



Agenda

**For Presentation at the
2,223rd Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
May 12, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.**



Zoom Meeting Link:
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Meeting ID: 276 506 9278 and Passcode: 504470

MRGCD General Office * 1931 Second Street SW * Albuquerque, New Mexico
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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 – May 12, 2025
 - b. Consideration/Approval of April 2025 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins PC
 - c. Consideration/Approval of April 2025 Invoices for Spencer Fane LLP
 - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – April 14, 2025
 - e. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for April 2025 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Consideration/Approval of 2025 MRGCD Election Formal Documents – Automated Election Services (AES), and Election Committee and Report of the Election Committee Meeting, April 21 & May 8, 2025 (Chairman Kelly and Directors Russo Baca and Jiron)**
 - a. Election Director, Election Officer and List Compiler
 - b. MRGCD Election Calendar
 - c. MRGCD Election Rule 20
 - d. Notice of Election & Proclamation Resolution BD-05-12-25-59
- 3:25 5. **Acequia Project Presentation from ACE Leadership High School – Vice Chair Baugh**
- 3:40 6. **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
- 3:50 7. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes)**
- 4:00 8. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department – Christine L. Nardi, MBA**
 - a. Honoring Yasmeen Najmi for her 27 Years of Service
 - b. Announcement on the 2025 New Mexico Geographic Information Council (NMGIC) Wheeler Peak Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient, May 2, 2025 – Doug Strech, GISP, Systems and Data Integration Program Manager
 - c. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
- 4:20 9. **Report(s) from the Department of the Interior**
 - a. Bureau of Indian Affairs – Patrick Taber, Acting Designated Engineer
- 4:25 10. **Report(s) from the Director of Technical Services – Eric Zamora, PE**
 - a. Consideration/Approval of Map 95 Tract 4C Designated as Excess Right of Way – Mike Padilla, Right of Way Supervisor
 - b. Updates on the Bosque Fire and Fire Response in Valencia and Socorro Counties – Eric Zamora, PE and Yasmeen Najmi, Planner
 - c. Discussion on the Rio Grande State Park Joint Powers Agreement between MRGCD and the City of Albuquerque – Yasmeen Najmi, Planner and Colleen McRoberts, CABQ
 - d. Updates from the MRGCD Planner – Yasmeen Najmi

- 4:45 11. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO** – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
- Consideration/Approval of the Amended Budget Adoption FY 2025 (07-01-2024 to 06-30-2025) Resolution BA-05-12-25-101
 - Consideration/Approval of the Establishing a Cash Budget Reserve Resolution BA-05-12-25-102
 - Consideration/Approval of the Adoption of Budget for FY 2026 (07-01-25 to 06-30-26) Resolution BA-05-12-25-103
 - Consideration/Approval of Disposal of Obsolete Items Resolution M-05-12-25-222
 - Consideration/Approval of Department of Finance and Administration Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) Resolution M-05-12-25-223
- 5:10 12. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO** – Jason M. Casuga, PE
- Report on the Water Leaders Workshop, April 15 – 16, 2025 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO Casey Ish, Conservation Program Manager and Director Russo Baca
 - Report on the Rio Grande Compact Commission Annual Meeting, April 24-25, 2025 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Casey Ish, Conservation Program Manager and Director Russo Baca
 - Report on the American Water Resources Association 2025 Spring Conference, April 26-May 1, 2025 – Anne Marken, River Operations & Telemetry Manager
 - Report on the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) Conference, April 28 – 30, 2025 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Casey Ish, Conservation Programs Manager, Directors Dunning and Baugh
 - Information on Upcoming Events
 - Socorro County Informational Meeting | July 9, 2025, 9 am – Noon | Socorro Convention Center, 1220 Hwy 60 West Socorro, NM
 - Valencia County Informational Meeting | July 17, 2025, 9 am – Noon | Tome Dominquez Hall, 2933 Hwy 47, Tome, NM
 - Sandoval County Informational Meeting | July 24, 2025, 9 am – Noon | Black Mesa Casino Auditorium, 25 Hagen Rd, Algodones, NM
 - Bernalillo County Informational Meeting | July 31, 2025, 9 am – Noon | South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center, 2008 Larrazolo Rd SW, Albuquerque, NM
 - Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference, October 30-31, 2025 – Reno, NV (*August 30 deadline*)
- 5:35 13. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**
- 5:40 14. **Report(s) from the Board**
- Report on the Farmers for Future Farmers Meeting, February 11, 2025 – Director Jiron
 - Report on the NM Interstate Stream Commission Meeting, April 17, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
 - Report on the Earth Day Celebration, VCSWCD, Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area, April 18, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
 - Report on the Finance Committee Meeting, April 23, 2025 – Chairman Kelly and Directors Dunning and Russo Baca
- 6:00 15. **Executive Session**
- NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)2
 - Limited Personnel Matters
 - NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)7
 - Threatened or Pending Litigation



MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: DeAnna Philips, Board Liaison

Date: May 5, 2025

Re: Consideration/Approval of the Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda includes the MRGCD check book for the month, both legal counsel's invoices, the minutes from the Board of Directors regular meeting, and for your information, a list of the approved MRGCD licenses for the month.

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Staff Recommendation is to approve the above items within the Consent Agenda.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
May 12, 2025
Payments for the Period April 01, 2025 through April 30, 2025

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Warrant	Vendor Name	Amount	Description	Location
EFT	NEW MEXICO TAXATION & REVENUE DEPARTMENT	26,490.46 915.90	MARCH 2025 WITHHOLDING TAX WORKERS' COMPENSATION FEE - QTR. 1	
EFT	STATE OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	468.00	2025 WITHHOLDING TAX - QTR. 1 2025 UNEMPLOYMENT FEE - QTR1	
EFT	DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS	9,204.50	2025 UNEMPLOYMENT FEE - QTR. 1	
EFT	PAYROLL	368,481.77	PAY PERIOD 07	
EFT	PERA	129,370.89	PAY PERIOD 07	
EFT	IRS	50,736.18	PAY PERIOD 07	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	8,414.16	PAY PERIOD 07	
EFT	PAYROLL	367,542.78	PAY PERIOD 08	
EFT	PERA	128,551.89	PAY PERIOD 08	
EFT	IRS	51,566.95	PAY PERIOD 08	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	8,874.16	PAY PERIOD 08	
TOTAL PAYROLL		1,150,617.64		
153939	WIGGINS, WILLIAM & WIGGINS	(17,833.47)	VOIDED CHECK DATED 03.13.25	
154028	DESERT GREENS EQUIP	(4,065.71)	VOIDED CHECK DATED 03.27.25	
154363	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	(5,250.00)	VOIDED CHECK DATED 04.25.25	
154360	AQUA SYSTEMS 2000 INC.	(352,595.00)	VOIDED CHECK DATED 04.25.25	
Checks				
154061	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	264.87	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154062	ABCWUA	833.09	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154063	ACTION HOSE INC.	169.68	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154064	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	1,862.80	TRUCK PARTS	INVENTORY
154065	ALBUQUERQUE GRAVEL	416.00	CONCRETE/ SHOTCRETE	BELEN DIVISION
154066	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	612.74	AD PUBLISH	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
154067	AMAZON CAPITAL	456.84	BURNER	COCHITI DIVISION
		419.00	DESKTOP PC	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		19.98	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		1,094.48	FUEL TANK/W TOOL BOX	BELEN DIVISION
		55.49	HYDROLOGY SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
		64.58	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		79.95	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
154068	ATMAX EQUIPMENT CO	1,572.96	ATMAX FILTERS	INVENTORY
154069	AWARDS ETC	130.00	RETIREMENT PLAQUES	HUMAN RESOURCES
154070	BAUGH, COLIN T.	1.88	LAND & WATER SUMMIT	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
154071	BOHANNAN HUSTON	29,087.57	BELEN HIGHLINE OVERFLOW DESIGN	BELEN DIVISION
154072	BOOT BARN	281.74	FY25 BOOT VOUCHERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154073	BOWMAN HANDLES INC.	3,387.78	POTATO HOOKS	INVENTORY
154074	CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM	7,978.03	FY24 - AUDIT SERVICES	ACCOUNTING
154075	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	30.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		257.55	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154076	CENTURY LINK	91.03	VOIP/INTERNET	BELEN DIVISION
154077	CHASE MECHANICAL LLC	1,036.60	ELECTRICAL WORK	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		250.00	SERVICE CALL	GENERAL OFFICE
154078	CHOICE STEEL COMPANY	208.72	PRO PANEL WELDING SHOP	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154079	CITY OF BELEN	709.65	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	BELEN DIVISION
154080	CITY OF SOCORRO	406.34	NATURAL GAS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		241.17	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	SOCORRO DIVISION
154081	CONSERVANCY OIL CO	1,304.60	HYDROLOGY SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
		5,360.85	OILS	INVENTORY
154082	CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	1,290.55	STIHL PRODUCTS	INVENTORY
154083	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	150.96	BATTERIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		74.46	BATTERIES	BELEN DIVISION
154084	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	27.77	TIRES/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154085	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	75.00	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154086	DESERT GARDENS	5,331.25	TREE REMOVAL	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
		11,149.69	VEGETATION REMOVAL	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
154087	DESERT GREENS EQUIP	30.00	FREIGHT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		779.69	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		220.55	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154088	DMC LOGISTICS	262.35	BOD MEETING PACKET DELIVERY	BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Warrant	Vendor Name	Amount	Description	Location
154089	ENCHANTMENT SAFETY A	538.80	SAFETY GLOVES	INVENTORY
154090	EXPRESS AUTO GLASS	500.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154091	FLEETPRIDE	230.04	BOBCAT FILTERS	INVENTORY
		230.99	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		(415.99)	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154092	GPS, LLC	126.92	FLUIDS/FILTERS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		24.23	TIRES/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154093	GRAINGER	217.16	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154094	GUZMAN CONSTRUCTION	21,873.69	ROCK/GRAVEL/BASE MATERIAL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154095	HACIENDA HOME CENTER	1,855.62	2007 LOCKS	INVENTORY
154096	HUNTER BOWER LUMBER	4,175.26	LUMBER/GROUT	INVENTORY
154097	IMSCO DIVISION	3,361.25	1" WIRE ROPE CABLE	BELEN DIVISION
154098	INLAND KENWORTH INC.	271.42	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154099	JIFFY LUBE	145.95	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		30.02	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		37.53	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154100	JOHN THOMPSON CONSULTING	2,203.29	CENTENNIAL HOUSE FLOOR MEAL	ADMINISTRATION
		12,318.75	MRGCD LOBBYIST	NON DIVISION
154101	JPR DECORATIVE	9,080.26	ROCK/GRAVEL/BASE MATERIAL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154102	KELLY, JOHN	5.36	LAND & WATER SUMMIT	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
154103	KRONOS SAASHR, INC.	1,359.12	KRONOS SUBSCRIPTION	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
154104	MARQUEZ, DENNIS M	1,511.10	RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
154105	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	69.58	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154106	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	455.61	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154107	MESA OIL, INC	125.00	PRODUCT DISPOSAL	BELEN DIVISION
154108	NAPA AUTO PARTS	182.89	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		7.10	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		208.35	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		38.90	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
154109	NEW MEXICO TRACTOR SUPPLY	338.26	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154110	NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS	1,362.00	HERBICIDE	INVENTORY
154111	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	62.95	FLUIDS/FILTERS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		11.20	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		60.02	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154112	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	476.78	PRE EMPLOYMENT, DOT RECERT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		364.85	PRE EMPLOYMENT, DOT RECERT	BELEN DIVISION
154113	PENA BLANCA SANIT	84.79	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	COCHITI DIVISION
154114	PNM	24,310.50	FEEDER 3 STATION PNM PROJECT	CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND
154115	PNM	14.16	ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154116	POWER FORD	63.00	FLUIDS/FILTERS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		72.14	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154117	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	26.75	TIRES/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154118	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	184.81	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		23.50	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
		210.56	MISC PARTS	INVENTORY
		11.33	STUCCO	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154119	RANCHERO BUILDERS	56.49	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
154120	RELEVANT INDUSTRIAL	68.50	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154121	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	22.63	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		71.55	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		477.09	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154122	RUBICON SYSTEMS	5,650.58	PERALTA OUTFALL GATES	NON DIVISION
154123	RUSSO BACA, STEPHANIE	40.47	LAND & WATER SUMMIT	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
154124	SANDIA OFFICE SUPPLY	3,308.05	CENTENNIAL ITEMS	ADMINISTRATION
154125	SANDOVAL, MICHAEL T	37.52	LAND & WATER SUMMIT	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
154126	SIGNPLEX LLC	826.56	HR BANNERS	HUMAN RESOURCES
154127	SONTEK/YSI	23,240.00	ACOUSTIC DOPPLER CURRENT PROFILER	WATER OPERATIONS
		200.00	FREIGHT	WATER OPERATIONS
154128	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	295.48	TIRES/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		171.05	TIRES/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154129	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	139.21	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		57.47	OFFICE SUPPLIES	HUMAN RESOURCES

Warrant	Vendor Name	Amount	Description	Location
154130	SUNBELT	711.25	RENTAL - DAMAGE REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		3,957.30	RENTAL - WALK BEHIND SKID STEER	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154131	TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION	690.44	DATTO EMAIL SAAS PROTECTION	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		2,245.83	DATTO INFINITE CLOUD SERVICE	NON DIVISION
154132	THE PRINTERS PRESS	1,800.00	ENVELOPES	GENERAL OFFICE
154133	THOMPSON SAFETY LLC	610.00	GLOVES	INVENTORY
		2,480.00	MISC-SAFETY ITEMS	INVENTORY
		170.00	SAFETY SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
154134	TLC CO INC	1,366.84	SERVICE CALL	GENERAL OFFICE
154135	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	2,260.13	ACFR STATEMENT BUILDER MODULE	ACCOUNTING
154136	U.S. DISTRIBUTING	796.02	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154137	UNIVERSITY MRO LLC	40.00	SPECIMEN PROCESSING	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		80.00	SPECIMEN PROCESSING	BELEN DIVISION
154138	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	1,246.40	MISC PARTS	INVENTORY
		481.74	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154139	AFSCME COUNCIL 18	1,636.55	PAYROLL UNION DUES	GENERAL FUND
154140	CASUGA, JASON	25.00	LAW OF THE RIO GRANDE	EXEC TEAM
154141	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCE	1,110.94	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
154142	EXPLORA	10,000.00	PROGRAM SUPPORT - EXPLORA EDUCATION	NON DIVISION
154143	HOME DEPOT CREDIT	239.00	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
		69.97	SAFETY SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
		29.91	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		229.00	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	BELEN DIVISION
		19.24	STUCCO	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154144	LOPEZ PRECISION, LLC	644,666.24	BELEN HIGHLINE CANAL OVERFLOW	BELEN DIVISION
154145	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	258.21	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
154146	WIGGINS, WILLIAMS & WIGGINS	19,338.07	LEGAL COUNSEL	NON DIVISION
154147	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	116.70	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		634.98	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		590.55	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		2,051.04	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
154148	A-1 QUALITY REDI-MIX	540.00	CONCRETE/ SHOTCRETE	SOCORRO DIVISION
154149	ABCWUA	511.04	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		354.62	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		718.43	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	GENERAL OFFICE
154150	ACOSTA EQUIPMENT INC	25.99	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
154151	AGA NM CHAPTER	765.00	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING	ACCOUNTING
		330.00	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING	EXEC TEAM
154152	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHT	22.52	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154153	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	510.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
154154	AMERIGAS PROPANE	174.35	VEGETATION CONTROL	COCHITI DIVISION
154155	ATMAX EQUIPMENT CO	45.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		327.42	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154156	BAUGH, COLIN T.	120.70	LAW OF THE RIO GRANDE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
154157	BJW VENTURES, LLC	305.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154158	BLACK ROCK	3,097.75	ROCK/GRAVEL/BASE MATERIAL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154159	BOBCAT OF ALBUQUERQUE	192.20	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		968.98	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154160	BOR UC REGION: UPPER	340,363.70	O&M FOR SAN JUAN CHAMA PROJECT	CONTRACT PAYMENTS
154161	BRUCKNER TRUCK SALES	18.18	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154162	CARRILLO, RALPH	33.66	RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
154163	CASTLE BRANCH, INC.	425.45	EMPLOYMENT SCREENING	HUMAN RESOURCES
154164	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	58.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		526.76	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154165	CHASE MECHANICAL LLC	1,766.11	WATER VALE LEAK REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154166	CINTAS FIRST AID	55.00	MAR25 - WATER COOLER RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		45.00	MAR25 - WATER COOLER RENTAL	COCHITI DIVISION
		45.00	MAR25 - WATER COOLER RENTAL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		45.00	MAR25 - WATER COOLER RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
154167	CONSERVANCY OIL CO	1,313.40	DRY DIESEL	INVENTORY
154168	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	74.46	BATTERIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

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154169	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	782.76	TIRES/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		65.74	TIRES/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154170	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	75.00	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154171	DESERT GREENS EQUIP	30.00	FREIGHT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		38.56	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		157.54	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154172	FLEETPRIDE	15.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		128.99	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		24.39	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
154173	GENUINE NAPA	873.08	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		61.96	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
154174	GEOTEL CORPORATION	1,050.38	MISC. PARTS/SUPPLIES	ADMINISTRATION
154175	GOMEZ, RAY	1,973.90	RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
154176	GPS, LLC	34.73	TIRES/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154177	GREENWOOD, JEFFREY C	477.14	RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
154178	HOME DEPOT CREDIT	45.08	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154179	JARAMILLO, DANNY A.	222.72	RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
154180	JOSE M. AGUILAR J.A	536.77	TIRES/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154181	MAINTENANCE SERVICE	414.10	JANITORIAL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		2,036.03	JANITORIAL	GENERAL OFFICE
154182	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	21.23	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
154183	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	1,534.65	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154184	MELLOY FORD LOS LUNAS	76.94	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154185	NAPA AUTO PARTS	208.41	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		193.58	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		79.00	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
154186	NATURE CONSERVANCY	100,000.00	FY 2025 MOA	NON DIVISION
154187	NED'S PIPE & STEEL	78.00	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		30.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154188	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	285.62	NATURAL GAS	BELEN DIVISION
154189	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	163.72	NATURAL GAS	COCHITI DIVISION
154190	NEW MEXICO TRACTOR S	1,151.27	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154191	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	44.99	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		67.97	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154192	OLGUIN TAMMY	257.71	RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
154193	PARTS AUTHORITY	2,617.55	BALDWIN FILTERS	INVENTORY
154194	PNM	310.00	ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		592.82	ELECTRICITY	BELEN DIVISION
154195	POLING, JAMES	209.24	RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
154196	POWER EQUIPMENT	26.45	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		949.81	MISC FILTERS	INVENTORY
		538.03	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154197	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	220.45	TIRES/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154198	RAIN FOR RENT	36,515.22	PUMP RENTAL	CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND
154199	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	331.99	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		206.08	MISC SUPPLIES SHOP/BUILDING	SOCORRO DIVISION
		28.98	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
154200	RED SHOVEL LLC	843.63	LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE	GENERAL OFFICE
154201	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	54.13	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
154202	RUSSELL, JIM	415.72	RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
154203	SOCORRO ELECTRIC	483.34	ELECTRICITY	SOCORRO DIVISION
		684.11	PUMP ELECTRICITY	SOCORRO DIVISION
154204	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	1,388.92	TIRES/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154205	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	236.57	OFFICE CHAIR	COCHITI DIVISION
		9.18	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
154206	THOMPSON SECURITY	96.70	SECURITY	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
154207	TIRES TO YOU, LLC.	2,180.00	TIRES/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154208	TITAN ELECTRIC INC	2,300.00	DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND	GENERAL FUND
154209	TRANSCRIPTION	731.88	BOD MINUTES & TRANSCRIPTIONS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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154210	UNICOR	260.52	MAR25 SHRED BINS PICKUP	ACCOUNTING
154211	VERIZON CONNECT	4,780.17	GPS MONTHLY SERVICE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
154212	WASTE MANAGEMENT	556.36	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	COCHITI DIVISION
154213	WEX BANK	84,200.04	UNLEADED \$28,941 DIESEL \$55,189 FEES \$70	MULTIPLE DEPTS/DIVISIONS
154214	WILLIAMS WINDMILL	36.87	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154215	WILSON & COMPANY	13,222.42	LFCC ADMIN	GRANTS FUND SOC
154216	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	50.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		645.24	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154217	ACOSTA EQUIPMENT INC	79.44	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154218	ACTION HOSE INC.	358.92	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		107.56	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
154219	ACUITY INSURANCE	32.00	INSURANCE	NON DIVISION
154220	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHT	915.23	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154221	ALBUQUERQUE GRAVEL P	1,212.00	CONCRETE/ SHOTCRETE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154222	ALBUQUERQUE POWER	68.17	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154223	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	301.33	AD PUBLICATIONS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		72.93	LEGAL NOTICE	PURCHASING
154224	ALL AROUND AUTO	150.50	FLUIDS/FILTERS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		85.00	TIRES/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154225	AMAZON CAPITAL	13.67	DOOR BELL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		34.99	HYDROLOGY SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
		43.59	SAFETY SUPPLIES	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
		50.95	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
154226	AMERIGAS PROPANE	128.60	VEGETATION CONTROL	COCHITI DIVISION
154227	ARCADIAN INC.	718.30	HYDROLOGY SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
154228	AWARDS ETC	139.95	RETIREMENT PLAQUES	HUMAN RESOURCES
154229	BAKER UTILITY SUPPLY	9,000.00	BLACK PIPE	INVENTORY
154230	BJW VENTURES, LLC	305.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154231	BOHANNAN HUSTON	41,058.02	FEEDER 3 TASK ORDER 5	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
		7,405.43	MAR25 SAN ACACIA LEVEE CERT	ENGINEERING & MAPPING
154232	BOOT BARN	140.24	FY25 BOOT VOUCHERS	BELEN DIVISION
		165.74	FY25 BOOT VOUCHERS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154233	BOR UC REGION: UPPER	45,560.00	SWFL SURVEYS	NON DIVISION
154234	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	134.46	FLUIDS/FILTERS	COCHITI DIVISION
		155.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		21.28	FREIGHT	COCHITI DIVISION
		4,592.74	MOWER BOLTS	INVENTORY
		3,496.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		349.10	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
154235	CHACON, MARK	19.94	RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
154236	CHOICE STEEL COMPANY	4,461.06	METAL ORDER	INVENTORY
154237	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	163.88	BATTERIES	COCHITI DIVISION
154238	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	345.00	TIRES/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154239	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	150.00	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154240	DESERT GREENS EQUIP	29.99	FLUIDS/FILTERS	COCHITI DIVISION
		367.27	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		17.45	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
154241	EXPRESS AUTO GLASS	250.00	DRIVERS SIDE DOOR GLASS REPLACEMENT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		450.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		325.00	REAR WINDOW REPLACEMENT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		2,000.00	WINDOW TINT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		2,825.00	WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		1,000.00	WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENT	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154242	FINANCE AUTHORITY	59,338.15	APR25 EQUIPMENT	DEBT SERVICE
154243	FLEETPRIDE	40.00	FREIGHT	COCHITI DIVISION
		184.08	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		221.55	SAFETY SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
154244	GENSLER, DAVID	302.62	RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
154245	GENUINE NAPA	58.13	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		395.39	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		243.52	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		7.99	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	BELEN DIVISION

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154246	GEOTECH ENVIRONMENTAL	4,380.14	PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS	INVENTORY
154247	GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO	1,064.82	FEB25 - INVESTMENT SERVICES	ACCOUNTING
154248	GPS, LLC	96.38	TIRES/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154249	HIGH DESERT INDUSTRIES	6.00	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
154250	INTRAWORKS, INC.	148.79	QUARTERLY MONITORING - APR-JUNE	SOCORRO DIVISION
		148.79	QUARTERLY MONITORING - JAN-MAR	SOCORRO DIVISION
154251	IRON HORSE WELDING	85.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		6,559.45	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154252	IRSC	432.95	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		393.70	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154253	JARAMILLO, DANNY A.	1,642.46	RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
154254	JIVE COMMUNICATIONS,	2,554.36	VOIP/INTERNET	GENERAL OFFICE
154255	JOSE M. AGUILAR J.A	682.41	TIRES/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154256	KRONOS SAASHR, INC.	1,379.00	KRONOS SUBSCRIPTION	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
154257	LARRY H. MILLER	26.68	FLUIDS/FILTERS	EXEC TEAM
154258	LINDE GAS	372.62	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154259	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	168.73	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
154260	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	1,159.16	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154261	MESA OIL, INC	180.00	PRODUCT DISPOSAL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
154262	MORA, RUBEN	669.73	RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
154263	NAPA AUTO PARTS	24.86	FLUIDS/FILTERS	EXEC TEAM
		344.11	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		13.10	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		577.18	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
154264	NED'S PIPE & STEEL	60.00	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		119.00	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	BELEN DIVISION
154265	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	67.08	NATURAL GAS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		167.53	NATURAL GAS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		93.93	NATURAL GAS	GENERAL OFFICE
154266	NEW MEXICO MUTUAL	13,807.75	WORKERS COMP	NON DIVISION
154267	NEW MEXICO TRACTOR S	213.69	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154268	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	61.58	FILTERS	INVENTORY
		44.99	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		816.58	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		101.50	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		35.97	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
154269	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTO	232.36	APR25 - COPIER LEASE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		143.84	APR25 - COPIER LEASE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		730.25	APR25 - COPIER LEASE	GENERAL OFFICE
154270	PNM	14,313.64	CORRALES PUMP ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		34.80	ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		321.28	ELECTRICITY	COCHITI DIVISION
154271	POWER FORD	113.95	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154272	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	200.00	UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		139.47	UNIFORM RENTAL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
154273	QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	42.65	PRE-EMPLOYMENT SCREENING	ACCOUNTING
154274	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	125.03	AC/SWAMP COOLER PARTS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		29.97	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		12.87	HYDROLOGY SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
154275	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	36.72	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154276	RG ENGINEERING	5,561.62	TORT CLAIM SERVICES	NON DIVISION
154277	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	2,061.28	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154278	RUSH TRUCK CENTERS	235.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154279	RUSSO BACA, STEPHANI	137.84	LAW OF THE RIO GRANDE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
154280	SANDOVAL COUNTY LAND	3,582.18	LANDFILL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		204.79	LANDFILL	COCHITI DIVISION
154281	SAVE OUR BOSQUE TASK	1,500.00	SPONSORSHIP BOSQUE CONSERVATION DAY	ADMINISTRATION
154282	SIGNPLEX LLC	2,519.44	BANNERS	ADMINISTRATION
154283	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	31.41	TIRES/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154284	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	130.66	OFFICE SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
		(2.40)	OFFICE SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		13.48	OFFICE SUPPLIES	HUMAN RESOURCES

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154285	TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION	2,245.83	APR25 - DATTO INFINITE CLOUD SERVICE	NON DIVISION
154286	TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION	693.28	APR25 - DATTO EMAIL SAAS PROTECTION	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
154287	THE PRINTERS PRESS	670.00	SAFETY FORMS	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
154288	TIRES TO YOU, LLC.	315.00	TIRES/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154289	TRUEPOINT SOLUTIONS	20,600.00	TRUECIP ANNUAL	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
154290	UNIFIRST CORP	254.41	UNIFORM RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
154291	UNIVERSITY MRO LLC	40.00	PRE EMPLOYMENT, RANDOM SCREENINGS	BELEN DIVISION
		40.00	PRE EMPLOYMENT, RANDOM SCREENINGS	COCHITI DIVISION
		40.00	PRE EMPLOYMENT, RANDOM SCREENINGS	EXEC TEAM
154292	V-VARGAS, ERMELINDA	445.44	RETIREE	HUMAN RESOURCES
154293	VALLEY SANITATION	53.28	LANDFILL	BELEN DIVISION
154294	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	305.88	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154295	WATER STRATEGIES	9,000.00	CONSULTING	NON DIVISION
154296	WIPER SUPPLY INC	1,263.45	TOWELS	INVENTORY
154297	AFSCME COUNCIL 18	1,636.55	PAYROLL UNION DUES	GENERAL FUND
154298	AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT	100.00	VIOLATION TICKET	GENERAL FUND
154299	BERNALILLO COUNTY CL	25.00	RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING
154300	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCE	1,203.25	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
154301	ISH, JAMES CASEY	12.53	WATER LEADERS WORKSHOP	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
154302	VALENCIA COUNTY CLERK	350.00	RELEASE OF LIENS	ACCOUNTING
154303	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	5,595.76	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		378.42	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154304	ACTION HOSE INC.	11.81	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
154305	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	42.99	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154306	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	1,306.55	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154307	AMAZON CAPITAL	945.85	APPLE IPAD & KEYBOARD	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		18.58	HYDROLOGY SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
		989.97	IT SUPPLIES	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
154308	AMERICAN CLAIMS	6,400.00	DAMAGE CLAIMS	NON DIVISION
154309	BJW VENTURES, LLC	305.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		80.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
154310	BOBCAT OF ALBUQUERQUE	75.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		335.70	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154311	BOOT BARN	200.00	FY25 BOOT VOUCHERS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154312	BRUCKNER TRUCK SALES	19.98	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
154313	BUSTED STEM	226.02	TIRES/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154314	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	55.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		14.80	FREIGHT	COCHITI DIVISION
		503.60	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		220.02	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		1,389.58	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154315	CENTURY LINK	181.21	VOIP/INTERNET	SOCORRO DIVISION
154316	CHASE MECHANICAL LLC	5,550.00	LIGHT POLE INSTALL	CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND
154317	CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	116.82	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154318	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	139.74	BATTERIES	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		66.30	BATTERIES	WATER OPERATIONS
		2,051.90	BATTERY	INVENTORY
154319	CONTROL DESIGN, INC.	4,859.10	RUTS	INVENTORY
154320	COPPER CLAIMS SVCS.	998.13	TORT CLAIM SERVICES APRIL 2025	NON DIVISION
154321	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	102.75	TIRES/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		76.14	TIRES/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154322	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	225.00	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
154323	DESERT GREENS EQUIP	707.67	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154324	DMC LOGISTICS	261.18	BOD MEETING PACKET DELIVERY	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
154325	FLEETPRIDE	200.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		2,056.44	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		566.56	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS

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154326	GENUINE NAPA	246.73	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		32.54	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		135.56	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
154327	HELENA CHEMICAL CO	1,840.00	VEGETATION CONTROL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154328	INLAND KENWORTH INC.	125.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		975.24	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154329	INTERWEST SAFETY	22,534.00	SIGNS, POST AND HARDWARE	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
154330	IRON HORSE WELDING	577.88	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		4,013.20	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154331	IRSC	200.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		3,044.59	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154332	JIFFY LUBE	62.25	FLUIDS/FILTERS	COCHITI DIVISION
		70.72	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		30.02	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER OPERATIONS
154333	LEVEL 3 FINANCING IN	263.94	VOIP/INTERNET	BELEN DIVISION
		1,414.77	VOIP/INTERNET	COCHITI DIVISION
		1,547.59	VOIP/INTERNET	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		263.94	VOIP/INTERNET	SOCORRO DIVISION
154334	MAXIMUS US SERVICES,	3,000.00	FY2026 INDIRECT COST RATE PROPOSAL	ACCOUNTING
154335	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	156.20	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		70.61	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154336	NAPA AUTO PARTS	37.17	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		29.05	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		276.86	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	COCHITI DIVISION
154337	NED'S PIPE & STEEL	60.00	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
154338	NEW MEXICO TRACTOR S	442.91	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
154339	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	129.47	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		33.50	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER OPERATIONS
154340	PNM	200.00	CANCELLED LICENSE REFUND	GENERAL FUND
		101.90	ELECTRICITY	BELEN DIVISION
154341	POWER FORD	2,374.14	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154342	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	50.00	UNIFORM RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		67.20	UNIFORM RENTAL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
154343	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	31.69	HYDROLOGY SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
154344	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	41.56	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
154345	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	2,214.66	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154346	SAN ACACIA MDWCA	21.53	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	SOCORRO DIVISION
154347	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	225.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,441.01	TIRES/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		365.50	TIRES/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		743.71	TIRES/REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		1,412.36	TIRES/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
154348	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTION	223.79	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154349	SOUTHWEST LANDFILL	13,594.64	LANDFILL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		3,288.74	LANDFILL	BELEN DIVISION
154350	SPENCER FANE LLP	17,424.82	LEGAL COUNSEL	NON DIVISION
154351	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	148.22	TONER	INVENTORY
154352	SUNDANCE	36,765.17	COST SHARE - SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT	NON DIVISION
154353	TAS SECURITY SYSTEMS	123.85	SECURITY	GENERAL OFFICE
154354	U.S. DISTRIBUTING	3,801.56	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
154355	UNIFIRST CORP	65.88	UNIFORM RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
154356	UNIFORMS & MORE LLC	504.00	HATS	NON DIVISION
154357	VERIZON WIRELESS	925.84	WIRELESS SERVICE	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
154358	WIGGINS, WILLIAMS & WIGGINS	9,430.23	LEGAL COUNSEL	NON DIVISION
154359	WILSON & COMPANY	97,925.45	FEB25 - BELEN WATERSHED DOCUMENTS	GRANTS FUND GO
154361	CF PADILLA, LLC	1,143,250.00	LOW FLOW CONVEYANCE CHANNEL PROJECT	GRANTS FUND SOC

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154362	LEGALSHIELD	622.45	APR25	GENERAL FUND
154364	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE	13,013.65	LIFE/DISABILITY	GENERAL FUND
154365	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	5,250.00	ROW APPLICATION	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
Credit Card Payment				
900019	WELLS FARGO BANK	638.77	CULTURAL RESOURCES LAW CONFERENCE	EXEC TEAM
		138.90	CUSTOM FRAME-CENTENNIAL RECOGNITION	ADMINISTRATION
		295.00	IMA RENEWAL PAM FANELLI	EXEC TEAM
		245.00	IRWA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
		248.73	LINKEDIN JOB POSTING	EXEC TEAM
		199.11	MAR25 - EMAIL TEXT MESSAGING SYSTEM	ADMINISTRATION
		39.94	MAR25 - INTERMEDIA ANNUAL	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		1.29	MAR25 - ZENDESK SUBSCRIPTION	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		30.14	MISTER CARWASH UNIT 13217	EXEC TEAM
		2,140.00	NHCC EVENT VENUE DEPOSIT	ADMINISTRATION
		1,100.96	PUBLIC AFFAIRS GOVERNMENT SUMMIT	ADMINISTRATION
		26.95	SOCORRO COUNTY CLERK- RECORDING FEE	NON DIVISION
		288.98	SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		1,150,617.64	TOTAL PAYROLL	
		1,857,083.06	TOTAL CHECKS/EFT - GENERAL FUND	
		59,338.15	TOTAL CHECKS - DEBT SERVICE FUND	
		1,254,397.87	TOTAL CHECKS - GRANTS FUND	
		66,375.72	TOTAL CHECKS - CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND	
		<u>\$ 4,387,812.44</u>	GRAND TOTAL	
<hr/> Pamela S. Fanelli, CMA, CGFM Secretary-Treasurer/CFO			<hr/> John P. Kelly, Chairman MRGCD Board of Directors	

**MINUTES OF THE
2,222nd REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

APRIL 14, 2025 - 3:00 PM

Directors having been duly notified; Chair John Kelly called the regular meeting to order at 3:00 pm. The following Directors and Staff were present:

DIRECTORS

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

Present
Present
Absent
Present
Present
Present
Present

Jason Casuga
Lorna Wiggins
Christina J. Bruff
Pamela Fanelli
Eric Zamora
Anne Marken
Matt Martinez

STAFF

Chief Engineer/CEO
General Counsel
Chief Water Counsel
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Chief Operating Officer
Water Distribution Division Mgr.
Water Operations Division Mgr.

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

Ernest Marquez, AES
Christine Nardi, MRGCD
Guy Dicharry
Cecilia Rosacker, RGALT
Vince Steiner, BHI
LeeAnn Corwin, MRGCD
Rudy Perea
Elizabeth Anderson, OSE
Tarah Jaramillo, MRGCD

Patrick Taber, BIA
Timothy Smith, AES
Amanda Molina, MRGCD
John Fleck, UNM
Jimmie Rogers, MRGCD
Marta Moersch, MRGCD
Jennifer Faler, BOR
Casey Ish, MRGCD
Josh Hind, MRGCD

John Thompson, MRGCD
Elizabeth Dicharry
Tony Tafoya
Mike Hamman
William Zamora, SVRAA
Santiago Maestas, SVRAA
Ron Moya
Annie Sanchez
Raquel Dawson, MRGCD

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mike Hamman led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting.

Chair Kelly declared a quorum, and the meeting was publicly noticed. This meeting was a hybrid meeting with Director Sandoval calling in; Director Jiron was not present.

Director Dunning led a moment of silence for former Senator Bill O'Neill.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2 - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Discussion was had with no questions or changes.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA**.
Seconded by Director Russo Baca. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes.
The **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chair Kelly Yes
Director Russo Baca Yes
Director Sandoval Yes

Vice Chair Baugh Yes
Director Dunning Yes

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – April 14, 2025
- b. Consideration/Approval of March 2025 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins
- 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)

Discussion was had with no questions or changes.

Vice Chair Baugh made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA**.
 Seconded by Director Dunning. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes.
 The **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 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 (AES) for the Administration of the 2025 Election Management and Turnkey Services

Mr. Casuga stated that HB 308 passed at the legislature, which restored MRGCD's administration of their election and removed them from the Local Elections Act. He asked the Board to review the Professional Services Agreement for the 2025 election, as in May they will be laying out the election calendar, assigning officers, and moving forward with the proclamation. He said the Election Committee will be working with AES and the election officer and director to determine the number of polling locations.

Chair Kelly added that this procurement is based on the RFP they put out, with intention to cover multiple elections. He found the proposed cost is in line with other elections.

Vice Chair Baugh asked if this is the first time we have used turnkey services for the election.

Mr. Casuga answered no, 2025 will be the fourth election cycle that MRGCD has used AES.

Director Dunning asked the Election Committee if they could bring a vote to the Board about the polling places before candidates are announced. She added that polling locations should be based on rational criteria and not what candidates want.

Mr. Casuga shared that based on previous litigation, legal counsel advised to table this discussion for Executive Session.

Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATED ELECTION SERVICES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2025 ELECTION MANAGEMENT AND TURNKEY SERVICES.** Seconded by Vice Chair Baugh. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

b. Discussion on the MRGCD Draft Rule No. 20

Mr. Casuga discussed Draft Rule No. 20. He explained that based on the advice from the Secretary of State's Office, they kept the rule pretty much the same as the 2023 season in this draft in this draft, with modification to qualified electors, specifically with an opportunity to allow for things like DBAs and businesses to be added in. He wishes for this item to come back in a month, with one more opportunity to be with the Election Committee and get comments from the Board so approval can be considered in May.

Chair Kelly asked Ms. Wiggins what changes the Board should know as they review it.

Ms. Wiggins expressed that they need to be mindful of when a provisional ballot is provided to someone that would like to cast a vote and need to be clear about what and who qualifies as an elector. She suggested having discussion in Executive Session on things like when they can provide business entities, in addition to trust.

Director Russo Baca pointed out that the election will be on October 7th, which is the first Tuesday in October.

Mr. Casuga added that the law required that.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5 - NM STATE ENGINEER INTRODUCTION TO MRGCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Elizabeth Anderson, NM Office of the State Engineer

Elizabeth Anderson introduced herself to the Board, as the new and first female New Mexico State Engineer. She stated that she has been trying to understand how the different Ag districts function, their processes and needs, how farming works and how farmers bring food to the table, and she is looking forward to getting to know the MRGCD and their systems better. She voiced that it is really important to emphasize this partnership as we face water scarcity, with a need to really focus on the Rio Grande. She expressed that she would like to participate in MRGCD meetings more often, with a standing spot on the agenda, to cover different topics of interest and/or offer presentations on specific topics. She thanked everyone for their support during the legislative session, and gave a special shoutout to Mr. Thompson, who was a great advocate for water issues at the state level throughout the entire legislative session. She talked about the importance of looking at the Rio Grande as a whole to improve water conveyance for deliveries and Compact compliance. Ms. Anderson said it is going to be a very hard year, and she wants MRGCD to know that they are here as partners and will be working closely with staff. She noted they have been working on outreach to other water users in the MRG and throughout the state to discuss depletion reductions and the impacts of drought on our system and having active conversations and planned communications to discuss those depletion reductions.

