition, attached hereto and made a part  
hereof is:

Exhibit A - Verified Application to Purchase

Exhibit B - Staff Report of Middle Rio Grande  
Conservancy District

Exhibit C - Proof of Publication of Notice of Sale

Exhibit D - Approval of Board of Directors

RAY SHOLLENBARGER, JR.  
Attorney for Middle Rio  
Grand Conservancy District  
200 Lomas N.W., Suite 1121  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102  
505/242-2616

APPROVED:

~~DISTRICT COURT~~

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

ENCLOSURE

FILED IN MY OFFICE THIS

ELIDA VEGA.

JUN 9 1982

No. 14157

Sub No. \_\_\_\_\_

MARY STRAWN

*Paul Tackett*  
ORDER

THIS MATTER having come on before the District Court upon a Petition by the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District for approval to sell at private sale Tract 44B of Map 150 to Elida Vega for the sum of \$1,000.00, and the Court having read the Petition and the exhibits thereto, FINDS:

1. That the appraised value of the property by an independent appraiser is \$4,000.00.

2. That it would be improper for a public agency to dispose of property at a private sale for less than the fair market value.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

That the Petition to sell Tract 44B of Map 150 of the maps of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District to Elida Vega is denied.

PAUL TACKETT  
JUDGE PRO TEM  
DISTRICT JUDGE

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Reply to:

Ray Shollenbarger, Jr., Attorney  
American Bank of Commerce Building  
200 Lomas N.W., Suite 1121  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102  
(505) 242-2616

TO: Raoul Cordova  
FROM: Ray Shollenbarger, Jr.  
DATE: June 10, 1982  
RE: Land Sale to Elida Vega

Enclosed please find a copy of the Petition which was filed in this matter and the Order denying the sale of the property at a private sale for less than the appraised value.

RS:fht

Enclosure

RECEIVED  
JUN 14 1982  
M.R.&C. DISTRICT

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
POST OFFICE BOX 581  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103

JULY 12, 1982

ELIDA VEGA  
Post Office Box 3  
Polvadera, New Mexico 87828

Dear Ms. Vega,

Enclosed please find a copy of the petition which was filed in this matter and the order denying the sale of the property for less than the appraised value. The court feels it would be improper for a public agency to dispose of property at a private sale for less than the fair market value. If you are still interested in this property at the appraised value of \$4000. please contact our office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Raoul J. Cordova,  
Secretary-Treasurer  
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

RJC/b1

Enclos.

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
Post Office Box 581  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103

JULY 14, 1982

Mrs. Elida Vega  
Post Office Box 3  
Polvadera, New Mexico 87828

RE: Map 150, Tract 44-B-1

Dear Mrs. Vega:

We are in receipt today of your cashier's check for \$1000. along with my letter of March 26th, 1982.

We are sorry that since that letter was mailed, we have been advised by the Conservancy Court that we are not to sell this property for less than the appraised value of \$4000.. The Board had approved selling it to you for \$1000. as per my letter to you, but the Court ruled differently. I believe that you are now in receipt of that Court ruling.

We will hold your \$1000. if you so wish, till we receive word from you as to what you want to do about the balance of \$3000. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Raoul J. Cordova  
Secretary-Treasurer  
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

RJC/bl

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
Post Office Box 581  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103

November 9, 1982

Mrs. Elida Vega  
Post Office Box 3  
Polvadera, New Mexico 87228

RE: Map 159, Tract 44-B-1

Dear Mrs. Vega,

Since we have not received instructions from you to our letter of July 14th, 1982, we are herewith returning your Cashier's Check.

As you know the Court ruling prohibits us from selling you this property for less than the appraised value of \$4,000. As I see it one alternative might be to sell this land on Public Auction and have you bid on it for whatever you feel its worth to you. If you share this same opinion, please advise us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Raoul J. Cordova  
Secretary-Treasurer  
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

RJC/bl  
Enclos.

September 3, 1981

Mr. Frank Gonzales  
Socorro Division Manager  
Socorro, New Mexico

RE: Map 150, Tr. 44-B-1

Dear Mr. Gonzales,

Mrs. Guadalupe Vega has applied to purchase from the District the above referenced property.

Please note on Staff report under division manager your initial under yes or no, after satisfying yourself that your division has no apparent use for this property.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Raoul J. Cordova  
Secretary-Treasurer  
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

RJC/b1

Socorro County

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Map Blk.	Traet Lot	Addition	S/D	Area
150	44-B-1			0.92 AC

Correct average 0.92 AC

Date Acquired: Nov./21/66

Acquired by Instrument: S.T.C. deed # 17768

Acquired from: State Tax Comm.

formerly Predicando Benavidez

Sold to:

Sold by Instrument:

Rev. # 87-67

Tax deed # 3-400

This tract is now known as  
44-B-1 = 0.92 AC  
44-B-2 = 0.28 for Hwy.

M.R.G.C.D. acquired J.D. on all of  
44-B.  
See Review 1960



May 15, 1981

Mr. Guadalupe Vega  
Box 2244  
Taos, NM 87571

Dear Mr. Vega:

On October 6, 1980 you sent an application to repurchase tract 44-B, Map 150 and were to send a copy of deed of the assessed owner. To date we have not received that deed.

Please forward the deed at your earliest convenience so that we can proceed with this repurchase.

Yours truly,

Raoul J. Cordova  
Secretary-Treasurer

RJC:cj

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Yours truly,

Raoul J. Gordova  
Secretary-Treasurer

RJC:cj

Mr. Cordova.

May 22, 1981

Please find enclosed the  
Deed To this tract in question.  
Hope this will be all you  
need for this matter to be  
settled.

RECEIVED  
MAY 25 1981  
M.R.G.C. DISTRICT

Thank You  
A. Vega

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### QUITCLAIM DEED

~~Predicando Benavidez and Margarita Benavidez~~ for consideration paid, quitclaim to husband and wife Benavidez to Alfonso Vega, of Polvadera, N.M., the following described real estate in Socorro County, New Mexico:

Tract numbered (44-B) as shown on Map numbered 150-6 of the survey of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District.

*Copy*

WITNESS OUR hands and seal this 3rd day of February, 19 61.  
(SEAL) Predicando Benavidez (SEAL)  
(SEAL) Margarita Benavidez (SEAL)

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT INDIVIDUAL

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, }  
County of Bernalillo } ss.

On this 3rd day of February, 19 61, before me personally appeared Predicando Benavidez and Margarita Benavidez, husband and wife

to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires December 26, 1964.

*Philip Kubbell*

Notary Public.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT CORPORATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, }  
County of Socorro } ss.

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, did say that he is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation, by authority of its board of directors, and said \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, County of Socorro, ss. I hereby certify that this instrument was filed for record on the 27th day of December, 1976, at 3:00 o'clock p.M., and duly recorded in Book 329, page 806, of the Records of Deeds of said county, on this 27th day of December, A. D. 1976.

*Ignacio N. Garcia*

County Clerk.

By *Alonso Carrizo*

Deputy.

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

POST OFFICE BOX 581  
1930 SECOND ST., S.W. PHONE 243-6796  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103

NOVEMBER 18th, 1981

DEFENSOR CHIEFTAIN  
Post Office Box Q  
Socorro, New Mexico 87801

Gentlemen:

Please publish the attached notice once a week for two (2)  
consecutive weeks. Send this office proof of publication.

Submit cost of publication at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Raoul J. Cordova  
Secretary-Treasurer

RJC:rdg

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT

THIS CHECK MUST BE ENDORSED IN INK OR INDELEBIL PENCIL  
VOID AFTER 6 MONTHS

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., DECEMBER 10, 1981 No 007562

PAY TO THE ORDER OF DEFENSOR CHIEFTAIN

The sum of 23 dols 87 cts \$ 23.87

TO: First National Bank in Albuquerque  
95-1 Albuquerque, New Mexico  
SPECIAL FUND - Rehabilitation

BY: MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

DEPUTY-TREASURER

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SECRETARY-TREASURER



**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

POST OFFICE BOX 581  
1930 SECOND ST., S.W. PHONE 243-6796  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103

**Defensor**  
**Chieftain**  
SOCORRO, N. M.  
8 DEC 1 1981

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**  
**NOTICE** 315  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**COUNTY OF SOCORRO**

In The Conservancy Court  
**SALE OF LANDS IN COUNTY**  
**BY THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE**  
**CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

You are hereby notified that the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District will present an application by ELIDA VEGA to purchase certain real property located in SOCORRO County and described as Map 150, Tract 44B-1 Containing 0.92 Acres More or Less from the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District for the payment of the delinquent Conservancy assessments. Said land was either acquired by the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District from the State of New Mexico by tax deeds, receipts and conveyance or acquired by foreclosure proceedings.

The application will be presented to the Conservancy Court at the Bernalillo County Courthouse, 415 Tijeras, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico in the Court of the Honorable JUDGE BAIAMONTE, District Judge, at 8:00 a.m. on the 6th day of JANUARY, 1982.

If you have any claim to this property or objection to this transfer you should present yourself at the above designated time.

**s/RAY SHOLLENBARGER**  
Ray Shollenbarger, Jr.  
Attorney for the Middle Rio  
Grande Conservancy District  
200 Lomas, N.W., Suite 1121  
Albuquerque, N.M. 87102  
505-242-2616

24 Nov 24, Dec 1 (Vega)

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**Defensor  
Chieftain**  
SOCORRO, N. M.

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s/RAY SHOLLENBARGER

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Attorney for the Middle Rio  
Grande Conservancy District  
200 Lomas, N.W., Suite 1121  
Albuquerque, N.M. 87102  
505-242-2616

2x Nov. 24, Dec. 1 (Vega)



# Statement

Martin J. Molloy and Associates  
 121 7th Street N. W.  
 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Date August 1, 1981

To Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
 Attention: Mr. Cordova  
 1930 Second Street S. W.  
 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

Please detach and return upper portion  
 with your remittance. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Charges and Credits	Balance
8-1-81	Re: Appraisal Fees, including tax	<i>Docket #</i>
	Tract 59, Map 120 \$ 78.00	6734
	Tract 19, Map 132 78.00	6744
	Tract 44B1, Map 150 78.00	6743
	Tract 13, Map 154 78.00	6738
	Total \$312.00	\$312.00

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*RJC*  
*9/8/81*

SEP 8 1981

M.R.G.C. DISTRICT

Special Fund Rehab. Ck # 5774  
 Dated 9-15-81

Wilson Jones

GRAYLINE FORM 44-501 2-PART  
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Your Check is Your Receipt

Identification of the Property Appraised

Location: Socorro County, New Mexico

Legal Description: Tract 44-B-1, Map 150, M. R. G. C. D., Socorro County,  
New Mexico

Purpose of the Appraisal

The purpose of this appraisal is to estimate the market value of the subject property as of August 1, 1981.

Refer to the Basic Data Section for complete definition of market value as it is used in this report.

Area Analysis

Refer to the Area Analysis section of the Basic Data Section of this report.

Zoning

The subject property is zoned for agricultural use which also permits low density residential use of the property. For further information refer to the Socorro County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

