



Agenda

For Presentation at the
2,215th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

September 9, 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 – September 9, 2024
 - b. Consideration/Approval of August 2024 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
 - c. Consideration/Approval of August 2024 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Assoc.
 - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – August 12, 2024
 - e. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for August 2024 (For Informational Purposes Only)
 - f. Report from the Public Information Officer, Amanda Molina (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Convene Board of Equalization**
 - a. Reclassification Hearing – Estella Gamboa, Assessment & Collections Supervisor
- 3:30 5. **Reconvene Regular Board Meeting**
- 3:31 6. **Discussion/Approval of the November 2024 Board Meeting Schedule** – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- 3:41 7. **E-Bike Updates**
 - a. **Presentation on Pedal-Assist Electric Mountain Bikes on Trails** – Dean Carroll
 - b. **Updates on MRGCD & City of Albuquerque Public Outreach Process** – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Yasmeen Najmi, Planner
- 3:55 8. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes)**
- 4:05 9. **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
- 4:15 10. **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
- 4:20 11. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department** – Christine L. Nardi, MBA
 - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
- 4:25 12. **Report(s) from the Chief Procurement Officer** – Richard DeLoia
 - a. Consideration/Approval of the Socorro Channel Lining Phase 2
 - b. Consideration/Approval of the Socorro Channel Lining Construction Management

- 4:35 13. **Report(s) from the Chief Operating Officer** – Eric Zamora, PE
- a. Consideration/Approval of Land Sale Resolution M-09-09-24-214 – Nettie Jones
 - b. Update on Labor Day Bosque Closures within Valencia County
 - c. Update on Ditch Bank Maintenance
- 4:50 14. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO** – Jason M. Casuga, PE
- a. Modeling Update on the Belen Highline Canal Emergency Overflow Design – Craig Hoover, Bohannon Huston Inc.
 - i. Consideration/Approval of the Belen Highline Canal Emergency Overflow Design – Bohannon Huston, Inc.
 - b. Report on the Rio Grande Headwaters Tour with Bureau of Reclamation, August 20, 2024 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
 - c. Report on the Water & Natural Resources Meetings, August 26 & 27, 2024 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Chair Russo Baca
 - d. Report on the State, United States and MRGCD – Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Settlement Meeting – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Chair Russo Baca
 - e. Report on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition Meeting, September 5, 2024 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Eric Zamora, COO, Anne Marken, Water Ops Division Manager and Chair Russo Baca
 - f. Information on Upcoming Events
 - i. Desert Willow and Pollinator Festival, September 21, 2024 – Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area
 - ii. Coalition of Rio Grande Water Users 2024 Conference, October 1-3, 2024–Santa Fe, NM
 - iii. Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) 2024 Conference, December 4-6, 2024 – Las Vegas, NV
 - iv. Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference, February 2025 – Reno, NV
- 5:25 15. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**
- 5:30 16. **Report(s) from the Board**
- a. Report on the Meeting with Ronnie & Annie Sanchez, Irrigators off the Chamisal Lateral, July 10, 2024 – Director Duggins
 - b. Report on the Meeting with Cristian Fowler, an Irrigator off the Socorro Acequia, July 21 & July 30, 2024 – Director Duggins
 - c. Report on the Farmers for Future Farmers Meeting, August 13, 2024- Chair Russo Baca
 - d. Report on the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting, August 15, 2024 – Chair Russo Baca
 - e. Report on the Interview at the Gutierrez Hubbell House, August 27, 2024 – Director Baugh
 - f. Report on the “We are Acequias” NM Acequia Association Meeting, September 3, 2024 - Chair Russo Baca
- 5:45 17. **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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