Chair Kelly asked if any of the other water users and federal agencies she mentioned received a letter like they got from her predecessor.

Ms. Anderson responded that they have not yet, but they are working on crafting something along those lines, as they need to extend that same sentiment to other water users in the MRG.

Chair Kelly expressed that her help was much appreciated on that. He said the Conservancy values their relationship with the Office of the State Engineer and sometimes it feels as though it is them and the State Engineer versus the feds and everyone below Elephant Butte Reservoir, so they need to present a united position on things that are of a great importance to the Middle Rio Grande and the state of New Mexico.

Director Russo Baca shared she would like to see someone from the OSC come to the meetings every month, even if they just called in. She stated that she listens to the ISC meetings and find them very helpful, so a recap to the MRGCD could be helpful to make sure they are on the same page, especially with the start of the Indian Water Rights Settlement.

Ms. Anderson responded that they are more than happy to do that.

Chair Kelly recommended a quarterly meeting.

Director Russo Baca added that a quick report given to the Board similar to what is done at the ISC meetings monthly is great, even if it is just added to the packets.

Ms. Anderson shared that she would work with Mr. Casuga on that.

Vice Chair Baugh asked Ms. Anderson if she could identify and clarify the difference between depletion and consumptive use and how flood irrigation works into that world. He noted that was a question brought up at the South Valley Regional Acequia Association, which brought up a cool discussion around flood irrigation getting back to the water table rather than depletion. He said it would be great for the Office of the State Engineer to encourage those conservations.

Ms. Anderson agreed that it is a great idea and said it would probably be more meaningful if she had her staff come and give a presentation or provide feedback on that.

Vice Chair Baugh asked how they report to the sediment plug that happened on the Chama River and how they are preparing for the future for more of the those to impact water delivery.

Ms. Anderson answered that studies are ongoing, and they are looking at the potential for additional sediment discharge into the river system, particularly on the Chama, as that is something they have to think about and look at how to minimize the impact of that.

Director Dunning expressed that she took this role at a really challenging time and wished her the best of luck. She added that she is also proud to have our first female state engineer.

Director Duggins asked if there is a formula to figure out a credit to irrigators for water that was not used and went down to the aquifer.

Ms. Anderson responded that it goes back to the concept of depletion versus consumptive use, and they can go over that in future presentation or report.

Director Duggins inquired why the feds are able to use water if they do not have water rights.

Ms. Anderson answered that goes back to the discussion about improved conveyance of water through the Rio Grande for deliveries, depletion reductions and Compact compliance. She said there are a lot of state and federal agencies working on solving those kinds of problems.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - REPORT ON THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE - John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist

John Thompson gave a report on New Mexico legislature. He stated that the legislative session ended on the 22nd. 1,182 pieces of legislation were introduced and 195 passed, which is a 16.5% passage rate. He shared that 160 of 195 were signed, 18 were vetoed, and 17 were pocket vetoed. He expressed that their elections legislation passed, and he thanked Representative Lente, Representative Armstrong, Senator Woods, and Lindsey Bachman for their help with that. He said they added the Arch Hurley Conservation District, who were not able to run an election due to some complications but will now be able to under this new addition, and it also brought broader support for the bill. Mr. Thompson stated that the District okayed the capital outlay and received \$525,000 for the Loretta Project. He shared that they only received \$50,000 for the Valle Vista Project, but he looks forward to regrouping and figuring out what they can do to get a better result in the '26 session or perhaps explore another avenue to pursue funding for it.. He mentioned that HB 137 passed and was signed into law, which is the strategic water supply bill that deals with brackish water and the cleaning of it and includes a pilot program. He noted that we supported that bill, and he was happy to see it move through, as it had been a few years in the making. Other bills that passed were Senate Bill 37, the Strategic Water Reserve Fund, which expanded the purposes for how the fund could be used to include assistance and water management conservation efforts to support aquifer recharge, including supporting traditional and cultural practices, habitat improvement, recreational opportunities, and creating a dedicated fund, and Senate Bill 11, which deals with water quality permitting and pollution and gives the state primacy and gained state permitting and federal permitting. Mr. Thompson then discussed some of the bills that did not pass, including House Bill 348 and Senate Bill 219, which both dealt with maximum penalties for water law violations. He stated that paid family medical leave was tabled in the Senate Finance Committee, Senate Bill 7, stormwater services and municipal utility, passed into law, two minimum wage bills that initially passed in the House Labor Committee never advanced beyond that, and Senate Bill 332, Middle Rio Grande Fire Prevention, also fell short. Regarding the budget, he said there is \$75 million included in the Federal Matching Fund and House Bill 2 included another \$200 million for the Water Trust Board.

Director Dunning shared that she attended a social event last weekend where they discussed that many bills failed because they ran out of time. She asked if there has been any talk on how legislature could be more efficient.

Mr. Thompson responded that some of it is politics and some of it is gamesmanship. He commented that they have talked about memorials in the past and have seen a substantial reduction in the amount of memorials, as they are very selective on the amount of memorials that are done and certificates that are read.

Chair Kelly asked to keep them informed if a special session happens.

Mr. Thompson answered that there are conflicting messages on that but believes that if they see federal cuts to Medicaid or the federal Department of Education, there will be.

Mr. Casuga thanked Mr. Thompson for all of his hard work and assured the Board that they have the right man doing this.

Mr. Thompson also thanked Mr. Casuga, Representative Cates, and Mr. Hamman, and said this was all a collaborative effort.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - PRESENTATION FOR RIO GRANDE AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST (RGALT) 2024 ANNUAL REPORT - Cecilia Rosacker, Executive Director

Cecilia Rosacker first thanked the Board for their partnership, which helps provide capacity for them to permanently protect land and water in the Middle Rio Grande. She said this partnership has allowed them to hire more staff, leverage federal and local funds, establish new partners and strengthen our current ones, and initiate and engage in policies for more conservation throughout the state and nationwide. She noted that they just closed on a conservation easement that protects 40 acres adjacent to the Valle de Oro and adjacent to the river by using the NRCS Agricultural Land Easement Program. She added that they also have two landowners that have benefited from the MOU that they have with MRGCD, and they put in three 2025 NRCS agricultural land easement projects that would protect 240 acres and around 900 acre feet of water rights, and 11 are under development. Ms. Rosacker explained that since NRCS is a federal program, they do not know exactly what is going to happen and are crossing their fingers, but they also have the New Mexico Natural Heritage Conservation Act. She shared that they did secure funding for two of the applications they put in for NRCS, but that program only provides \$1,500,000 a year, which would only do one farm in MRG. She expressed that this year they worked with the appraiser and got him to value the water rights as a separate property right, which doubled the value of the conservation easement and created a huge incentive to protect water rights. She voiced that protecting water rights in the Middle Rio Grande through conservation easements and keeping water in the Middle Valley is critical for Ag viability and the ecosystem. The goal is to protect 10% of the Middle Rio Grande, which will take partnerships and funding, and that is their strategic conservation goal for the next 5 years.

The Board heard from Ron Moya and Mark Garcia, landowners that benefited from the MOU.

Ms. Rosacker stated that this year they had about six of their landowners pass or sell their farm and they expressed how important it was to them that they were able to go on and know that their land is protected forever, so they are building new relationships and exciting conservation projects with their new landowners.

Director Duggins expressed that he and his son have an application with Ms. Rosacker, and it is the only way they can survive. He stated that because they are saving the land, they are saving water, but if there is no farmer, there is no farm. He asked what they are going to do about that. He said they need to be careful how they do their policies. He added that farmers have less representation than anybody here but are the most affected by what they do here. He said we are losing our farmers. He shared that this is a good program, but the Board needs to bring to reality how desperate we are, as the last 10 years have been some of the roughest he's seen.

Chair Kelly pointed out that Director Duggins is not the only farmer on this Board, as Director Russo Baca, Director Jiron, Director Sandoval, and Chair Baugh are all farmers as well.

Director Duggins disagreed with Chair Kelly on who is a farmer.

Chair Kelly voiced that as a member of the Finance Committee, he continues to support this group in our budget.

Vice Chair Baugh asked if there is a minimum for acreage allowed into a conservation easement.

Ms. Rosacker answered no, and that is part of the reason they have a separate partnership with Bernalillo County, as having smaller farms makes it harder for them to qualify for some of the federal and state programs. She added that when it comes to NRCS projects, they are ranking projects that are in growing communities higher.

Director Duggins expressed that this body should be lobbying to open the dry desert hills up for development and stay out of the Valley. He added that we are fools for covering our Valley land with concrete and protecting the desert.

Vice Chair Baugh stated that he is looking forward to collaborations on how Bernalillo County and Sandoval County can benefit from raising funds to get the price down.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8- REPORT(S) FROM THE WATER OPERATIONS

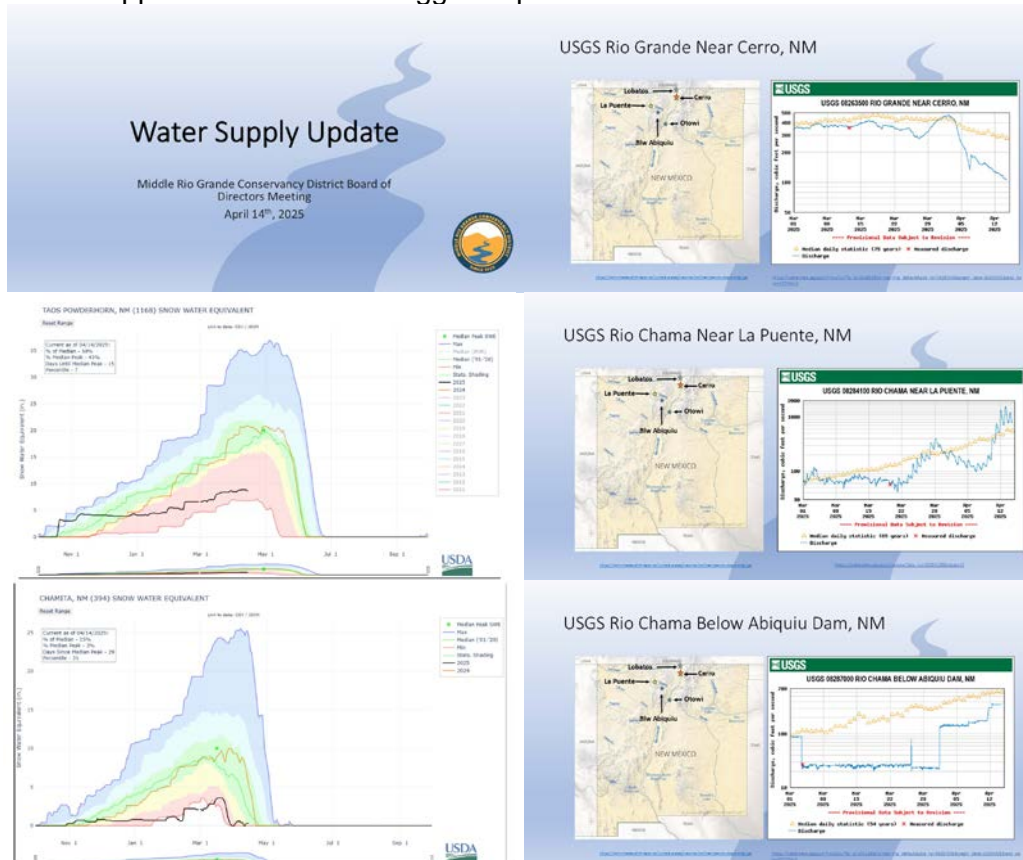
a. Report on Water Supply Conditions - Anne Marken, Water Ops Division Manager

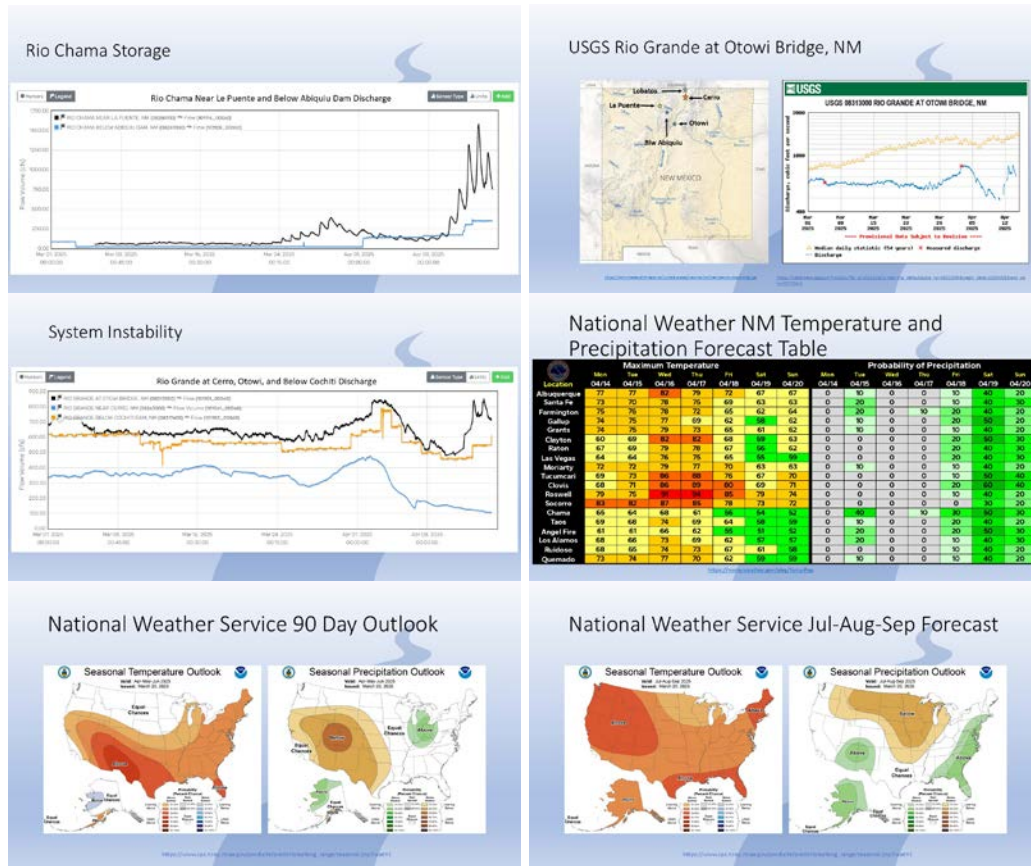
Anne Marken gave a report on water supply conditions. She said the recent warm temperatures caused some snow melt and they are currently experiencing spring runoff conditions, but she does not anticipate they will experience the increase in spring river flows that they typically see in the runoff period. She went over hydrographs and SNOTEL graphs. The hydrograph from the Rio Grande near Cerro showed flows hovering between 300 and 400 CFS due to warmer temperatures at the end of the month triggered an increase in flow, but it was short lived, as cooler temperatures and Colorado's start of the irrigation season on the main stem brought flows down pretty quickly, so now flows are at 100 CFS. She voiced that to meet Compact delivery obligations, Colorado is targeting a 10% delivery of flow measured at the Rio Grande at Del Norte Gauge, so MRGCD should not expect meaningful contributions from Colorado inflow this year. Ms. Marken then discussed the SNOTEL graphs. The SNOTEL graph from the Taos Powderhorn site is beginning to show signs of snow melt and are currently only reporting 43% of peak median. Composite snowpack conditions in the Upper Rio Grande and Rio Chama are 26% of median, and the main stem of the Rio Grande in the Sangre de Cristos will be well below what the basin typically experiences. The SNOTEL graph from Rio Chama La Puente Gauge saw an initial increase in flows in late March but was followed by a dip in flows due to cooler temperatures. She shared that warm conditions last week likely brought about the peak of the Rio Chama spring flows, which is about 1500 CFS. However, flows from the Chama will not approach the 1500 CFS marker due to storage water for the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos prior and paramount lands, and water needed for Middle Valley use will be bypassed through El Vado and Abiquiu Dams. The SNOTEL graph at Chamita shows that most of the low elevation snow has melted off. She explained that the Abiquiu releases hydrograph measures all releases from the Abiquiu Dam, which showed that flows below the dam increased to 140 CFS in early April and increased to 400 CFS in recent days, due to La Puente flows peaking up high enough to bypass water for Middle Valley use. The Otowi Gauge graph also showed initial snow melt, a cool down, and now additional inflow from the Rio Chama. Ms. Marken noted that the instability in the flows have also translated downstream of Cochiti also. She said the Corps responded to the brief spike in the river flows up at Otowi by increasing flows from 750 CFS to 850 CFS for one day, even though MRGCD requested a small increase in flow before the dam in anticipation of the flows dropping on the main stem. They then decreased it by 50 CFS daily until they reached 550 CFS. She shared that MRGCD felt that

a more measured approach in the changes at Cochiti could have limited instability throughout the Middle Valley this week, because changes of 100 CFS or more from Cochiti can be challenging for our staff to manage. Today, current release from Cochiti is up to 700 CFS for Middle Valley use. She said MRGCD is not authorized to store any native Rio Grande water this year due to Compact restrictions, but New Mexico's 124,000 acre feet of Compact debt and Rio Grande Project storage being below 400,000 acre feet would have prevented MRGCD from storing native Rio Grande water this year even without the Compact restrictions. She expressed that the Chama is not expected to produce enough water to store the calculated volume for P&P storage this year. MRGCD is expecting a 45% San Juan Chama allocation this year, which is less than 10,000 acre feet, and they anticipate needing to release that water sometime in May dependent on conditions. Ms. Marken voiced that MRGCD has very limited ability to augment natural river flow, so unless we get significant rainfall, farmers should expect limited irrigation deliveries for most of the irrigation season and widespread river channel drying. She shared that there is a chance of rain this coming weekend, but the 90-day outlook through June calls for hot and dry conditions and above average chances for above average temperatures and below average precipitation through June. She expressed that the late summer forecast does show above average monsoonal precipitation, but that remains uncertain. She stated this could be one of the most challenging irrigation seasons the Middle Valley has experienced in recent history.

Director Duggins expressed that they are going to get through this by working together as farmers and neighbors. He noted that we need to pay more attention to these policies that prevent people from helping people, as right now it is a critical time, and they do not want to become cold and indifferent to our neighbors. He stated we are born to help each other, and in September, you will see that we got through this one step at a time.

Ms. Marken appreciated Director Duggins' optimism.





b. Status Report on Water Distribution - Matt Martinez, Water Distribution Division Manager

Mr. Martinez gave a report on water distribution. He expressed that the 2025 Irrigation Season has been shaped by a mix of challenging weather, variable river flows, and the need for constant operational adjustment, and these past few weeks have been a clear reminder that shifting spring weather, upstream activities, and reservoir release patterns are significantly magnified when dealing with below normal spring flows. He reminded that early progress in the system startup was impacted by the significant wind events that caused debris accumulation, canal plugging, and many operational challenges. However, in early April, they experienced a brief window when inflow exceeded demand and it allowed them to make solid progress in deliveries across the District, but flow then declined abruptly again. He thanked Ms. Molina for posting a notice last week to inform irrigators and farmers of the conditions. He said they pivoted into rotational scheduling last week, which is designed for equitable distribution. He stated that recent flow improvements will put them in a better position to meet irrigation demand, but they do expect to be in rotation most of the season and timing for water availability may not align with when irrigators or farmers need it. He explained that when they rotate water, they focus on ensuring sufficient flow to support efficient irrigation, which means irrigators must wait longer for water to be available in their area. Communication is key, and irrigators must understand supply constraints and ISOs must understand field needs to make the most of each delivery opportunity. He noted that they are also dealing with regular fluctuation inflows, which requires constant adjustments and field coordination to stabilize deliveries. He ensured that the fluctuations are not system malfunctions, but a byproduct of a system operating under highly constrained and dynamic flow conditions. Mr. Martinez gave some updates, including a decline in pump performance in the

Corrales Service Area, which is requiring daily repriming by the ISO to maintain delivery. He explained that on April 3rd, the intake pipes were removed and were found to be severely clogged, so they are continuing to monitor intake conditions closely. He voiced that they are seeing an uptick in planting activity, so he reminded farmers to be cautious before planting, given the low and highly variable water supply, as they cannot guarantee the timing or number of deliveries. He added that irrigators should confirm water availability with their ISO prior to making planting or fertilizing decisions. As the season progresses, they will remain focused on maximizing deliveries with available water and maintaining equity across the system.

Mr. Casuga expressed that there is instability along the Rio Grande related to releases coming out of Cochiti, which has made it harder in the lower flows to manage deliveries to farmers when we are diverting at multiple diversion dams, and those diversions require gate changes. He said they have relayed these frustrations and have sent correspondence hoping to try to even this out. He voiced that in the lower flows, they need discretion. He said the response they received is that MRGCD was never frustrated with this pattern before, but that was when we had water in storage. He added that they do not have a lot of water right now, so when these types of mistakes happen, it hurts.

Director Duggins shared that there was a constituent that watered early on, but a neighbor did not water. He said now he is wanting to water a second time but is being held up because the neighbor did not water the first time. He said that constituents should not be penalized because the neighbor didn't take water the first time. He asked if that is how the policy is, because that would slow the whole system down and is not fair.

Mr. Martinez answered no, as there is no specific policy, and there is a lot of discretion that ISOs and supervisors on the ground use. He said he is interested in hearing more details about this situation, as they want to make sure they are providing flexibility as long as it does not harm other irrigators.

Vice Chair Baugh asked if they are saying that we had a runoff, it got colder and stopped, and now we are not going to get another one.

Ms. Marken responded that they are experiencing a runoff on the Chama right now, but because of the storage, it is not going to translate down to the Middle Valley. She thinks they will see some additional inflows on the main stem, but it will not cause a significant spring runoff, so they should not expect to see flows much higher than what they are.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes)

Jerry Montano

Mr. Montano stated that he has heard they are going to go on a 21-day rotation and said some ISOs are saying this. He asked if the update on the pump drain on Item 11 pertains to the drain to Feeder 3. He also inquired if they need to reschedule the meeting with Director Jiron.

Mr. Casuga responded that it is not true, as the rotation will be as long as it takes for water to get there. In regard to the pumping drain, Item 11 is about a completely different location in Bernalillo County. And for the meeting, they are trying to coordinate with Director Jiron and his schedule so that he can participate in the meeting.

Guy Dicharry

Mr. Dicharry expressed that he is still interested in the Board considering the motor vehicle ban to levee roads within the Project River Mile 163 Project. He found out from BOR that they expect the revegetation of the clear cut area to be a 3 to 5-year project, and state forestry has indicated their desire to have a fire access road on the west side of the river. He asked the Board to consider banning motor vehicles on levee roads on the north side of Main Street in Los Lunas, within the whole River Mile 163 Project area. He pointed out that there is a policy prohibiting motor vehicle traffic unrelated to irrigation on all laterals, so there is no reason to not have the same policy for the levee roads.

Elizabeth Dicharry

Ms. Dicharry shared that she lives on the north side of the river between the Huning Lateral and the Belen Drain, which is right in the middle of River Mile 163. She said they hold water rights and irrigate, and they completely understand the problem with the water. She said it is very dry and there is a lot of sand that blows on them and in the ditches when they have high winds. She commented that the Bureau of Reclamation has been receptive to their questions, and she understands that they are doing all they can to deal with them and the neighbors in the area. She added that they are also widening the levee road, and they are very concerned and monitoring that. She voiced that it is really important to keep the gates locked, because if they do not, motor vehicles and ATVs will go through there.

Santiago Maestas

Mr. Maestas thanked the District for their collaboration on the Primera Agua celebration and blessing at the Headwaters of the Atrisco Lateral. He stated that many people attended, and the message is clear that people want to keep the water in the Valley and keep it green. He asked for the District's collaboration on protesting water rights that are transferred outside of the benefited area, as that is really critical, and they believe that if they are working in collaboration, they can keep easements open and keep water rights in the Valley. He also introduced Vice President, William Zamora, who is working with Cesoss to assist farmers in the South Valley.

Tony Tafoya

Mr. Tafoya responded to Director Duggins' previous comment on being a farmer. He stated that he is a farmer that farms 3 acres and has grown chili for 60 years. He said that now, with the usually low water in Corrales, he hauls a lot of that water in 5-gallon buckets, and he is a farmer, as well as anyone who farms even a half-acre or a backyard plot.

Glen Duggins

Director Duggins commented that he is a full-time farmer that started with an 8 horsepower rototiller Sears and Roebuck and grew from there, and did not inherit his farm. He said he supports anybody, but they live in a culture today where everyone is a farmer, even if they are a gardener, but asked if they are irrigators or can relate to all of the farming problems.

Stephanie Russo Baca

Director Russo Baca voiced that she is supportive of all farmers no matter what kind, and respects and appreciates all sizes of growers, as they are farming with the best intentions and best practices available to them and will continue to adapt during these water short years and really wet years.

Elaine Hebard

Director Russo Baca submitted Ms. Hebard's email expressing her concerns for the new State Engineer.

From: Elaine Hebard <ehebard@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 9:06 AM
To: Stephanie Russo Baca <russobaca@mrgcd.us>
Subject: Q for the SE

Good morning, Stephanie,

I will miss your Board meeting and the intro of the SE. Shucks, I know!

Anyway, I hope someone will ask her if and when a letter like was sent to the MRGCD by Mkie Hamman will be sent to other water providers in the MRG. After all, the dire straits that we find ourselves in cannot be on the back of the MRGCD alone.

Thank you,

Elaine

AGENDA ITEM NO.10 - REPORT(S) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

a. Bureau of Reclamation - Jennifer Faler, Area Manager

Jennifer Faler reported that river drying is expected to start this week but appreciated Director Duggins' optimism. She stated the big problem this year is the lack of storage, as they have a reservoir that is 14% full of mostly non-irrigation water, 9% of irrigation water in El Vado, some water in Abiquiu that is not irrigation water yet, and 13% in Elephant Butte, without a lot of hope for additional storage. She explained that the lack of storage is due to Compact debt, inability to store during Article 7 times, and the hydrology. She added that their supplemental water is also pretty low, with 14,000 acre feet being the best case for this year depending on the San Juan Chama allocation. She shared that they are doing the first fill test at El Vado, after having to pause while there was ice and new sensitive instrumentation on the part of the metal plate without grout behind it. She said they are on phase three of Stage 3 and have stored about half of it. She pointed out that they are above the grout and have not gotten any calls yet, so no news is good news. Regarding prior and paramount lands, the call for storage is expected to be about 40,000 acre feet this year, but that is unlikely without major rain. She expressed that without cutting off Middle Valley farmers, that puts them into a shortage likely in late April. Ms. Faler stated that BOR and Indian Affairs do not support storing water for prior and paramount lands to the detriment of the Middle Rio Grande Valley. She voiced that they are committed to ensuring P&P lands are able to produce the food and fiber necessary to sustain the Pueblo's way of life and the Valley has a long tradition of cooperating for the greater good of all farmers and to maintain a healthy ecosystem, as it would be a shame if individual interests were to break that tradition and put us in the precedent of choosing one interest over another, especially when the state is willing to pursue adjudication and bring certainty to water rights in the Middle Valley. She said they will need help from Mother Nature to avoid widespread crop impacts. BOR is undergoing staffing reductions just like other federal agencies and they are in round one of incentivized separation. She noted that they have a retirement offer, voluntary separation payment, and another round of incentive separations, and they just finished round two of incentivized early resignation full retirement program. She explained that they have about 5,000 people and 1,000 signed up for that program, and

549 they are looking at a 25% to 30% reduction in staffing right now. Ms. Faler shared that in
550 the next few weeks, they will be a consolidation of shared services, so they will probably
551 start seeing involuntary separation. She assured them they will continue to work hard to
552 serve the public, but it is going to take some time to adjust to the losses, so she asked
553 for everyone to bear with them as they figure this out. She discussed River Mile 60 and
554 the background history on it. She stated this will be a \$200 million project to fix the entire
555 area, because the past several years it has had a lot of funding available to accelerate
556 the project. She said they constructed a partial remedy to the River Mile 60 area in the
557 meantime, which reduced depletions while working on the full fix that they plan to start
558 constructing in 2027. Ms. Faler expressed that the Middle Valley benefits greatly from
559 the presence of BOR, and if they ceased operations, there would be a lot less water for
560 farmers. She said they may not be as nimble as MRGCD, but they think they have a fix
561 for the problem and money to do it, but it is not on MRGCD's timeframe.
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563 Director Dunning asked if a commissioner has been appointed yet.
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565 Ms. Faler answered no, their deputy commissioner has been acting in that capacity and
566 has been negotiating with their DOJ representative for the last four weeks.
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568 Chair Kelly voiced that the District is appreciative of their partnership and is glad the
569 project will get moving in 2027. He asked if they could rework the project to get it all
570 done for \$150 million.
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572 Ms. Faler responded that they plan to start at the bottom and work their way up. She
573 shared that they have river maintenance construction crews that can hack away at it for
574 years, taking \$10 million a year, and can focus it down there if additional funds do not
575 come through, but they have not given up hope for additional funds. She gave the El
576 Vado update that she did not remember to give during her report. She said they are
577 going to be in transition on El Vado. They have a big meeting next week to prepare a
578 detailed schedule. She noted that losing PMs could potentially slow down these projects,
579 but they will adjust as soon as possible.
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581 Director Duggins talked about 50 CFS going into the everglades. He asked if there could
582 be financial relief to farmers that are being affected by the decisions by the Bureau.
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584 Ms. Faler explained that all of the water is in the channel and not spilling out. The Low
585 Flow can hold 80 CFS, so she is confident most of the 50 are making it back to the river.
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587 Director Duggins inquired if there was anything scientific backing that up.
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589 Ms. Faler responded that they have measurements. Regarding the financial relief for
590 farmers, she was not aware of any. She pointed out that managing water is a very
591 managed system, as there is nothing natural about snow melt and rivers delivering water
592 to farmers. She said there are lots of losses in that system and they have evaporation in
593 their reservoirs, but she doesn't have anybody asking for compensation for water that's
594 evaporated in the reservoirs and all cumulative losses.
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596 Director Duggins said we are losing farmers at an alarming rate, and they are going to
597 feel that.
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Ms. Faler did not disagree with that, as they have gotten \$60 million to keep farming viable in the Lower Rio Grande area to keep farmers in business, and they are committed to the long term viability of Elephant Butte Irrigation District in El Paso.

MRGCD BOARD MEETING (4-3-2025)

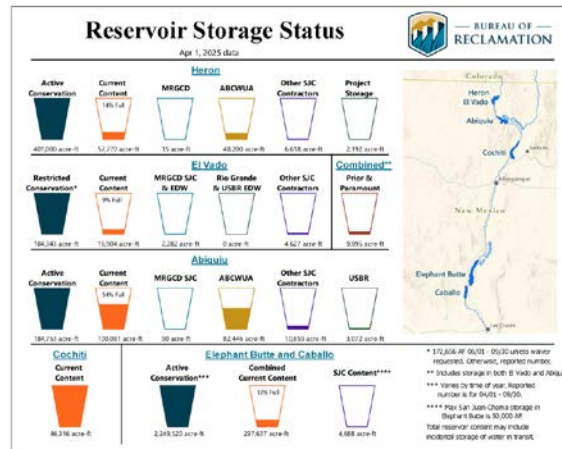
- Heron Summary**
Content: 57,798 ac-ft (4/2/25)
Active tank: 25 cfs
Total SIC inflow in 2025: 1,926 ac-ft
Currently releasing: 0 cfs
Current MRGCD storage: 14.7 ac-ft
- EI Vado Summary**
Total storage (all contractors and natural): 16,901 ac-ft (4/2/25)
Native in EI Vado: 9,595 ac-ft
MRGCD's S3-C storage in EI Vado: 2,282 ac-ft
P & F: 9,995 ac-ft
Other S3-C contractors: 4,624 ac-ft
Current release is 200 cfs. RG inflow is 190-300 cfs
- Storage in Abiquia**
Content: 100,141 ac-ft (4/2/25)
MRGCD's S3-C storage: 90 ac-ft
P&F: 0 ac-ft

Total supplemental water released in 2025: 0 ac-ft

Spore Water Equivalent at Site/Tel Sites as of 4/2/2025 (% of median)

Rio Chama Basin	39%
Upper Rio Grande Basin	42%
Sangre de Cristo Basin	27%
Jemez Basin	4%
San Juan River Basin	44%

- Reclamation carried over about 4,400 ac-ft of supplemental water from 2024 and may have losses for about 10,000 ac-ft of 2025 water, although that volume could be much lower depending on the San Juan - Chama Project allocation.
- The current capacity of the Rio Chama channel below Abiquia Dam is uncertain but it is hoped that it may carry up to about 1,000 cfs.
- The EI Vado "first fill" successfully reached 6,810 ft (16,297 ac-ft or 9.4% of full). As runoff tapers off, Reclamation plans to increase the reservoir to 6,820 ft (25,185 ac-ft).
- Most low elevation Site/Tel sites have method out.



b. Bureau of Indian Affairs - Patrick Taber, Acting Designated Engineer

Mr. Taber expressed this is going to be a challenging year and will require a lot of communication, but he is hopeful that farmers and other communities that use the water are going to get through it. He said that they need to take action now and look carefully and evaluate the consequences of low precipitation, and he is doing that internally and personally. He expressed that it is important for us to be clear in our requests, especially with things changing as dynamically as they are right now. He stated that BIA has reinitiated their weekly operations calls to discuss delivery and maintenance issues and has asked everyone on these calls to let him know if they notice any leaks so they can get in the request system, as this is not the time to be wasting water. He shared that he is recommending outreach, attending famers meetings, and presenting updates to the system status. They are also continuing to request consultations.

Vice Chair Baugh shared that he went down to Isleta Pueblo last week, where there were a lot of questions. He said it would be really great to give BIA the platform to clarify the distinctive roles that BIA has with allowing MRGCD to move water. He encouraged Mr. Taber and his team to come and be a part of that.

Mr. Taber responded he is happy to do that.

Mr. Casuga stated that they are in a tough time and Mr. Taber has a lot on his plate and a lot of history to consume, but the river does not give us time to do that, so MRGCD is here as a resource, and he has access to his staff as much as he needs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 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

Chair Kelly explained that Mr. Ish provided a detailed response to this, and Mr. Sena is looking to work out things with his neighbors up on the ditch. He asked if the directors reviewed the report and/or had any questions about it.

Director Dunning asked if the trees were going to be removed.

Mr. Zamora answered yes.

b. Report on the MRGCD Safety Program, LeeAnn Corwin, Safety Program Manager

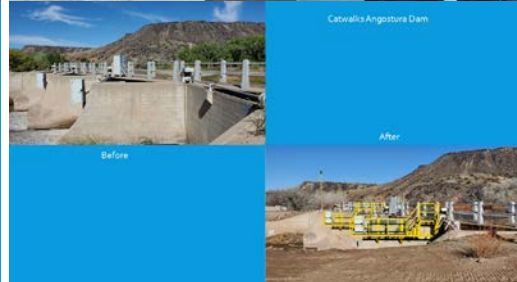
LeeAnn Corwin shared that this will be her last report to the Board, as she is retiring at the end of the month. She expressed how much she has enjoyed working for the District in establishing a safety program and developing a safety culture among the managers, supervisors, and field staff. She discussed some of the special projects she completed during her role, including installing lighting and catwalks at Angostura Dam, replacing and upgrading lighting across the Isleta Dam, upgrading the existing men's restroom, adding a women's restroom at the ER&T facility, and adding lighting at the Corrales Pump Facility for ISOs that have to be out there at night. She highlighted that she introduced a documented weekly safety meeting presented by division managers and supervisors, introduced a job safety analysis checklist, near miss reporting, and established a training program for OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 supervisors and managers and anyone else that is interested, that includes competent person training, excavation and trenching exposures, rigging, and fall protection. She shared that they recently discovered that they have a confined space issues at the Neil Cupp Pumping Stations in the San Antonio area, so they certified nine employees up and down the valley that are competent in confined space. Ms. Corwin stated that she also provided safety oversight for the new weld shop the put up next door, did a big shade canopy next door that involved fall protection and scissor lift certifications, and performed scheduled and unscheduled site visits up and down the valley. She said they have done well with people realizing when they need to wear PPE and keep track of each other and the have developed and are implementing 16 standard operating procedures. They put in training facilities with screens and laptops. She mentioned that they have gone from a 1.17 EMOD rating to a 0.76 during her time here.

Director Duggins shared that he has seen her workers always stay safety conscious and never has seen them out of order. He shared a story about a man that fell and died after falling into something at his job due to a safety hazard. He asked her to share that with her workers just how fast something like that can happen. He also asked what happened with the problem he mentioned to her last year about a siphon going across an arroyo that did not have protection around it.

Ms. Corwin responded that she went up and looked at the siphon and agreed that it needed protection, but the division manager did not see a problem with it.

Mr. Casuga voiced that prior to Ms. Corwin coming to the MRGCD, they had a culture issue related to safety and an EMOD rating of over 1, which is bad, so to have it below 1 now is a testament of the work she does. He noted that this is not always work that people say thank you for, that comes with colorful language and complaints at times, but she has undoubtedly left the District a safer place than when she found it, and people went home safely to their families because of what she has done here. He said the bar for the next safety program manager is now set high and they will accept nothing less than what she brought here and is leaving behind. He expressed a job well done to Ms. Corwin and presented her a plaque and a bag of goodies.

Mr. Zamora thanked Ms. Corwin for her hard work and dedication and voiced that she is an employee that everyone wants on their team. Ms. Nardi added that she has been a godsend, and Ms. Fanelli stated that Workmen's comp rates dropped by \$50,000 a year because of Ms. Corwin.



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c. Presentation on the MRGCD Maintenance App - Danielle Feygin, Senior GIS Analyst

Mr. Zamora presented the MRGCD Maintenance App. He voiced that they have been using this app at the division level to plan their work and report on activities a week ahead of schedule. He stated that Ms. Feygin developed this app, where they have identified all of the systems, canals, and drains. He explained that people can enter a work date and planned work date, and it highlights it in different colors to let the public and other employees know that you will be working in that area. He explained the

different colors and their meanings on the app and stated this will be a good reporting tool and will help in planning efforts. He said they will conduct a training session on it and see if it is a useful tool, as they do not want to create an administrative burden for division managers. The hope is that the app will improve our service, planning, and reporting to the public.

Director Duggins asked why they mow the weeds and then apply the herbicide instead of putting the herbicide on and then retiring the mower.

Mr. Zamora responded that they do think there are other alternatives, and they are in discussions right now with a couple of herbicide suppliers for pre-emergent, as they need something that is friendly around the waterways. They will be conducting upcoming meetings this month with two different suppliers to see what options are available.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - REPORT(S) FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT - Christine L. Nardi, MBA

a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires

Ms. Nardi introduced new hires and job title changes, including a new accountant, a promotion from ISO to an ISO II, and an Engineer I in the General Office, a field maintenance technician in Albuquerque Division, and two field maintenance techs and a heavy equipment operator in Belen Division.

Belen Division

CUTTER	HOUSTON	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	03/17/2025
WARREN	FINLEY	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	03/31/2025
JOSE	GURULE	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	04/14/2025

Albuquerque Division

ERIN	MOREL	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	04/28/2025
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General Office

MATTHEW	HARRIS	IRRIGATION SYSTEMS OPERATOR II	03/31/2025 PROMOTION
JIMMIE LEE	ROGERS	ACCOUNTANT	04/14/2025
ANTOINETTE	RAMOS	ENGINEER I	05/12/2025

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 - REPORT(S) FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER/CFO - Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM

a. Consideration/Approval of the Investment Policy - Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM

Chair Kelly expressed that the Finance Committee reviewed the Investment Policy, which is something that they need to review and approve every two years. He said right now their average term of investment is 3 years, but the policy allows a portion of our investments to be invested up to 10 years. However, the Finance Committee feels that it should be much shorter, given the climate of the world right now, and Ms. Fanelli agrees. He recommended that they approve the policy as it was in the Board mailout, with the change that the maximum term of an investment be only 6 years. The Finance Committee recommended to approve the policy and continue with the better returns they are making through the private sector while maintaining our liquidity and security of investments.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE INVESTMENT POLICY**.
 Seconded by Vice Chair Baugh. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes.
 The **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

b. Report of Resolution #M-04-14-25-221 for Disposal of Obsolete Items

Chair Kelly explained they are getting rid of old printer cartridges that were obsolete that they have to do via resolution.

Vice Chair Baugh made the **MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #M-04-14-25-221**.
 Seconded by Director Dunning. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes.
 The **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

c. Consideration/Approval on the 3rd Quarter Financial Reports

Pam Fanelli discussed the 3rd Quarter Financial Reports. The General Fund, year to date revenue, is \$19,437,000, ad valorem revenues trending \$400,000 above budgeted revenues, and the projected surplus will replenish the fund balance that was used for the Belen Highline Canal Project. She said year to date expenditures, excluding transfers, total \$19,867,000, and major expenditures are trending higher than FY 2024 are salaries and benefits, division maintenance, and federal and O&M services. The surplus in budgeted expenditure will be used on the Belen Highline Canal Projects of approximately \$400,000. She noted that year to date Grant Fund Revenues total \$10,115,000, and expenditures total \$11,408,000. She said that of the budgeted \$36,940,000 for FY 25, \$17,761,000 is expected to remain unspent, and they will re-budget the Grant Revenue in FY 26. Ms. Fanelli voiced that the Capital Investment Fund year to date revenues total \$2.8 million, and year to date expenditures, excluding transfers, is \$1.4 million, with most expenditures relating to equipment, Corrales pumping, and projects. Transfers to the Debt Services Fund totaled \$523,000, and transfers to the Grant Fund for grant match totaled \$839,000 year to date.

Chair Kelly reminded the Board that they get their second big influx of tax revenues in May and June, so they will end up in good shape.

Director Sandoval made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE 3rd QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORTS**. Seconded by Vice Chair Baugh. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING BEYOND 6:00 P.M. UNTIL ALL BUSINESS IS FINISHED.** Seconded by Vice Chair Baugh. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 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

Chair Kelly explained that this is an agreement that is a continuation of what they have been doing. It is \$3.5 million coming from the State that they are going to use for a variety of projects, including on-farm efficiency. He expressed that in order to use this money, they have to approve the agreement at this meeting.

Chair Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE COOPERATIVE MOU BETWEEN USBOR, MRGCD, AND NFWF FOR THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER RESILIENCY PROGRAM.** Seconded by Director Dunning. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

b. Update from the Public Information Officer - Amanda Molina, PIO

Amanda Molina gave a quick overview on Centennial efforts and community outreach over the past few months. She said in January, they helped sponsor the Hispano Chamber of Valencia Counties World's Largest Matanza and had farmers and irrigators meetings. In February, Mr. Casuga and Mr. Ish gave presentations with Oasis and they attended three different job fairs. She said camels are coming to Whitfield for Earth Day in April. She noted that all of the events are updated on the website.





c. Report on the Valencia County Flood Control Authority District Meeting, March 27, 2025 - Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO

Mr. Zamora expressed that he and Mr. Casuga attended this meeting, along with representatives from the USDA, where Mr. Casuga gave a brief introduction of the District, our history, and our role in the Valley. He said that he and the USDA representative talked about Belen Watershed Project and gave an update to the Board, which sparked several questions about their relationship with similar organizations in Sandoval and Bernalillo Counties. He stated that they shared information and contact information and will be sending sample agreements they have with AMAFCA and SSCAFCA for Valencia County to consider. He felt there was lot of openness and willingness to speak, which was greatly appreciated, and they plan on attending several more meetings.

d. Report on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition Meeting, April 3, 2025 - Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO

Mr. Zamora reported on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition Meeting that he attended with Mr. Casuga and other staff members. He shared there was a lot of energy around the irrigation season, and they were able to convey information they had available. He said there was a lot of concern about storage that was pretty well covered. He stated that they talked about the new service order system, and said they will be getting training for the Pueblos on May 6th and will get them converted over to our service request system.

e. Information on Upcoming Events

1. Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference, October 30-31, 2025 - Reno, NV

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 - REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD ATTORNEY(S) - Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel

Neither counsel had comments for the regular session.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 REPORT(S) FROM THE BOARD

a. Report on the Farmers for Future Farmers Meeting, February 11, 2025 - Director Jiron

The chair tabled this item until the next board meeting as the director was not present at today's meeting.

b. Report on the City of Albuquerque Meeting, March 11, 2025 - Vice Chairman Baugh and Director Dunning

Vice Chair Baugh stated that he attended the City of Albuquerque Meeting with Director Dunning, and it was good. He said they have some good action plans and are excited to build strong relationships with us.

Chair Kelly added that this will involve creating the first licensed agreement for a soft surface trail to the City of Albuquerque for recreational purposes

c. Report on the Urban Waters Meeting, March 11, 2025 - Director Russo Baca

Director Russo Baca submitted written reports – refer to Appendix I.

d. Report on the Valencia County Arroyo Flood Control District Meeting, March 13, 2025 - Director Russo Baca

Director Russo Baca submitted written reports – refer to Appendix I.

e. Report on Rep. Vasquez's Agriculture Advisory Group, March 18, 2025 - Director Russo Baca

Director Russo Baca submitted written reports – refer to Appendix I.

f. Report on the Corrales Siphon Settlement Review and Discussion, March 20, 2025 - Vice Chairman Baugh

Discussion would occur during the closed session only due to litigation.

g. Report on the Interstate Stream Commission Meeting, March 20, 2025 - Director Russo Baca

Director Russo Baca submitted written reports – refer to Appendix I.

h. Report on the ISO Meet & Greet Meeting, March 25, 2025 - Director Russo Baca

Director Russo Baca submitted written reports – refer to Appendix I.

i. Report on the Finance & Personnel Committee Meetings, March 26, 2025 - Chairman Kelly and Directors Dunning and Russo Baca

Director Russo Baca submitted written reports – refer to Appendix I.

j. Report on the Election Committee Meeting, March 28, 2025 - Directors Russo Baca and Jiron

Director Russo Baca submitted written reports – refer to Appendix I.

k. Report on the Backyard Refuge Day, March 29, 2025 - Director Russo Baca

Director Russo Baca submitted written reports – refer to Appendix I.

l. Report on the Centennial Committee Meeting, April 2, 2025 - Vice Chair Baugh and Directors Dunning and Russo Baca

Director Russo Baca submitted written reports – refer to Appendix I.

m. Report on the Law of the Rio Grande Conference, April 3-4, 2025 - Vice Chairman Baugh and Director Russo Baca

Director Russo Baca submitted written reports – refer to Appendix I.

n. Report on the Pueblo of Isleta Farmers & Irrigators Information Meeting, April 9, 2025 - Chairman Kelly and Directors Jiron, Russo Baca and Baugh

Director Russo Baca submitted written reports – refer to Appendix I.

o. Report on the Mid-Region Counsel of Governments Executive Board Meeting, April 10, 2025 - Director Russo Baca

Director Russo Baca submitted written reports – refer to Appendix I.

p. Report on the 5th Annual Primera Agua Celebration, April 12, 2025 - Director Russo Baca and Baugh

Yasmeen Najmi attended the 5th Annual Primera Agua Celebration blessing of the ditches awareness of acequias and water at Atrisco Acequia Madre Heading, with a large crowd and a lot of people who came to table the District and Bernalillo County supported Cesoss in the event, and Vice Chair Baugh's daughter read a beautiful poem in Spanish. She said they also highlighted the Acequia Atrisco Madre Project. She gave a shoutout to Derek for helping them clean up and Anderson for sticking around through all of the ceremonial stuff to open the gate.

Vice Chair Baugh commented this was Ms. Najmi's hard work and dedication in bringing the community organizations together with the District and it was an enormous success. He said they talked about hardships they are facing, but also danced, sang, and celebrated the operating of the gate.

Vice Chair Baugh made the **MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS 16B THRU 16P UNDER REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**. Seconded by Director Dunning. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

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

The chair made the motion to go into executive session at 6:12 pm.

Chair Kelly made the **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**. Seconded by Director Dunning. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 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 made a motion to go back into regular session at 7:20 pm.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION.**
Seconded by Vice Chair Baugh. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes.
The **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of April 14, 2025.

ATTESTED:

Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
Secretary/Treasurer

John P. Kelly, Chairman
MRGCD Board of Directors

APPENDIX I**Director Russo Baca Board Reports April 2025****Report on the Urban Waters Meeting, March 11, 2025, 6700 Edith Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113**

This was a well-attended meeting from various organizations, also at the Land and Water Summit. Interesting presentations were given by Emily Wolf, Rio Grande Coordinator for American Rivers; Juan Camacho, Ecologist for the Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program; and Ricky Reedy, Forest Health Manager for the Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District. More information about the Middle Rio Grande Urban Waters Partnership can be found here:

<https://www.ciudadswcd.org/middle-rio-grande-urban-waters-partnership>.

Report on the Valencia County Arroyo Flood Control District Meeting, March 13, 2025, Valencia County Commission Chambers

This was the first meeting for the Valencia County Arroyo Flood Control District. At the meeting, the County attorney suggested contacting the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and Los Lunas and Belen to help identify those areas and work already done for flood mitigation. MRGCD Chief Operating Officer Eric Zamora told board members they also needed to consider whether they wanted to sign an agreement to become an agency sponsor for the Belen Watershed Project. The project is in the final stages of planning. It is in line for a potential \$25 million in federal funding for infrastructure to mitigate flooding south of Belen in the Pueblitos area. MRGCD is the current agency sponsor for the planning stages. Still, because the infrastructure would be built west of the Highline Canal, outside MRGCD jurisdiction, MRGCD hopes to work with VCAFCO to be the agency sponsor for further implementation, as the flood control district has authority through all of Valencia County.

Report on Representative Vasquez's Agriculture Advisory Group, March 18, 2025, Virtual Discussion on Vasquez announced the introduction of bipartisan and targeted bills designed to support agricultural producers in New Mexico and across the country:

<https://vasquez.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-gabe-vasquez-hosts-agriculture-advisory-board-roundtable-announces-key>

Ranching Without Red Tape Act (co-led by Rep. Celeste Maloy, R-UT) – Allows ranchers to make minor range improvements, such as fence repairs and water line installations, without unnecessary bureaucratic delays. Habitat Connectivity on Working Lands Act (co-led by Rep. Ryan Zinke, R-MT) – Enhances wildlife corridors and promotes conservation efforts on agricultural lands. Farm Workforce Support Act (co-led by Rep. Juan Ciscomani, R-AZ) – Directs a comprehensive study of the H-2A program to assess its impact on farm labor, wages, and housing availability. Wolf and Livestock Fairness (WOLF) Act (co-led by Reps. Stanton, D-AZ, Schweikert, R-AZ, and Pfluger, R-TX) – Compensates ranchers for 100% of the value of cattle killed by gray wolves and for the decreased herd sizes due to predation. Ranchers are currently only compensated for 75% of the value of their cattle. Healthy Foods for Native Seniors Act – Expands Tribal self-governance in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program to ensure Native seniors have access to fresh, culturally relevant foods.

Report on the Interstate Stream Commission Meeting, March 20, 2025

There were some key updates on Rio Grande Basin Key Updates 2025 Rio Grande Compact Status – New Mexico added 2,500 acre-feet to its cumulative debit status in 2024, increasing

the debit to approximately 124,000 acre-feet. New Mexico will carry a debit of 124,000 acre-feet for all of 2025. Abiquiu Reservoir and Dam Operations – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Reclamation are considering the best storage options for Prior and Paramount (P&P) water in 2025. Releases from Abiquiu Dam will be monitored during spring runoff. El Vado Reservoir Operations – Reclamation is currently storing approximately 16,300 acre-feet of San Juan Chama Project and P&P water. Reclamation's reassessment regarding construction to rehabilitate the dam is ongoing. Meeting information can be found at:

https://www.ose.nm.gov/ISC/isc_meetings.php

Report on the ISO Meet & Greet Meeting, March 25, 2025

This was an opportunity for irrigators and ISO's in the Belen Division to meet face to face. Now that the irrigation season has started, it is crucial to have a positive working relationship between ISO's and irrigators. This was a good opportunity for the MRGCD Staff to discuss the upcoming irrigation season, ongoing projects, and set clear expectations. Over the summer, additional opportunities for informational meetings will be hosted by MRGCD throughout the district.

Report on the Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, March 26, 2025

Discussed the 3Q FY25 Financial Statements and review of the investment policy.

Report on the Election Committee Meeting, March 28, 2025

Discuss the passing of HB 308 and MRGCD's Rule 20 regarding elections. There will be a presentation of the proposed changes to Rule 20 at the board meeting for a vote in the May board meeting.

Report on the Backyard Refuge Day, March 29, 2025

Over 700 people in attendance at this event hosted at the Guterrez Hubbel House and in partnership with organizations like the xerces society, bird alliance of central New Mexico, Audubon, Tree New Mexico, Yerba Mansa Project, BernCo, Friends of Valle de Oro, UNM Sustainability studies program, urban waters federal partnership, US EPA, Native plant Society of NM and many more! More information about the Backyard Refuge Program can be found at: <https://friendsofvalledeoro.org/abq-backyard-refuge/>. I am hoping that this will be an event that MRGCD can participate directly in next year by tabling or possibly through partnership or sponsorship.

Report on the Centennial Committee Meeting, April 2, 2025

Discuss the past events to celebrate the MRGCD centennial and the future events that MRGCD will be hosting or attending.

Report on the Law of the Rio Grande Conference, April 3-4, 2025

At this conference, Jason Casuga presented infrastructure projects within the district's benefitted area. This was his first time presenting at this conference, and his presentation was well-received. Additionally, Elizabeth Anderson, the NM State Engineer, explained what is happening in New Mexico. Then there was a presentation regarding the Middle Rio Grande Adjudication and the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos water rights settlement.

Report on the Pueblo of Isleta Farmers & Irrigators Informational Meeting, April 9, 2025

Members of the Pueblo of Isleta, leadership, and Pueblo of Isleta staff attended this meeting. Great questions were asked about the season outlook, and a lot of the discussion focused on P&P operations, maintenance, and the new work ticketing system.

Report on the Mid-Region Council of Governments Executive Board, April 10, 2025

The FY 2024 MRCOG Audit was presented, and the preliminary 2026 budget and financials were discussed. Alice Main, CABQ Office of Sustainability, discussed the Central NM Comprehensive Climate Action Plan.

Report on the Fifth Annual Primera Agua Celebration, April 12, 2025, *headwaters of the Atrisco Acequia Madre, located at the intersection of Central Ave. NW and Sunset Blvd. SE.*

This event was a welcome the new season and the return of water to our acequia communities, the Center for Social Sustainable Systems (CESOSS), in collaboration with the American Friends Service Committee, the Open Space Division of Bernalillo County, and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, organized the Fifth Annual Primera Agua Celebration. This event took place on April 12, from 11 AM to 1 PM, at the headwaters of the Atrisco Acequia Madre, located at the intersection of Central Ave. NW and Sunset Blvd. SE. This celebration honors both the vital waters flowing into our community and also the enduring legacy and heritage of Atrisco, an iconic region deeply rooted in the history, values, and traditions of New Mexico's Indo-Hispano people. This gathering reaffirmed our commitment to resilience, sustainability, and preserving our cultural traditions in changing times. Colin Baugh's daughter read a beautiful poem.



MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: Eric Zamora, P.E., Director of Technical Services

Date: May 6, 2025

Re: Consideration/Approval of Executed Licenses for April 2025

Summary: *MRGCD EXECUTED the following licenses for April 2025.*

1. **223-2023** – License with City of Albuquerque to install and maintain maintenance bank improvements and landscaping within the Alameda Lateral right-of-way.
2. **239-2024** – License with City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation to install and maintain the Alameda Drain Trail Phase 5, Floral Rd. NW to 4th Street within the Alameda Interior Drain right-of-way.
3. **259-2024** – License with Vexus Fiber to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Duranes Lateral right-of-way.
4. **261-2024** – License with Vexus Fiber to install and maintain and aerial utility crossing within the Duranes Lateral right-of-way.
5. **389-2024** – Special Use License with Run Fit for the Albuquerque Half Marathon within the Gallegos Lateral, Hackman Lateral, and Griegos Interior Drain rights-of-way.
6. **390-2024** – Special Use License with Run Fit for the Viva Vino Run within the Corrales Acequia right-of-way.
7. **391-2024** – Special Use License with Run Fit for the Lavender Run 10K, 5K, and Kid's K, a community-based event in conjunction with the Lavender Festival within the Gallegos Lateral, Hackman Lateral and Griegos Interior Drain rights-of-way.
8. **392-2024** – Special Use License with Run Fit for the Sunflower Run 10K and 5K within the Chamisal Lateral right-of-way.
9. **393-2024** – Special Use License with Run Fit for the NM Chips and Salsa Half Marathon, 10K and 5K within the Chamisal Lateral right-of-way.
10. **004-2025** – License with Segra/Unite Private Networks to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Barr Main Canal right-of-way.
11. **014-2025** – License with Comcast of New Mexico, LLC., to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the New Belen Acequia right-of-way.
12. **019-2025** – License with Qwest Corporation of New Mexico to install and maintain a parallel utility within the outer Easterly 5' of the Alameda Interior Drain right-of-way.

13. 026-2025 – License with Public Service Company of New Mexico to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing with the Belen Highline Canal right-of-way.
14. 028-2025 – License to maintain and existing 60” Ø x 40’ culvert crossing within the Chamisal Lateral right-of-way to serve MRGCD map 23, Tract 65B4 in the care of current owner(s) and its successors and or assigns.
15. 034-2025 – License with New Mexico Gas Company to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Alameda Interior Drain right-of-way.
16. 035-2025 – Special Use License with Healing Hands International to conduct the Albuquerque Walk 4 Water, a community walking event to support the Healing Hands International Clean Water Program within the Rio Grande Floodway and Bosque right-of-way.
17. 036-2025 – License with Qwest Corporation of New Mexico to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Alameda Interior Drain right-of-way.
18. 039-2025 – Special Use License with the New Mexico Biopark Society for the 38th Annual Run for the Zoo and Walk with us too within the Albuquerque Riverside Drain right-of-way.
19. 040-2025 – Special Use License with Ideal Plumbing & Heating, LLC. to conduct a water sewer tap within the Alameda Interior Drain right-of-way.
20. 041-2025_AMD (219-2022) – Amendment to Special Use License with BEMP to conduct ecological monitoring of BEMP sites within the Rio Grande Bosque right-of way for education and research.
21. 042-2025 – Special Use License with New Mexico Surface Water Quality Bureau (NMSWQB) to conduct ambient water quality monitoring and nutrient assessment within the Rio Grande Floodway right-of-way.
22. 043-2025 – Special Use License with Albuquerque Asphalt, Inc. to perform work related to the City of Belen’s Aragon Rd Roadway Construction within the Belen Highline Canal right-of-way.
23. 049-2025 – License with Comcast of New Mexico, LLC., to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Hubbell Lateral right-of-way.
24. 054-2025 – Special Use License with Geosystems Analysis, Inc. to conduct mapping and monitoring of the Rio Grande during low flow conditions for the River Eyes project.
25. 061-2025 – Special Use License with Bosque School to conduct aquatic turtle population investigations in Bernalillo County within the Corrales Riverside Drain Extension right-of-way.
26. 062-2025 – Special Use License with FB Titan to replace five (5) PNM poles within the New Belen Acequia right-of-way.
27. 099-2025 – Special Use License with Martin Madrid to access the West maintenance bank of the Los Padillas Drain to transport a manufactured home to private property and to remove and reinstall the traffic gate on the west bank per MRGCD standards.



MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: DeAnna Philips, Board Liaison

Date: May 5, 2025

Re: Consideration/Approval of the MRGCD Election Formal Documents

For the upcoming 2025 MRGCD election to be held October 7th, this agenda item goes over the following

- (a) who the board appoints as the election director, the election officer and the list compiler
- (b) the election calendar
- (c) MRGCD Rule No. 20 and
- (d) the proclamation which will go out in newspapers

Staff Recommendation is to appoint Tim Smith, AES, as the election director, DeAnna Philips as the election officer, and Doug Strech as the list compiler. Also to approve the above formal documents listed in b – d as discussed/reviewed by the election committee and staff on April 21st and May 8th.

2025 MRGCD BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION CALENDAR

ISSUE OF RFP FOR ELECTION MANAGEMENT AND TURNKEY ELECTION SERVICES	APRIL 10, 2023
BOARD APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONTRACT SERVICES FOR MRGCD ELECTION MANAGEMENT, AND TURNKEY ELECTION SERVICES	MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025
RATIFICATION OF ELECTION DIRECTOR "Election Director" means a person whom the Board of Directors may request to provide election services by contract.	MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025
RATIFICATION OF ELECTION OFFICER "Election Officer" means a person appointed by the Board of Directors to conduct the election in the absence of the Election Director and who performs all election services as required by statute.	MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025
RATIFICATION OF LIST COMPILER The Board of Directors may contract for a list compiler before each election to compile and produce a qualified elector's list for the District.	MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025
RATIFICATION OF 2025 MRGCD RULE 20	MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025
RATIFICATION OF 2025 MRGCD ELECTION CALENDAR	MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025
RESOLUTION – NOTICE OF ELECTION & PROCLAMATION	MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025
PROCLAMATION – NOTICE OF ELECTION Prior to the District election, the Board of Directors shall approve an election proclamation that shall be published to include a list of the offices for which a candidate may file, the date and place at which declaration of candidacy shall be filed and the date of the election. The election proclamation shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the counties in which the election shall be held.	MAY 2025 Albuquerque Journal El Defensor Chieftain Valencia County News Bulletin Corrales Comment Additional Publications
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION RATES FOR POLL WORKERS The Board of Directors will determine the rate of compensation for Presiding Judges and poll workers.	BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025
ALL ELECTION FORMS APPROVED All Election Forms prepared by the Election Director will be approved by the Board. Notice of Candidacy/Petition forms will give candidates a month to gather signatures. At the same Board of Directors meeting, the Board will adopt a procedure regarding distribution of election forms to the public.	BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025
CANDIDATE PACKETS; CANDIDATE FORMS First day to pick up Declaration of Candidacy and Petition Forms from the Election Officer at the MRGCD General Office. Forms must be picked up in person and will not be available on MRGCD website, US Mail or sent by electronic mail.	WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025

2025 MRGCD BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION CALENDAR

<p>QUALIFIED ELECTOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION DEADLINE (Ninety Days Prior)</p> <p>An individual who purchases property ninety days prior to an election and whose name does not appear on the qualified elector's list shall not vote in that election.</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025</p>
<p>DEADLINE TO RECEIVE ALL RECORDS FROM COUNTIES, PUEBLOS, NEW MEXICO VITAL RECORDS AND HEALTH STATISTICS</p> <p>Names of qualified electors shall be obtained from the records of the County Clerk of the appropriate county, the appropriate county assessor of the appropriate county, records of the District or from the census bureau and enrollment records provided by the Pueblos. The County Assessor of the appropriate county, the County Clerk of the appropriate county and the tribal representatives of the appropriate Pueblos shall deliver to the Election Director all records regarding qualified electors of the benefited area no later than the last day of July before a District election.</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2025</p>
<p>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY; SIGNATURES OF ELECTORS</p> <p>Any person who desires to become a candidate for election as a member of the District Board of Directors shall file a written declaration of candidacy with the Election Director or with the Election Officer at least sixty (60) days before the election. The Election Officer or the Election Director shall certify the candidates to the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025</p>
<p>FILING DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES (SIXTY DAYS PRIOR)</p> <p>Declaration of candidacy; signatures of electors.</p> <p>A. Any person who desires to become a candidate for election as a member of the Conservancy District Board of Directors shall file a written declaration of candidacy with the Election Director or the Election Officer at least sixty (60) days before the election no later than 4:30 pm. The Election Director or the Election Officer shall certify the candidates to the Board of Directors.</p> <p>B. The declaration of the candidacy shall contain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A statement that the candidate is a qualified elector of the District and meets the qualifications of a director as required by law; (2) The name as the candidate wishes to appear on the ballot, address, county of residence and date of declaration of candidacy; (3) The numerical designation of the position on the Board of Directors for which he/she/their desires to be a candidate; (4) If a candidate for a position representing a county in the District, a petition signed by at least seventy-five (75) qualified electors of the District who reside in the county; (5) If a candidate for the position at large in the District, a petition signed by at least one hundred twenty-five (125) qualified electors; and (6) A statement that the candidate resides within the conservancy district and in the county for which he/she/they desire to be a candidate on the Board of Directors. 	<p>FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025</p>
<p>CANDIDATES DRAW FOR POSITION ON BALLOT (FIFTY-SEVEN DAYS PRIOR)</p> <p>Position on the ballot will be determined when candidates file for office by drawing from numbers one (1) through twenty five (25). The candidate with the lowest number shall be first on the ballot with each following position being determined by the next lowest number. The name of the candidate shall appear on the ballot in the same form as it appears on the Declaration of Candidacy.</p>	<p>MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025</p>

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<p>FILING DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES (FIFTY FIVE DAYS PRIOR)</p> <p>A person desiring to be a write-in candidate shall file a written declaration of intent with the Election Officer at least fifty five (55) calendar days prior to the election. The declaration of intent shall be in the form established by the Board of Directors. At the time of filing the declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, the write-in candidate shall be considered a candidate for all purposes and provisions in relation to candidates in Rule 20 except that he/she/they shall not be entitled to have his/her/their name printed on the ballot.</p> <p>No unopposed write-in candidate shall have his/her/their election certified unless he/she/they have received at least the number of write-in votes as he/she/they will need signatures on a nominating petition pursuant to the requirements of Rule 20.</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025</p>
<p>BOARD DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF POLLING LOCATIONS</p> <p>Before candidates are established, polling locations are recommended to the Board of Directors for approval. The approved list is given to Election Director to begin programming and assigning voting machines for the election.</p> <p>For every conservancy district election, the Board of Directors shall provide for adequate polling places within the boundaries of the District. In addition, the Board of Directors shall provide a polling place at the General Office of the District and may provide such other locations as it deems necessary. The Board of Directors may also create absentee-early voter and absent voter precincts.</p> <p>If only one candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy for a position to be filled at an election, no declared write-in candidate has filed for a position and there are no questions or bond issues on the ballot, only one polling place for the election may be designated. The one polling place may be located in the office of the Election Director or in the General Office of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District.</p>	<p>MRGCD BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025</p>
<p>INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION</p> <p>Candidates who have been qualified to run in the election will receive information on the various characteristics of the election, i.e. Rule 20, the benefitted lands and boundaries of the MRGCD of as well as a brief history of the MRGCD.</p>	<p>MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATES</p> <p>The Election Director shall, fifty-three (53) days prior to election day, certify the name(s) of the declared write-in candidate(s) to the Election Director.</p>	<p>FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES</p> <p>Candidates are announced at the first Board of Directors meeting following the filing deadline for candidates.</p>	<p>MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025</p>

2025 MRGCD BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION CALENDAR

<p>DELIVERY OF QUALIFIED ELECTOR LISTS TO ELECTION DIRECTOR (FORTY-FIVE DAYS PRIOR)</p> <p>A master list is given to the Election Director for Absentee Voting purposes. The List Compiler puts the list together from data gathered from the County Assessors, Pueblo Governor approved enrollment lists, MRGCD water users, and it is edited to purge the list of deceased individuals (received from the New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics) as well as to eliminate duplications as much as possible. Company names, corporations, limited partnerships, churches, and any listing other than an individual name are purged. Every effort is made to obtain spouse names (etux) and other names on deed (et al) at the respective county offices.</p>	<p>SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025</p>
<p>ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS</p> <p>Absentee ballots shall be distributed by the Election Director during regular hours and days of business from the fortieth (40) day preceding the election up until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday immediately prior to the date of the election.</p>	<p>THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025, TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025</p>
<p>NOTICE OF THE ELECTION</p> <p>Notice of the election shall be published three (3) times in a newspaper of general circulation within each county of the District. Each notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the election and shall be published twenty (20), ten (10) and five (5) days before the election.</p>	<p>20 DAYS WED., SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 10 DAYS SAT., SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 5 DAYS THURS., OCTOBER 2, 2025</p> <p>El Defensor Chieftain Valencia County News-Bulletin Corrales Comment Albuquerque Journal Additional Publications</p>
<p>EARLY VOTING BEGINS</p> <p>"Absentee-early voter" means a qualified elector who has voted early, prior to election day, on an electronic voting machine at a designated absentee-early voter precinct.</p>	<p>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025</p>

2025 MRGCD BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION CALENDAR

<p>ELECTION DAY</p> <p>Election day for the members of the Board of Directors shall be October 7, 2025.</p> <p>The polls shall be opened at 7:00 am and closed at 7:00 pm in the same manner as provided for the general election under the Election Code.</p>	<p>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025</p>
<p>QUALIFICATION OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS</p> <p>An error or omission may occur whereby a Qualified Elector's name is inadvertently not included on the list of qualified electors. If an individual voter declares that the individual is indeed a qualified elector as defined under the law and an error has occurred resulting in his/her/their name not being included on the list, he/she/they may vote by paper ballot on a Provisional Ballot.</p> <p>The Provisional Ballot will not be counted until a Provisional Ballot voter provides one proof of ownership of property to the Election Director or Election Officer. The Election Director or Election Officer will confirm the individual's name in the Provisional Ballot Poll Book and shall initial in the notations column that proof has been received. The Election Director or Election Officer will verify or reject the proof of ownership provided within two business days of the election day. The Election Director or Election Officer will initial in the notation's column of the Provisional Ballot Poll Book "ACCEPTED" or "REJECTED."</p> <p>On October 9, 2025, the next Thursday following the election day after 4:00 p.m., the Provisional Ballot Precinct Board shall obtain the Provisional Ballot "QUALIFIED" ballot bag or pouch from the Election Director or Election Officer and tally the qualified provisional ballots. The Presiding Judge shall have the authority to unseal the Provisional "QUALIFIED" ballot bag.</p> <p>Qualified Provisional Ballots shall be counted and tallied as are other ballots for the District election.</p>	<p>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025</p>
<p>ELECTION CANVASS</p> <p>On the morning of the first Friday following the election, the board of directors shall meet and canvass the returns certified to it by the election judges.</p>	<p>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025</p>
<p>DECLARATION OF RESULTS</p> <p>After canvassing the returns, the board shall issue election certificates to the candidate or candidates who received the highest number of votes for each position on the ballot. The board shall declare the results of the election in writing and forward a copy of the declaration to the secretary of state and to the state engineer.</p>	<p>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025</p>



**RULE NO. 20
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. Abolition of boards of directors of districts having more than one hundred thousand acres and created prior to 1930.

§73-14-18. As the same are now constituted, any conservancy district organized under the provisions of the Conservancy Act of New Mexico and such conservancy district being created prior to 1930, embracing land situated in four or more counties and having an appointed board of directors, shall, after the election and qualification of the board of directors cease to have an appointed board of directors and in lieu thereof shall have an elected board of directors as provided in Sections 73-14-18 through 73-14-32 NMSA 1978, which board of directors shall bear the name "Board of Directors of the Conservancy District" and shall be a body corporate, may sue and be sued, and which shall succeed to, have, exercise, enjoy, assume and perform all the rights, powers, obligations and duties now by law vested in, conferred upon, imposed upon or required of, the boards hereby abolished.

2. Boards of directors; membership, qualifications.

§73-14-19. The boards of directors created by Sections 73-14-18 through 73-14-32 NMSA 1978 shall consist of three directors from and representing that portion of the most populous county within the conservancy district, one director each from and representing those portions of each of the remaining counties within the conservancy district and one director from and representing the district at large; provided that each director:

- A. is a qualified elector of the conservancy district; and
- B. resides within the conservancy district and the county from which he is elected or, if representing the district at large, resides within one of the four counties of the conservancy district.
- C. as of the date the candidate completes the Declaration of Candidacy, the candidate is qualified to hold office.

3. Definitions.

§73-14-20. As used in Section 73-14-18 through 73-14-32 NMSA 1978:

- A. "absent voter" means a qualified elector who has requested an absentee ballot forty days prior to an election;
- B. absentee-early voter" means a qualified elector who has voted early, prior to election day, on an electronic voting machine at a designated absentee-early voter precinct;

- 48 C. "benefited area" means that area described by a property appraisal that
49 received a benefit as a result of the creation of a district for any of the purposes
50 specified in Section 73-14-4 NMSA 1978;
- 51 D. "election director" means the person whom the board of directors may request
52 to provide election services by a contract approved by the secretary of state;
- 53 E. "election officer" means a person appointed by the board of directors to conduct
54 the election in the absence of an election director and who performs all election
55 services required by statute;
- 56 F. "list compiler" means a contractor approved by the board of directors to compile
57 and produce a qualified elector list for a conservancy district;
- 58 G. "qualified elector" means an individual who owns real property within the
59 benefited area of the conservancy district and who has provided proof of an
60 ownership interest to one of the sources specified in Subsection B of Section
61 73-14-20.1 NMSA 1978 within the required time period, or who resides on and
62 owns legal or equitable title in tribal lands and who is over the age of majority;
- 63 H. "qualified elector's list" means the list compiled before each election that
64 contains the individual names of all qualified electors; and
- 65 I. "residence" means a dwelling that lies partially or completely within the
66 benefited area.
- 67 J. "voter identification documents" means a government-issued photo ID, or proof
68 of being a currently enrolled member in a tribe, or two other forms of ID
69 including, but not limited to utility bills, current year tax bill, or a voter ID.
- 70 K. "electronic voting machine" means a vote tabulator, or any other state certified
71 tabulating voting machine that is consistent with the NM State Election Code.

72 73 **4. Qualified elector list.** 74

75 **§73-14-20.1.**

- 76 A. The board of directors of the conservancy district may contract for a list
77 compiler before each election to compile and produce a qualified elector's list
78 for the district. The list compiler shall deliver the completed list to the election
79 director or election officer no later than forty-five days prior to a district election.
80 An individual who purchases property ninety days prior to an election may
81 become certified to vote in a future election by filing his deed of title with the
82 appropriate county clerk at least ninety days before the next conservancy
83 district election.
- 84 B. Names of qualified electors shall be obtained from the records of the county
85 clerk of the appropriate county, the appropriate county assessor of the
86 appropriate country, records of the conservancy district or from the census
87 bureau and enrollment records provided by the pueblos. The county assessor
88 of the appropriate county, the county clerk of the appropriate county and the
89 tribal representatives of the appropriate pueblos shall deliver to the election
90 director all records regarding qualified electors of the benefited area no later
91 than the last day of July before a district election.
- 92 C. Updating the qualified elector's list shall consist of adding, for any new qualified
93 elector who has purchased property in the district, the name, address and
94 description of all property owned by the qualified elector in the benefited area

- 95 and removing the name of any elector who is deceased or is no longer a
96 qualified elector because he no longer owns property within the benefited area.
97 D. Proof of ownership of land within the benefited area requires one of the
98 following:
99 1) A recorded deed or real estate contract indicating current ownership of
100 land within the benefited area;
101 2) An individual's name on county clerk records indicating a description of
102 property the individual owns within the benefited area;
103 3) An individual's name on a list compiled by the governing body of a
104 pueblo within the benefited area indicating that the individual named is
105 residing on and has legal or equitable title in the pueblo; or
106 4) A current property tax bill indicating ownership of land within the
107 benefited area.
108 E. The election officer or the election director shall distribute to each polling place
109 a current qualified elector's list for the appropriate county. The election officer
110 or the election director shall distribute the qualified elector's list to each polling
111 place within a pueblo located within the benefited area. A qualified elector may
112 vote at any one polling place in the pueblo or county where he owns land. An
113 individual who seeks to cast his vote but finds his name is not on the qualified
114 elector's list shall not be allowed to vote in that election but may vote on a
115 provisional ballot pursuant to Section 6.2.
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117 **5. List Compiler.**

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119 The board of directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District may contract
120 for a List Compiler before each election to compile and produce a qualified
121 elector's list for the district or may request district staff to compile the qualified
122 elector's list.
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124 **6. Voting.**

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126 6.1 A qualified elector may vote only once for candidate(s) representing the county
127 wherein he or she is a qualified elector of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy
128 District. A qualified elector may only vote in one county even though they own land
129 in two or more counties within the benefited area of the Middle Rio Grande
130 Conservancy District. Only one vote may be cast by a qualified elector for the
131 candidate representing the District at large.
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133 6.2 Provisional Ballots. If an individual has failed to present Voter Identification
134 Documents or feels that there has been an error and that he/she//they have been
135 erroneously omitted from the qualified elector list, the Election Judges will
136 immediately allow the individual to sign an affidavit certifying that they are a
137 qualified elector as defined by state law and representing that they will provide
138 proof of ownership as described in §73-14-20.1(D) and provide copies of
139 his/her/their proper voter identification to the Election Director or Election Officer
140 within two business days of the signing of the affidavit. The individual will proceed
141 to vote by paper ballot on a Provisional Ballot (see 14.7 Voting).
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143 The purpose of the provisional ballot is to allow a person not on the Qualified
144 Electors List to vote on Election Day. The provisional ballot ensures this voter that
145 his/her/their vote is secret and protects against fraud in the voting process.
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147 6.3 Absentee Voting. Absentee ballots and their required envelopes may be mailed to
148 the voter beginning on the fortieth day preceding the election
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150 6.4 Absentee/Early Voting in Person. Commencing at least two weeks prior to the
151 election, an early voter may vote once in person on a voting system at an early
152 voting location in Bernalillo, Socorro, Valencia, or Sandoval Counties.
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154 **7. Board of directors; election; terms.**

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156 §73-14-21.

157 A. Each member of the board of directors shall be elected for a term of four years
158 and, unless, removed from office, shall serve until his successor is duly elected
159 and has qualified; provided that in the first election immediately following the
160 effective date of the provisions of this act (73-14-18 to 73-14-32 NMSA 1978),
161 candidates for positions 1, 2, and 5 shall be elected for two-year terms each
162 and candidates for positions 3, 4, 6 and 7 shall be elected for four-year terms
163 each.

- 164 B. Vacancies on the board of directors shall be filled by the remaining members
165 of the board of directors for the unexpired term of the director whose office
166 becomes vacant. The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall have the same
167 qualifications as the member whose unexpired term they are completing.
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169 **8. Board of directors; apportionment.**
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171 §73-14-22. The representation on the board of directors of the conservancy district
172 shall be apportioned as follows:

- 173 A. three members shall be elected from and by the qualified electors of the most
174 populous county within the conservancy district;
175 B. one member each shall be elected from and by the qualified electors of those
176 portions of each of the remaining counties in the conservancy district; and
177 C. one member shall be elected from and by the qualified electors of the
178 conservancy district at large.
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180 **9. Suspension or removal.**
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182 §73-14-23. A member of the conservancy district board may be suspended or
183 removed in the same manner and for the same reasons that a county officer may
184 be suspended or removed.
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186 Causes for removal of local officers. The following shall be causes for removal of
187 any officer belonging to the class mentioned in the preceding section:

- 188 A. Conviction of any felony or of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;
189 B. Failure, neglect or refusal to discharge the duties of the office, or failure, neglect
190 or refusal to discharge any duty devolving upon the officer by virtue of this
191 office;
192 C. Knowingly demanding or receiving illegal fees as such officer;
193 D. Failure to account for money coming into his hands as such officer;
194 E. Gross incompetency or gross negligence in discharging the duties of the office;
195 F. Any other act or acts, which in the opinion of the court or jury amounts to
196 corruption in office or gross immorality rendering the incumbent unfit to fill the
197 office.
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199 **10. Time and procedure for election.**
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201 §73-14-24.

- 202 A. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May prior to the middle Rio
203 Grande conservancy district election, an election proclamation shall be
204 published that includes a list of the offices for which a candidate may file, the
205 date and place at which declaration of candidacy shall be filed and the date of
206 the election. The election proclamation shall be published once in a newspaper
207 of general circulation in the counties in which the election shall be held.
208 B. The members of the boards of directors created pursuant to provisions of
209 Sections 73-14-18 through 73-14-30 NMSA 1978 shall be elected at an election
210 held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in October in 2025 and in each
211 odd-numbered year thereafter.

- 212 c. The elections for the members of the board of directors of the conservancy
213 district shall be conducted, counted and canvassed as provided in Sections 73-
214 14-18 through 73-14-30 and shall not be governed by or subject to the
215 provisions of the Local Election Act. The polls may be opened and closed in
216 the same manner as provided for the general election under the Election Code
217 (Chapter 1 NMSA 1978).
- 218 d. If only one candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy for a position to be
219 filled at an election, no declared write-in candidate has filed for a position and
220 there are no questions or bond issues on the ballot, only one polling place for
221 the election may be designated. The one polling place may be located in the
222 office of the election director or in the office of the Middle Rio Grande
223 Conservancy District.

224 225 **11. Declaration of candidacy; signatures of electors**

226 227 §73-14-25. Declaration of candidacy; signatures of electors.

- 228 A. Any person who desires to become a candidate for election as a member of
229 the conservancy district board of directors shall file his/her/their written
230 declaration of candidacy with the election director or with the election officer at
231 least sixty days before the election. The election officer or the election director
232 shall certify the candidates to the board of directors.
- 233 B. The declaration of candidacy shall contain:
- 234 1) A statement that the candidate is a qualified elector of the district and meets
235 the qualifications of a director as required by law;
 - 236 2) The candidate's name, address, county of residence and date of declaration
237 of candidacy;
 - 238 3) The numerical designation of the position on the board of directors for which
239 he desires to be a candidate;
 - 240 4) If a candidate for a position representing a county in the conservancy
241 district, a petition signed by at least seventy-five qualified electors of the
242 district who reside in that county;
 - 243 5) If a candidate for the position at large in the conservancy district, a petition
244 signed by at least one hundred twenty five qualified electors; and
- 245 c. A statement that the candidate resides within the conservancy district and in
246 the county for which he desires to be a candidate on the board of directors.
247 Candidate to present identification showing physical address; i.e. driver's
248 license, voter registration, current utility bill, and/or description of qualifying
249 property, etc.

250 251 **11.1 Becoming a Candidate**

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- 253 A. Position on the ballot will be determined by lot fifty seven (57) days prior
254 to the election when candidates draw from numbers one through twenty-
255 five. The candidate with the lowest number shall be first on the ballot
256 with each following position being determined by the next lowest
257 number. Drawing lots will be done in order of filing the candidate's
258 declaration of candidacy. The name of the candidate shall appear on the
259 ballot in the same form as it appears on the declaration of candidacy.

- B. Only original signatures placed on official petitions established by the Board of Directors for the current election will be accepted.
- C. No employee of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District shall continue employment with the District upon becoming a candidate because a conflict of interest would exist. This section shall not apply to people considered to be employees by virtue of their elected position.
- D. Must not have a felony conviction, or of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

11.2 Write-In Candidates

Write-In Ballots – The Board of Director's power to regulate procedure at polling places, instructions to voters and determination of voter eligibility does not include the authority to deny the privilege of casting a write-in ballot to elect a board member. *Gonzales v. Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District* 106 N.M. 426, 744 P.2d 554 (Ct. App. 1987).

- A. A person desiring to be a write-in candidate shall file a written declaration of intent with the Election Officer at least fifty-five calendar days prior to the election. The declaration of intent shall be in the form established by the Board. At the time of filing the declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, the write-in candidate shall be considered a candidate for all purposes and provisions relating to candidates in this Election Rule except that he/she/they shall not be entitled to have his/her/their name printed on the ballot.
- B. The Election Officer shall, fifty-three days prior to Election Day, certify the name(s) of the declared write-in candidate(s) to the Election Director. The Election Director shall instruct Election judges not to advise voters of write-in candidates.
- C. A vote for a write-in candidate shall be counted and canvassed only if:
 - 1) The name written in is the name of a declared write-in candidate, certified by the Election Officer and shows two initials and last name; first name, middle initial or name and last name; first and last name; or the full name as it appears on the declaration of intent and misspellings of the above combinations that can be determined by a majority of the election judges to identify a declared write-in candidate; and
 - 2) The name shall be written in as instructed per the approved voting system or on the proper line provided on an absentee ballot for write-in votes for the position for which the candidate has filed a declaration of intent.
 - 3) A write-in vote shall be cast by writing in the name; "write-in" does not include the imprinting of any name by rubber stamp or similar device, or the use of preprinted stickers or labels and votes cast for any individuals whose names have been placed on the ballot by such means shall not be counted or canvassed.
- D. No unopposed write-in candidate shall have his election certified unless he has received at least the number of write-in votes as he would need

signatures on a nominating petition pursuant to the requirements of
Section 10 of the Election Rule.

12. Designation of positions for purposes of election.

§73-14-26. For purposes of election to the board of directors of the conservancy district, each office on the board shall be assigned a position number in numerical sequence beginning with the at-large position, and then next those positions with the most populous county. At all elections, the same position numbers shall be used to designate the same offices.

13. Election; location of polling places; notice of election; creation of early voting precincts / polling places, creation of absentee voter precincts and creation of election day voting convenience centers.

- A. For every conservancy district election, the board of directors shall provide for adequate polling places within the boundaries of the conservancy district. In addition, the board of directors shall provide a polling place at the main office of the conservancy district and may provide such other locations as it deems necessary. The board of directors may also create absentee, early voter and absent voter precincts.
- B. Notice of the election shall be published three times in a newspaper of general circulation within each county of the district. Each notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the election and shall be published twenty, ten, and five days before the election.

14. Election judges.

The election officer or the election director shall select two or more election judges for each polling place established within the conservancy district. The election officer or the election director shall also appoint absentee-early voter and absent voter precinct boards.

14.1 The judges shall have the authority to preserve order within the polling place and to call in a peace officer if, in their judgment, his presence is necessary. The Election Director will also select such alternate judges as they deem advisable in each county. In the absence of sufficient alternates to have two or more judges present at each polling place, the judges present shall have the authority to appoint a qualified elector as judge to serve as such upon filing the oath of such judge as required herein.

14.2 Election judges shall take an oath to conduct the election to the best of their ability and to fairly and impartially discharge the duties of their office and to recognize and preserve the rights of electors to secrecy of the ballot.

14.3 Judges shall be responsible for prominent display of sample ballots in the polling place, along with the Rules and Regulations for Election as

promulgated by the Board of Directors, the definition of a qualified elector and the penalties for violating any provisions of the act.

- 14.4 Election judges shall take all action necessary to open the polling places promptly at 7:00 a.m. and to close the polls promptly at 7:00 p.m. Any qualified elector already standing in line to vote at closing time will be allowed to vote.
- 14.5 Judges will require electors to show proper Voter Identification Documentation and sign their name on the designated signature pad signifying that he or she is a qualified elector of the Conservancy District in the county in which he or she is voting and is voting only once in this election. The signature of an elector signing with an "X" will be verified by an election judge.
- 14.6 Judges shall not be present in the voting booth at the time a qualified elector is voting unless the elector is unable to perform the voting procedure without assistance for reasons of physical disability or illiteracy and only when the elector requests such assistance on the form approved by the Board of Directors. The elector may request the assistance of the Election Judges or any other person on such form. In the event the assistance of Election Judges is requested, two (2) judges must assist.
- 14.7 Provisional Ballots. An error or omission may occur whereby a qualified elector's name is inadvertently not included on the list of qualified electors, or if the elector fails to provide proper voter identification. If an individual qualified elector declares that s/he is indeed a qualified elector as defined under the law and an error has occurred resulting in his/her/their name not being included on the list, s/he may vote by paper ballot on a "Provisional Ballot." The Election Judges shall not allow the individual to sign the signature pad, nor shall the Election Judges allow the individual to vote on the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board approved voting system but will allow the individual to immediately sign and print his/her/their name in the "Provisional Ballot" Poll Book and proceed to vote by paper ballot through the Provisional Ballot process. The Election Judges may ask for identification to insure that the qualified elector is of the age of majority (18 years). An Election Judge will write the number of the Provisional ballot in the "Provisional Ballot Poll Book" next to the voter name. The voter will then be furnished the "Provisional" paper ballot, an inner envelope to seal the ballot and an outer envelope that includes an affidavit for the voter to sign that s/he is a qualified elector of the Conservancy District and that s/he will provide proof of ownership and voter identification to the Election Director or Election Officer by the Thursday immediately following the election day, no later than 4:00 p.m. on that date. The individual voting by Provisional Ballot shall secretly mark his/her/their ballot, place it in the official inner envelope and securely seal the envelope. The voter will then place the inner envelope inside the outer affidavit envelope and securely seal the envelope. The voter shall then read the affidavit on the outer envelope and sign

his/her/their name, full address and qualifying property description on the outer envelope and hand it to the Election Judge designated for handling Provisional Ballots. The Election Judge receiving the completed ballot shall then deposit the Provisional Ballot into a sealed ballot bag or pouch designated for Provisional Ballots. At the close of polls, the Election Judge delivering the voting materials shall also deliver the Provisional Ballot sealed ballot bag or pouch to the Election Director or the Election Officer.

The Election Judge shall ensure that the information on the outer envelope is complete. The Election Judge shall ensure provisional voters are not subject to challenge at the time of voting. The Election Judge shall ensure the provisional ballots are deposited in a special sealed provisional ballot bag or pouch as designated by the Election Director for that purpose.

14.8 Judges will be paid a reasonable sum for their services, as determined by the Board of Directors of the District, and the judge transporting the voting materials with final tally to the Election Director shall be paid mileage as prescribed by law.

14.9 The District will provide training for all judges and alternate judges. A sum may be paid to Judges for attendance at training sessions, as determined by the Board of Directors of the District. Failure to attend training sessions may result in that individual not being selected. All judges and alternate judges shall receive a copy of the "Instruction to Judges."

15. Election.

§73-14-28.1. The board of directors of the conservancy district shall conduct the election pursuant to Sections 73-14-18 through 73-14-30 NMSA 1978 and shall select an election director as defined in Section 73-14-20 NMSA 1978 to provide election services. The election may be conducted by paper ballot, electronic voting machine or any other state-certified tabulating voting machine.

16. Form of ballot.

The election officer or the election director shall oversee the preparation and printing of the ballots for a conservancy district election. Ballots shall be prepared and printed at the expense of the conservancy district. The election officer or the election director shall oversee the preparation of a separate ballot for each county within the conservancy district or the preparation of one ballot for use within the entire conservancy district. The board of directors shall approve the form of the ballot. The ballot shall contain the numbered position or positions to which directors are to be elected at the election, with the names of all candidates for each position listed under that designation.

16.1 The ballots shall include the at-large candidate(s) where appropriate. Each ballot shall have the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District logo. Paper

ballots shall be pre-numbered. All ballots shall be printed in English and Spanish.

16.2 All persons in any way connected with the election shall pledge to make every effort to preserve the secrecy of the ballot.

17. Election expenses.

§73-14-30. The conservancy district board shall pay out of the district's treasury those sums necessary to meet the actual expenses of elections. The board may levy a tax or assessment sufficient to meet election expenses on all property that is subject to direct assessment or taxation with the district.

18. Absentee voting by ballot permitted; procedure.

- A. In any election of officers of the conservancy district, a qualified elector shall be entitled to vote by absentee ballot. An absentee ballot shall be furnished by the election director in a form prescribed by the board of directors. The election director shall also furnish to each qualified elector requesting an absentee ballot an official inner envelope for use in sealing the completed absentee ballot and an official outer envelope for use in returning the inner envelope to the election director. No absentee ballot shall be delivered or mailed to any person other than the applicant for the ballot.
- B. A qualified elector voting by absentee ballot shall secretly mark his/her/their ballot, place it in the official inner envelope and securely seal the envelope. The qualified elector shall place the inner envelope inside the outer envelope and securely seal the envelope. The qualified elector shall then sign his/her/their name and address on the outer envelope and deliver or mail to the election director or the election officer.
- C. Absentee ballots shall be distributed by the election director or the election officer during the regular hours and days of business from the fortieth day preceding the election up until 4:30 p.m. on the Saturday immediately prior to the date of the election.
- D. No absentee ballot shall be counted unless it is received by the election director or the election officer prior to the closing of the polls on election day.
- E. An absentee ballot received after the closing of the polls on the day of the election shall not be collected by the absent voter precinct board but shall be preserved by the election director or the election officer until the time for election contests has expired. In the absence of a court order after expiration of the time for election contests, the election director or the election officer shall destroy all late official mailing envelopes without opening them or permitting the contents to be examined, cast, counted or canvassed. Before their destruction, the election director or election officer shall count the number of late ballots from voters of the conservancy district and report the number to the election officer and the secretary of state.
- F. Prior to the delivery of the absentee ballots to the absentee-early voter and absent voter precinct board, the absentee ballots shall be held unopened at the absentee voter precinct in a locked ballot box. At the close of the polls on

Election Day, the absentee-early voter and absent voter precinct board shall obtain the absentee ballot box from the election director or election officer and tally the absentee ballots. The presiding judge shall have the authority to unlock the absentee ballot box.

- G. Absentee ballots shall be counted and tallied as are other ballots for the conservancy district election.

19. Absentee ballot application.

- A. Application by a qualified elector for an absentee ballot shall be made on the official form prescribed by the board of directors and printed and furnished by the election director. The form shall identify the applicant and contain information to establish his qualifications as a qualified elector for issuance of an absentee ballot. Each application for an absentee ballot shall be signed by the applicant.
- B. The election director shall mark each completed absentee ballot application with the date and time of receipt and enter the required information in the absentee ballot qualified elector list. The election director shall then determine if the applicant is a qualified elector.
- C. If the applicant is not listed on the qualified elector list, an absentee ballot shall not be issued, and the election director shall mark the application “rejected” and file the application in a separate file from those accepted.
- D. The election director shall notify each applicant in writing of the fact of acceptance or rejection of his application and, if rejected, shall state the reason for rejection.
- E. If the election director determine that the applicant is a qualified elector, the election director shall mark the application “accepted” and deliver or mail to the applicant an absentee ballot and the required envelopes for use in returning the ballot to the absent voter precinct.

19.1 If the Election Director notified the applicant of the fact that he is not listed in the qualified elector list and is therefore, “rejected”, the Election Director will also include a notice informing the applicant that he may resubmit his application if he provides proof of ownership as described in §73-14-20.1(D) to the Election Director within the time period that absentee applications may be accepted by law.

19.2 If the applicant’s proof of ownership is accepted by the election director, the Election Director shall mark the application “accepted” and deliver or mail to the applicant an “Absentee Ballot” and the required envelopes for use in returning the ballot to the absent voter precinct.

19.3 The Election Director, Election Officer or the MRGCD may report any discovered election fraud to the District Attorney’s office for prosecution.

20. Handling of absentee ballots by absent voter precinct board.

- 546 A. The absentee voter precinct board shall select one member to serve as
547 presiding judge. The election director shall appoint a special deputy to serve at
548 the absent voter precinct.
- 549 B. Upon receipt of the absentee ballots by the absent voter precinct board, the
550 special deputy shall remain in the polling place of the absent voter precinct until
551 he has observed the opening of the official mailing envelope, the deposit of the
552 ballot in the locked ballot box marked for the conservancy district election and
553 the listing of the names on the official mailing envelope in the signature rosters.
554 Upon delivery of the absentee ballots, the special deputy shall obtain a receipt
555 executed by the presiding judge and each election judge appointed to the
556 absent voter precinct board. The special deputy shall return the receipt to the
557 election director for filing. The receipts shall specify the number of envelopes
558 received by the special deputy for each absent voter precinct of the
559 conservancy district and the number of envelopes received by the absent voter
560 precinct board from the special deputy.
- 561 C. Before opening any official mailing envelope, the presiding judge and the
562 election judges shall determine if the required information has been completed
563 on the reverse side of the official mailing envelope.
- 564 D. If the voter's signature is missing, the presiding judge shall write "rejected" on
565 the front of the official mailing envelope. The election judges shall enter the
566 voter's name in the signature roster and shall write the notation "rejected-
567 missing signature" in the notations column of the signature rosters. The
568 presiding judge shall place the official mailing envelope unopened in an
569 envelope provided for rejected ballots for the conservancy district, seal the
570 envelope and write the voter's name on the front of the envelope and deposit it
571 in the locked ballot box.
- 572 E. At 5:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceding the date of election, the
573 election officer or election director shall record the numbers of the unused
574 absentee ballots for the conservancy district and shall publicly destroy in the
575 conservancy office all the unused ballots. The election officer or election
576 director shall execute a certificate of destruction, which shall include the
577 numbers on the ballots destroyed. A copy of the certificate of destruction shall
578 be sent to the board of directors of the conservancy district and the Secretary
579 of State.

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581 20.1 Given the amount of time required to process absentee ballots, the
582 Election Director shall report the total number of received absentee
583 ballots and the total number of accepted absentee ballots to the MRGCD
584 once a week on Mondays. This information shall be provided by the
585 MRGCD to any individual who requests it.
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587 **21. Absentee-early; electioneering.**

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- 589 A. A voter may apply to vote absentee-early by completing an absentee-early
590 ballot application on the official form prescribed by the board of directors and
591 printed and furnished by the election director. The form shall identify the
592 applicant and contain information to establish his qualifications as a qualified

- 593 elector for issuance of an affidavit for absentee-early voting. The applicant shall
594 sign each application.
- 595 B. Once it is determined that the application form is complete, the election director
596 shall mark the application with the date and time or receipt and enter the
597 required information in the absentee ballot register.
- 598 C. If the voter is determined to be a qualified elector, the election director shall
599 inform the voter that his application has been accepted and instruct the voter
600 on how to vote.
- 601 D. For the purpose of absentee-early voting, electioneering is not permitted in the
602 election director's office, the middle Rio Grande conservancy district offices or
603 designated satellite locations.
- 604 E. For the purpose of the section, "electioneering" means any form of campaigning
605 within one hundred feet of the election director's office, the Middle Rio Grande
606 Conservancy District office or designated satellite locations and includes the
607 display of signs or distribution of campaign literature.

608 **22. Election; procedure.**

609 The board of directors shall promulgate necessary and reasonable rules for the
610 procedure to be followed at the polling places, instructions to voters, methods to
611 allow for write-in candidates and methods of determining voter eligibility.

- 612 22.1 There may be one poll watcher for each candidate at each polling location
613 at the candidate's expense on Election Day. Notification of the name of the
614 watcher shall be given to the presiding judge of the polling location at the
615 opening of the polls.

616 There may be one poll watcher for each candidate at the candidate's
617 expense on the day of the Provisional Ballot Canvass. Notification, in
618 writing, of the name of the watcher shall be given to the Election Director at
619 least one week prior to the Provisional Ballot Canvass.

620 Poll watchers will take no active part in the conduct of the election or
621 interfere with its orderly progress.

- 622 22.2 A person may vote in only one county in the Conservancy District in which
623 such person is qualified as an elector. Only one vote may be cast by each
624 qualified elector for one candidate for each position representing that
625 county.

- 626 22.3 Only one vote may be cast by each qualified elector for the at-large position
627 of Director of the Conservancy District regardless of the number of counties
628 in which a voter is a qualified elector.

- 629 22.4 A voter will be required to sign an affidavit stating that he or she is a qualified
630 elector as defined herein, and also to present Voter Identification
631 Documents. A person failing to present proper Voter Identification
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Documents shall, at his or her option, either decline to vote or vote by a Provisional Ballot as provided in Section 22.8.

- 22.5 A person whose property is held in a trust for that person may vote in a District election provided the property is within the benefitted area, and the person is named on a qualified election list. The trust must have held title to the property for at least ninety (90) days before a District election for the person named in the Certificate of Trust to vote in the election, otherwise that person shall vote provisionally and provide as noted in Section 22.11.
- 22.6 An individual who finds his/her/their name is not listed or found in the qualified elector's listing may vote immediately on a Provisional Ballot (Sec. 14.7). The individual must sign an affidavit that s/he is a qualified elector and must provide one of the proofs of ownership of property as described in §73-14-20.1(D) to the Election Director or the Election Officer by the Thursday following the election day by 4:00 p.m. An individual who has failed to present proper Voter Identification Documents may also vote immediately on a Provisional Ballot, in which case he or she must present proper Voter Identification Documents to the Election Director or the Election Officer by Thursday following the Election Day by 4:00 p.m.
- 22.7 The Election Judges will return all voted ballots sealed in the transfer case provided, election materials and the sealed Provisional Ballot bag or pouch to the MRGCD General Office to the Election Director, Election Officer or the designated appointee after the close of polls and all procedures have been completed as per the *"Instructions to Judges Close of Polls"*.
- 22.8 After returning to the MRGCD General Office after the close of polls, the sealed Provisional Ballot bag or pouch will remain sealed and be placed in a designated secure area. The Election Director will ensure the secrecy of the provisional ballot and protect against fraud. The Election Director will govern and allow procedures for reviewing the qualifications of provisional ballot envelopes, absentee and other paper ballots in case of a contest recount or recheck of election results.
- 22.9 On the morning of the next business day following Election Day, the Election Director or the Election Officer will total the number of sealed Provisional Ballots from the totals certified by the Election Judges on the Provisional Ballots Poll Books. The Election Director or Election Officer will transfer the Provisional Ballot totals to a "Provisional Ballot Final Tally" sheet and will add totals by polling location and position.
- 22.10 The Election Director or Election Officer will designate a "Provisional Ballot Precinct Board".
- 22.11 The Provisional Ballots will not be counted until a Provisional Ballot voter provides one proof of ownership of property as described in §73-14-21.1(D) to the Election Director or Election Officer. The Election Director or Election

688 Officer will confirm the individual's name in the Provisional Ballot Poll Book
689 and shall initial in the notations column that proof has been received. The
690 Election Director or Election Officer will verify or reject the proof of
691 ownership provided within two business days of the Election Day. The
692 Election Director or Election Officer will initial in the notations column of the
693 Provisional Ballot Poll Book "ACCEPTED" or "REJECTED" A provisional
694 ballot shall be rejected if the voter has not provided one proof of ownership
695 of property as described in §73-14-21.1(D) to the Election Director or
696 Election Officer. Unqualified ballots shall not be opened and shall be
697 deposited in an envelope marked "unqualified provisional ballots" and
698 retained twenty-two (22) months.
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700 22.12 If the Election Director or Election Officer find that the proof of ownership
701 and Voter Identification Documentation provided by the Provisional Ballot
702 voter is "ACCEPTED", the Election Director or Election Officer will unseal
703 the Provisional Ballot bag or pouch of the polling location where the
704 Provisional Ballot voter voted and retrieve only the unopened Provisional
705 Ballot of the voter and reseal the Provisional Ballot bag or pouch. The
706 Election Director or Election Officer will then write in red on the outer
707 envelope "ACCEPTED," take off the outer envelope and attach it to the
708 proof of ownership and deposit the unopened ballot in a single sealed
709 "Provisional QUALIFIED Ballot bag or pouch." The outer provisional ballot
710 envelope for qualified voters shall be deposited in an envelope marked
711 "qualified provisional ballot outer envelopes" and retained for twenty-two
712 (22) months.
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715 22.13 On the Thursday following the Election day beginning at 8:00 a.m. the
716 Provisional Ballot Precinct Board shall obtain the Provisional QUALIFIED
717 Ballot bag or pouch from the Election Director or Election Officer and tally
718 the qualified Provisional Ballots. The presiding judge shall have the
719 authority to unseal the Provisional QUALIFIED Ballot bag or pouch.
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721 22.14 Qualified Provisional Ballots shall be counted and tallied as are other ballots
722 for the Conservancy District election. After the tally of qualified provisional
723 ballots, the Election Director or Election Officer will deposit the counted
724 provisional ballots in an envelope marked "counted provisional ballots" and
725 be retained for twenty-two (22) months.
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727 **23. Compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act.**

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729 All election information and material for the use of the qualified elector will be
730 printed in English and Spanish in compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act.
731 Where necessary, assistance in the form of translators will be provided.
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733 **24. Electioneering Too Close to the Polling Place**

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24.1 Electioneering too close to the polling place consists of any form of campaigning on election day within one hundred (100) feet of the building in which the polling place is located and includes the display of signs or distribution of campaign literature.

24.2 Whoever commits electioneering too close to the polling place is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

25. Unlawful Possession of Alcoholic Liquors

25.1 Unlawful possession of alcoholic liquor consists of the use or possession of any alcoholic liquor by any member of the precinct Board while performing his/her/their official duties on Election Day. Unlawful possession also consists of the use, possession or carrying of alcoholic liquor within two hundred (200) feet of the polling place during any election.

25.2 Whoever commits unlawful possession of alcoholic liquors is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

26. Election Centers

Election judges may call election information centers if the same are provided by the Election Director or the Election Officer to verify current ownership of land within the benefited area of the District and within the county in which the qualified elector wishes to vote.

27. Election for certain districts; counting ballots; certification of results to the board.

For conservancy districts having more than one hundred thousand acres within the district, the presiding judge of each polling place within that district shall, not more than six hours after the polls have closed, deliver to the election director a certified copy of the certificate of returns. Not more than twenty four hours after the polls have closed, the election director shall deliver a certified copy of the certificate of returns to the board of directors.

28. Election; canvass; certificates of election.

- A. On the morning of the first Friday following the election, the board of directors shall meet and canvass the returns certified to it by the election judges.
- B. After canvassing the returns, the board shall issue election certificates to the candidate or candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each position on the ballot. The board shall declare the results of the election in writing and forward a copy of the declaration to the secretary of state and to the state engineer.

29. Recounts, Rechecks, Cost of Proceedings

- 783 A. The District shall post the recount and recheck cost determinations on the
784 District's website when the District issues its cost determinations. The
785 District shall determine the cost of a recount per polling location and a
786 recheck per voting machine no later than fifteen (15) days following a
787 request for a recount. An applicant for a recount shall deposit with the
788 District sufficient cash, or a sufficient surety bond, to cover the cost of a
789 recount for each polling location for which a recount is demanded at the
790 time the demand is made. An applicant for a recheck shall deposit with the
791 District sufficient cash, or a sufficient surety bond, to cover the cost of the
792 recheck for each voting machine to be rechecked. The deposit or surety
793 bond shall be security for the payment of the costs and expenses of the
794 recount or recheck in case the results of the recount or recheck are not
795 sufficient to change the results of the election.
- 796 B. If an error or fraud changes the winner of the election, the costs and
797 expenses of the recount or recheck shall be paid by the District.
- 798 C. If no error or fraud changes the winner, the costs and expenses for the
799 recount or recheck shall be paid by the applicant. Costs shall include, if any,
800 docket fees, mileage of the sheriff in serving summons and fees and
801 mileage at the same rate paid to District employees.
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803 **30. Voluntary campaign finance reporting.**

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805 30.1 The board of directors shall establish a voluntary campaign finance
806 reporting system for all board of director candidates including designating
807 an election director that shall specify the form, method and provide for the
808 collection and posting of the reports on the District website. Each report will
809 be on a form prescribed by the board and shall include:

- 810 A. the name of the candidate;
811 B. the office sought;
812 C. all expenditures made and contributions received by the
813 candidate (as those terms are defined in NMSA 1978, § 1-19-26
814 (2003)), including:
- 815 1. the name and address of the person or entity to whom an
816 expenditure was made or from whom a contribution was
817 received;
 - 818 2. the occupation or type of business of any person or entity
819 making contributions of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or
820 more in the aggregate per election;
 - 821 3. the amount of the expenditure, contribution, or value
822 thereof;
 - 823 4. the purpose of the expenditure; and
824 5. the date the expenditure was made, or the contribution
825 was received.
- 826

827 30.2 Candidates choosing to file campaign finance reports shall:

828 File with the election director by 5:00 p.m. on August 25th,
829 September 25th, and November 1st a report of all contributions and
830 expenditures not previously reported. Any contribution or pledge to

contribute that is received after September 25th at 5:00 p.m. and that is for five hundred dollars (\$500) or more shall be reported to the proper filing officer on a prescribed form within twenty-four hours of receipt except that any such contribution or pledge to contribute that is received after 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election may be reported by 12:00 noon on the Monday before the election.

- 30.3 Candidates choosing to file campaign finance reports need not report anonymous contributions; provided that, each individual anonymous contribution does not exceed one hundred dollars, and the aggregate amount of anonymous contributions received during an election cycle does not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

[END OF RULE NO. 20]



Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
Board of Directors Election
Proclamation



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
NOTICE OF 2025 MRGCD ELECTION OF DIRECTORS BD-05-12-25-59**

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 73-14-62, Laws 2025, ch.21, section 10, chaptered March 21, 2025 ("Removing conservancy districts from the Local Election Act") requires that the members of the Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District ("MRGCD") shall be elected at an election held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, New Mexico law requires that the Board of Directors shall provide for adequate polling places within the boundaries of the MRGCD. In addition, the Board of Directors shall provide a polling place at the general office of the MRGCD and may provide such other locations as it deems necessary. The Board of Directors may also create absentee-early voter and absent voter precincts; and,

WHEREAS, New Mexico law further requires that prior to the MRGCD election, an election proclamation shall be published that includes a list of the offices for which a candidate may file, the date and place at which declarations of candidacy shall be filed and the date and time of the election. The election proclamation shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the counties in which the election shall be held.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the MRGCD that:

- A. The election of directors for the Board of Directors of the MRGCD shall be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- B. The purpose of the election is to elect directors to the Board of Directors for the following positions:
 - 1. Position No. 3 Director for Bernalillo County
 - 2. Position No. 4 Director for Bernalillo County
 - 3. Position No. 6 Director for Socorro County
 - 4. Position No. 7 Director for Sandoval County
- C. Qualified candidates shall file a Declaration of Candidacy and required petition signatures with the Election Officer at the General Office of the MRGCD, 1931 Second Street SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, August 8, 2025.
- D. The election officer is hereby directed to publish the date and time of election, list of offices and the date and place at which declaration of candidacy shall be filed, and the purpose of the election in compliance with the state law.

RESOLVED in session this 12th day of May 2025.

/S/ John P. Kelly
John P. Kelly, P.E.
Chairman of the Board

/S/ Pamela Fanelli
ATTEST: Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
Secretary-Treasurer /CFO

FILING OF DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND PETITION FORMS:

Declaration of Candidacy and Petition Forms will be available beginning Wednesday, July 9, 2025
MRGCD, 1931 2nd St SW, Albuquerque, NM
or call the Election Officer at (505) 247-0234

MRGCD Board Meeting of May 12, 2025
Public Comment -- Elaine Hebard¹

Despite the recent and quite welcome precipitation, it has been extremely dry this year. Last week's Drought Monitor shows the majority of the Rio Grande Basin in extraordinary drought and that it will likely be 60-70% warmer this summer.

Last month, MRGCD users were advised that "supply is no longer sufficient to meet full demand." In April! Also in April, the Bureau of Reclamation declared it to be a "megadrought" when discussing its *2025 Rio Grande Annual Operating Plan*, showing a drying river at Central this summer.

According to the ISC, "New Mexico's cumulative (Rio Grande) Compact status will be 124,000 acre-feet for all of 2025 and Article VII restrictions continue to be in effect." After most of this year's spring runoff has melted, Elephant Butte Lake was 13.8% full as of this morning.

We have been slacking off from earlier conservation efforts. For instance, between 2015 and 2020, the State Engineer's Water Use Report for Bernalillo County shows that while overall water use went up 6%, groundwater use shot up by 44%.

In the MRG, groundwater pumping depletes river flows, although such will mostly occur in future decades.

Streamflow depletion arises from both a reduction in the discharge of groundwater into a stream and an increase in recharge from the stream to the aquifer as gradients are reduced or reversed between the aquifer and the stream. Both constitute capture, and both result in a depletion of streamflow downstream from the capture area.²

These to-be-felt depletions impact all of us, particularly when flows are low, and will impact downstream users.

Groundwater pumping can "stealth vampirize" surface water flows by reducing the base flow of rivers and streams, which is crucial for maintaining water levels and supporting aquatic life. This occurs as pumping lowers the water table, diminishing the amount of water that naturally discharges from groundwater to surface water bodies. (Chance of Rain 2024; google AI)

The water and water rights uses to offset the depletions are often junior to the water users who are being impacted.

Vested rights, given to the ABCWUA and other urban users by the OSE starting in 1963, represent groundwater use prior to the basin declaration in 1956 but often after 1907. The OSE does not require vested rights to be offset. However, given that the Rio Grande was fully, if not over, appropriated by 1907, any groundwater impacts to river flows created thereafter would simply add

¹ For those who may not know me, I am a retired attorney and water planner, and have been attending MRG water-related meetings for three decades. My intent is to provide information and insights, often with a different perspective than staff's.

² <https://books.gw-project.org/groundwater-resource-development/chapter/streamflow-depletion/>

to the over-appropriation and would likely be junior to pre-1907s. MRGCD's surface water rights and domestic well withdrawals also add to the accounting imbalance. No wonder the river is having a hard time meeting all of the demands, especially as the flows decline due to climate change.

The MRG is consuming more water than it is entitled to and must reduce its consumption by some 26 kafy. Really hard to do, especially in times of a megadrought. Such an undertaking must involve everyone.

We can't wait. That was the message of the Interstate Stream Commission Director at last week's Water Resources Board Meeting. (see attached handout)

In particular, more effort must be made to reduce pumping, allowing for aquifer levels to rise and depletions be reduced. Such an effort will aid in compliance with the Compact. What is needed is a mutual understanding of the groundwater resources as well as the timing and consequences of the depletions.

Rather than wait for a lawsuit or the SE to take action, the MRG must act. The MRGCD should suggest ways to reduce consumptive uses and measure success. As a first step, why not propose to align water rights with streamflows? Or at least advocate for water rights to be included in the modeling and scenarios being developed in the Basin Study, now underway, as well as in future regional water planning?

Rio Grande Compact Updates



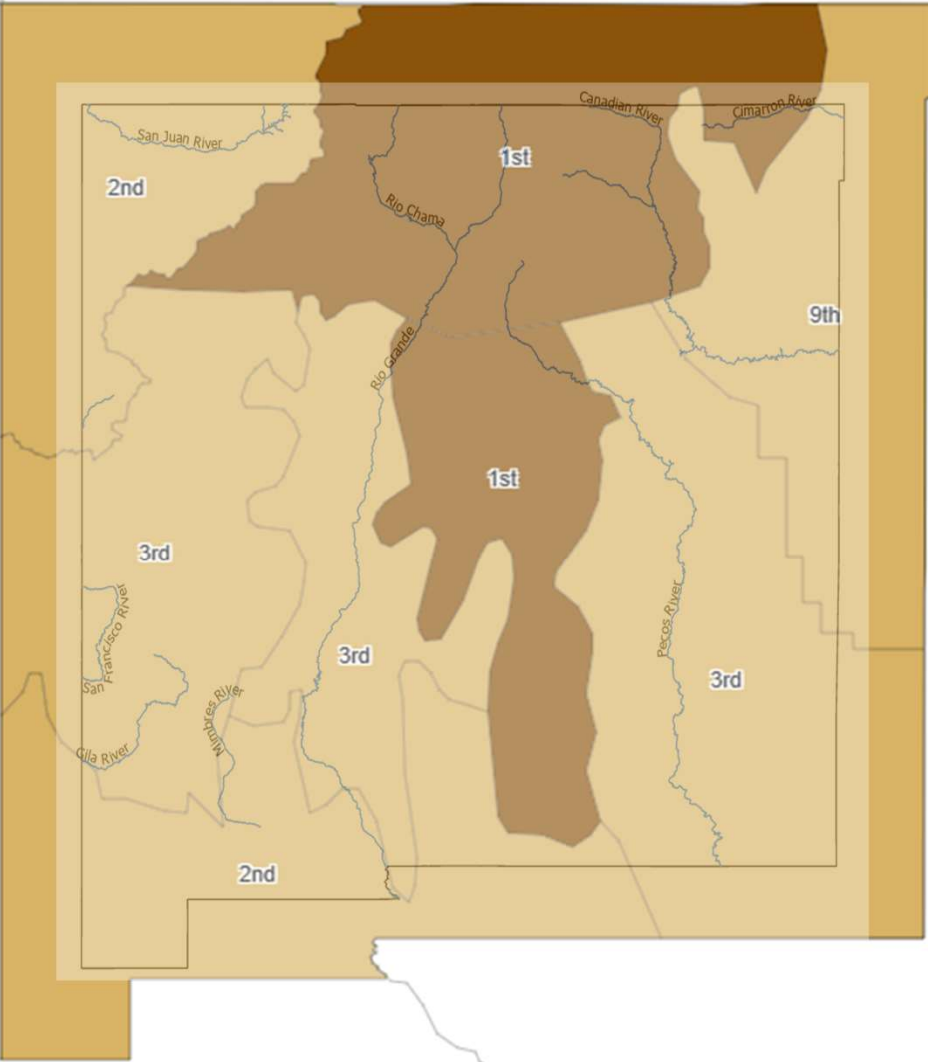
Mid-Region Council of Governments

Hannah Riseley-White, NM Interstate Stream Commission

May 7, 2025

Divisional Precipitation Rank (130 years)

December 2024 - March 2025



Driest $\downarrow \frac{1}{10}$ $\downarrow \frac{1}{3}$ Near Normal $\uparrow \frac{1}{3}$ $\uparrow \frac{1}{10}$ Wettest

New Mexico (Hover over a Climate Division)

Precip: 0.70in

Anomaly: -2.02in

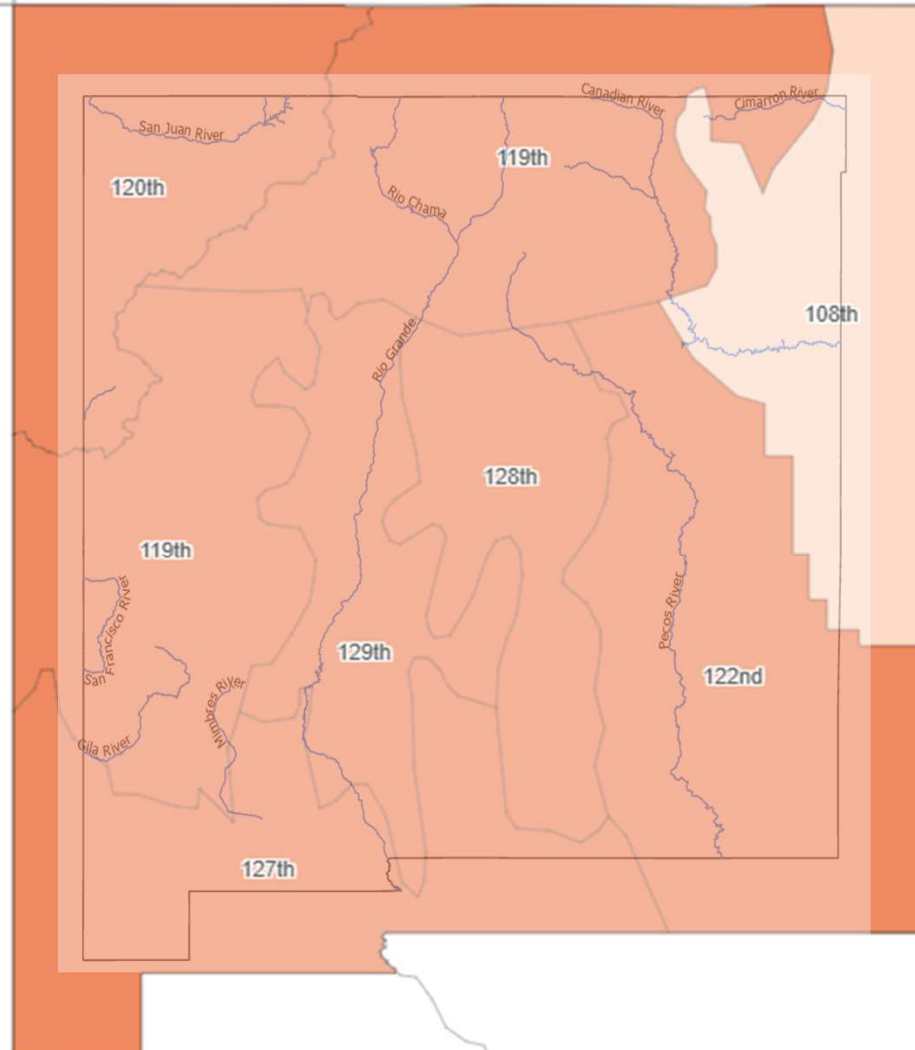
Rank: Driest

Mean: 2.72in



Divisional Average Temperature Rank (130 years)

December 2024 - March 2025



Coldest Near Normal Warmest

New Mexico (Hover over a Climate Division)

Temp: 40.7°F

Anomaly: 3.4°F

Rank: 7th Warmest

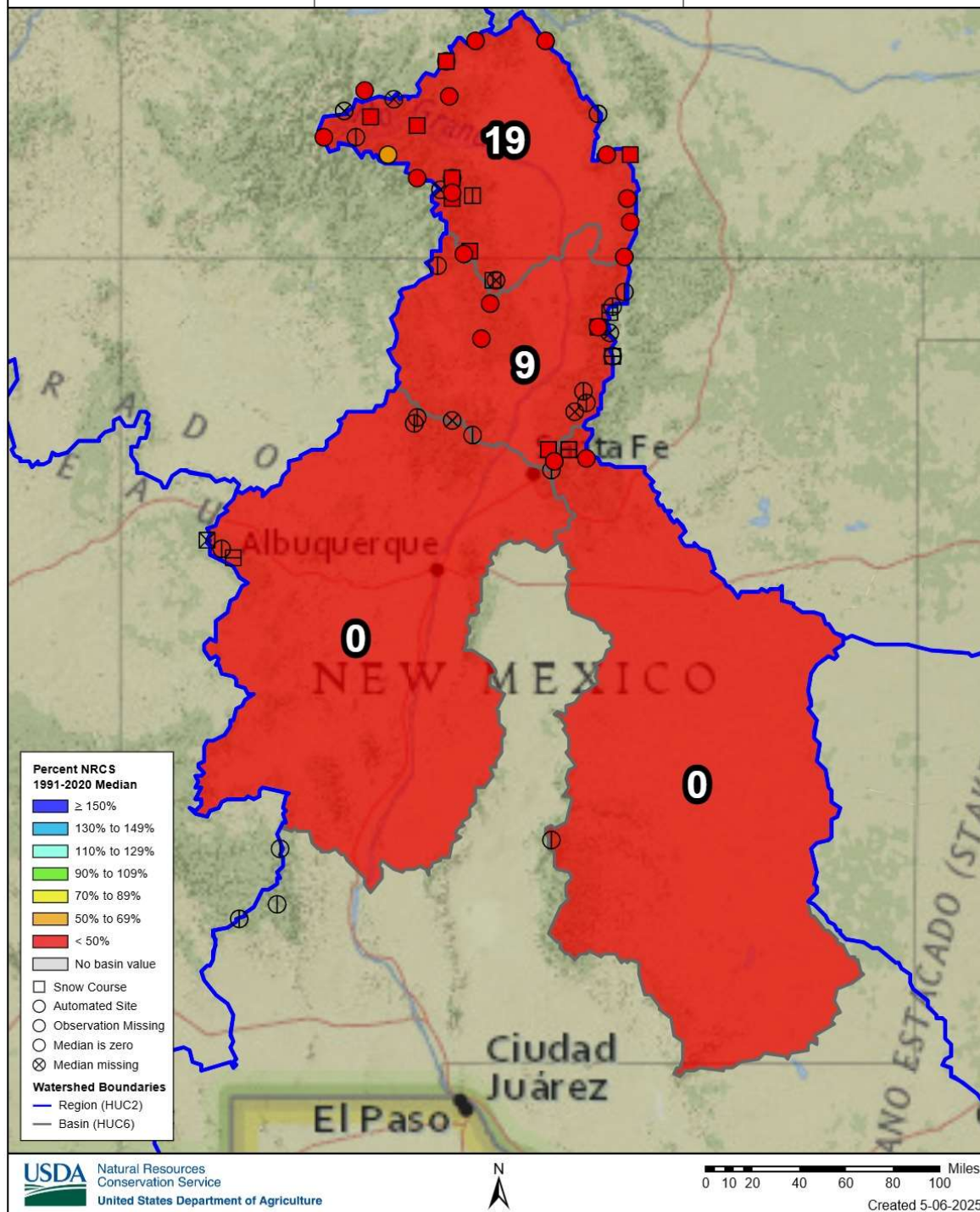
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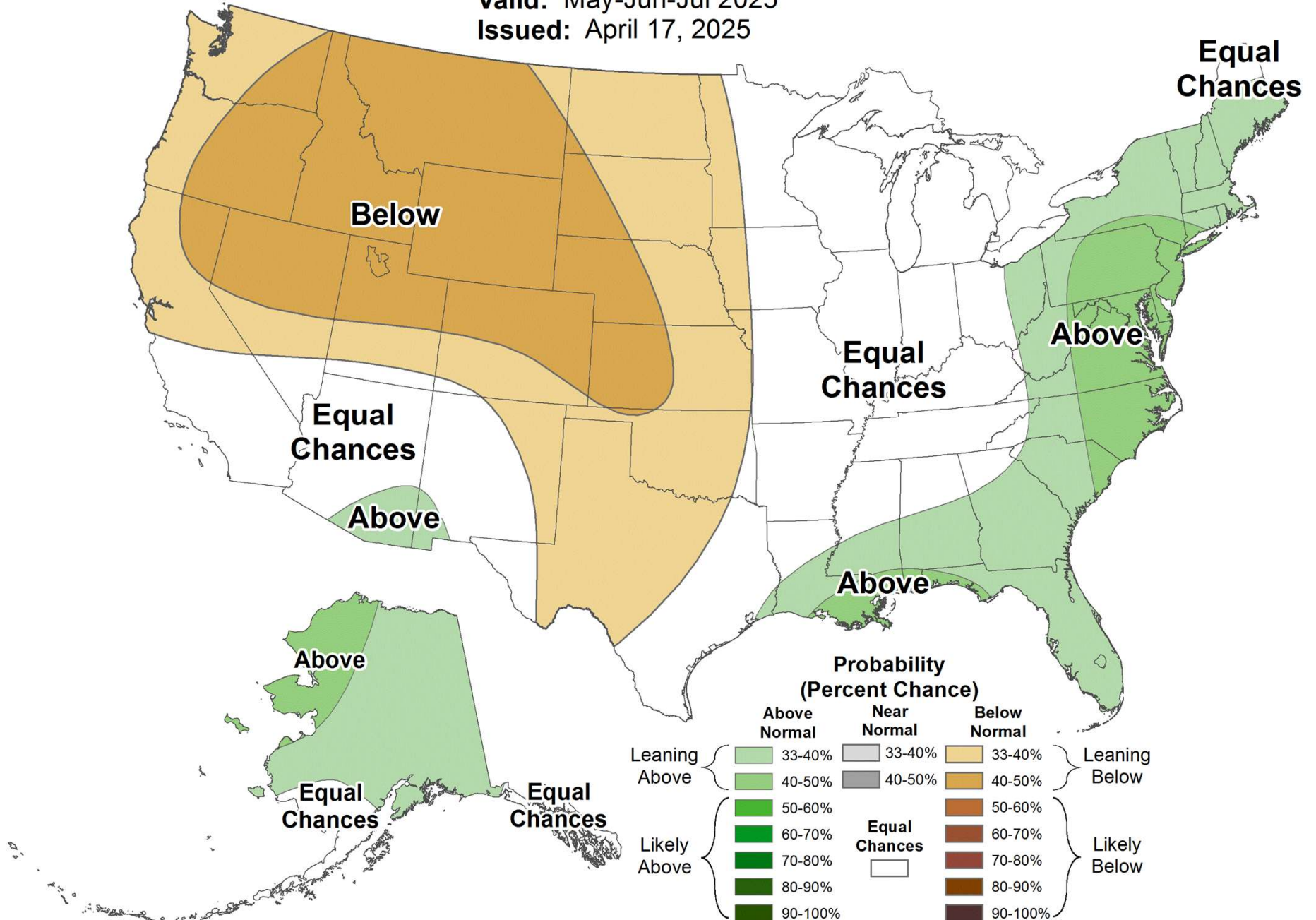
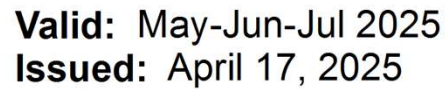


Snow Water Equivalent

Percent NRCS 1991-2020 Median

End of April, 2025





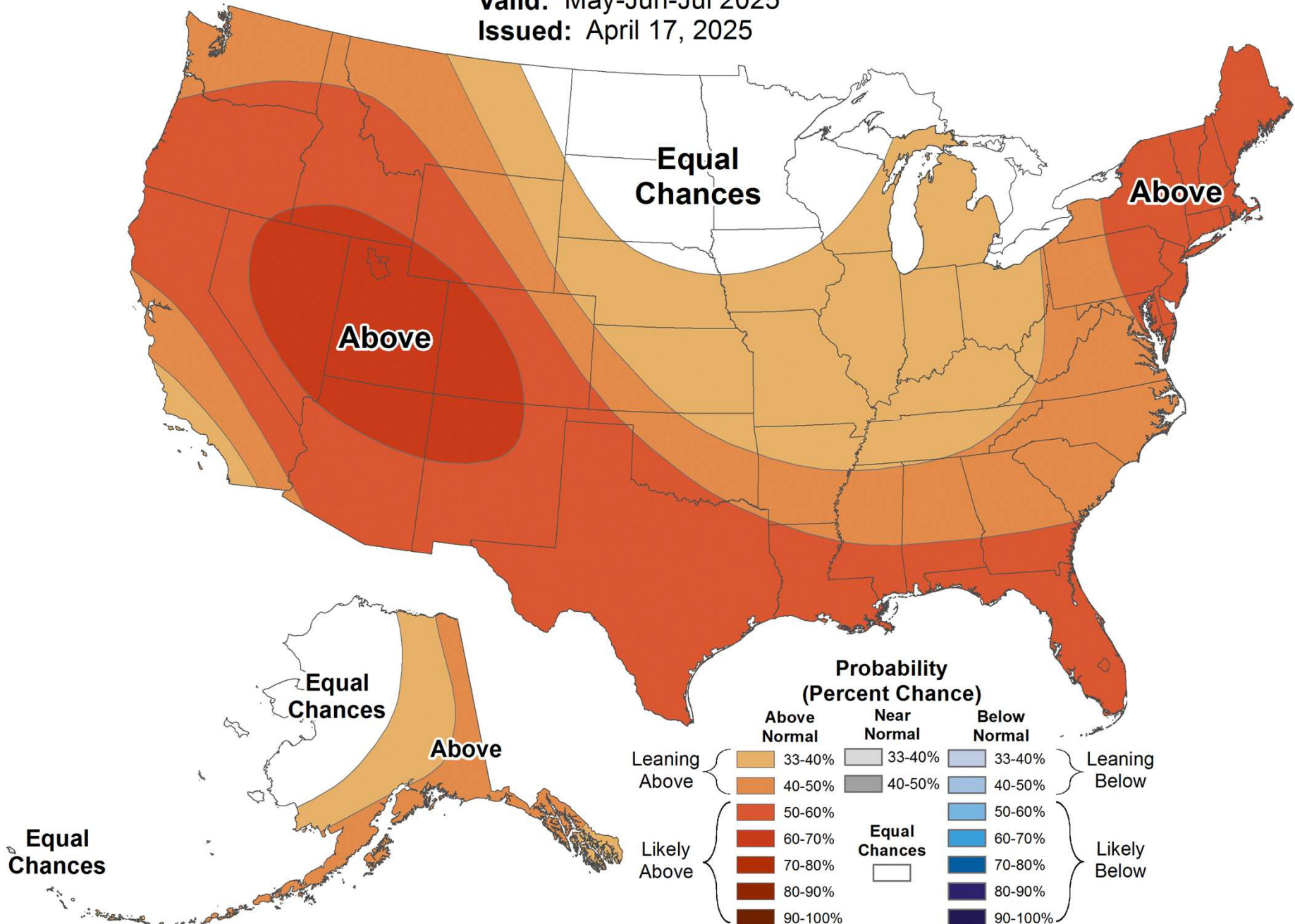


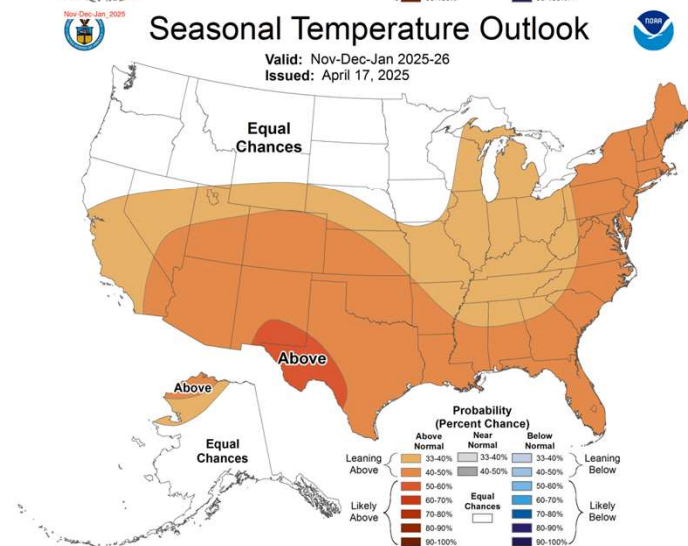
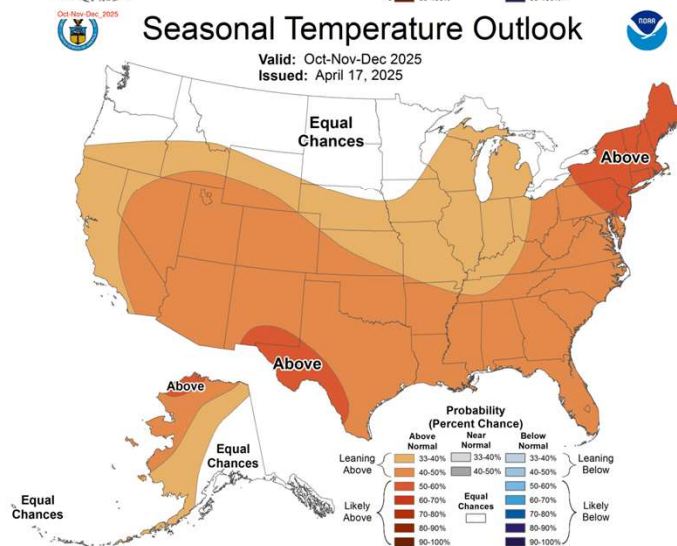
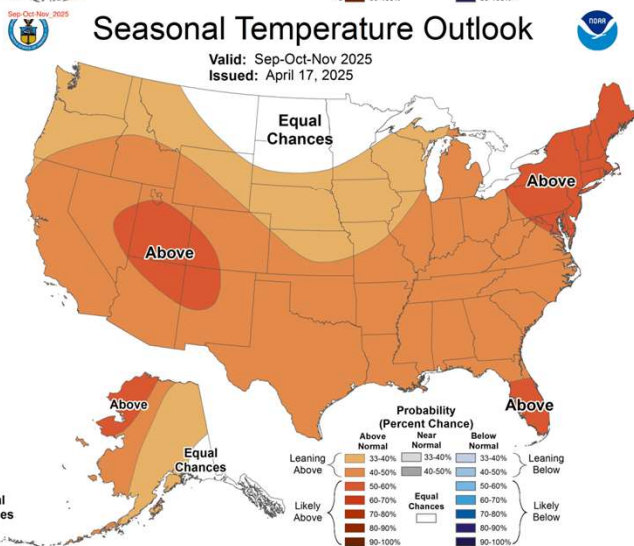
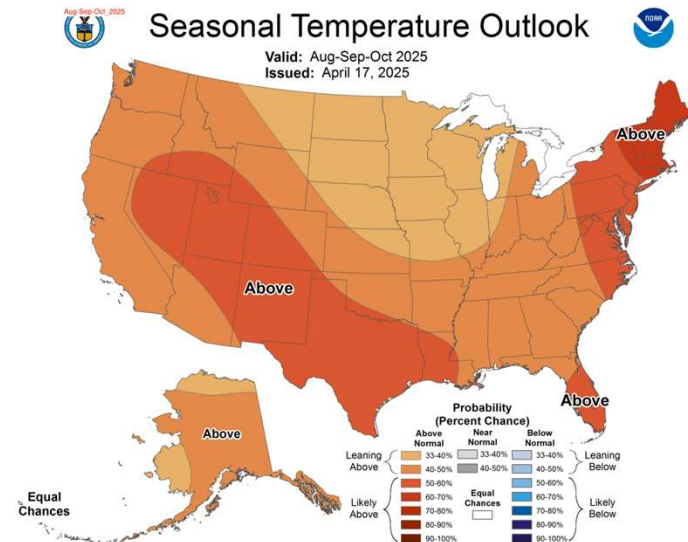
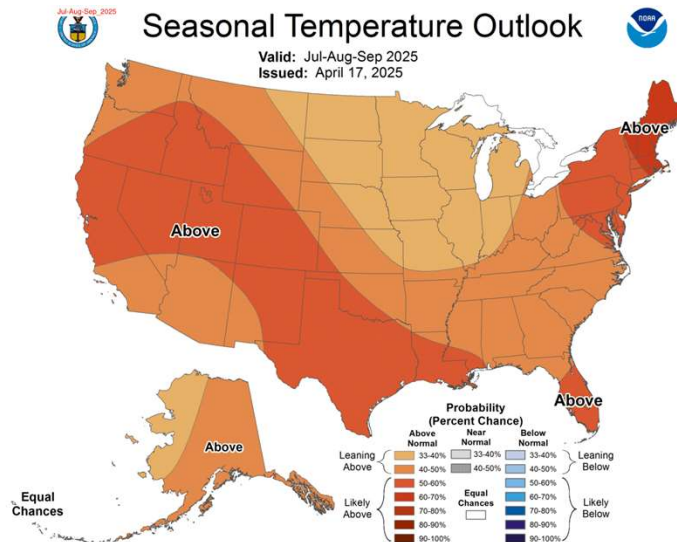
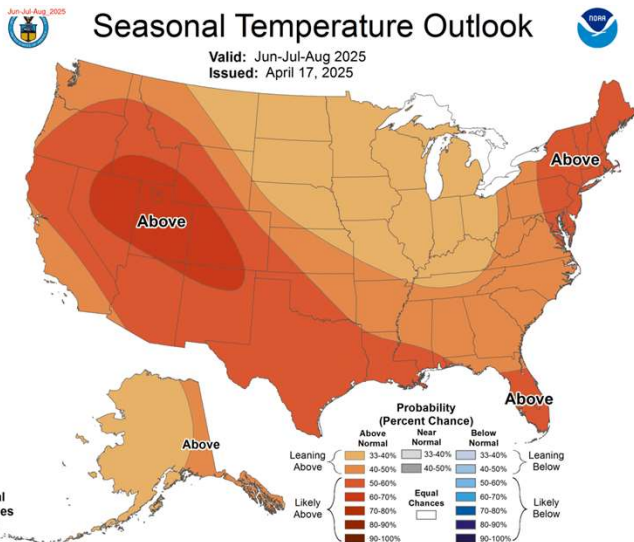
Seasonal Temperature Outlook

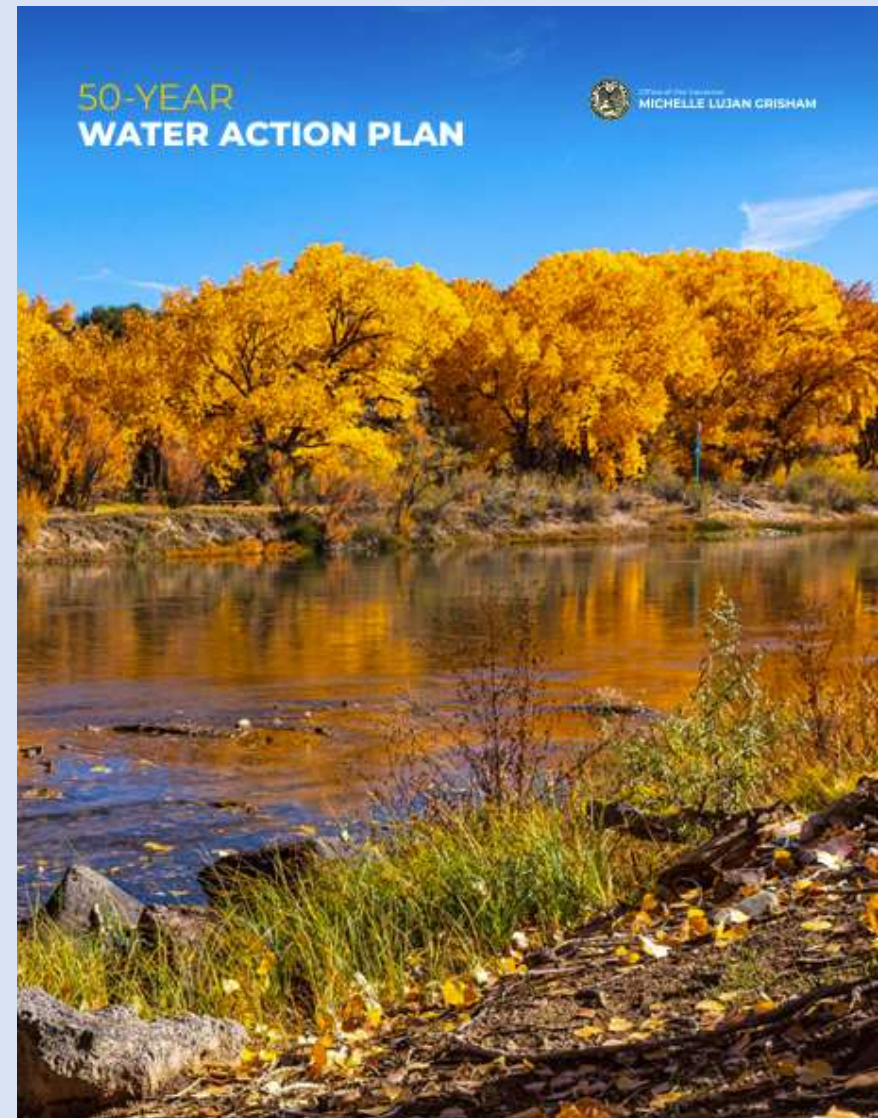
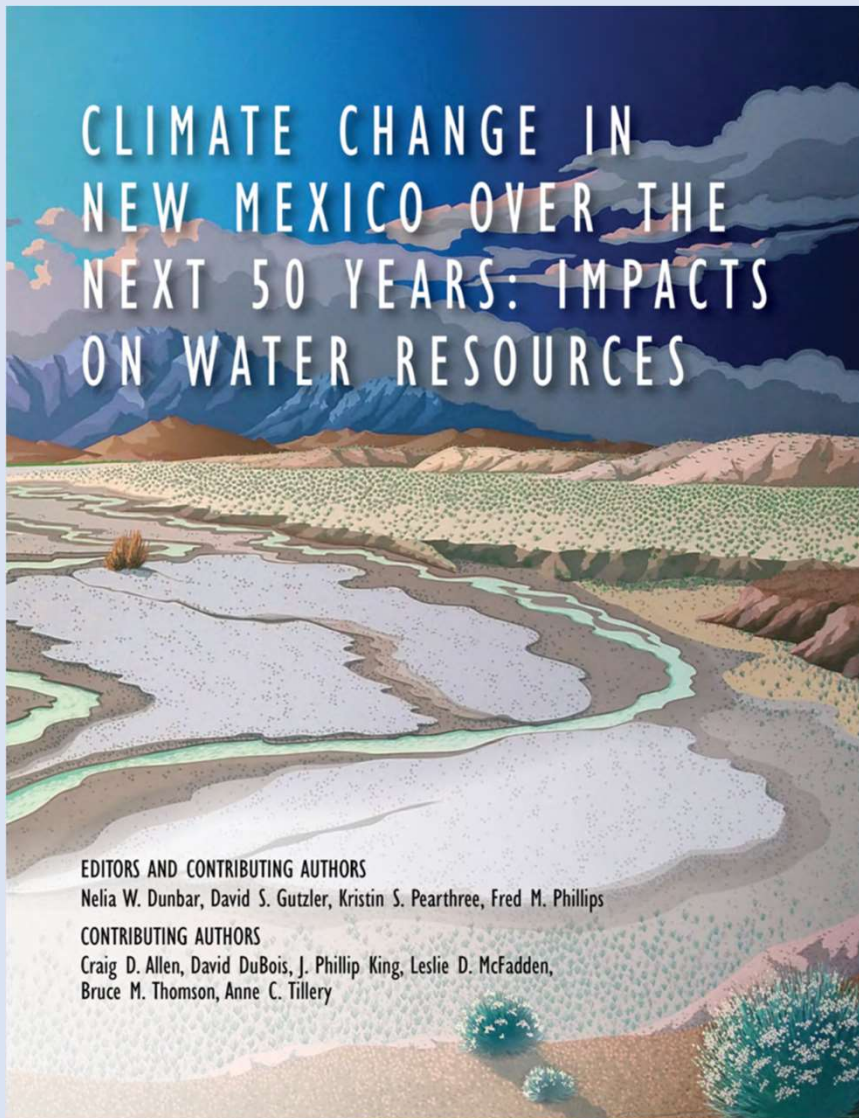


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Looking into the future:

- We need to plan and prepare for 25% less water in our rivers and recharging our aquifers by 2070

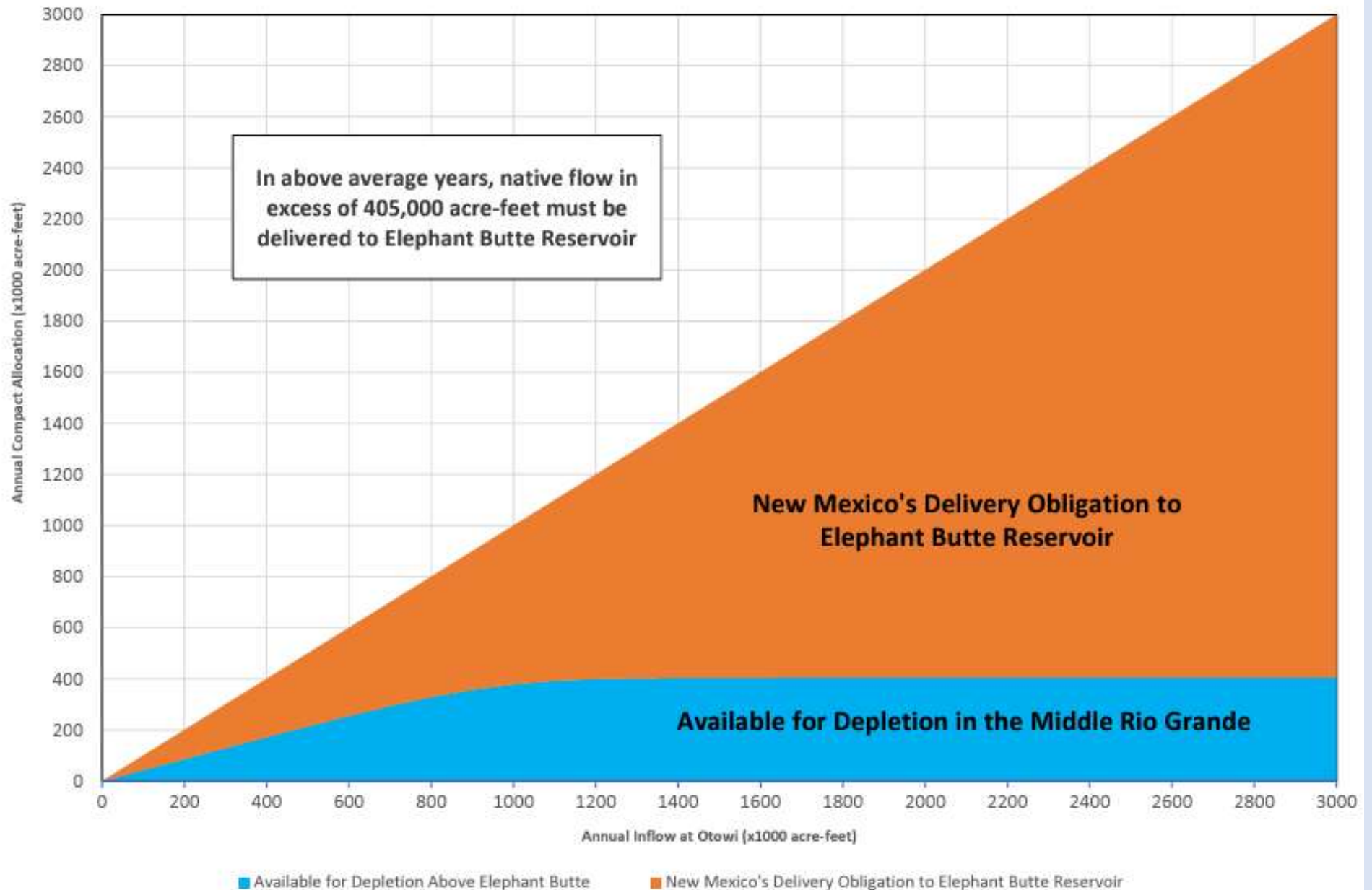


Why is NM's Compact status important?

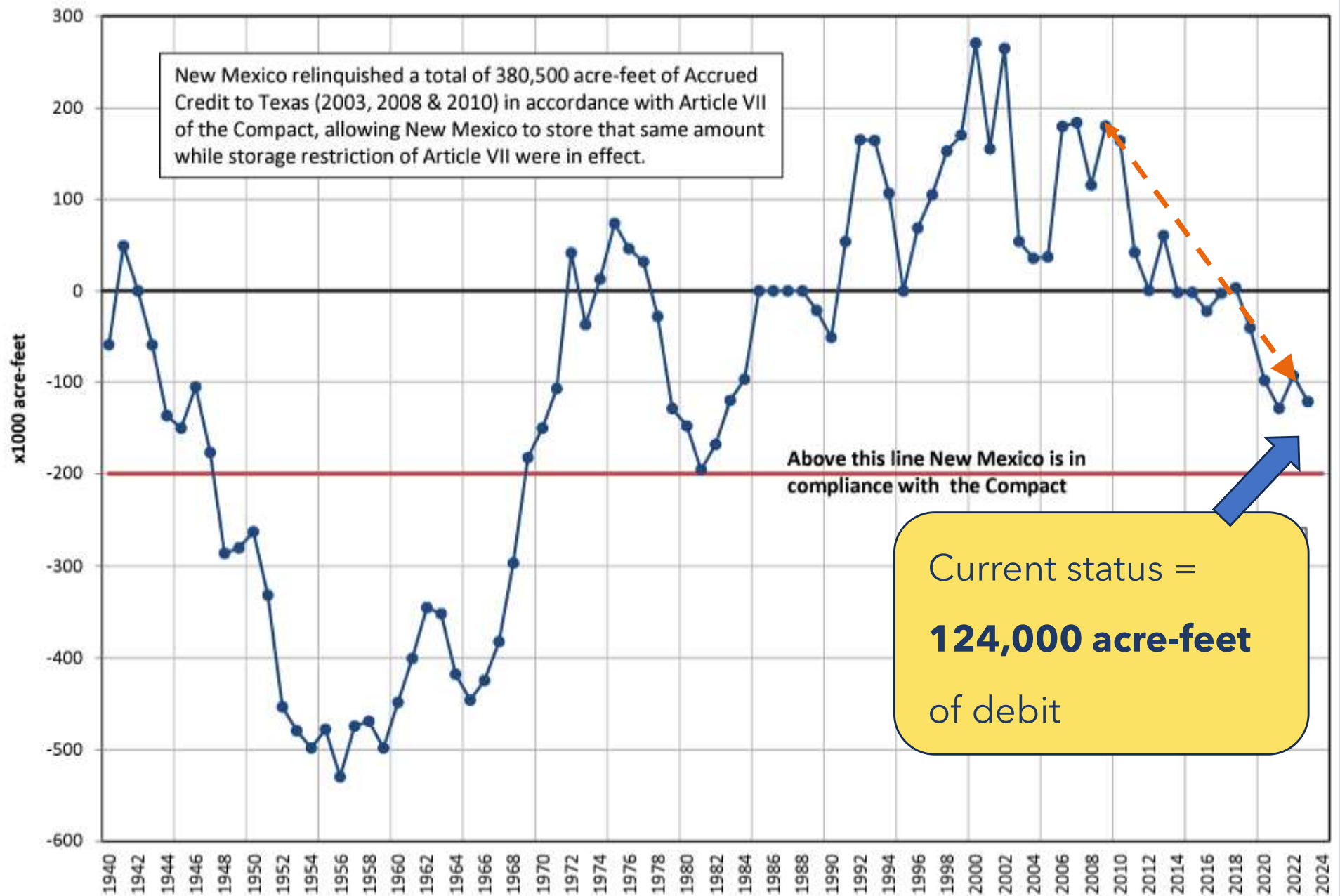
- State water law is subordinate to a state's obligations under an interstate compact
 - *US Supreme Court, Hinderlider v. La Plata Riv. & Cherry Creek Ditch Co., 304 U.S. 92 (U.S. 1938)*
- Upstream storage of native Rio Grande water for middle valley water users is dependent on compact status
 - *Rio Grande Compact Articles VI and VII*

Rio Grande Compact Obligation

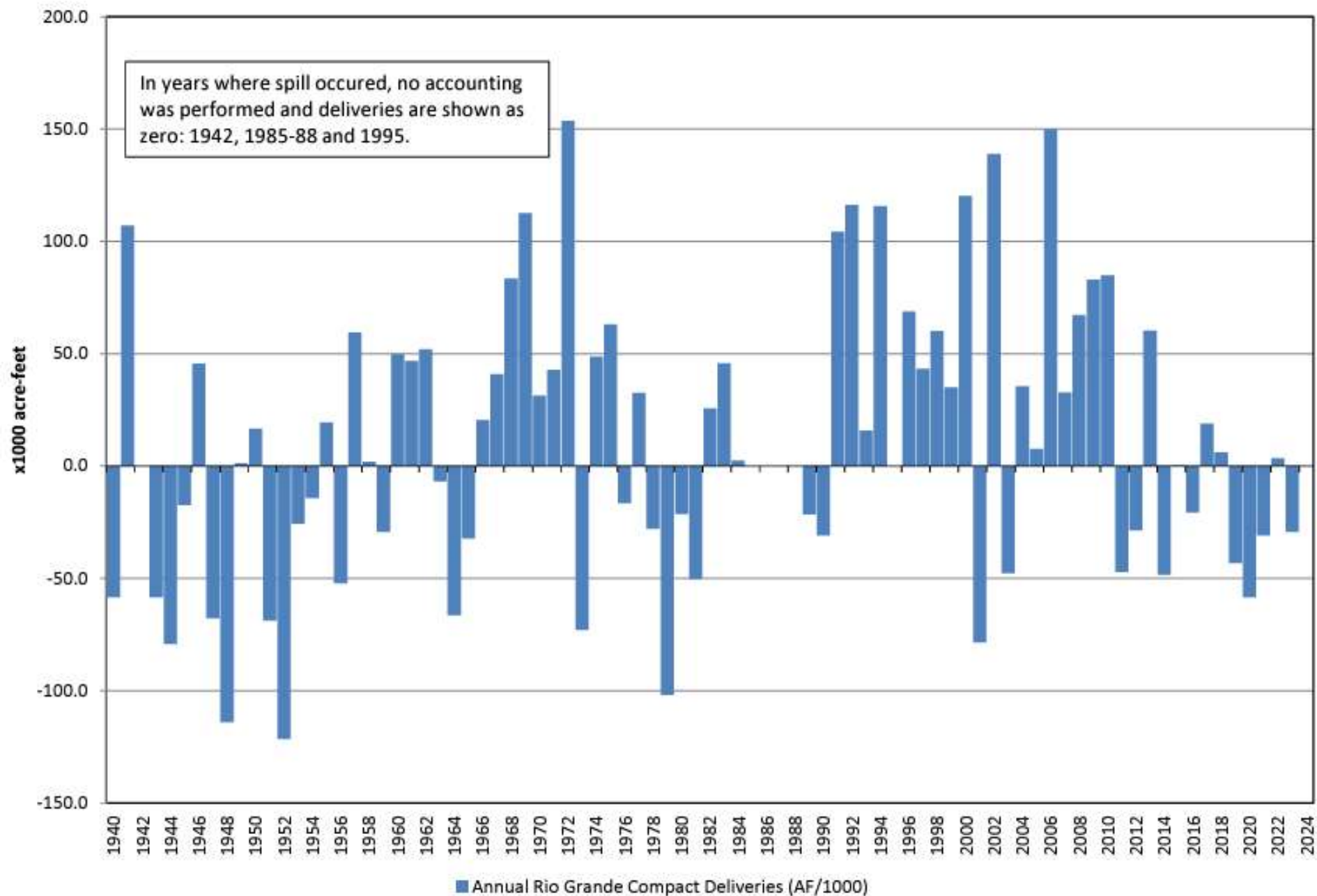
New Mexico's Annual Middle Rio Grande Allocation Chart



Rio Grande Compact Cumulative Departures 1940 through 2024



Annual Rio Grande Compact Deliveries 1940 through 2023



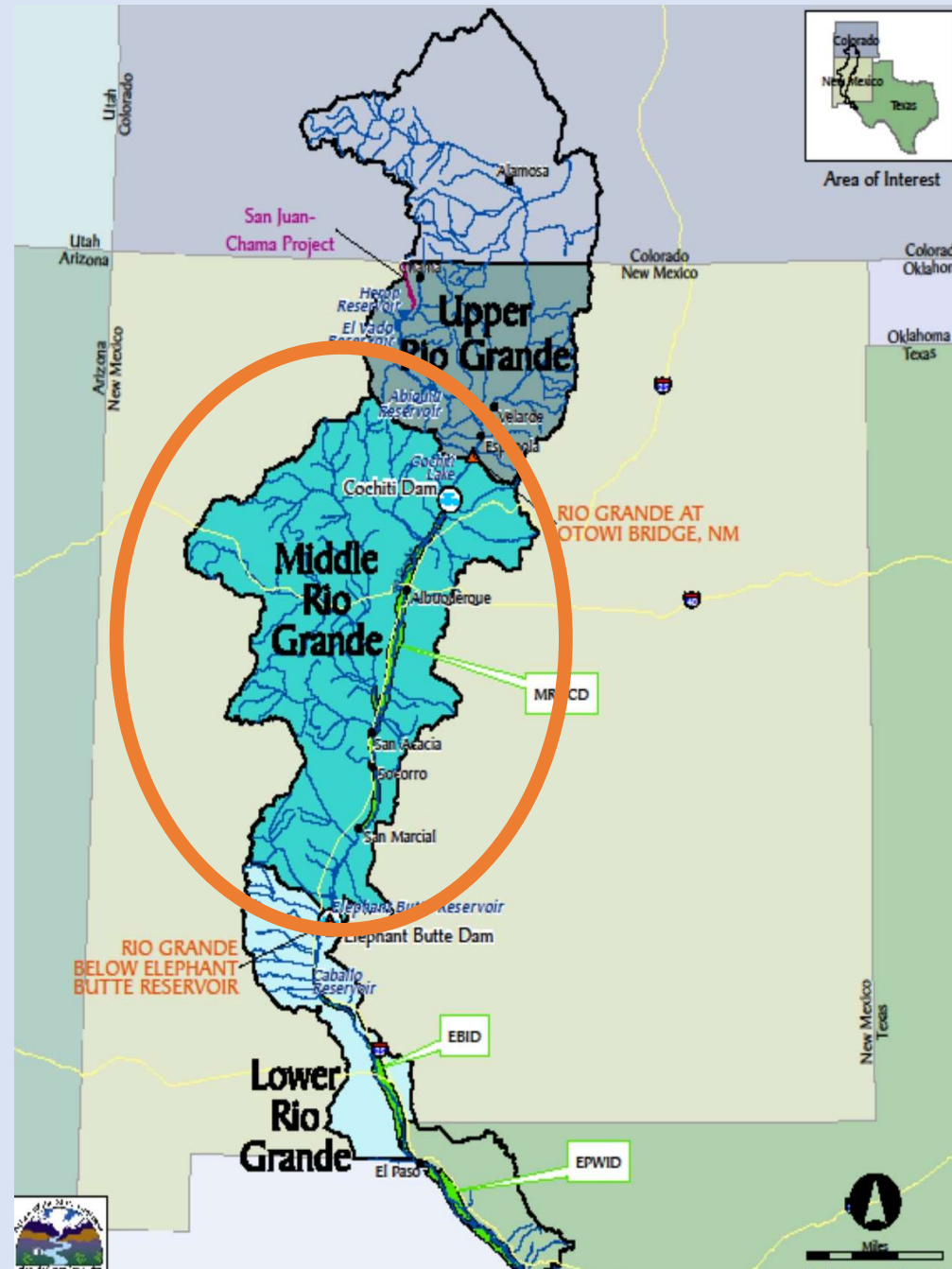
Middle Rio Grande Investments

\$45M in 2023-2025 Legislative Sessions is supporting:

- Active Channel Management for Multiple Purposes
 - Conveyance and Habitat
 - Critical Partnerships with Federal Agencies: Reclamation and Army Corps of Engineers
 - Cooperative Agreement with Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD)
- MRGCD's Voluntary Depletion Reduction Program
- Ongoing Delta Channel Maintenance and Sediment Plug Mitigation
- Data, Modeling and Development of Various Management Tools
 - Low Flow Conveyance Channel

***Need to prepare for:
More Active Depletions Management***

Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Water Rights Negotiations and Settlement



Lower Rio Grande – TX v NM No. 141

The three compacting states proposed a Consent Decree that contained an index obligation quantifying the volume of water to be delivered to Texas as a proportion of releases from Caballo Reservoir. The US opposed the Consent Decree on the grounds that it would dispose of the US' claims without its consent.

- April 20, 2024 – TX and NM presented oral argument at the US Supreme Court
- June 21, 2024 – Court issued a 5-4 decision against the states
- June 9, 2025 – Trial date
- Mediation and effort toward settlement ongoing

NM continues to take action and collaborate with state, federal and local partners to identify and implement solutions

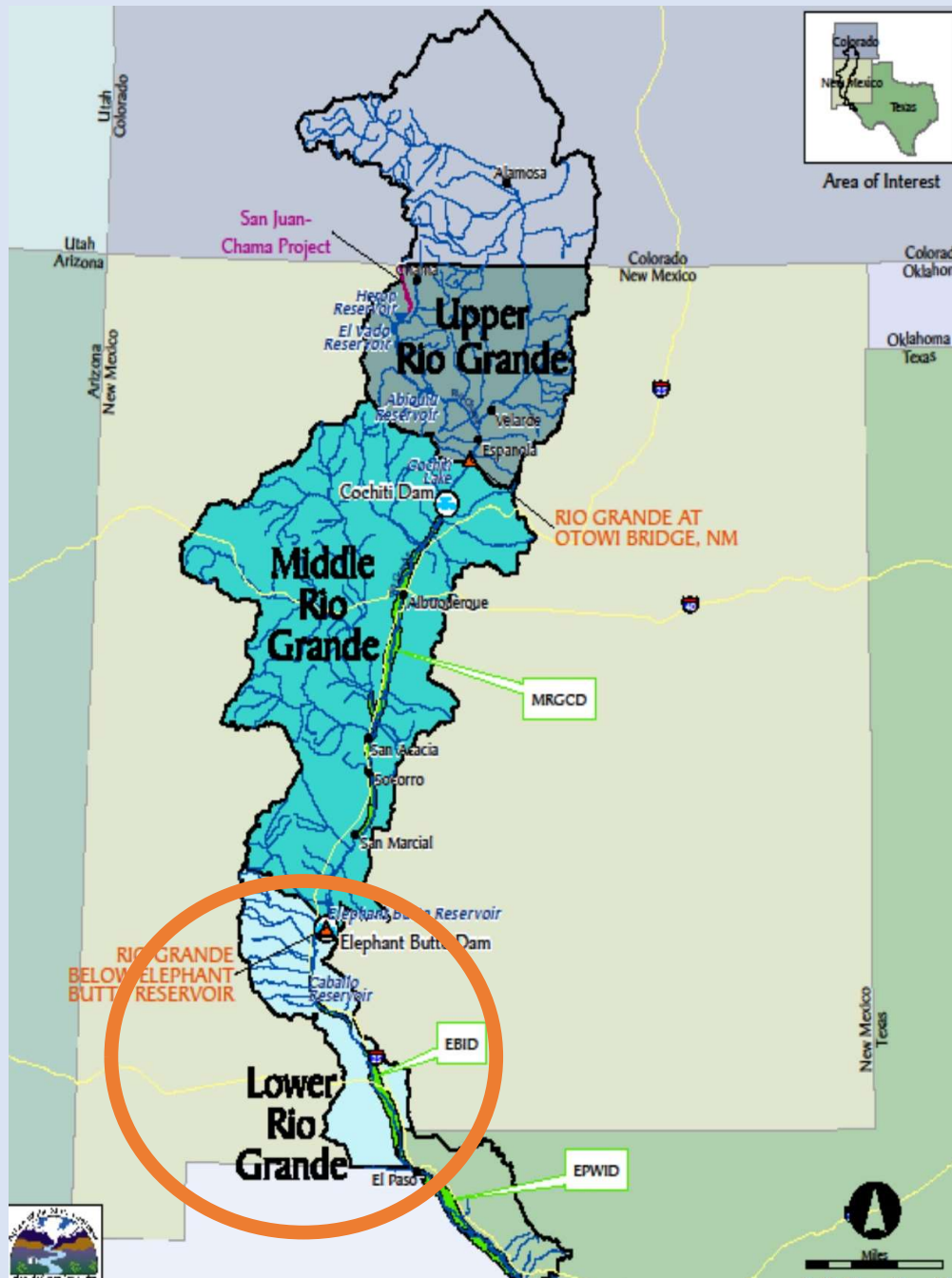


Lower Rio Grande Investments

\$60M+ in 2023 and 2024 Legislative Session is supporting:

- Depletions Management
 - Groundwater Conservation Program in 2025 includes ~6,170 acres enrolled as part of a longer-term groundwater leasing program
 - Development of a purchase program with community input underway
- Implement special projects – aquifer recharge, brackish water, water importation, stormwater management
- Engage with local stakeholders to develop suite of long-term solutions
- Cooperative Agreement with Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID)
- Building the NMISC/NMOSE Team

Leverages Federal Funding and Partnerships



What Does this Mean?



- Commitment to holistic management and a multipronged approach
- Need for planning and capacity development at all levels
- Build on legislative wins from 2023 and 2024 legislative session

NM's Regulatory Framework is Prepared to Tackle the Challenges Ahead

Conjunctive Management of Surface and Groundwater

- NM has the oldest regulatory regime for conjunctive management in the US - since 1956. NM courts recognize the State Engineer's ability to conjunctively manage surface and groundwater rights to ensure compact compliance, including Rio Grande offset requirements.

City of Albuquerque v. Reynolds, 1962-NMSC-173, 71 N.M. 428

Active Water Resource Management (AWRM)

- The State Engineer can enforce all laws related to use of water even in the absence of a complete adjudication.
- In addition, the State Engineer can administer based on agreed upon alternative management plans, which can provide for better win-wins.

Strategic Water Reserve

- NM Interstate Stream Commission has ability to support river flows for Compact and species purposes, including owning and leasing water and storage rights.

NMSA 1978, § 72-14-3.3

Water Security Planning Act

*Senate Bill 337 - Passed unanimously.
Will transform and reinvigorate regional
water planning in New Mexico.*

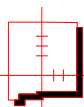
Ensures Regional Water Planning:

- Involves Robust Public Involvement – including from Major Water Rights Holders
 - Is Grounded in the Best Available Data, Science and Models
 - Ties to Implementation through Prioritization of Projects for Funding
 - Builds Local Capacity
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- *Recommendation of the 2022 Water Policy and Infrastructure Task Force, implementation called for by the 50-Year Water Action Plan*



TIME TO WORK TOGETHER



**NMAGIC**

New Mexico Geographic Information Council, Inc., PO Box 9445, Albuquerque, NM 87119-9445

March 14, 2025

Dear Doug Strech,

For more than ten years the Board of the New Mexico Geographic Information Council (NMAGIC) has been honoring individuals that have served the geospatial community and the State of New Mexico to a degree well above and beyond the line of duty. Along with an award for outstanding achievement, the Board developed an award for lifetime achievement in our industry. A committee composed of past recipients of the two awards was formed to review nominations and to develop a list of nominees. Their recommendations are then presented to the NMAGIC board for final approval.

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that you were chosen as a recipient of the NMAGIC Wheeler Peak Lifetime Achievement Award for 2025. We would like to present you with a plaque at the NMAGIC conference in May as a token of appreciation for all the fine work you have done across the years. If this is amenable to you, we would ask the favor of a brief bio to have available at the conference and that you would participate in the selection of nominees for the two awards in the future. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Once again, congratulations from myself and the Board of NMAGIC.

Warmest regards,

Leland J. S. Pierce
New Mexico Geographic Information Council
Geospatial Awards Committee, Chair
505/321-0894
Leland.pierce@dgi.nm.gov



MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors
Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer
From: Human Resources
Date: May 12, 2025
Re: Introduction of New Hires and Job/Title Changes

General Office

GABRIEL	MALDONADO	IRRIGATION SYSTEMS OPERATOR	04/28/2025
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ISAAC	MARTINEZ	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	04/28/2025
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Albuquerque Division

JAKE	JARAMILLO	EQUIPMENT OPERATION & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	05/12/2025 PROMOTION
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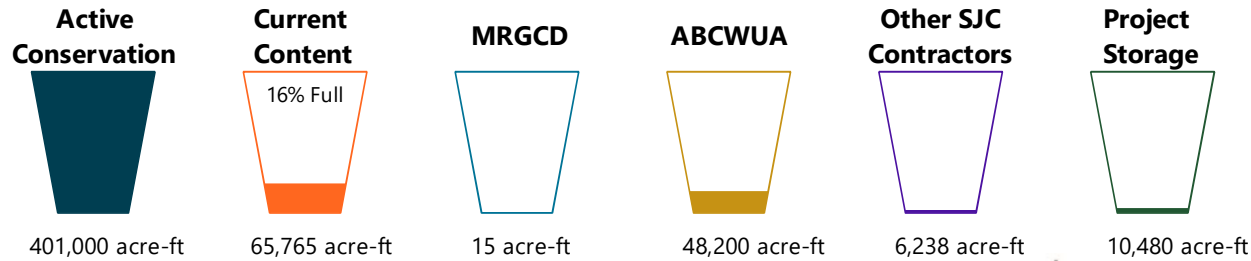
Reservoir Storage Status

May 6, 2025 data

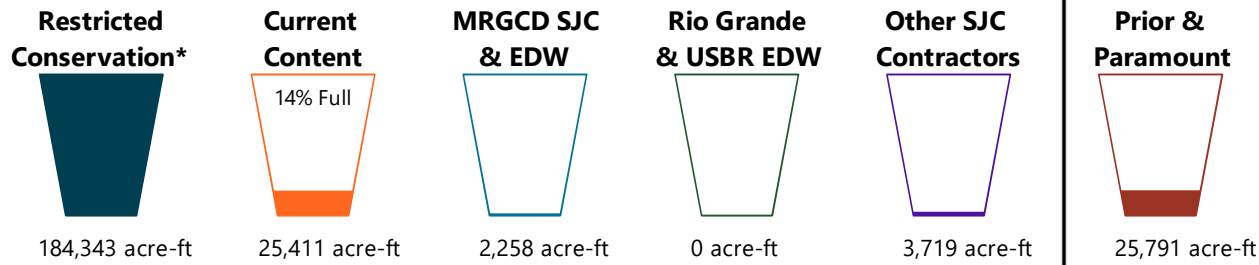


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RECLAMATION

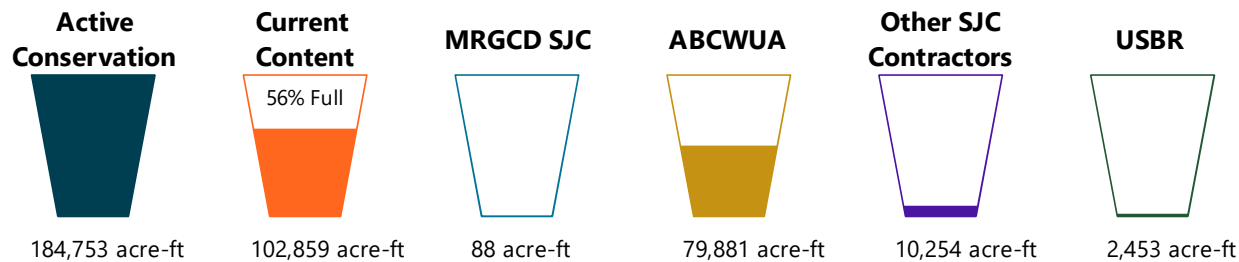
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El Vado



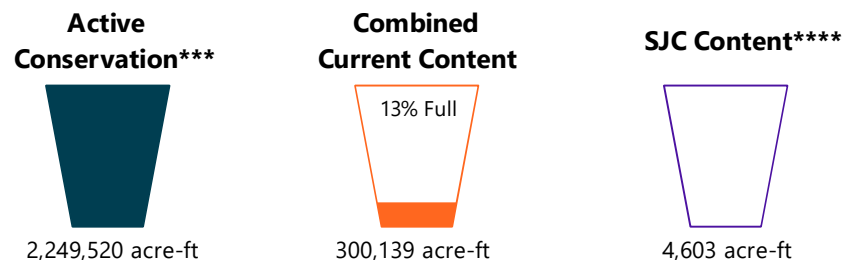
Abiquiu



Cochiti



Elephant Butte and Caballo



* 172,656 AF 06/01 - 09/30 unless waiver requested. Otherwise, reported number.
 ** Includes storage in both El Vado and Abiquiu
 *** Varies by time of year. Reported number is for 04/01 - 09/30.
 **** Max San Juan-Chama storage in Elephant Butte is 50,000 AF.
 Total reservoir content may include incidental storage of water in transit.

MRGCD BOARD MEETING (5-7-2025)

1. Heron Summary

Content: 65,797 ac-ft (5/7/25)
Azotea tunnel: 120 cfs
Total SJC inflow in 2025: 12,884 ac-ft
Currently releasing: 100 cfs
Current MRGCD storage: 14.7 ac-ft

2. El Vado Summary

Total storage (all contractors and natural): 25,411 ac-ft (5/7/25)
Native in El Vado: 19,434 ac-ft
MRGCD's SJ-C storage in El Vado: 2,258 ac-ft
P & P: 19,434 ac-ft
Other SJ-C contractors: 3,719 ac-ft
Current release is 400 cfs RG inflow is 350-450 cfs

3. Storage in Abiquiu

Content: 103,009 ac-ft (5/7/25)
MRGCD's SJ-C storage: 88 ac-ft
P&P: 6,357 ac-ft

Total supplemental water released in 2025: 873 ac-ft

Snow Water Equivalent at SnoTel Sites as of 5/7/2025 (% of median)

Rio Chama Basin.....	31%
Upper Rio Grande Basin.....	38%
Sangre de Cristo Basin.....	93%
Jemez Basin.....	0%
San Juan River Basin.....	36%

- Reclamation carried over about 4,400 ac-ft of supplemental water from 2024 and may have leases for about 10,000 ac-ft of 2025 water, although that volume could be much lower depending on the San Juan – Chama Project allocation.
- The El Vado “first fill” successfully reached 6,820 ft (25,185 ac-ft or 13% of full) on April 27. The reservoir will be held at this elevation until May 27 before determining if this may be the new maximum storage volume.



MEMORANDUM

To: Finance Committee

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

Eric Zamora Technical Support Director

From: Michael Padilla, ROW Supervisor

Date: April 25, 2025

Re: Land Sale Application and approval to start the process.

RE: Requesting to start the process for Land Sale for Tract 4C =0.6300 adjacent to the Peralta Main Canal

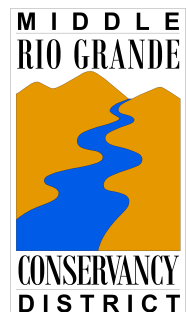
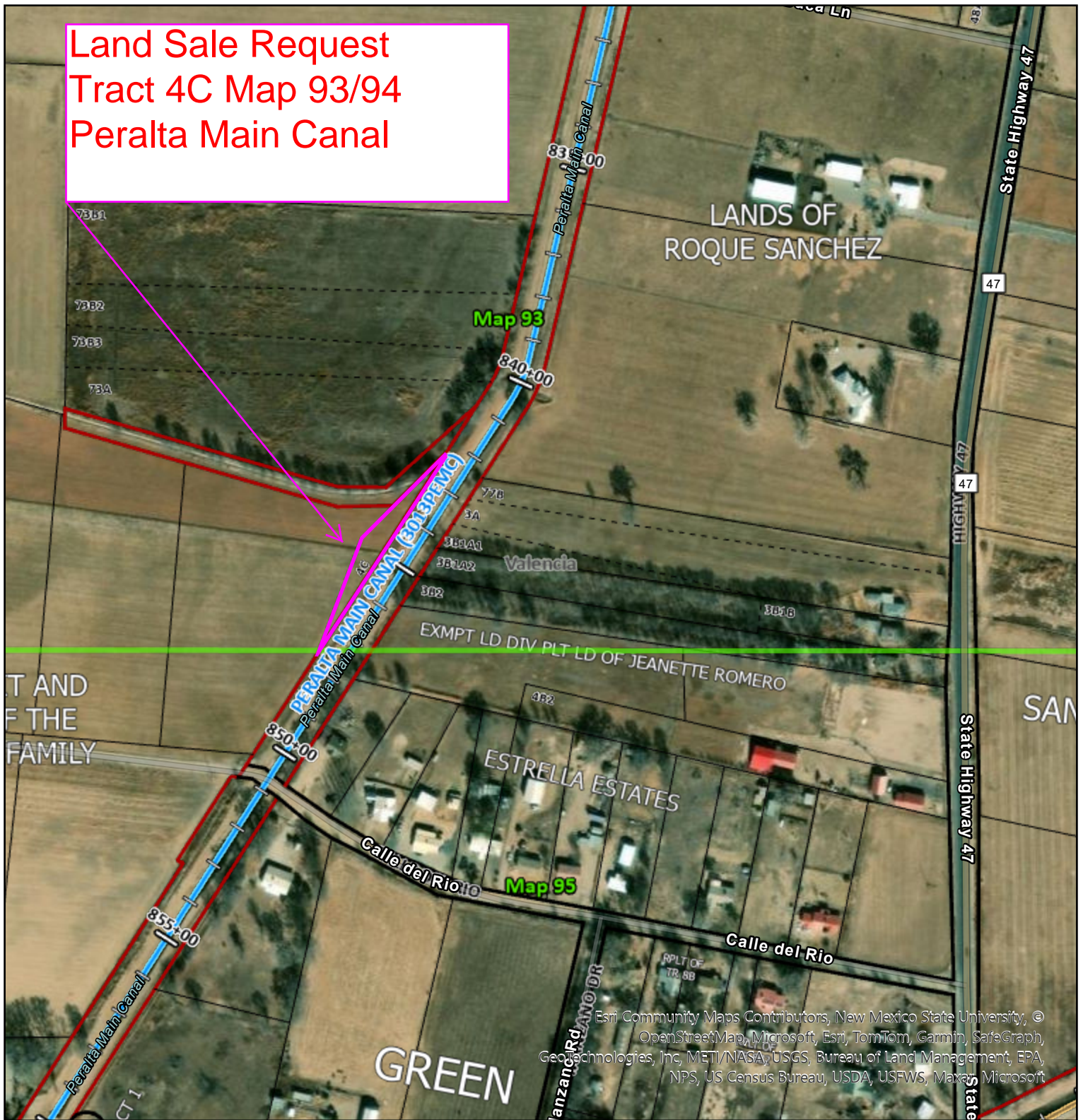
MRGCD Staff recommends that **Map 95 Tract 4C MRGCD – 0.6300 AC Valencia County**, be reviewed to start the land sale process for disposal.

MRGCD staff have determined that the Property is excess right-of-way.

- Tract 4C was acquired from Andres Montano for the Peralta Main Canal.
- Deemed Surplus Land after the design of the Canal
- Property at this time would not affect any public use of the area, based on its location and limited accessibility to the public.
- Requestor submitted a Land Sale Application and associated \$250 non-refundable fee to MRGCD in Jan 2025.
- Should the approval to start the disposal process of the Property be approved, MRGCD staff will follow all Land Sale Procedures outlined in MRGCD Rule 21, *Land Sales Policy* (Policy).

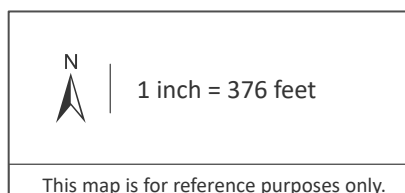
Enclosed: Land Sale Application Packet

Land Sale Request
Tract 4C Map 93/94
Peralta Main Canal



Date: 3/5/2025

Exhibit Map



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

Finance Committee

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

RECEIPT AND CONVEYANCE

Received of MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, this 19th day of January, 1935,
the sum of Ninety Eight and no/100 ----- Dollars (\$ 98.00),
in consideration of which Andres Montano, by Manuel R. Otero, Attorney in fact

----- does -----

hereby grant -----, transfer -----, and convey ----- to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, its
successors and assigns fee simple estate in and to the following land and real estate situate in the County of
Valencia -----, State of New Mexico, to-wit:

All of that part of Tracts Nos. 3 and 4-C on the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District property Map No. 95 required for right of way for the Peralta Main Canal, being all of said tract lying west of a line beginning at a point on the north boundary of said tract No. 3 a distance of 147 feet, more or less, easterly from the northwest corner and running thence South 32 degrees 33 minutes West to a point on the south boundary of said tract No. 4-C a distance of 162 feet, more or less, easterly from the southwest corner and containing 1.22 acres, more or less.

The above described parcel of land includes that part of said tracts lying west of a line located 40 feet easterly from and parallel to the center line of the Peralta Main Canal as the same is now surveyed and located.

The same being acquired hereunder by said District for right-of-way for the Peralta Main Canal
----- together with all rights incident to the interest transferred hereunder, to have and to hold the same unto the said District, its successors and assigns forever.

Prior to procuring payment herefor, the undersigned represent s. as owner ----- to be entitled to above amount as compensation for rights in said realty herein transferred.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has set his ----- hand ----- and seal ----- the day and year first herein written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

Andres Montano [Seal]
By Manuel R. Otero [Seal]
Finance Committee [Seal]
----- [Seal]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

ss.

On this 19th day of January, 1935, before me personally appeared

Manuel B. Otero, Attorney in fact for Andres Montano

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate last above written.

My Commission expires:

April 8, 1938.

Joseph G. Mayo
Notary Public.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO,

County of

ss.

On this day of 193, before me personally appeared

to me personally known.

who being by me duly sworn, did say that he is

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

act and deed of said corporation. acknowledged said instrument to be the free

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

My Commission expires

Notary Public.

RECEIPT AND CONVEYANCE

Covers

For

Map

Tract

To

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

Finance Committee

STATE OF NEW MEXICO,

County of Valencia

ss.

I hereby certify that this instrument was filed for record on the 21st day of March A. D. 1935 at

10 o'clock A. M., and was duly

recorded in Book 3 of Records of

Deeds and Conveyances, page 314

on this 27th day of March

A. D. 1935

John C. Carson
Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder.

By [Signature] Deputy

Attach to sub # 5751

Sullivan's Hole Ranch
January 17th 1935

To Whom it May be of Interest -

This certifies that I have
to-day given authority to Mr.
Mamuel R. Otter, of Albuquerque N.M.
to transact all business & sign
all papers for me with the
Conservancy District -

Arden Morton

EXEMPT LAND SPLIT AND REPLAT OF
LANDS OF THE JESUS SANCHEZ FAMILY
SHEET 2 OF 2

COMPRISING TRACTS A-2-A-1-A, AND TRACT H, , REPLAT AND DIVISION PLAT
LANDS OF CLARENCE SANCHEZ AND JESUS C. SANCHEZ,
TRACT A-2-A-2, PLAT OF LAND OF CLARENCE SANCHEZ,
TRACTS A-2-B, A-2-C, A-2-D, A-2-E, A-2-F, AND TRACT A-2-G
PLAT OF LANDS OF JESUS SANCHEZ
M.R.G.C.D. MAP 95,
WITHIN PROJECTED SECTION 33, T6N, R2E, N.M.P.M. AND
WITHIN PROJECTED SECTION 4, T5N, R2E, N.M.P.M.
WITHIN THE TOME GRANT
VALENCIA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
FEBRUARY, 2008



SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE
I, David E. Tibbetts, a New Mexico registered Professional Land Surveyor, certify that I
conducted and am responsible for this survey, that this survey is true and correct to the best of my
knowledge and belief, and that this survey and plat meet the Minimum Standards for Surveying
in New Mexico.

David E. Tibbetts, P.S. 10024 Date **3/20/08**
Survey Notes:
1. All corners set 5/8" rebar stakes with plastic ID caps impressed "10024",
except where noted.
2. Date of field survey FEBRUARY, 2008.
3. Basis of bearings is plat of Lands of Jesus Sanchez, based on a
found rebar stakes at the northwest and southwest
corners as shown.
4. Course data in parentheses is from record deed, plat or adjoining plat of record where it differs
from field measurements by amount exceeding N.M. Minimum Standards.
5. This lot is shown within 100 year flood zone A as shown on FEMA FIRM
3500086 0300D effective February 9, 2000.

TAX CERTIFICATE
WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, CERTIFY THAT A SEARCH OF THE TAX
RECORDS FOR THE TRACT OF LAND SHOWN HEREON HAS
DETERMINED THAT ALL TAXES DUE AND PAYABLE FOR THE
PREVIOUS TEN YEARS HAVE BEEN PAID.
David Martin Padilla South Dakota 6-1708
VALENCIA COUNTY TREASURER
OR TITLE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE ID 326773 ID 326781
ID 326779 ID 326782 ID 326772
FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALENCIA COUNTY CLERK ON THIS
2nd DAY OF July, 2008, IN
CABINET M POLIO 97
BY Sheri Salas DEPUTY
Sally Perea COUNTY CLERK
AMOUNT 3592 PAID BY Anna Glenn RCT. NO. _____

INDEXING INFORMATION FOR COUNTY CLERK
OWNER(S):
SEE ASSESSED OWNERS OF EACH PARCEL AS SHOWN ON PLAT
SECTION 33, T6N, R2E, N.M.P.M.
SECTION 4 T5N, R2E, N.M.P.M.
GRANT: TOME LAND GRANT
M.R.G.C.D. Map 95 TRACTS A2A1A, A2A1B, A2A2, H, 70A, 70B, ETC
SUBDIVISION: na

COUNTY APPROVAL SIGNATURES:
APPROVED: *[Signature]* 7-1-08
VALENCIA COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR DATE
APPROVED: *[Signature]* 7-1-08
VALENCIA COUNTY MANAGER DATE
APPROVED: *[Signature]* 7-1-08
VALENCIA COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONER DATE

DAVID TIBBETTS SURVEYING COMPANY
P.O. BOX 2337, LOS LUNAS, N.M. 87031
505-865-0396

Curve	Delta Angle	Radius	Arc	Tangent	Chord	Chord Bearing
1	07°53'54"	557.97	76.92	38.52	76.86	S78°37'12"E
2	11°17'04"	557.97	109.89	55.12	109.72	S88°12'41"E
3	12°19'54"	557.97	120.09	60.28	119.86	N79°58'50"E

NOTE: THE OWNERS OF TRACTS C AND D SHOWN HEREON
CLAIM OWNERSHIP TO THE NORTH EDGE OF THE CONCRETE
DITCH AS SHOWN HEREON. THEY ASSERT CONSTRUCTIVE
OCCUPATION OF THIS LAND FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CLAIMED LAND IS NOT INCLUDED
WITHIN TRACTS C AND D AS SHOWN HEREON. ALL LAND
WITHIN TRACTS C AND D HEREON IS CLEARLY INCLUDED
WITHIN THE DEEDS TO TRACTS A-2-C AND A-2-D, LANDS OF
JESUS SANCHEZ.

THE CLAIMED LAND IS SHOWN FOR
INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES, TO DESCRIBE IT, QUANTIFY IT,
AND MONUMENT IT FOR FUTURE RESOLUTION BY THE LAND
NEIGHBORS OR A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.

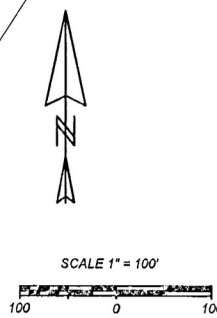
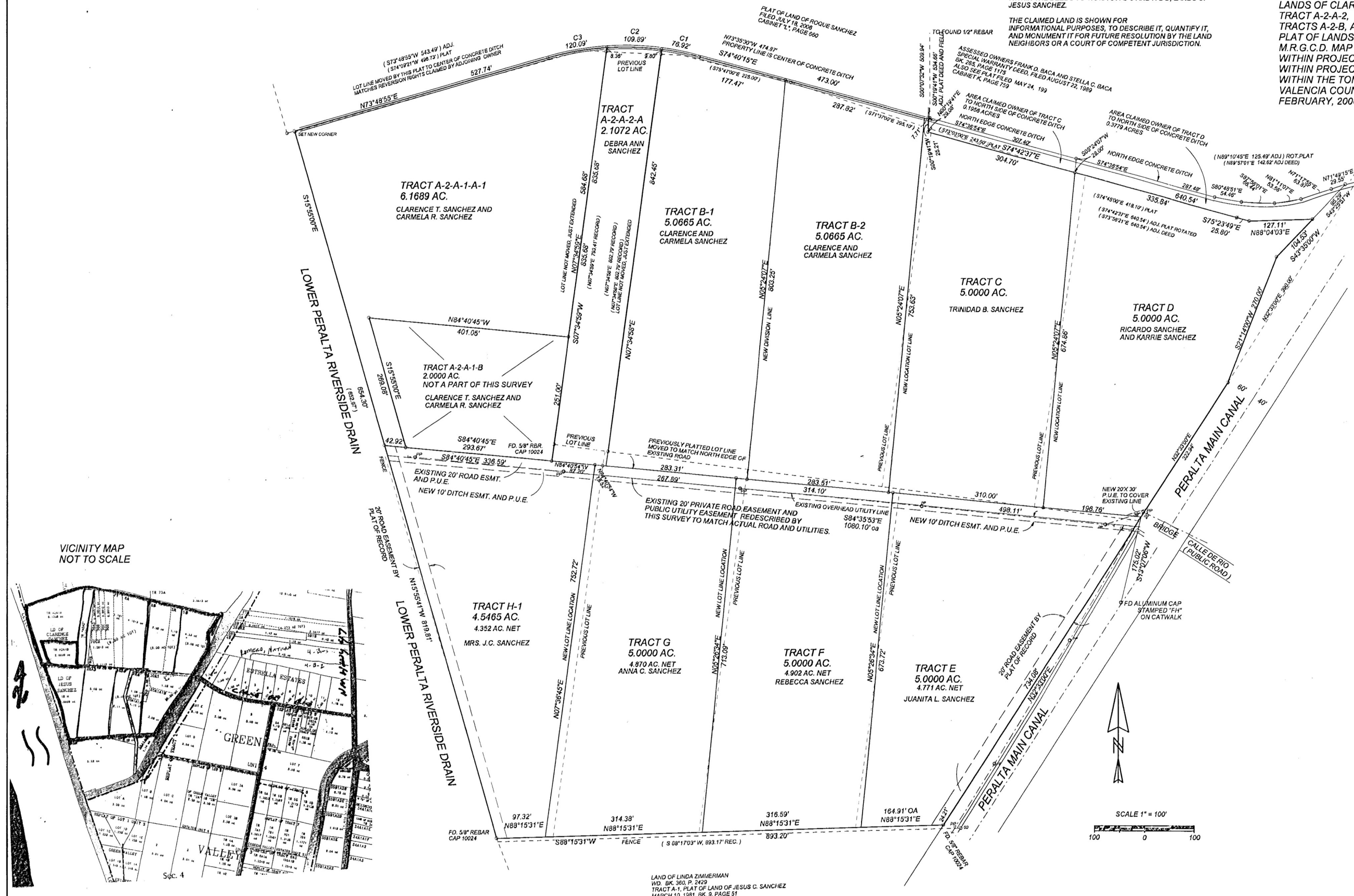


PLATE Showing Bands of JESUS SANCHES

Comprising Tracts 4-a, 5, 6, 7-a, 7-b-1, 7-b-2, 7-c, 7C, 25, 30-a, 35-a-1-a, the northerly portion of 3C and an old Lane now closed, as such are shown on Map 95 of the M.R.C.D. Surveys also Tracts 70-a, 70-b, 70-c, 70-d and 71, as such tracts are shown on Map 93 of the M.R.C.D. Surveys.

Being within the Town Land Grant and within Section 33 Township 6 North, Range 2 East and within Section 4, Township 5 North, Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian.

Valencia County, New Mexico.

Scale: One inch = 200 Feet Sun. April 28, 1962.
Amended Nov. 28, 1978 Showing Tracts

A-1 and A-2, and 20' Road' Easements.

Amended Aug. 4, 1980, Showing Trace
A-2-B, A-2-C, A-2-D, A-2-E, A-2-F, A-2-G + A-2 H.

This is to certify that I am a Registered Land Surveyor, that the above map was prepared from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my direction and that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

P. L. Savinova

Pete Sandoval
N. Mex. Reg. Sur. No. 240
Los Lunas, N. Mex.

VR
Water
rights
Ref
Area
can
be
water



Water Right Status Review

1:2,000
0 50 100 200 Feet
UTM, NAD83 zone 13N



- Severed
- No Pre-1907 Water Rights
- MRGCD Parcel

R072107

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
Office of the State Engineer



Mike A. Hamman, P.E.,
State Engineer

Created By:
District 1 Personnel
Finance Committee

Application Processing

Land Sales Application

Admin Notes

Fees Paid?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Date Logged
12/12/2024

Request No.
412-2024

License Information Supporting Documentation Decision Packet

Applicant Information

* Applicant First Name	Robert L	* Applicant Last Name	Sanchez
* Address	12401 Carmel Ave NE		
* City	Albuquerque	* State	New Mexico
		* Zip	87122
* Email	rsanchez222@hotmail.com	* Phone	(505) 453 - 1504

Description of property to be purchased

MRGCD Map No.
95

Tract No.
4-C

Subdivision

Acres
.63

County
Valencia

* 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

* 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

* 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
I own two parcels of land that border the property

* 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
since I own parcels that border this small piece I will pay for survey

* 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
same answer

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

RECEIPTS

Year/Bill	2025 34181	Payment	Effective Date	02/27/2025
Category	02 Misc Cash Receipts		Entry Date/Time	02/27/2025 16:07
Receipt Amount	34181	250.00	Clerk	Ichambers
Batch	8597		Department	110 ACCOUNTING
Transaction Customer	35838		Source	Payment Entry
Property Code			GL Eff. Date	02/27/2025
Web Transaction? N			Posted Date	2025 08
External Batch			Yr/Per/Jnl	In Proof/Initial
Reference			Batch Status:	Not Reversed
Receipt Comment	LAND SALE APP #115-2024		Reversal Status:	Voided? N
			Reason	
			Receipt Memo	SANCHEZ ROBERT

Seq.	Pmt. Method	Total Amount	Check/Card Applied Amount	Deposit	Paid By	Pay Date	Clear Date
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1	CREDIT CARD	250.00	250.00	022725213		02/27/2025	
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Inst.	Principal Paid	Interest Paid
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No Installment detail records exist.



MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: Yasmeen Najmi, Planner

Date: May 7, 2025

Re: Discussion of the Rio Grande Valley State Park JPA with the City of Albuquerque

The Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) is an update from, and largely follows the format of, the original JPA that was approved by the MRGCD and City of Albuquerque in 1997. The Rio Grande State Park is comprised of the floodway and riverside drain rights-of-way owned or controlled by the MRGCD in Bernalillo County. The City of Albuquerque Open Space Division is the land manager of record for the State Park in partnership with the MRGCD.

The new JPA represents a few years of work by staff and management to update the language to reflect changing conditions in the ecosystem, increased urbanization and recreation use and current management and law enforcement. Though the MRGCD's partnership with the City Open Space Division has been overwhelmingly positive, we've had over 25 years to assess where aspects of our relationship and processes could be clarified and improved, which we've attempted to do in this version of the JPA.

Staff Recommendation: Though the JPA is being presented for discussion at this Board meeting, because I'm retiring from the MRGCD at the end of May, I want to have on record my recommendation that the Board approve this Joint Powers Agreement at a future meeting. The City's Open Space Division is concurrently pursuing final reviews and approvals from their administration and will submit the approved JPA to the Department of Finance and Administration.

Joint Powers Agreement Rio Grande Valley State Park

This Agreement made and entered into this ____ day of _____ 2025, by and between the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico (COA), a municipal corporation, and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), a special district organized pursuant to NMSA §73-14-1 et seq.

WHEREAS, the 36th Legislature of the State of New Mexico on March 15, 1983 approved the Rio Grande Valley State Park Act (Act), that recognized the recreation potential of the Rio Grande Valley State Park (RGVSP) stating, the designation of the Rio Grande Valley State Park will enable people to enjoy the recreational, environmental, educational and wildlife benefits of the river; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque (COA) entered into an agreement in 1985 pursuant to the Act with the State Parks Division of the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals Natural Resources, whereby the City is designated to be the operating party pursuant to the terms of said Act; and

WHEREAS, the RGVSP comprises lands owned and controlled by the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), and the Act required the operating party for the RGVSP to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the MRGCD within the boundaries of the RGVSP, which was approved in 1997; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement as understood by each of the parties is to formalize the means by which the parties will effectuate the provision of the Act by defining the broad objectives and responsibilities of each management authority, identifying the need to incorporate recreational, educational and environmental uses and creating a positive working relationship among the responsible agencies; and

WHEREAS, the COA's representative for the purpose of administration of this Agreement will be the COA's Open Space Division (OSD) under the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the mission of 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 in cooperation with local governments within the Middle Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the OSD is to acquire, protect, manage, and maintain significant natural landscapes and cultural resources while providing low-impact recreation for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, changes in climate, water availability, the riparian ecosystem, recreational demands and uses and an aging population create new management challenges as well as opportunities.; and

WHEREAS, the original JPA between the COA and MRGCD is from 1997 and the current uses and issues affecting the RGVSP require the JPA to be revised to meet present and future access, education, ecological health and recreation needs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the parties agree as follows:

1. General Obligations and Coordination

The MRGCD and OSD will designate Liaison personnel to coordinate on matters arising out of this Agreement or on matters of mutual interest. The Liaisons will be identified and agreed upon through an authorization form that will include current contact information and be updated if either Liaison changes. The parties agree to exchange plans and reports that affect facilities or programs within the RGVSP. The Liaisons will hold semi-annual coordination meetings at minimum to ensure good communication between the parties.

The COA will not interfere with nor obstruct the duties, operations, obligations, construction of new works, functions of the MRGCD in the areas of flood control, irrigation, and drainage, nor will it interfere in the MRGCD's performance of its contracts with any agency. Any new infrastructure, including developed trails, extraordinary facilities, or policies to be implemented by the COA in the RGVSP will be submitted to the MRGCD Liaison for review. The MRGCD Liaison will communicate with MRGCD staff and administration, as appropriate, to determine whether additional reviews, public input and/or approvals are required. Approvals will be provided via an official letter from the MRGCD except where otherwise stipulated in this Agreement. Approval will not be unreasonably withheld. The MRGCD agrees to cooperate to review proposals in an expeditious manner

The MRGCD agrees to abide by the Act and cooperate with the COA to ensure that the integrity and recreational opportunities of the RGVSP are maintained to the greatest extent possible consistent with the other duties of MRGCD. The MRGCD will inform the COA of projects that will affect recreational features, public access and the natural character of the area, and will cooperate to minimize any adverse impact to the RGVSP as a result of its operations.

Major infrastructure projects such as bridges, restoration projects, drainage or flood control projects by other agencies including, but not limited to, Bernalillo County, the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Flood Control Authority, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority, Department of Transportation, US Army Corps of Engineers, and Bureau of Reclamation that affect the RGVSP, will be reviewed and approved by the MRGCD in coordination with OSD, pursuant to the requirements of the Act. The goal will be to minimize adverse impact on the RGVSP or to OSD or MRGCD infrastructure and management caused by such a project. The RGVSP is also designated as Major Public Open Space (MPOS). Therefore, per the MPOS Facility Plan (City of Albuquerque, 1999) and Integrated Development Ordinance (City of Albuquerque O-2017-025, 2017), any new extraordinary structures must be presented to the Open Space Advisory Board and approved by the COA Environmental Planning Commission.

The COA and MRGCD will have joint approval over utility easements within the RGVSP subject to the guidelines of the Act.

The COA and MRGCD will coordinate on joint messaging regarding closures and other shared projects that impact public access and recreation. The COA and MRGCD will cooperate, in advance where possible, on any closures necessary to ensure public safety. Additional coordination and messaging regarding restoration and other projects will be in collaboration between the parties.

2. Management Plan Adopted

The MRGCD and COA hereby agree and stipulate that the Rio Grande Valley State Park Management Plan (City of Albuquerque, 1987) and the Bosque Action Plan (City of Albuquerque, New Mexico State Parks and Open Space Advisory Board, 1993) as amended or updated will be the founding policy documents for management of the RGVSP. The OSD will reassess and prioritize projects in the Bosque Action Plan every five years in coordination with MRGCD and other partners to respond to current and future issues as well as changes to the RGVSP. New and updated policies and ordinances pertaining to the RGVSP will require the review and approval of City Council and the MRGCD's Board of Directors. Nothing in the plan will be construed to prevent MRGCD from performing its other duties and functions and from developing other relevant plans as necessary. MRGCD will coordinate with the COA on new plans and policies that impact the COA's management of the RGVSP.

The RGVSP is a Rank II Management Plan for the OSD, Major Public Open Space Facility Plan. The purpose of MPOS as defined in the Facility Plan is the conservation of natural resources and environmental features, provision of opportunities for outdoor education and recreation, shaping of the urban form, conservation of archaeological resources, provision of trail corridors, and protection of the public from natural hazards.

Revisions to major plans such as Rank II and III plans will be done in coordination between the parties and other responsible entities having jurisdiction the RGVSP. The parties may also collaborate on additional joint plans, recreation, education and restoration projects for the betterment of the RGVSP ecosystem and public use.

3. Jurisdiction

To the extent allowed by law, the COA through the Albuquerque Police Department's (APD) Open Space Unit (OSU) will enforce the Open Space Ordinance and State Criminal Statutes. The officers will assist with major crimes and homicides, fire control, and search and rescue operations. Other responsible and designated entities including the Albuquerque Fire Rescue Department, Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office and Fire Department will maintain their respective authorities within their jurisdictions. APD will coordinate with other law enforcement and Fire Department entities to respond to and support emergency response efforts within the RGVSP.

Any new infrastructure proposed by the COA within the RGVSP, not including basic

signage, maintenance and repair of existing facilities, will require review and approval from MRGCD for such projects. Replacement, relocation or removal of infrastructure impacting the MRGCD's operations and maintenance such as pedestrian bridges, trails, fencing or jetty jacks will also require MRGCD approval. Any major modifications to OSD facilities must also be agreed to by both parties before modifications occur.

The MRGCD, consistent with the Act, may grant use of portions of its property to any public entity for use to further public welfare. The COA will be notified in advance of any such granted use and provided the opportunity to comment. Any improvements or new acquisitions made by the COA within or adjacent to the RGVSP boundaries will remain the property of the COA. Each party will notify the other of plans to acquire, dispose or modify the use of adjacent properties.

The COA will coordinate with MRGCD and Bernalillo County on emergency response and communication to the public. The entities will develop a protocol on coordination and communication to the public during emergency events. The Liaisons and agency public information officers will also coordinate on joint messaging in times of emergencies.

The OSD will erect signs at all entrances to the RGVSP that identify the MRGCD and the COA as cooperating managers of the RGVSP. The parties will also develop a joint signage plan that includes safety, regulatory and interpretive signage.

4. Rules Governing Use

The RGVSP is designated as Major Public Open Space and therefore the Open Space Ordinances apply throughout the RGVSP. The OSD will post regulation signs at major access points and trailheads into the RGVSP. The OSD and MRGCD will also collaborate on additional signage regarding appropriate and allowable recreation use and visitor safety. The OSD will issue special permits for and monitor any special use activities in the RGVSP. Permit requests to utilize the flood control levees and/or riverside drains will be forwarded to the MRGCD's Liaison for review. All permits will require a certificate of insurance that names both the COA and MRGCD as additionally insured.

5. Motor Vehicle Restrictions and Access

The parties agree that it is in their mutual interest to control unauthorized access by motorized vehicles and devices within the RGVSP. The OSD agrees to erect and maintain signage and vehicle barriers subject to the approval of the MRGCD. The parties agree to keep these barriers locked or otherwise secured, to prevent vandalism, levee deterioration, and to control dumping, shooting, fires, resource removal and other illegal or nuisance activities. Notification of any changes to access gates or other barriers must be provided to the relevant parties within 48 hours and, when feasible, prior to the change.

The parties will also work together to deter illegal parking, especially in front of gates and emergency access points. Additional signage will be utilized and coordination with the APD to issue violation notices and remove vehicles when necessary.

6. Dumping and Illegal Camping

OSD agrees to be responsible for the removal and disposal of all trash, waste and debris within the boundaries of the RGVSP. MRGCD agrees to be responsible for the removal and disposal of all trash, waste and debris generated by the MRGCD's operations.

The parties agree to work together to minimize the widespread dumping of trash, waste and debris within the RGVSP. The parties will cooperate to select mutually agreeable storage sites for construction materials at periodic intervals within the RGVSP. Thereafter, all such materials may only be stored at said sites, except during a construction or maintenance project where materials may be stockpiled at the site of said project prior to or during the construction of the project.

The APD OSU will also enforce ordinances pertaining to camping. Camping is illegal on Major Public Open Space except in designated areas, and there are no designated areas for camping in the RGVSP. Camping poses threats to the RGVSP including to water quality and wildlife habitat. Such camps have resulted in problems with dumping, raw sewage and wildfires. The OSD and APD will follow COA policies regarding removing encampments. Additional entities may assist the COA with this effort including other COA departments and Bernalillo County.

7. Public Safety

The parties will cooperate in formulating and executing a plan to maximize the safety of RGVSP visitors. This may involve public education, signage, written handouts, visitor information programs, public service announcements, the erection of barriers, and other reasonable precautions. Each party agrees to take such safety measures as are feasible to cooperate with the other party in general safety measures in the RGVSP. The parties will also work with other responsible entities to further support safety and education in the RGVSP, including but not limited to New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Bernalillo County, and New Mexico State Parks.

8. Communication, Education and Outreach

Education and outreach on the ecological, historical and cultural importance of the RGVSP are essential to its protection, future health and stewardship. Opportunities to learn about the OSD and MRGCD's missions and functions increase public understanding and support. The OSD will lead, coordinate and support education programs specific to the RGVSP. Such programs will include but not be limited to outreach materials, kiosks and other interpretive signs, appropriate land art, conservation and user education programs, youth and school programs, and volunteer activities. Additional emphasis will be placed on providing equitable access and opportunities to the RGVSP for residents throughout Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. The OSD will partner with other entities to further support education programs in the RGVSP including but not limited to the Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program, U.S Fish and Wildlife Service and Rio Grande Nature Center State Park. The parties may further coordinate on such programs and publications through joint funding.

9. Trails and River Access

The OSD will develop and maintain trails in the RGVSP as well as close unofficial trails. New trails and trail systems, excluding natural surface (i.e. no added soil hardeners or other materials) trails in the bosque, will be subject to MRGCD reviews and approvals. The Paseo del Bosque Trail is maintained by three different entities: COA Parks and Recreation Park Management, OSD and Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation. Trail uses and types will follow adopted management plans, ordinances and/or policies.

OSD will develop and maintain river access for non-motorized boats as well as emergency access for river rescue and fire response in accordance with management plans, subject to MRGCD reviews and approvals. Public river access will include regulatory and wayfinding signage and a reference to the river mile markers to further aid in rescue efforts. New Mexico State Parks Division has jurisdiction over boating activities in the RGVSP and conducts boater safety education programs and patrols.

10. Restoration Projects and Management

The parties will coordinate on projects to maintain and improve the ecological health of the RGVSP, emphasizing ecosystem and habitat management and planning for impacts from climate change and predicted reductions in water supply. The parties will continue to work with other appropriate entities on research, monitoring and future restoration projects. The parties will work to support a diversity of habitats including wetlands that provide critical habitat to numerous species in the RGVSP. Additionally, the OSD will work with volunteers and partners on invasive species management within the RGVSP. The MRGCD will manage vegetation along the flood control levees, riverside drains and MRGCD outfalls as part of its operations and maintenance responsibilities. Restoration and re-vegetation projects may not obstruct operations and maintenance access to, or otherwise negatively impact, the MRGCD's flood control and water delivery infrastructure.

11. Wildlife Habitat Management

Albuquerque is designated as a Migratory Bird Treaty City USA largely due to the RGVSP and the habitat it supports for migratory and nesting birds. Additionally, there are several State and Federally listed sensitive, threatened or endangered species in the Middle Rio Grande including the RGVSP. The OSD will work to minimize wildlife disturbance while balancing access and low-impact recreation opportunities for the public. The parties will follow U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird Treaty Act guidance for construction, restoration and recreation activities in the RGVSP when feasible and not at the cost of public safety. Additionally, the OSD and MRGCD will work with appropriate entities on monitoring and supporting wildlife habitat enhancement projects. OSD will coordinate applications and permitting for research and monitoring within the RGVSP and provide copies to the MRGCD's Liaison for review.

12. Wildland Fire Prevention, Response and Education

The OSD will work with the New Mexico Forestry Division and other appropriate entities on reducing hazardous fuel loads to minimize the risk of catastrophic wildland fires. These projects will also incorporate forest health and wildlife habitat objectives and enhancements where feasible. The COA and

Bernalillo County will also work cooperatively to implement the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and other relevant plans and coordinate such efforts with the MRGCD. Additionally, OSD will work with the Albuquerque Fire Department and Bernalillo County Fire Department on education efforts and Fire Watch volunteer program to assist with the prevention and early detection of wildfires to expedite response times. In periods of drought and high fire danger, OSD and MRGCD will seek input from AFD, New Mexico Forestry Division and others as appropriate on public access closures and/or other measures to be taken to mitigate wildfire risk and protect public safety. In the case of wildfire in the RGVSP, the OSD will manage post-fire remediation and restoration efforts.

13. Liability and Property Damage

Neither party will seek to hold the other responsible for any damage done by third parties to their respective property. If damage is caused by one of the parties to this Agreement, the party will be responsible for such property damage, unless due to an emergency situation, where such damage cannot be prevented.

14. Modification

This Agreement may be modified from time to time by the COA and MRGCD. Any modifications must be in writing and approved by both parties.

15. Termination

The Agreement will remain in force so long as the Act is in force and the MRGCD exists as an entity. The OSD is the designated operating party pursuant to the terms of the Act.

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

CEO and Chief Engineer

Date

City of Albuquerque

Chief Administrative Officer

Date

New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration

Secretary

Date

DRAFT

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Long-Term Assets Fund and General Fund**

Adoption of Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 (07-01-24 to 06-30-25)

No. BA-05-12-25-101

WHEREAS, staff of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, State of New Mexico ("MRGCD"), has developed a budget for fiscal year 2024/2025; and

WHEREAS, said budget was adopted by the Governing Body of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District on May 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration approved said budget; and

WHEREAS, the MRGCD budgeted project contract revenue for the San Acacia Levy refund from the Army Corps of Engineers in the Long Term Assets Fund for \$1,368,000; and

WHEREAS, the actual amount of the San Acacia Levy refund is \$1,063,170.88; and

WHEREAS, the MRGCD has determined that the refund should be allocated to the General Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, being the Governing Body of the MRGCD, approves the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and instructs the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer to submit the amended budget to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for approval.

RESOLVED: in session this 12th day of May 2025.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

John P. Kelly, Chairman

Collin T. Baugh, Vice Chairman

Stephanie Russo Baca, Director

Glen Duggins, Director

Michael T. Sandoval, Director

Brian Jiron, Director

Karen Dunning, Director

ATTEST:

Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
ESTABLISHING A CASH BUDGET RESERVE**

BA-05-12-25-102

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) to maintain a healthy financial position and ensure the continuity of its operations; and,

WHEREAS, establishing a policy for maintaining a cash reserve equal to one-twelfth (1/12) of the MRGCD's annual operating budget can act as a buffer during unexpected events and allow for more flexibility in financial planning; and,

WHEREAS, the MRGCD will regularly monitor the cash reserve and make adjustments as needed to ensure reserves remain at the appropriate level.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District's Board of Governance hereby approves maintaining a cash reserve equal to one-twelfth (1/12) and can only be used to cover unexpected costs, address financial shortfalls, or support operational needs as deemed necessary by management.

RESOLVED in session this 12TH day of May 2025.

MIDDLE RIO GRADE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

John P. Kelly, Chair

Colin T. Baugh, Vice Chair

Karen Dunning, Director

Michael T. Sandoval, Director

Stephanie Russo Baca, Director

Glen Duggins, Director

Brian Jiron, Director

ATTEST:

Pamela S. Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
CFO/Secretary/Treasurer



San Acacia Diversion Dam

Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2026

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District



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Board of Directors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position No.</u>	<u>County</u>
John P. Kelly, Chair	2	Bernalillo
Collin T. Baugh, Vice Chair	4	Bernalillo
Stephanie Russo Baca	1	At Large
Karen Dunning	3	Valencia
Brian Jiron	5	Valencia
Glen Duggins	6	Socorro
Michael T. Sandoval	7	Sandoval

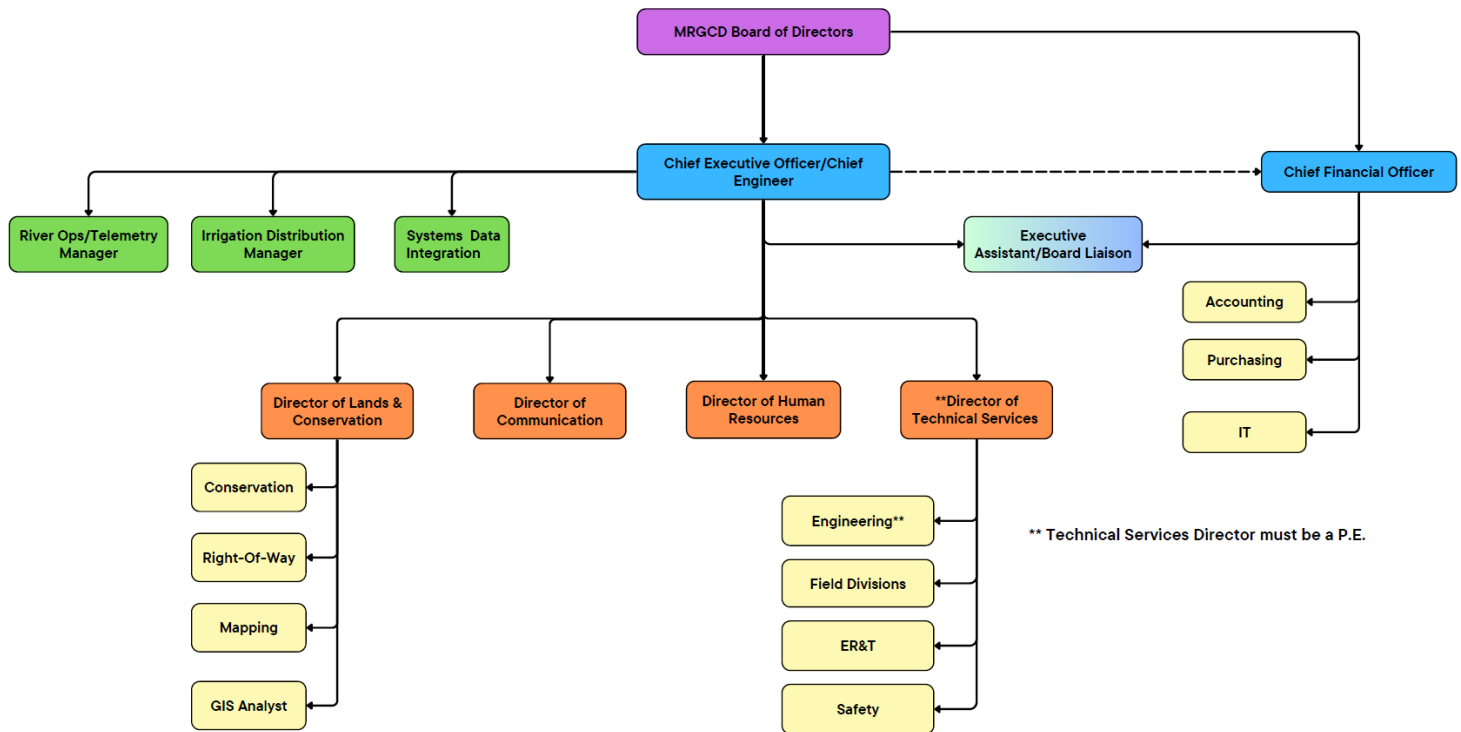
District Leadership

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Jason Casuga	CEO / Chief Engineer
Pamela Fanelli	CFO / Secretary / Treasurer
Eric Zamora	Director of Technical Services
Christine Nardi	Director of Human Resources
Amanda Molina	Director of Communications
TBD	Director of Lands & Conservation
Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg - Lorna Wiggins	General Counsel
Spencer Fane - Jeff Wechsler	Chief Water Counsel

Finance and Budget

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Pamela Fanelli	CFO/Secretary/Treasurer
Raquel Dawson	Budget Analyst

Organization Chart



Budget Message From CEO



Dear Board of Directors,

The Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 is being submitted for your review and approval. The Fiscal Year 2026 begins July 1, 2025, and ends June 30, 2026. The budget is structurally balanced. The District is committed to a balanced, accountable, sustainable, and efficient approach to governance.

In FY2025, the District negotiated two union contracts for the first time. This resulted in significant increases in wages for union and non-union employees. Water Service Charges were increased in FY2026 to cover the increased expenses. There were also some reductions in expenditures that helped offset the increase in wages. The budget takes into consideration projected revenue and expenditure increases.

The proposed budget reflects our commitment to improving infrastructure by continuing to apply for grants and using the Capital Investment Fund to fund District match requirements. Challenges still ahead are aging infrastructure, changing political environment, and climate change, which affect the availability of irrigation water. We continue to invest in strategic areas that will enable us to operate more efficiently. We remain committed to improving the environment, and we are streamlining processes by reducing waste, maximizing resources, and improving the quality of our system.

As CEO, I am dedicated to developing a budget that is financially responsible and serves the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. M. Casuga'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Jason M. Casuga, P.E.
CEO/Chief Engineer

Executive Summary

Mission Statement

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (the District) operates, maintains, and manages irrigation, drainage, and river flood control in the Middle Rio Grande Valley, promotes efficient and responsible water management, protects the environment, wildlife and endangered species in cooperation with other local, state, and federal agencies, and provides multi-use recreational opportunities within the Middle Rio Grande Valley.

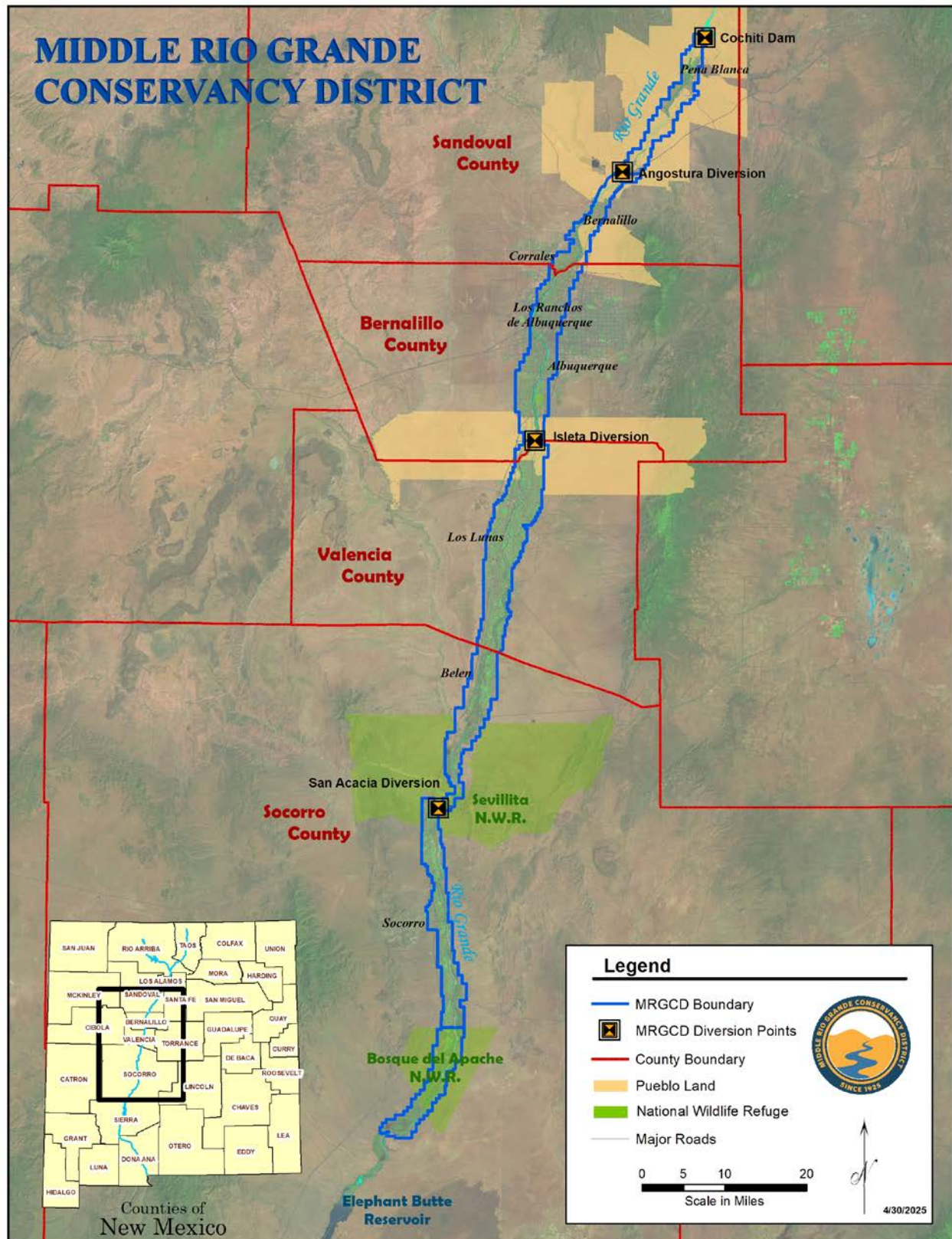
Goals

The District is committed to our community, environmental sustainability, and capital improvements. The budget was prepared following the major goals established for the District by the Board of Directors and the CEO. These goals are outlined below:

1. Improving MRGCD Water Conveyance System for Efficient Operations and Drought Resiliency Meeting the Middle Valley's Compact Commitments
2. Water Operations Improvement Planning, Implementation, and Transparency
3. Protecting the District's and its Constituents' Water Rights
4. Carry out the District's Commitments to the 2016 Biological Opinion in partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation and the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission
5. Improving Employee Services and Morale/Performance & Constituent Services
6. Staff and Union Contract Resources Management
7. Legislative Agenda
8. Seeking State and Federal grants
9. Other Major Projects (not an exhaustive list)
 - a. Corrales Siphon Project
 - b. Socorro Main Canal Lining Project - Phase 2
 - c. Low-Flow Conveyance Channel - Operations and Maintenance
 - d. Feeder 3 Pump Station Design
 - e. Water Conservation and Farm Efficiency Projects
 - f. Environmental Projects
 - g. Bernalillo to Belen Levee Project - Mountain View Phase 1
 - h. El Vado Dam Safety Improvement Project

The resources needed to achieve these goals are interspersed throughout the FY26 budget and future budgets. The 5-year forecast encompasses a more detailed plan to accomplish the District's long-term goals.

District Boundaries



5-Year Forecast Summary

The 5-year forecast is the District's principal financial budget planning tool. Estimates of future revenues and expenditures for the General Fund for the current year and an additional four years are forecasted. The 5-year forecast identifies trends in revenues and expenditures and attempts to address any challenges. Below is a table that identifies the projected revenues and expenditures as presented to the Board of Directors on January 13, 2025.

General Operating Fund 5-Year Forecast

Fiscal Year	Revenues	Expenditures	Projected Surplus
FY2025	28,198,949	28,198,949	-
FY2026	30,463,261	30,460,042	3,219
FY2027	32,265,958	32,257,868	8,090
FY2028	33,453,160	33,449,201	3,959
FY2029	34,541,681	34,522,164	19,517



Socorro Main Canal

Budget Process

The FY2026 budget process is represented in the timeline below.

January - Internal Kickoff

- Launch the budget planning process
- Align on goals, timeline, and responsibilities

February - Department Requests Due

- Departments submit budget needs
- Begin initial compilation and review

March - Revenue Forecasting

- Analyze revenue trends
- Estimate available funding

April - Draft Review by Finance Committee

- First full review of proposed budget
- Provided feedback and suggest revisions

May - Board Presentation

- Final draft presented to Board
- Seek formal approval

June - System Upload

- Approved budget entered into system
- Verify data accuracy and readiness

July - Budget Implementation Begins

- New fiscal year starts
- Funds allocated and spending begins

Budget Summary

The District does zero-based budgeting, taking a detailed approach to developing revenue and expenditures. The District is required to manage its expenditures within its revenues and any reserves available. The District budgets to maintain the fund balance by structurally balancing revenues and expenditures each year.

The major funds presented in the budget include the following:

The Long-Term Asset (Levee) Fund, a special revenue fund, accounts for cash held for future levee projects.

The Debt Service Fund, a debt service fund, is primarily used to account for payments on the principal and interest related to loans. Fiscal year 2024 is the first year that the District created this fund.

The Grants Fund, a special revenue fund, is used to account for grant revenue and expenditures, including District match related to grants. Fiscal year 2024 is the first year that the District created this fund.

The Capital Investment Fund, a project fund, is primarily used to account for revenue related to the 1 mill increase in ad valorem strictly dedicated to capital investment. Fiscal year 2024 is the first year that the District created this fund.

Budgets are created for all governmental funds, including the General Fund, special revenue, debt service, and project funds. Budgetary control is maintained by a formal appropriation and encumbrance system at a fund level. The board may approve additional appropriations through a legally adopted resolution. Budget data is prepared consistently with the District's basis of accounting. Governmental funds utilize the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The fiscal year 2026 budget was developed considering projected increases in revenue and expenditures.

The primary sources of revenue are from ad valorem assessments, water service charges, and maintenance contracts with governmental entities. The mill rate remained at 6.0693 for residential and 7.3334 for non-residential property. 5.0693 residential and 6.3334 for non-residential is dedicated to the General Operating fund, and 1 mill for residential and non-residential is dedicated to the Capital Investment Fund. The Board of Directors approved an increase in Water Service charges of \$8.00 per acre from \$51.25 to \$59.25 for fiscal year 2026. The District is projecting that Ad Valorem revenues will increase by 2.8% due to valuation increases. An investment program was implemented in FY2022 to increase investment earnings to supplement the General Fund Resources.

The District negotiated two union contracts in FY25, which will increase wages and fringes in FY2026. Other pay adjustments were made to keep wages competitive. The District continues to invest in projects that will improve the efficiency of operations and water delivery.

Several grant projects have been budgeted that will replace aging infrastructure, reduce water usage, and increase efficiency.

Revenues for the District, excluding transfers, total \$62,658,888. Appropriations, excluding transfers, total \$64,708,230. The General Fund is balanced with general revenues totaling \$30,223,960, loan proceeds totaling \$4,000,000, and other financing sources of \$50,000. Operating expenditures total \$33,902,960, and transfers out total \$371,000.

Ad Valorem is a significant percentage of the District's General Fund and the Capital Investment Fund. Revenue estimates indicate that the District should expect reasonable revenue growth for Ad Valorem. The increase in Ad Valorem from FY25 estimated actual revenue represents a 2.8% increase in residential and non-residential valuation assumptions for both funds.

Transfer-in to the Grant Fund is for a grant match. Transfers into the debt service fund are to pay for debt service. Primarily, debt service is paid out of the Capital Investment Fund. In FY2026, the new budgeted loan is budgeted out of the General Fund. Transfers in equal Transfers-out and total \$6,496,789.

The General Fund is balanced with resources, appropriations, and transfers out, netting to zero. The expenditure budget is \$34,273,960, including transfers; an increase of \$6,075,011, or 21.54% above the FY25 budget. The proposed budget includes equipment purchases of \$4,228,882, an increase of \$3,348,882, estimated increases in salaries and fringes totaling \$1,827,200 for pay increases for union and non-union employees and benefit increases.

The District's goal of seeking Federal and Local Grants is represented in the Grant Fund. Total budgeted grant revenue is \$22,554,014. Loan proceeds total \$1,361,414, and grant match coming from the Capital Investment Fund totals \$5,309,867. Total budgeted expenditures in the grant fund total \$29,225,295. The Grant Fund is balanced with resources, appropriations, and transfers-in, netting to zero. The primary grant projects include the Low Flow Conveyance Channel O&M, \$6,915,587, Socorro Conveyance Channel Lining Project \$7,539,708, and the Corrales Siphon Replacement Project \$10,120,000. The Capital Investment Fund is a life-to-date fund that will bring over a projected surplus from FY25 of \$2,137,456 to be applied to FY26 expenditures.

The District has made every effort to develop a comprehensive and responsible budget for FY2026 by identifying anticipated revenues and expenditures. However, due to ongoing economic uncertainties—including the potential impact of new tariffs—some adjustments may be necessary during the fiscal year. These conditions could lead to increased costs in areas such as parts, repairs, capital equipment, and infrastructure. As a result, the District may need to reallocate expenditures between categories to maintain operational effectiveness and fiscal responsibility.

Financial Consolidations

Resources

A summary of the budgeted resources by fund is shown in the table below:

FY2026 Resources	General Fund	Long-Term Assets Fund	Debt Service Fund	Grant Fund	Capital Investment Fund	Total
Revenue	\$ 30,223,960	\$ 50,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,554,014	\$ 4,397,500	\$ 57,247,474
Other Financing Sources						
Equipment Proceeds	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
Loan Proceeds	4,000,000	-	-	1,361,414	-	5,361,414
Total Resources	\$ 34,273,960	\$ 50,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 23,915,428	\$ 4,397,500	\$ 62,658,888

Expenditures

A summary of the budgeted expenditures by fund is shown in the table below:

FY2026 Expenditures	General Fund	Long-Term Assets Fund	Debt Service Fund	Grant Fund	Capital Investment Fund	Total
Expenditures	33,902,960	400	1,186,922	29,225,295	392,653	64,708,230
Total Expenditures	\$ 33,902,960	\$ 400	\$ 1,186,922	\$ 29,225,295	\$ 392,653	\$ 64,708,230

Transfers

A summary of the budgeted transfers by fund is shown in the table below:

FY2026 Transfers	General Fund	Long-Term Assets Fund	Debt Service Fund	Grant Fund	Capital Investment Fund	Total
Transfers In	-	-	1,186,922	5,309,867	-	6,496,789
Transfers Out	(371,000)	-	-	-	(6,125,789)	(6,496,789)
Total Appropriations	\$ (371,000)	\$ -	\$ 1,186,922	\$ 5,309,867	\$ (6,125,789)	\$ -

Budgeted Resources, Expenditures, and Fund Balance

	General Fund	Long-Term Assets Fund	Debt Service Fund	Grant Fund	Capital Investment Fund	Total
FY2024 Fund Balance	\$ 26,001,604	\$ 1,148,944	\$ 892,282	\$ -	\$ 1,982,802	\$ 30,025,632
FY2025 Budgeted Incr/Decr Fund Balance	-	(637,000)	16,500	-	(446,589)	(1,067,089)
FY2025 Estimated Actual Fund Balance	25,831,253	1,198,944	922,282	-	2,137,230	30,089,709
FY2026						
Resources	34,273,960	50,000	22,000	23,915,428	4,397,500	62,658,888
Expenditures	(33,902,960)	(400)	(1,186,922)	(29,225,295)	(392,653)	(64,708,230)
Transfers	(371,000)	-	1,186,922	5,309,867	(6,125,789)	-
Total FY2026	-	49,600	22,000	-	(2,120,942)	(2,049,342)
Projected Ending Fund Balance	\$ 25,831,253	\$ 1,248,544	\$ 944,282	\$ -	\$ 16,288	\$ 28,040,367



Socorro County

Budgeted Highlights by Fund –

General Fund

3-Year Consolidated Fund Financial Schedule

	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 CY Budget	FY2025 Est Actual	FY2026 Proposed Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 27,104,752	\$ 26,001,604	\$ 26,001,604	\$ 25,831,253
Revenue	28,030,195	27,911,949	29,375,120	30,223,960
Other Financing Sources	173,490	287,000	287,000	4,050,000
Total	28,203,685	28,198,949	29,662,120	34,273,960
Expenditures	26,474,241	28,198,949	29,832,471	33,902,960
Other Financing Uses	2,832,592	-	-	371,000
Total	29,306,833	28,198,949	29,832,471	34,273,960
Increase/(decrease) in Fund Balance	(1,103,148)	-	(170,351)	-
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 26,001,604	\$ 26,001,604	\$ 25,831,253	\$ 25,831,253



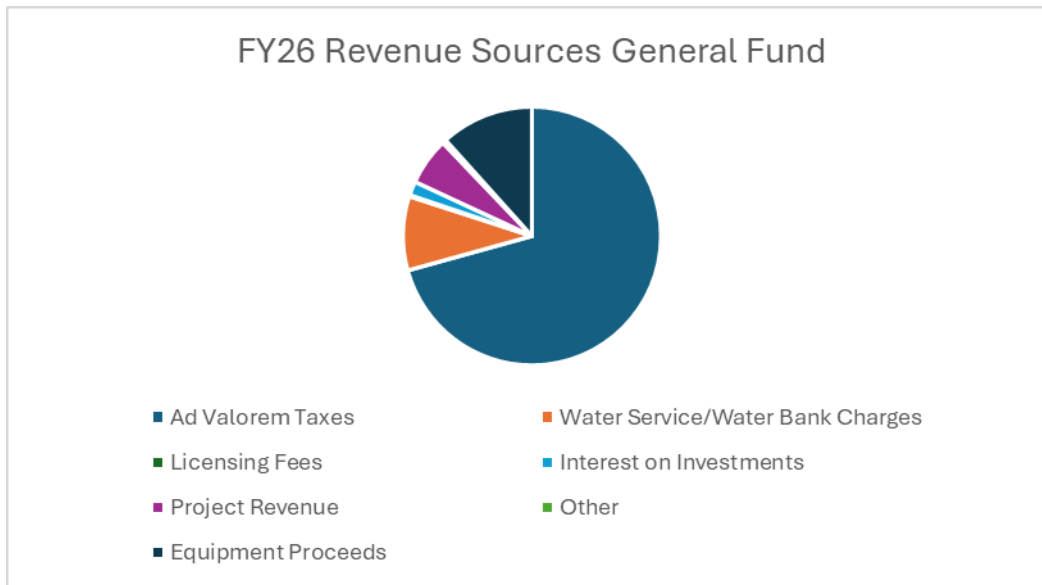
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FY2026 Budget

	FY2025 Original Budget	FY2026 Budget	Incr (Decr) FY26 over FY25	% Change	Recurring	Non Recurring
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 22,944,500	\$ 24,014,820	\$ 1,070,320	4.66%	\$ 24,014,820	
Ad Valorem Interest	220,000	220,000	0	0.00%	220,000	
Water Service Charges	2,725,449	3,150,885	425,436	15.61%	3,150,885	
Water Bank Fees	30,000	23,000	(7,000)	-23.33%	23,000	
Licensing Fees	54,000	63,505	9,505	17.60%	63,505	
Interest on Investments	600,000	600,000	0	0.00%	600,000	
Project Contract Revenue - Federal	850,000	1,673,750	823,750	96.91%	1,673,750	
Project Contract Revenue - Local	350,000	365,000	15,000	4.29%	365,000	
Other	138,000	113,000	(25,000)	-18.12%	113,000	
Equipment Proceeds - Loans	0	4,000,000	4,000,000	Add		4,000,000
Equipment Disposition Proceeds	50,000	50,000	0	0.00%	50,000	
Total Revenues	27,961,949	34,273,960	6,312,011	22.57%	30,273,960	4,000,000
Transfers In - Indirect Overhead Grants Fund	37,000	0	(37,000)	-100.00%		
Transfers In - Grants Fund	200,000	0	(200,000)	-100.00%		
Total Transfers In	237,000	0	(237,000)	-100.00%	-	-
Total Revenues & Transfers In	28,198,949	34,273,960	6,075,011	0	30,273,960	4,000,000
Salaries	11,556,046	12,940,188	1,384,142	0	12,940,188	
Employee Benefits	4,699,975	5,143,033	443,058	9.43%	5,143,033	
Employee & Board Related Costs	536,010	808,168	272,158	50.77%	808,168	
General & Administrative Expenses	563,584	399,794	(163,790)	-29.06%	399,794	
Professional Services	552,363	594,485	42,122	7.63%	594,485	
Insurance & Legal Services	1,597,369	1,503,405	(93,964)	-5.88%	1,503,405	
Technology & Communication	834,062	773,611	(60,451)	-7.25%	773,611	
Ad Valorem Collection Fee	479,338	511,545	32,207	6.72%	511,545	
Utilities	147,440	160,200	12,760	8.65%	160,200	
Facility Maintenance	100,000	90,000	(10,000)	-10.00%	90,000	
Division Maintenance, Const, Rehab	1,393,030	1,532,750	139,720	10.03%	1,532,750	
Vehicle & Equipment O&M	2,109,650	2,162,650	53,000	2.51%	2,162,650	
Conservation Program	80,000	150,000	70,000	87.50%	150,000	
Safety Program	50,840	48,190	(2,650)	-5.21%	48,190	
Federal O&M Services	1,763,367	1,826,304	62,937	3.57%	1,826,304	
Agreements & Community Outreach	485,875	448,755	(37,120)	-7.64%	55,000	393,755
Watershed Management	100,000	100,000	0	0.00%	100,000	
Projects	120,000	331,000	211,000	175.83%		331,000
Endangered Species Act Projects	150,000	150,000	0	0.00%	150,000	
Capital Expenditures	880,000	4,228,882	3,348,882	380.55%		4,228,882
Total Expenditures	28,198,949	33,902,960	5,704,011	20.23%	28,949,323	4,953,637
Transfers Out - Debt Service	0	371,000	371,000	Add	371,000	-
Total Expenditures & Transfers Out	\$ 28,198,949	\$ 34,273,960	\$ 6,075,011	21.54%	\$ 29,320,323	\$ 4,953,637
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues less Expenditures	0	0				
Surplus/Deficit	\$ -	\$ -				

Revenue

The total resources budgeted for the General Fund equals \$34,273,960, which includes equipment proceeds of \$4,000,000. The primary revenue sources are Ad Valorem Revenue and Water Service Charges. The following graph illustrates the composition of the total revenue resources budgeted for the General Fund.



Ad Valorem taxes represent 80% of the total budgeted revenue excluding other financing sources and 71% of total resources in the General Fund. The increase in Ad Valorem from FY25 estimated actual revenue represents a 2.8% increase in residential and non-residential valuation assumptions.

Water Service Charge revenues increased from \$51.252 in FY25 to \$59.25 in FY26. Water Bank Fees have been suspended due to the severe drought conditions New Mexico is experiencing. The District is charging for alternative curtailment location fees only. Due to the creation of an Investment Program and increasing interest rates, the District budgeted \$600,000 in investment income in FY26. Some interest earnings are being reinvested.