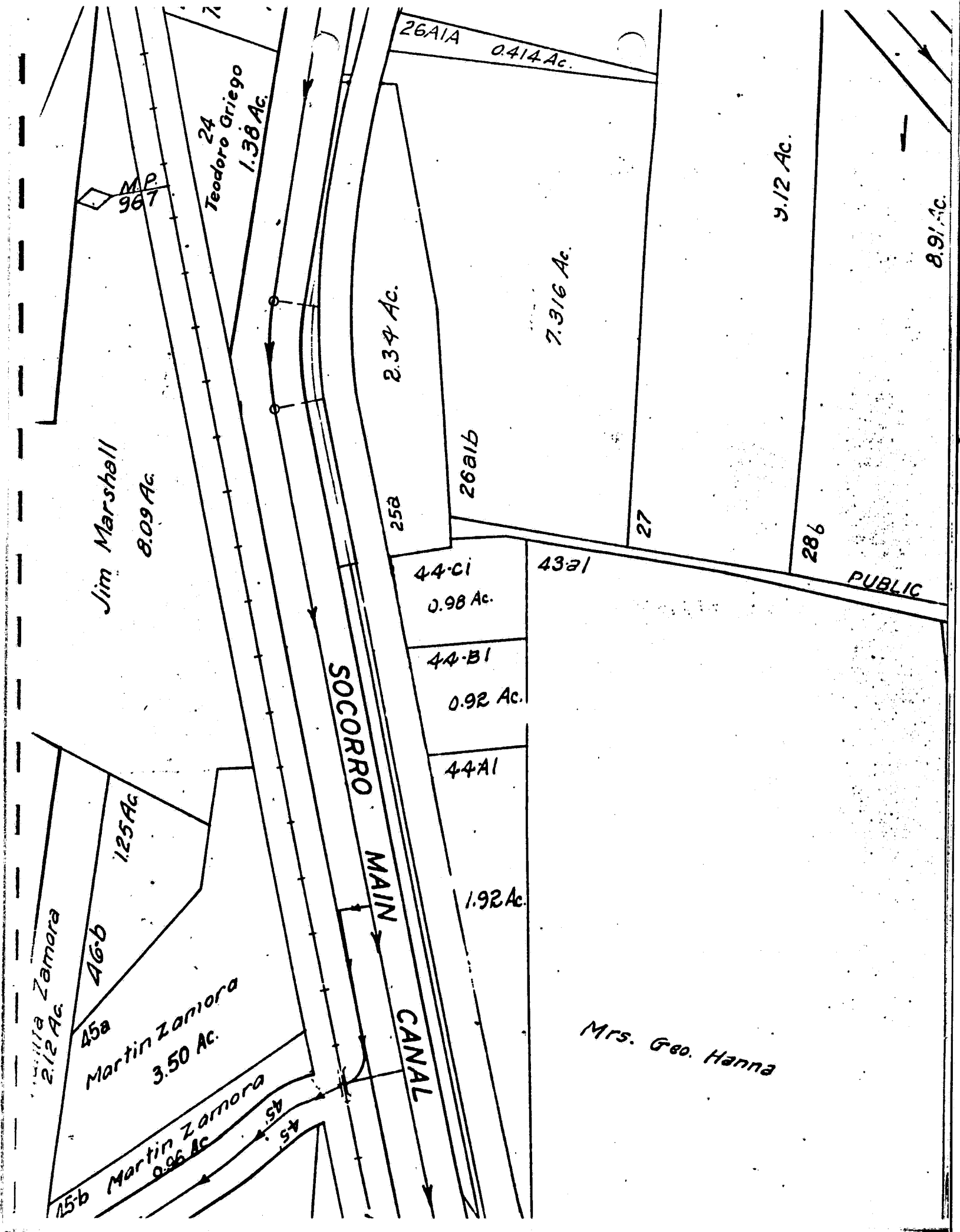
Highest and Best Use

The term Highest and Best Use as used in this report is defined as follows: "The most profitable use of a given property is the use to which the property is adapted, and for which it is likely to be in demand in the reasonable future, and the use that will yield the greatest return, either in terms of money or amenities."

Due to the size of the parcel, development as a single family home-site is feasible. An alternate use would be to assemble the parcel with an adjacent piece of property for agricultural use.

Site Description

The subject property is located on the east side of a paved public roadway and consists of .92 acres as per MRGCD Map 150. The site was found to be fairly level and is fully benefitted. Electricity is available to the site and access is via a paved public road. It should be noted that the enclosed photos depict the general area as exact property boundaries could not be determined.



