

**AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**REGARDING THE USE OF ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLES (E-BIKES) AND POWERED
MICROMOBILITY DEVICES ON MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT (MRGCD)
LANDS AND FACILITIES**

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WHEREAS; the mission of the MRGCD is to maintain and manage irrigation, drainage and river flood control in the Middle Rio Grande Valley, promote efficient and responsible water management, protect the environment, wildlife and endangered species in cooperation with other local, state and federal agencies and provide multi-use recreational opportunities within the Middle Rio Grande valley in partnership with local governments; and

WHEREAS; the MRGCD owns and manages 30,000 acres of bosque in Sandoval, Bernalillo, Valencia and Socorro Counties, including the Rio Grande Valley State Park, Corrales Bosque Preserve, Los Lunas Bosque Open Space Preserve and Socorro Riverine Parks, which are co-managed with local government entities for low impact and non-motorized recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS; the Rio Grande and adjacent bosque are a continentally significant ecosystem supporting over 400 wildlife species, including five Federally threatened and endangered species; and

WHEREAS; e-bike and micromobility devices have grown in popularity and could provide transportation and recreation opportunities for mobility-challenged and other cyclists; and

WHEREAS; e-bikes and micromobility devices are equipped with motors and are commonly heavier with larger tires than conventional bicycles, with potentially greater impacts to trails and top speeds of almost 30 mph that present a documented danger to other trail users and wildlife, particularly on shared use trails with limited sight distance such as those in the bosque; and

WHEREAS; City of Albuquerque Council Bill No. C/S O-24-14 states that "Bicycles, class 1,2 and 3 e-bikes and powered micromobility devices are not permitted in areas, trails, paths, roads or racecourses that have shared use agreements or co-management responsibilities without permission from the partner organizations(s) and unless a sign has been posted indicating such use is allowed;" and

WHEREAS; The MRGCD has partner agreements with the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County for the operations and management of the Paseo Del Bosque paved trail and the Alameda Drain paved trail on lands controlled by the MRGCD; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MRGCD Board of Directors delegates the authority to approve and regulate the use of e-bikes and micromobility devices on the Paseo Del Bosque and the Alameda Drain paved trails and future paved trails to the respective government entities authorized to manage these trails.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MRGCD Board of Directors does hereby prohibit the use of (riding) e-bikes and micromobility devices on all other trails, paths, areas, or roads on MRGCD-owned and controlled lands and facilities not covered by the delegated authority as described above. The MRGCD Board of Directors may consider proposals to permit the use of e-bikes and micromobility devices on designated, **unpaved** recreation trails managed by local government entities on MRGCD lands, pending the results of public input processes and trail manager support and approval.

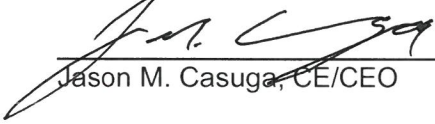
DATED AND RESOLVED this 14th day of October 2024.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT



Stephanie Russo Baca, Chair of the Board

ATTEST:



Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO