



# **Agenda**

**For Presentation at the  
2,222<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District**

**April 14, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.**



Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/2765069278?pwd=V2d0SWppTkxGTTFMb0g5RFhmeERjZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 506 9278 and Passcode: 504470

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*All items on Agenda are Subject to Action and times shown are approximate and are subject to change.*

- 3:00 1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3:01 2. **Approval of the Agenda**
- 3:03 3. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – April 14, 2025
  - b. Consideration/Approval of March 2025 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins PC
  - c. Consideration/Approval of March 2025 Invoices for Spencer Fane LLP
  - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting – March 10, 2025
  - e. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – March 10, 2025
  - f. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for March 2025 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **MRGCD Board of Directors 2025 Election to be held October 7, 2025 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO**
  - a. Consideration/Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Automated Election Services for the Administration of the 2025 Election Management and Turnkey Services
  - b. Discussion on the MRGCD Draft Rule No. 20
- 3:10 5. **NM State Engineer Introduction to MRGCD Board of Directors** – Elizabeth Anderson, NM Office of the State Engineer
- 3:25 6. **Report on the New Mexico Legislature** – John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist
- 3:35 7. **Presentation for Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust (RGALT) 2024 Annual Report** – Cecilia Rosacker, Executive Director
- 3:45 8. **Report(s) from the Water Operations**
  - a. Report on Water Supply Conditions – Anne Marken, River Operations & Telemetry Manager
  - b. Status Report on Water Distribution – Matt Martinez, Water Distribution Division Manager
- 3:55 9. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes)**
- 4:05 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
- 4:15 11. **Report(s) from the Chief Operations Officer** – Eric Zamora, PE
  - a. Update on the Issue of a Drain Pumping License to Randy Sena to Supplement Surface Diversions Due to Upstream Ditch Constructions – Mike Padilla, Right of Way Supervisor, Casey Ish, Conservation Program Manager
  - b. Report on the MRGCD Safety Program, LeeAnn Corwin, Safety Program Manager
  - c. Presentation on the MRGCD Maintenance App – Danielle Feygin, Senior GIS Analyst
- 4:30 12. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department** – Christine L. Nardi, MBA
  - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
- 4:35 13. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO** – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
  - a. Consideration/Approval of the Investment Policy

- b. Consideration/Approval of Resolution #M-04-14-25-221 for Disposal of Obsolete Items
- c. Consideration/Approval on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Reports

4:50 14. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**

- a. Discussion/Approval of the Cooperative Agreement MOA between USBOR, MRGCD and NFWF concerning the Middle Rio Grande Water Resiliency Program– Casey Ish, Conservation Program Manager
- b. Update from the Public Information Officer – Amanda Molina, PIO
- c. Report on the Valencia County Flood Control Authority District Meeting, March 27, 2025 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- d. Report on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition Meeting, April 3, 2025 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- e. Information on Upcoming Events
  - 1. Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference, October 30-31, 2025 – Reno, NV

5:15 15. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**

5:20 16. **Report(s) from the Board**

- a. Report on the Farmers for Future Farmers Meeting, February 11, 2025 – Director Jiron
- b. Report on the City of Albuquerque Meeting, March 11, 2025 – Vice Chairman Baugh
- c. Report on the Urban Waters Meeting, March 11, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
- d. Report on the Valencia County Arroyo Flood Control District Meeting, March 13, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
- e. Report on Rep. Vasquez's Agriculture Advisory Group, March 18, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
- f. Report on the Corrales Siphon Settlement Review and Discussion, March 20, 2025 – Vice Chairman Baugh
- g. Report on the Interstate Stream Commission Meeting, March 20, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
- h. Report on the ISO Meet & Greet Meeting, March 25, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
- i. Report on the Finance & Personnel Committee Meetings, March 26, 2025 – Chairman Kelly and Directors Dunning and Russo Baca
- j. Report on the Election Committee Meeting, March 28, 2025 – Directors Russo Baca and Jiron
- k. Report on the Backyard Refuge Day, March 29, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
- l. Report on the Centennial Committee Meeting, April 2, 2025 – Vice Chair Baugh and Directors Dunning and Russo Baca
- m. Report on the Law of the Rio Grande Conference, April 3 - 4, 2025 – Vice Chairman Baugh and Director Russo Baca
- n. Report on the Pueblo of Isleta Farmers & Irrigators Information Meeting, April 9, 2025 – Chairman Kelly and Directors Jiron, Russo Baca and Baugh
- o. Report on the Mid-Region Counsel of Governments Executive Board Meeting, April 10, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
- p. Report on the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Primera Agua Celebration, April 12, 2025 – Director Russo Baca and Baugh

6:00 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
  - 2. Threatened or Pending Litigation