Jim Marshall  
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Teodoro Griego  
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Villa Zamora  
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46b  
1.25 Ac.

Martin Zamora  
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Martin Zamora  
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44-B1  
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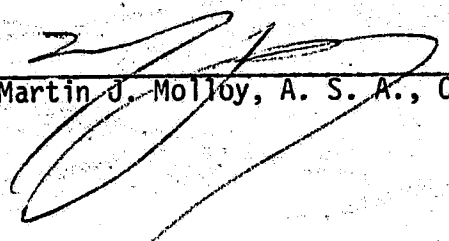
Mrs. Geo. Hanna

Site Valuation

After analyzing the comparable sales data and adjusting for all factors such as date of sale, access, property utility and amenities, it is felt that the indicated value of the subject site is \$4,000.00.

Final Estimate of Value

Therefore, it is my opinion that the market value of the subject property, as of August 1, 1981, is Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00).

  
Martin J. Molloy, A. S. A., C. R. A.

May 25, 1981

Mr. Martin J. Molloy  
121 7th St NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Re: Map 150, tract 44-B1

Dear Sir:

Please proceed to appraise Map 150, tract 44-B1, the land only.

We enclose District map for your convenience.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Raoul J. Cordova  
Secretary-Treasurer

RJC:cj  
Enclosure



FORM 63-500 SETS-12/77

No. 13137

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

DATE 5-25-81

RECEIVED FROM Guadalupe Vega - Ctt# 272 DOLLARS (\$ 100.00 )  
THE SUM OF One hundred dollars  
NO PAYMENT FOR Indirect Acq. costs of Map 150 Tract 44-B

PAID 500 Fund Rehab.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BY Ronald J. Cerdova  
TITLE SEC-Treas

Ray - Socorro sed

November 5, 1979

Mr. Guadalupe Vega  
Box 2244  
Taos, NM 87571

Dear Mr. Vega:

Enclosed please find application to purchase property that you claim as belonging to your mother.

Please send \$75.00 for appraisal and \$25.00 for publication. As soon as we have appraised, we will advise you about the additional money that you would need to send.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Raoul J. Cordova  
Secretary-Treasurer

RJC:cj  
Enclosure

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
POST OFFICE BOX 581  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103

June 4, 1981

Mr. Guadalupe Vega  
Box 2244  
Taos, N.M., 87571

Dear Mr. Vega:

On October 6, 1980 you sent a check in the amount of \$100.00 to cover preliminary costs on an application to purchase Map 150, Tract 44-B. The bank has returned your check marked "Stale Dated". Please forward another check at your earliest convenience so we can proceed with your repurchase. When this has been received we will return your "Stale Dated" check.

Yours truly,

Raoul J. Cordova  
Secretary-Treasurer

RJC/bl

*\$100.00 Received  
& Deposited 6/18/81  
Stale Dated Ch. Returned  
to Mr. Vega 6/18/81  
E.W.*

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT

WE CHARGE YOUR ACCOUNT  
AND RETURN HERewith  
THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

**The First National Bank in Albuquerque**  
New Mexico's Largest Home-Owned Independent Bank.  
CUSTOMER COPY

95-27/1070  
RETURN ITEM DEPARTMENT

DATE RETURNED	6-2-81	MAKER	Alice Vega	AMOUNT	100.00
DRAWN ON (BANK)	95-126	ACCOUNT NUMBER	142-802-852	CODE 30	
CHARGE TO		Stale Dated			

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy  
P.O. Box 581  
Albuquerque, N. M. 87103

JBR

ACCOUNT NUMBER	142-802-852
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M.R.G.C. DISTRICT

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GUADALUPE VEGA OR  
ALICE VEGA

BOX 2244  
TAOS, NEW MEXICO 87571

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95-126/1022

PAY TO THE ORDER OF *Middle Rio Grande Conservancy* \$100.00

CENTINEL BANK OF TAOS  
715 S. LOS ANGELES AVE. NEW MEXICO 87571

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FOR *Myself*

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October 6, 1980

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OCT 8 1980  
M.R.G.C. DISTRICT

Mr. Raoul Cordova  
Mid Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
P. O. Box 581  
Albuquerque, NM 87103

Dear Mr. Cordova:

Reference is made to your letter of November 5, 1979, outlining required preliminary costs for appraisal and publication for property belonging to Elida Vega.

