



# Agenda

For Presentation at the  
2,214th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

August 12, 2024 – 3:00 p.m.



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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 – August 12, 2024
  - b. Consideration/Approval of July 2024 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
  - c. Consideration/Approval of July 2024 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.
  - d. 11Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting – July 8, 2024
  - e. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – July 8, 2024
  - f. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for July 2024 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Discussion of the Water Distribution Policy Procedures** – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Matt Martinez, Water Distribution Manager
- 3:15 5. **Consideration/Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between MRGCD and La Joya** – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- 3:25 6. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes)**
- 3:40 7. **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
- 3:50 8. **Report(s) from the Department of the Interior**
  - a. Bureau of Reclamation– Jennifer Faler, Area Manager
  - b. Bureau of Indian Affairs – Patrick Taber, Acting Designated Engineer
- 4:00 9. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department** – Christine L. Nardi, MBA
  - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
  - b. Employee Recognition
- 4:10 10. **Report(s) from the Chief Procurement Officer** – Richard DeLoia
  - a. Consideration/Approval for Peralta Outfall Automatic Control Gates – Casey Ish, Conservation Program Manager
- 4:15 11. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO** – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
  - a. Consideration/Approval of Resolution M-08-12-24-211 Authorizing Acceptance of the WaterSMART: Drought Resiliency Program Grant (NOF No. R24AS00007) through the US Bureau of Reclamation for the Construction of the Feeder No. 3 Pump Station in Southern Valencia County – Westside Belen Division
  - b. Consideration/Approval of Resolution M-08-12-24-212 the Board of Directors Instructs Staff to Submit an Application for Funds through the Water Trust Board for Construction Services for the MRGCD Feeder No. 3 Pump Station
  - c. Consideration/Approval of Resolution M-08-12-24-213 Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Water Project Fund Loan/Grant Agreement by and between the NM Finance Authority and the MRGCD for the Phase II of the Socorro Main Canal Lining Project

- d. Update on Insurance Search– Pamela Fanelli, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
  - e. Notification of the 2024 MRGCD Water Service Charge Reclassification (Protest) Hearing per NMSA §73-18-8.1; hearing scheduled for September 9, 2024
- 4:40 12. **Report(s) from the Chief Operating Officer** – Eric Zamora, PE
- a. Report on the Valencia County Homeless Clean up
  - b. Report on the ER&T (Equipment, Repair & Transportation) Department Improvements
  - c. Update on New Equipment
  - d. Update on the Monsoon Response
- 5:00 13. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO** – Jason M. Casuga, PE
- a. Presentation on the San Acacia Levee Certification Package – Craig Hoover, Bohannon Huston Inc., and Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
  - b. Report on MRGCD's Response Letter to Office of the State Engineer's Letter dated June 28, 2024 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
  - c. Report on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition Meeting, July 11 & August 1, 2024 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Eric Zamora, COO, Chair Russo Baca, Directors Sandoval and Baugh
  - d. Report on the MRGCD and Pueblo of Sandia Corrales Siphon Meeting, July 15, 2024 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO & Chair Russo Baca
  - e. Report on the Low Flow Conveyance Channel Site Visit with Senator Heinrich, July 16, 2024 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
  - f. Report on the Socorro County Farmers/Irrigators Informational Meeting, July 18, 2024– Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Directors Duggins and Baugh
  - g. Report on the Sandoval County Farmers/Irrigators Informational Meeting, July 25, 2024– Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Directors Sandoval and Dunning
  - h. Report on the City of Albuquerque Council Meeting regarding eBikes, August 5, 2024 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Director Baugh
  - i. Information on Upcoming Events
    - 1. Coalition of Rio Grande Water Users 2024 Conference, October 1-3, 2024–Santa Fe, NM
    - 2. Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) 2024 Conference, December 4-6, 2024 – Las Vegas, NV
    - 3. Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference, February 2025 – Reno, NV
- 5:45 14. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**
- 5:50 15. **Report(s) from the Board**
- a. Report on the Farmers for Future Farmers Meeting, July 9, 2024- Chair Russo Baca
  - b. Report on the VSWCD, Summer Conservation Camp, July 10, 2024 – Chair Russo Baca
  - c. Report on the La Joya / MRGCD MOU, July 12, 2024 – Chair Russo Baca
  - d. Report on the Center for Social Sustainable Systems (CESOSS) Meeting, July 15, 2024 – Director Baugh
  - e. Report on the Centennial Committee Meeting, July 17, 2024 – Chair Russo Baca, Vice Chair Dunning and Director Baugh
  - f. Report on the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting, July 18, 2024 – Chair Russo Baca
  - g. Report on the Personnel & Finance Committee Meetings, August 1, 2024 – Directors Kelly, Dunning and Russo Baca
  - h. Report on the Middle Rio Grande Region Water Planning, August 7, 2024 – Chair Russo Baca
  - i. Report on the Quarterly Pollinator Networking Group, August 8, 2024 – Chair Russo Baca
- 6:00 16. **Executive Session**
- a. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)2
    - 1. Limited Personnel Matters
  - b. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)7
    - 1. Threatened or Pending Litigation

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