I am enclosing my check #272 in the amount of \$100.00 to cover these preliminary costs. I am also enclosing the application to purchase property from Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District.

I am sorry for the delay in getting the information and payment to you. If further information is required, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Guadalupe Vega  
Box 2244  
Taos, NM 87571

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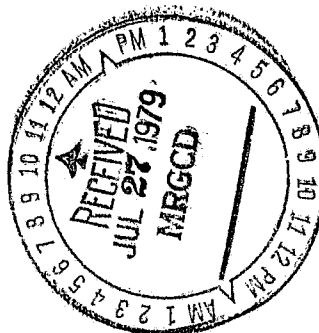
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KOCH, KELLY  
&  
McCARTHY

CERTIFIED MAIL  
NO. 6398509  
Return Receipt Requested

July 25, 1979

Mr. Raoul Cordova  
Mid Rio Grande  
Conservancy District  
P.O. Box 581  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

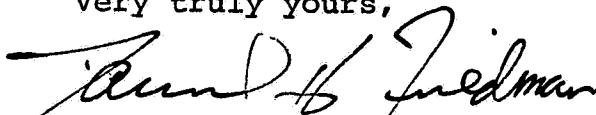


Dear Mr. Cordova:

Confirming our telephone conversation on July 25, 1979, the Conservancy District's Board has agreed to withdraw Tract No. 44B as shown on Map numbered 150 of the survey of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (which is Item 73 in your Notice of Auction set for July 28, 1979) from the list of properties scheduled to be auctioned on July 28, 1979. Mrs. Vega or her representative will be contacting you to arrange to reacquire possession of the property in whatever way is required by law, and I will contact you further concerning this. You have informed me that she is not required to commence such efforts before the date of the auction in order to preserve her rights.

I very much appreciate your rapid response and consideration of her request.

Very truly yours,

  
Daniel H. Friedman

DHF/apm

cc: Mr. Guadalupe Vega

L. C. White  
Sumner S. Koch  
William Booker Kelly  
John F. McCarthy, Jr.  
Kenneth Bateman  
Benjamin Phillips  
C. Emery Cuddy, Jr.  
Larry C. White  
Forrest S. Smith  
Daniel H. Friedman

220 Otero St., P.O. Box 787, (505)982-4374, Santa Fe, N.M. 87501

Attorneys and Counselors at Law

APPLICATION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY  
FROM MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

RECEIVED

OCT 8 1980

M.R.G.C. DISTRICT

1) Name of Applicant: Elida Vega

2) Address of Applicant: P.O. Box 3

3) City: Polvadera State: N. Mex. Zip: 87828

Telephone No. 835-~~777~~ (where can be reached during business hours)

4) Description of property to be redeemed:

Conservancy Map 150 Tract 44B

Conservancy Map \_\_\_\_\_ Tract \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Total Acres 1 County Socorro

5) Date of Foreclosure or purchase by State or Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District? \_\_\_\_\_

6) If Applicant was not the assessed owner of the property at the time of the foreclosure or purchase by the State of New Mexico or the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District answer the following:

A) Assessed Owner's Name: Alfonso Vega

B) Relationship to Assessed Owner: Husband

C) Attach a copy of all instruments under which you claim a right to redeem the property. Applicant must attach copies of all instruments from the assessed owner on down to himself. will send copy of deed

D) Does anyone other than the Applicant claim a right in the property? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ✓

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

7) What do you intend to do with the property?

Resell \_\_\_\_\_ Farm ✓ Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- 8) Have you conveyed, or agreed to convey the property to anyone?  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- 9) Have you used the property for any purpose since the foreclosure or purchase by the State of New Mexico or the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, describe your use: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- 10) Do you own or lease or a combination thereof in excess of 160 acres of land subject to irrigation or will this purchase, if approved, give you more than 160 acres of land subject to irrigation?  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, give details: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- 11) Does the land sought to be purchased have access without resort to easements or rights of way of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
 COUNTY OF Taos ) ss.

COMES NOW Guadalupe Vega being first duly sworn upon oath, states and deposes, that \_\_\_\_\_ he has read, and fully understands the foregoing application to repurchase and the matters and things therein stated are true and correct.

Guadalupe Vega  
 Signature of Person (s) swearing to the facts

Box 2244, Taos, N.Mex  
 Address

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 19 80.

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:  
October 29, 1981

Rosemary J. Keith  
 NOTARY PUBLIC



COUNTY: SCHOON DISTRICT: 3

MAP NO: 100

SECTION: 1048  
 ADDITION: 1293  
 RECORD: 6082

TRACT NO: 44-B  
 ACCT NO: 196

OWNER: R. W. 43  
 E. D. 1000

TRACT	SECTION	ADDITION	RECORD	CONSTRUCTION FUND INSTALMENTS				MAINTENANCE FUND INSTALMENTS			
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MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
**PROPERTY REVISION RECORD**

DATE OF REVISION  
SERIAL NO. 2  
PRIOR SERIAL NO.  
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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
PROPERTY REVISION RECORD**

DATE OF REVISION: Dec-2-60  
 COUNTY: Quedacade SCHOOL DIST: 3  
 MAP NO: 150 TRACT NO: 44-B  
 PREVIOUS MAP NO: 150 TRACT NO: 44-B  
 OWNER: Quedacade

**DIVISION OF ACRES AND BENEFITS**

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TOTAL ACTIVE						
WATER RIGHTS						
NET CHANGE						

**DIVISION OF ACRES, BENEFITS, ASSESSMENTS AND LEVIES**

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**OWNERS AND DESCRIPTIONS**

NO. 1 OWNER	NO. 2 OWNER	NO. 3 OWNER	NO. 4 OWNER
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## Pollinator Networking Group Meeting

Sam Thompson <[samandjohnthompson@gmail.com](mailto:samandjohnthompson@gmail.com)>

Mon 2/5/2024 1:35 PM

### **Middle Rio Grande Valley Pollinator Networking Group**

*Establishing a Pollinator Trail through the Middle Rio Grande Valley*

#### **Kick-Off Meeting: February 20, 2024**

The purpose of the meeting is to bring together the numerous organizations that are working on creating pollinator spaces in the Middle Rio Grande Valley and share information and establish a network to continue information and resource sharing.

Two key issues are pressing the need for more pollinator spaces: the listing of the Monarch Butterfly to the endangered species list; and recent research indicating more flowers are showing the ability to self-pollinate which reduces the amount of food available for pollinators. While many of us are working on important projects to help alter this dangerous trajectory, together we might be able to accomplish much more. That is the reason for this meeting and why we hope you will join this effort.

This network kick-off meeting will be held on the Santa Ana Pueblo at the Greenhouse and hosted by the Santa Ana Native Plants Manager Mike Halverson and the Sandoval Extension Master Gardeners. In preparation for this first meeting, please submit a short paragraph describing your current, planned and/or ideal pollinator project. Also, please provide contact information that you are willing to share with this group (both email and cell preferred).

**MRG Pollinator Networking Group**  
**Kick Off Meeting: February 20 10a, - Noon**  
**Santa Ana Native Plant Nursery Greenhouse**  
**233 Ranchitos Road**  
**Bernalillo**

Please contact us with questions. Looking forward to seeing you!

Mike Halverson  
Santa Ana Native Plant Manager  
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Sam Thompson  
Sandoval Extension Master Gardener  
[samandjohnthompson@gmail.com](mailto:samandjohnthompson@gmail.com)  
505 610-5530