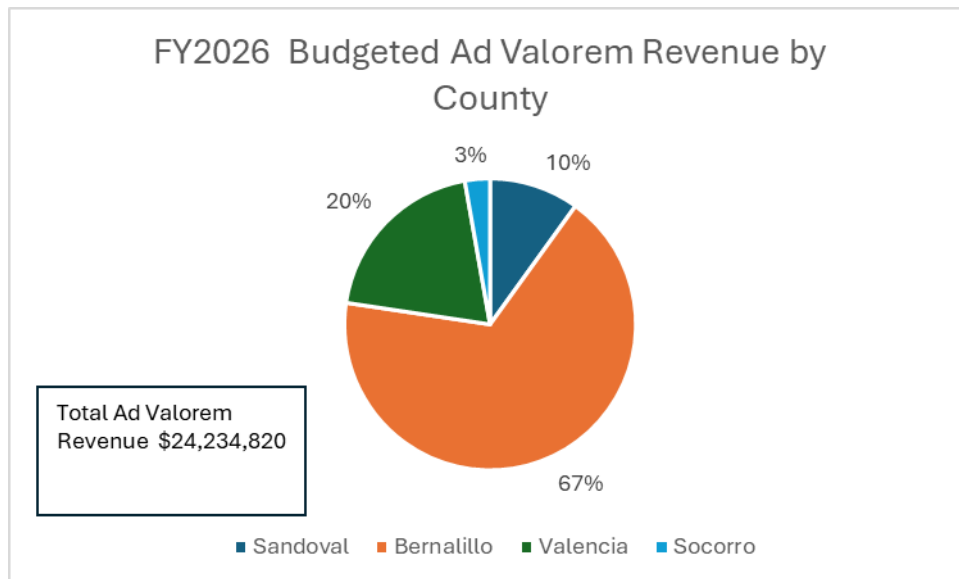
Revenue Detail

Description	FY25 Original	FY26 Budget	Incr (Decr)		% Change	Recurring	Non-recurring
	Budget		FY25	FY26 Over			
Sandoval Co ADV Collections	\$ 2,364,000	\$ 2,411,280	\$ 47,280	2.00%	\$ 2,411,280	-	
Bernalillo Co ADV Collections	15,467,000	16,338,510	871,510	5.63%	16,338,510	-	
Valencia Co ADV Collections	4,671,000	4,809,780	138,780	2.97%	4,809,780	-	
Socorro Co ADV Collections	662,500	675,250	12,750	1.92%	675,250	-	
Total Ad Valorem Revenue	23,164,500	24,234,820	1,070,320	4.62%	24,234,820	-	
Sandoval Co WSC Collections	157,890	182,536	24,646	15.61%	182,536	-	
Bernalillo Co WSC Collections	388,877	449,580	60,703	15.61%	449,580	-	
Valencia Co WSC Collections	1,196,253	1,382,985	186,732	15.61%	1,382,985	-	
Socorro Co WSC Collections	970,733	1,122,262	151,529	15.61%	1,122,262	-	
WSC Unassigned	11,696	13,522	1,826	15.61%	13,522	-	
Total Water Service Charges	2,725,449	3,150,885	425,436	15.61%	3,150,885	-	
Water Bank Admin Fees	5,000	3,000	(2,000)	-40.00%	3,000	-	
Water Bank Lease Fees	20,000	10,000	(10,000)	-50.00%	10,000	-	
Water Bank WSC Fee	5,000	10,000	5,000	100.00%	10,000	-	
Total Water Bank Fees	30,000	23,000	(7,000)	-23.33%	23,000	-	
Application License Fees	18,000	30,000	12,000	66.67%	30,000	-	
License - Bosque Access Fee	25,000	27,505	2,505	10.02%	27,505	-	
Construction Special Use License	6,000	6,000	-	0.00%	6,000	-	
Gate Access/Installations	5,000	0	(5,000)	-100.00%	-	-	
Total License Revenue	54,000	63,505	9,505	17.60%	63,505	-	
O&M Contract - BIA Pueblos	850,000	1,673,750	823,750	96.91%	1,673,750	-	
O&M Contract - Alameda Drain	290,000	305,000	15,000	5.17%	305,000	-	
Contract Revenue - Los Alamos	50,000	50,000	-	0.00%	50,000	-	
Contract - La Joya Acequia	10,000	10,000	-	0.00%	10,000	-	
Total Contract Revenue	1,200,000	2,038,750	838,750	69.90%	2,038,750	-	
Miscellaneous Revenue	80,000	50,000	(30,000)	-37.50%	50,000	-	
Turnout Installations	35,000	30,000	(5,000)	-14.29%	30,000	-	
Recycled Metal Sales	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%	5,000	-	
Insurance Claim Recovery	15,000	15,000	-	0.00%	15,000	-	
Real Property Sales	0	10,000	10,000	Add	10,000	-	
Fuel Rebates	3,000	3,000	-	0.00%	3,000	-	
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	138,000	113,000	(25,000)	-18.12%	113,000	-	
Interest On Investments	600,000	600,000	-	0.00%	600,000	-	
Total Interest Revenue	600,000	600,000	-	0.00%	600,000	-	
Loan Proceeds	0	4,000,000	4,000,000	Add		4,000,000	
Equipment Disposition Proceeds	50,000	50,000	-	0.00%	50,000	-	
Total Equipment Disposition Proceeds	50,000	4,050,000	4,000,000	8000.00%	50,000	4,000,000	
Total Revenues	27,961,949	34,273,960	6,312,011	22.57%	30,273,960	4,000,000	
Transfers in - Indirect Overhead Grants Fund	37,000	0	(37,000)	-100.00%			
Transfers in - Grants Fund	200,000	0	(200,000)	-100.00%			
Total Transfers In	237,000	0	(237,000)	-100.00%	-	-	
Total Revenues & Transfers In	\$ 28,198,949	\$ 34,273,960	\$ 6,075,011	21.54%	\$ 30,273,960	\$ 4,000,000	

Ad Valorem Revenue by County

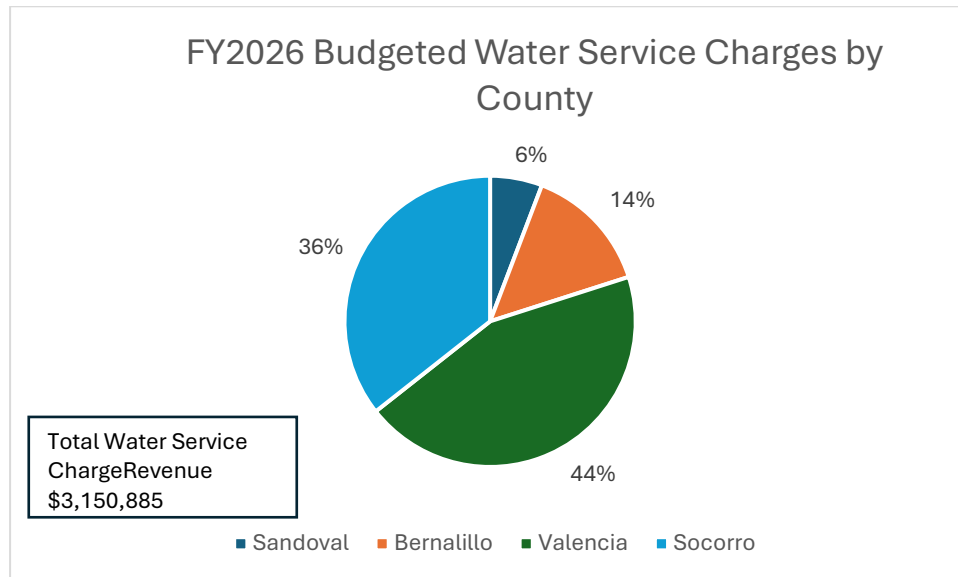
Description	Sandoval	Bernalillo	Valencia	Socorro	Total
Ad Valorem - Principal	\$ 2,411,280	\$ 16,188,510	\$ 4,764,780	\$ 650,250	\$ 24,014,820
Ad Valorem - Interest	-	150,000	45,000	25,000	220,000
Ad Valorem Revenue	2,411,280	16,338,510	4,809,780	675,250	24,234,820
Ad Valorem - Collection Fees					0
Net Ad Valorem Revenue	\$ 2,411,280	\$ 16,338,510	\$ 4,809,780	\$ 675,250	\$ 24,234,820

Total Budgeted Revenue	34,273,960
% of Ad Valorem Revenue	70.7%
% of Ad Valorem Revenue excluding loan proceeds	80.1%



Water Service Charge Revenue by County

Description	FY25 Budget	FY26 Budget	Incr (Decr) FY26 Over FY25	% Change	Recurring	Non- recurring
Sandoval Co WSC Collections	\$ 157,890	\$ 182,536	\$ 24,646	15.61%	\$ 182,536	\$ -
Bernalillo Co WSC Collections	388,877	449,580	60,703	15.61%	449,580	-
Valencia Co WSC Collections	1,196,253	1,382,985	186,732	15.61%	1,382,985	-
Socorro Co WSC Collections	970,733	1,122,262	151,529	15.61%	1,122,262	-
WSC Unassigned	11,696	13,522	1,826	15.61%	13,522	-
Total Water Service Charges	\$ 2,725,449	\$ 3,150,885	\$ 425,436	15.61%	\$ 3,150,885	\$ -



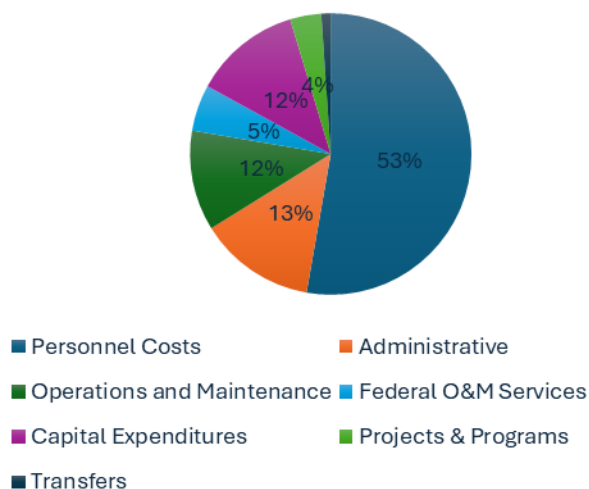
Expenditures

Budgeted expenditures, excluding other financing sources for the General Fund, total \$33,902,960. Transfers out for debt service total \$371,000. The details of the major categories are highlighted below.

Salaries and benefits total \$18,083,221. Budgeted expenditures increased \$1,827,200 (21.4%) from the FY25 original budget. In FY2025, the District negotiated two union contracts for the first time. This resulted in significant increases in wages for union employees. Additional market rate adjustments were made to other non-union employees. The General Office eliminated five (5) positions to offset the salaries and benefits cost. The District budgeted for a lower vacancy rate due to the increased salaries. Health insurance costs were budgeted to increase by 2%, and PERA increased the employer-required contribution.

Election costs totaling \$275,000 are budgeted in FY2026. General and Administrative costs dropped due to a reduction in Centennial Costs. The District secured insurance through the NM State Risk Pool, reducing costs for General Liability. Attorney rates increased, and as a result, additional costs have been budgeted. Additional budget was added to Parts and Repairs and the Conservation program. Federal O&M services increased in FY2026. Due to the high grant match in the Capital Investment Fund, \$250,000 for the Corrales pumping has been budgeted in the General Fund. The District expects to apply for an equipment loan, and as a result, \$4,000,000 of loan proceeds and capital expenditures have increased. Transfers to debt service of \$371,000 have been budgeted to pay for the first loan obligation. Subsequent years' loan payments will be funded by the Capital Investment Fund. In accordance with the District's Capital Equipment Replacement Plan, \$4,000,000 has been budgeted out of the General Fund to replace equipment that is well beyond its useful life.

FY26 Summarized Budgeted Expenditures by Category



Expenditure Detail

	FY25 Original Budget	FY26 Budget	Increase (Decrease) FY26 over FY25	% Change	Recurring	Non-recurring
Description						
Executive Team	\$ 466,010	\$ 646,900	\$ 180,890	38.82%	\$ 646,900	\$ -
Administration	101,065	120,171	19,106	18.90%	120,171	
Safety Department	91,876	99,984	8,108	8.82%	99,984	
Cochiti Division	626,510	721,103	94,593	15.10%	721,103	
Albuquerque Division	2,047,677	2,368,553	320,876	15.67%	2,368,553	
Belen Division	1,900,702	2,072,871	172,169	9.06%	2,072,871	
Socorro Division	855,759	1,020,190	164,431	19.21%	1,020,190	
Licensing & Land Sales	232,410	247,992	15,582	6.70%	247,992	
ER & T Division	599,357	700,360	101,003	16.85%	700,360	
Data Integration	123,733	129,948	6,215	5.02%	129,948	
Finance	688,582	588,878	(99,704)	-14.48%	588,878	
Purchasing	181,416	194,311	12,895	7.11%	194,311	
Conservation Program	330,330	282,025	(48,305)	-14.62%	282,025	
Engineering & Mapping	667,182	554,105	(113,077)	-16.95%	554,105	
Water Distribution	1,855,428	2,369,007	513,579	27.68%	2,369,007	
Human Resources	335,202	400,850	65,648	19.58%	400,850	
Water Operations	311,382	271,720	(39,662)	-12.74%	271,720	
Information Technology	141,425	151,220	9,795	6.93%	151,220	
Wages - Regular	11,556,046	12,940,188	1,384,142	12.0%	12,940,188	-
Pera Contribution	2,437,836	2,786,400	348,564	14.30%	2,786,400	
Medicare Contribution	165,204	186,532	21,328	12.91%	186,532	
Worker's Compensation Claims	17,000	17,000	-	0.00%	17,000	
Worker's Compensation Fees	1,809	1,941	132	7.30%	1,941	
Health, Dental & Vision	1,996,192	2,059,875	63,683	3.19%	2,059,875	
Life & Disability Insurance	81,934	91,285	9,351	11.41%	91,285	
Benefits	4,699,975	5,143,033	443,058	9.4%	5,143,033	-
Wages - Stipend	25,000.00	25,000	0	0.00%	25,000	
Medicare Contribution	1,850.00	1,850	0	0.00%	1,850	
State Unemployment	30,000.00	30,000	0	0.00%	30,000	
Health, Dental, Vision	45,000.00	45,900	900	2.00%	45,900	
Elections	0	275,000	275,000	Add	275,000	
Wireless Service	1,850.00	3,360	1,510	Add	3,360	
Admin Expense - Misc.	14,000.00	10,000	(4,000)	-28.57%	10,000	
Retiree Health Ins Premiums	150,000	126,330	(23,670)	-15.78%	126,330	
Travel	63,000	63,984	984	1.56%	63,984	
Training/Education	112,000	133,044	21,044	18.79%	133,044	
Physicals	16,500	16,000	(500)	-3.03%	16,000	
Uniforms/Boots	76,810	73,700	(3,110)	-4.05%	73,700	
Job Retraining	0	4,000	4,000	Add	4,000	
Employee & Board Related Costs	536,010	808,168	272,158	50.8%	808,168	-
Legal Notices	9,500	21,500	12,000	126.32%	21,500	
Printing	28,100	24,200	(3,900.00)	-13.88%	24,200	
Admin Expense - Misc.	167,500	51,900	(115,600.00)	-69.01%	51,900	
Office Supplies	20,000	18,200	(1,800.00)	-9.00%	18,200	
Postage	18,790	15,815	(2,975.00)	-15.83%	15,815	
Freight	900	300	(600.00)	-66.67%	300	
Janitorial Supplies	15,000	15,700	700.00	4.67%	15,700	
Hydrology/Water Ops Supplies	110,000	75,711	(34,289.00)	-31.17%	75,711	
Memberships & Dues	44,145	46,984	2,839.00	6.43%	46,984	
Subscriptions	23,279	20,656	(2,623.00)	-11.27%	20,656	
Office Equipment Maintenance	2,000	2,700	700.00	35.00%	2,700	
Damage Claims	50,000	50,000	0.00	0.00%	50,000	
Misc. Fee	570	700	130.00	22.81%	700	
Bank Charges	36,000	23,100	(12,900.00)	-35.83%	23,100	
Investment Fees	21,000	22,000	1,000.00	4.76%	22,000	
Interest Expense	800	632	(168.00)	-21.00%	632	
Copier Lease	11,000	5,696	(5,304.00)	-48.22%	5,696	
Non Capital Asset Under \$5,000	5,000	4,000	(1,000.00)	-20.00%	4,000	
General & Administrative	\$ 563,584	\$ 399,794	\$ (163,790)	-29.1%	\$ 399,794	\$ -

Description	FY25 Original Budget	FY26 Budget	Increase (Decrease) FY26 over FY25	% Change	Recurring	Non-recurring
Professional Services	\$ 324,500	\$ 322,570	\$ (1,930)	-0.59%	\$ 322,570	\$ -
Professional Service - Engineer	175,000	200,000	25,000	14.29%	200,000	
Auditing Services	49,863	50,115	252	0.51%	50,115	
Security Services	3,000	21,800	18,800	626.67%	21,800	
Professional Services	552,363	594,485	42,122	7.6%	594,485	-
Worker's Compensation Ins	200,000	150,000	(50,000)	-25.00%	150,000	
Legal Services	330,000	515,000	185,000	56.06%	460,000	
General Insurance	1,067,369	838,405	(228,964)	-21.45%	900,513	
Insurance & Legal Services	1,597,369	1,503,405	(93,964)	-5.9%	1,510,513	-
Professional Services - IT	86,000	30,000	(56,000)	-65.12%	30,000	
Software Subscription/License	470,681	500,103	29,422	6.25%	500,103	
VOIP/Internet	113,064	91,120	(21,944)	-19.41%	91,120	
Wireless Service	95,417	91,200	(4,217)	-4.42%	91,200	
Computer/Printer Supplies	14,800	15,380	580	3.92%	15,380	
Computer Equipment Maintenance	13,500	25,708	12,208	90.43%	25,708	
Non Capital Asset Under \$5,000	40,600	20,100	(20,500)	-50.49%	20,100	
Technology & Communication	834,062	773,611	(60,451)	-7.2%	773,611	-
Ad Valorem Collection Fee	479,338	511,545	32,207	6.72%	511,545	
Ad Valorem Collection Fee	479,338	511,545	32,207	6.7%	511,545	-
Electricity	62,700	63,500	800	1.28%	63,500	
Natural Gas	22,750	18,600	(4,150)	-18.24%	18,600	
Water/Sewer/Refuse	31,990	38,100	6,110	19.10%	38,100	
Pump Electricity	30,000	40,000	10,000	33.33%	40,000	
Utilities	147,440	160,200	12,760	8.7%	160,200	-
Buildings Grounds Maintenance	100,000	90,000	(10,000)	-10.00%	90,000	
Facility Maintenance	100,000	90,000	(10,000)	-10.0%	90,000	-
Materials Testing	10,000	8,000	(2,000)	-20.00%	8,000	
Landfill	65,000	65,000	0	0.00%	65,000	
Herbicide Disposal Cost	7,500	5,500	(2,000)	-26.67%	5,500	
Freight	15,000	15,000	0	0.00%	15,000	
Shop/Weld Tools	10,250	14,250	4,000	39.02%	14,250	
Construction Supplies	75,000	74,200	(800)	-1.07%	74,200	
Lumber	32,000	32,000	0	0.00%	32,000	
Steel	50,000	51,100	1,100	2.20%	51,100	
Concrete/Shotcrete	100,000	100,000	0	0.00%	100,000	
Pipe	200,000	195,000	(5,000)	-2.50%	195,000	
Turnouts	225,000	210,000	(15,000)	-6.67%	210,000	
Vegetation Control	151,000	171,500	20,500	13.58%	171,500	
Rock/Gravel/Base Material	50,000	50,000	0	0.00%	50,000	
Bosque Supplies	2,000	1,500	(500)	-25.00%	1,500	
Bosque Signage	50,000.00	50,000	0	0.00%	50,000	
Inventory Adjustments	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%	5,000	
Gates & Fencing	10,000	17,500	7,500	75.00%	17,500	
Rodent Management	25,000	17,000	(8,000)	-32.00%	17,000	
Hydrology Equipment Maintenance	5,000	3,000	(2,000)	-40.00%	3,000	
Field Maintenance	208,000	352,500	144,500	69.47%	352,500	
Equipment Rental	52,280	50,000	(2,280)	-4.36%	50,000	
Non Capital Asset Under \$5,000	45,000	44,700	(300)	-0.67%	44,700	
Division Maintenance, Const, Rehab	\$ 1,393,030	\$ 1,532,750	\$ 139,720	10.0%	\$ 1,532,750	\$ -

Description	FY25 Original Budget	FY26 Budget	Increase (Decrease) FY26 over FY25	% Change	Recurring	Non-recurring
Freight	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 1,500	\$ -
Shop/Weld Supplies	22,250	23,750	1,500	6.74%	23,750	
Restocking Fee	500	600	100	20.00%	600	
Tire Replacement/Repairs	140,500	138,000	(2,500)	-1.78%	138,000	
Batteries	10,000	14,000	4,000	40.00%	14,000	
Fluids/Filters	110,100	155,000	44,900	40.78%	155,000	
Parts & Repairs	550,300	650,500	100,200	18.21%	650,500	
Fleet Maintenance	64,000	64,800	800	1.25%	64,800	
Gasoline @ 3.30/gal	323,000	313,500	(9,500)	-2.94%	313,500	
Diesel @ 4.10/gal	881,500	800,000	(81,500)	-9.25%	800,000	
Fuel Admin Fee	6,000	1,000	(5,000)	-83.33%	1,000	
Vehicle & Equipment O&M	2,109,650	2,162,650	53,000	2.5%	2,162,650	-
Professional Services - Conservation Program	80,000	150,000	70,000	87.50%	150,000	
Conservation Program	80,000	150,000	70,000	87.5%	150,000	-
Safety Supplies	42,450	39,390	(3,060)	-7.21%	39,390	
Safety Programs	5,700	7,000	1,300	22.81%	7,000	
Uniforms/Boots	2,690	1,300	(1,390)	-51.67%	1,300	
Printing	0	500	500	Add	500	
Safety Program	50,840	48,190	(2,650)	-5.2%	48,190	
O&M Reserved Works - El Vado	604,022	663,248	59,226	9.81%	663,248	
O&M Reserved - Juan Chama	1,159,345	1,163,056	3,711	0.32%	1,163,056	
Federal O&M Services	1,763,367	1,826,304	62,937	3.6%	1,826,304	-
Ditch Safety Programs	15,000	15,000	-	0.00%	15,000	
MOA - Governmental Agreements - BOR	40,000	40,000	-	0.00%	40,000	
MOA - Governmental Agreements	273,000	238,880	(34,120)	-12.50%		238,880
Community Outreach	12,875	14,875	2,000	15.53%		14,875
Association Agreements	145,000	140,000	(5,000)	-3.45%		140,000
Governmental Agmts/Community Outreach	485,875	448,755	(37,120)	-7.6%	55,000	393,755
Association Agreements	100,000	100,000	0	0.00%	100,000	
Watershed Management	100,000	100,000	0	0.00%	100,000	-
Corrales Siphon Pumping	120,000	81,000	(39,000)	-32.50%		81,000
Corrales Siphon Rental	-	250,000	250,000	Add		250,000
Projects	120,000	331,000	211,000	175.8%		331,000
Endangered Species Act	150,000	150,000	0	0.00%	150,000	
Endangered Species Act Projects	150,000	150,000	0	0.0%	150,000	-
Capital Land Grounds Yards	0	5,000	5,000	Add		5,000
Capital Bldg & Structures	12,000	116,000	104,000	866.67%		116,000
Capital Office Equipment	36,000	10,700	(25,300)	Add		10,700
Capital Computer Electronic	10,000	0	(10,000)	-100.00%		
Capital Computer Software	0	81,182	81,182	Add		81,182
Capital Engineer/Radio Equipment	0	16,000	16,000	Add		16,000
Capital Vehicles and Trailers	304,000	0	(304,000)	-100.00%		
Capital Heavy Field Equipment	502,000	4,000,000	3,498,000	696.81%		4,000,000
Capital Infrastructure CIP	16,000	0	(16,000)	-100.00%		
Capital Outlay	880,000	4,228,882	3,348,882	380.6%	-	4,228,882
Total Transfers Out	-	371,000	0	Add	371,000	-
Total General Fund Expenditures & Transfers Out	\$ 28,198,949	\$ 34,273,960	\$ 5,704,011	20.23%	\$ 29,327,431	\$ 4,953,637

FY2026 Salaries and Benefits

Salaries and benefits are projected to increase by \$1,827,200 (21.4%) in FY26.

This notable rise is primarily driven by recent union settlements, which cover approximately 80% of our workforce. Additionally, healthcare insurance costs are expected to grow by 2%, alongside a 0.50% increase in PERA contributions. Employees will continue to absorb their share of these increases.

To reflect our renewed focus on recruitment and retention, we have budgeted for lower vacancy savings in FY26. This adjustment aligns with our ongoing investments in job advertising and participation in career fairs, as we anticipate continued success in filling open positions more consistently.

Position Summary FY2024-FY2026 Projected

Department	FY24	FY25	FY26
Administrative	1	1	1
Albuquerque Division	52	52	52
Belen Division	46	46	46
Cochiti Division	14	14	14
Conservation/Planning	4	4	3 *
Data Integration	1	1	1
Engineering, Mapping, GIS	8	9	8 *
Equipment Repair & Transportation	11	11	11
Executive Team	3	3	3
Finance	9	9	8 *
Human Resources	4	5 *	5
Information Technology	2	2	2
Licensing/Right of Way	4	4	3 *
Purchasing	3	3	3
Safety	1	1	1
Socorro Division	20	20	20
Water Distribution	42	42	42
Water Operations	4	4	4
TOTAL	229	231	227

*Key Changes

- Conservation/Planning: Vacated position will not be refilled.
- Engineering, Mapping, GIS: Vacated position will not be refilled.
- Finance: Vacated position will not be refilled.
- Human Resources: An additional position was added in FY25 to support staffing and labor relations related to new union employees.
- Licensing/Right of Way: Vacated position will not be refilled.

Long-Term Assets Fund

The Long-Term Assets Fund contains cash held for future levee projects. The fund has approximately \$1,740,122 in levee funds. For FY26, interest income of \$50,000 and minimal bank fees are budgeted.

FY2026 Budget

	FY2025 Original Budget	FY2026 Budget	Incr (Decr) FY26 over FY25	% Change	Recurring	Non Recurring
Interest on investments	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	0.00%		\$ 50,000
Project Contract Revenue - Federal	1,368,000	0	(1,368,000)	-100.00%		
Total Revenues	1,418,000	50,000	(1,368,000)	-96.47%	-	50,000
Transfers Out - Capital Investment Fund	2,055,000	0	(2,055,000)	-100.00%		
Investment Fees	0	400	400	Add		400
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 400	Add	-	\$ 400
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues less Expenditures & Transfers	(637,000)	49,600				
Fund Balance		0				
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (637,000)	\$ 49,600				



Feeder 3

Debt Service Fund

Debt service payments are paid using the 1 mill revenue from the Capital Investment Fund. Ad Valorem for the 1 mill is going to the Capital Investment Fund and then is transferred to the Debt Service Fund.

In FY26, the District will secure an equipment loan of \$4,000,000. The proceeds from the loan will be recorded in the General Fund, and the debt service payments for the first year will be paid out of the General Fund. The Capital Investments Fund will pay for two large grant match projects in FY26, leaving no available funds or fund balance.

FY2026 transfers-in to cover debt obligations total \$1,186,922. Principal debt payments total \$1,018,961, and interest and admin fees total \$167,961.

FY2026 Budget

	FY2025 Original Budget	FY2026 Budget	Incr (Decr) FY26 over FY25	% Change	Recurring	Non Recurring
Interest on Investments	\$ 16,500	\$ 22,000	\$ 5,500	33.33%	\$ 22,000	
Total Revenues	16,500	22,000	5,500	33.33%	22,000	-
Transfers In - Capital Investment & General Fund	806,606	1,186,922	380,316	47.15%	1,186,922	
Total Revenues & Transfers In	823,106	1,208,922	385,816	46.87%	1,208,922	
Debt Service Principal Payments	691,185	1,018,961	327,776	47.42%	1,018,961	
Debt Service Interest Payments	115,421	167,961	52,540	45.52%	167,961	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 806,606	\$ 1,186,922	\$ 380,316	47.15%	\$ 1,186,922	
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues less Expenditures	16,500	22,000				
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 16,500	\$ 22,000				

Debt Obligations

The District does not have any outstanding bond obligations. Loans are secured primarily through the New Mexico Finance Authority for capital equipment and infrastructure. As of FY2024, the District's total debt excluding NPL and OPEB liabilities to net position ratio is .16. Ad Valorem Revenues are used as collateral for all loans.

Budgeted principal, interest, and administrative fees are budgeted for the following debt obligations. Projected debt obligations at the end of FY2026 total \$9,625,734.

Description	Loan holder	Original Loan Amount	Projected Amount OS as of 6/30/25	FY 26 Budget		FY26 Budget Admin Fees	Estimated OS Debt as of 6/30/26
				Principal	Interest		
San Acacia WTB	WTB/NMFA	150,396.00	61,806	7,658	-	155	54,148
Equipment Loan	NMFA	2,735,575.00	639,453	206,391	15,419	640	433,062
Equipment Loan	NMFA	998,889.00	512,028	156,829	3,992	-	355,199
Equipment Loan	NMFA	3,294,384.00	3,040,394	277,955	73,553	-	2,762,439
Equipment Loan-Proposed	NMFA-Will apply	4,000,000.00	-	303,000	68,000	-	3,697,000
Socorro Conveyance Ph 1	WTB/NMFA	715,500.00	683,014	35,146	1,708	-	647,868
Corrales Siphon	WTB/NMFA	708,000.00	708,000	31,982	4,494	-	676,018
Socorro Conveyance Ph 2*	WTB/NMFA	1,000,000.00	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000
Total			\$ 6,644,695	\$ 1,018,961	\$ 167,166	\$ 795	\$ 9,625,734

* Loan will close in FY2027



Angostura Diversion Dam

Grant Fund

Revenues are equal to expenditures. The amount budgeted in Grant revenue is \$22,554,014. Loan proceeds of \$1,361,414 and \$5,309,867 in grant match from the Capital Investment Fund is also budgeted. Total expenditures for the Grant Fund are equal to \$29,225,295.

FY2026 Budget

	FY2025 Original Budget	FY2026 Budget	Incr (Decr) FY26 over FY25	% Change	Recurring	Non Recurring
Operating and Capital Grants	\$ 33,017,751	\$ 22,554,014	\$ (10,463,737)	-31.69%		\$ 22,554,014
Loan Proceeds	1,741,188	1,361,414	(379,774)	-21.81%		1,361,414
Total Revenues	34,758,939	23,915,428	(10,843,511)	-31.20%	-	23,915,428
Transfers In - Capital Investment Fund	2,181,066	5,309,867	3,128,801	143.45%		5,309,867
Total Revenues & Transfers in	36,940,005	29,225,295	(7,714,710)	-20.88%	-	29,225,295
Projects-Non Capital	542,500	7,090,587	6,548,087	1207.02%		7,090,587
Professional Services	10,028,795	200,000				
Capital Expenditures	22,209,456	15,263,427				
District Match for Grant Expenditures	2,181,066	5,309,867	3,128,801	143.45%		5,309,867
Loan Portion for Grant Expenditures	1,741,188	1,361,414	(379,774)	-21.81%		1,361,414
Total Expenditures	36,703,005	29,225,295	(7,477,710)	-20.37%	-	13,761,868
Transfers out - Indirect Overhead General Fund	37,000	0	(37,000)	Add		
Transfers out - General Fund	200,000	0	(200,000)	Add		
Total Transfers Out	237,000	0	(237,000)	Add	-	-
Total Expenditures & Transfers Out	\$ 36,940,005	\$ 29,225,295	\$ 21,344,948	57.78%	-	\$ 13,761,868
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues less Expenditures	0	0				
Surplus/Deficit	\$ -	\$ -				

Grant Projects Budgeted for FY2026

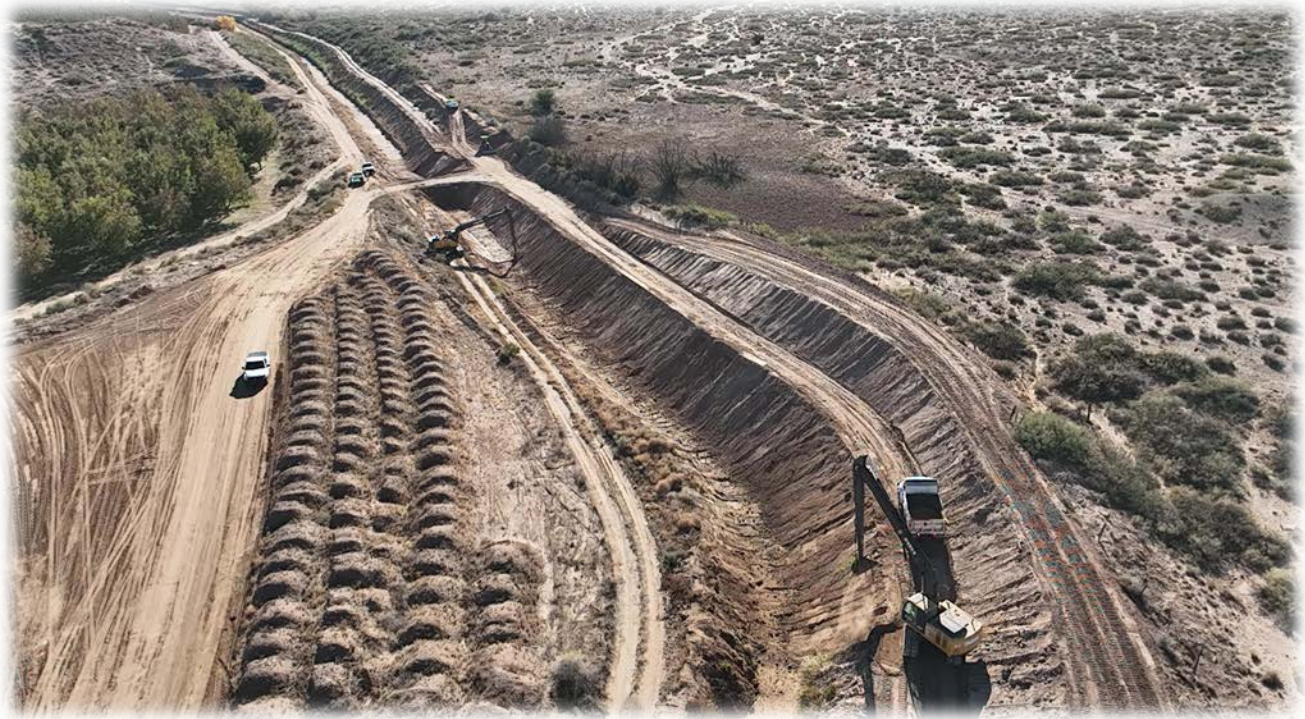
Description	FY25 Original Budget	FY26 Budget	Increase (Decrease) FY26 over FY25	% Change	Recurring	Non-recurring
NM Environment Department - Loans to Farmers	\$ 373,499	\$ -	\$ (373,499)	-100.00%		
Natl. Fish & Wildlife Foundation Per Acre Lease	217,000	0	(217,000)	-100.00%		
Natl. Fish & Wildlife Foundation Pre/Post RGSM	100,000	0	(100,000)	-100.00%		
Natl. Fish & Wildlife Foundation - Projects	100,000	0	(100,000)	-100.00%		
Natl. Fish & Wildlife Foundation Phase 2	325,500	600,000	274,500	84.33%		600,000
Natl. Fish & Wildlife Foundation Phase 2 Projects	375,000	0	(375,000)	-100.00%		
Bern Co. Ag Water Efficiency	20,000	20,000	0	0.00%		20,000
Low Flow Channel Conveyance	13,650,000	6,915,587	(6,734,413)	-49.34%		6,915,587
BOR Watersmart Feeder 3	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	Add		1,000,000
Water Trust Board Feeder 3	0	750,000	750,000	Add		750,000
Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining Phase 1	1,727,805	0	(1,727,805)	-100.00%		0
Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining Phase 2	6,600,000	5,645,687	(954,313)	-14.46%		5,645,687
Corrales Siphon	6,033,152	5,811,467	(221,685)	-3.67%		5,811,467
Bernalillo to Belen Mountain View Levee Phase 1	967,000	0	(967,000)	-100.00%		
Alamos de Los Gallegos Acequia Assoc.	45,000	0	(45,000)	-100.00%		
Alamos de Los Gallegos Acequia Assoc. #2	130,000	130,000	0	0.00%		130,000
Loretta Rd	350,000	256,273	(93,727)	-26.78%		256,273
Loretta Rd Phase 2	0	525,000	525,000	Add		525,000
Belen Watershed	116,795	0	(116,795)	-100.00%		
Canal Infrastructure Improvement	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%		25,000
NM Interstate Stream Commission	1,300,000	500,000	(800,000)	-61.54%		500,000
Water Measurements	250,000	250,000	0	0.00%		250,000
Traffic Control	75,000	75,000	0	0.00%		75,000
Acequia Classroom	0	50,000	50,000	Add		50,000
Grants Expenditures	32,780,751	22,554,014	(10,226,737)	-31.2%	-	22,554,014
Water Trust Board Match - Socorro Conveyance	240,939	0	(240,939)	-100.00%		
Water Trust Board Match - Feeder 3	0	166,700	166,700	Add		166,700
NM Dept.of Finance & Administration -Loretta Rd. Phase 2	0	218,727	218,727	Add		218,727
NM Dept.of Finance & Administration -Corrales Siphon	1,371,574	3,661,793	2,290,219	166.98%		3,661,793
Water Trust Board Match - Socorro Phase 2	500,000	1,262,647	762,647	152.53%		1,262,647
Natural Resources Conservation Service - Belen Watershed Study	9,052	0	(9,052)	-100.00%		
NM Dept.of Finance & Administration - Water Measurement	59,501	0	(59,501)	-100.00%		
District Match for Grant Expenditures	2,181,066	5,309,867	(240,939)	-11.05%	-	5,309,867
Water Trust Board-Socorro Convey	157,891	0	(157,891)	-100.00%		
Water Trust Board-Feeder 3	0	83,300	83,300	Add		83,300
Water Trust Board-Corrales Siphon Replacement	683,297	646,740	(36,557)	-5.35%		646,740
Water Trust Board-Socorro Phase 2	900,000	631,374	(268,626)	-29.85%		631,374
Loans for Grant Expenditures	1,741,188	1,361,414	(111,148)	-6.38%	-	1,361,414
Total Grant Fund Expenditures	36,703,005	29,225,295	(10,578,824)	-28.82%	-	29,225,295
Transfers out - Indirect Overhead General Fund	37,000	0	(37,000)	-100.00%		
Transfers out - Grants Fund	200,000	0	(200,000)	-100.00%		
Total Transfers Out	237,000	0	(237,000)	-100.00%	-	-
Total Grant Fund Expenditures & Transfers Out	\$ 36,940,005	\$ 29,225,295	\$ (10,815,824)	-29.28%	-	\$ 29,225,295

Capital Investment Fund

The Ad Valorem Revenue equal to 1 mill is strictly dedicated to capital investment, debt service, and District match on grants. The Capital Investment Fund is expected to carry forward a fund balance of \$2,137,456. Budgeted revenues total \$4,397,500. Budgeted expenditures total 6,518,442. The projected fund balance at the end of FY2026 of is \$16,514.

FY2026 Projected Fund Balance		Amount
FY2025 Projected Ending Fund Balance	\$	2,137,230
FY2026		
Revenues		4,397,500
Total Available for Expenditures		6,534,730
Expenditures		
Project/Ad Valorem expenditures		392,653
Debt Service		815,922
Grant Match*		5,309,867
Total Budgeted Expenditures		6,518,442
Projected Remaining Fund Balance FY2026	\$	16,288

**Grant Match provides \$22,554,014 in grant revenue*



Belen Highline Canal

FY2026 Budget

	FY2025 Original Budget	FY2026 Budget	Incr (Decr) FY26 over FY25	% Change	Recurring	Non Recurring
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 4,271,094	\$ 4,393,800	\$ 122,706	2.87%	\$ 4,393,800	
Ad Valorem Interest	3,700	3,700	0	Add	3,700	
Loan Proceeds	0	0	0			
Total Revenues	4,274,794	4,397,500	122,706	2.87%	4,397,500	-
Transfers In Long-Term Assets Fund	2,055,000	0	(2,055,000)	-100.00%		-
Total Revenues & Transfers In	6,329,794	4,397,500	(1,932,294)	-30.53%	4,397,500	-
Ad Valorem Collection Fee	88,711	92,653	3,942	4.44%	92,653	
Projects	3,625,000	300,000	(3,325,000)	-91.72%	-	300,000
Capital Expenditures	75,000	0	(75,000)	-100.00%	-	-
Total Expenditures	3,788,711	392,653	(3,396,058)	-89.64%	92,653	300,000
Transfers Out - District Match Grants Fund	2,181,066	5,309,867	3,128,801	143.45%	-	5,309,867
Transfers Out - Debt Service	806,606	815,922	9,316	1.15%	815,922	
Total Transfers Out	2,987,672	6,125,789	3,138,117	105.04%	815,922	5,309,867
Total Expenditures & Transfers Out	\$ 6,776,383	\$ 6,518,442	\$ (257,941)	-3.81%	\$ 908,575	\$ 5,609,867
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues less Expenditures	(446,589)	(2,120,942)				
Estimated Fund Balance/Capital Reserves	500,000	2,137,230				
Projected Surplus/Deficit	\$ 53,411	\$ 16,288				

Capital Investment Revenues by County

Description	Sandoval	Bernalillo	Valencia	Socorro	Total
Ad Valorem - Principal	\$ 429,910	\$ 2,950,734	\$ 889,426	\$ 123,730	\$ 4,393,800
Ad Valorem - Interest	-	3,000	700	-	3,700
Ad Valorem Revenue	429,910	2,953,734	890,126	123,730	4,397,500
Ad Valorem - Collection Fees	(4,402)	(59,905)	(27,079)	(1,267)	(92,653)
Net Ad Valorem Revenue	\$ 425,508	\$ 2,893,829	\$ 863,047	\$ 122,463	\$ 4,304,847

Total Budgeted Revenue

4,397,500

% of Ad Valorem Revenue

100.0%

Budgeted Capital Expenditures

The infrastructure of the District is almost 100 years old. Because of the 1 mill increase, the District can fund projects, debt service, and grant match. The District's Capital needs are approximately \$960 million. The capital projects funded in the FY2026 budget are as follows:

General Fund

Division/Department	Equipment Type	Description	Amount
NON DIVISION	Buildings & Structures	General Office: Boardroom emergency exit \$18,000.00	\$ 29,000
		Emergency window- Assesments \$5,500	
		Emergency window- Water Ops Dept \$5,500	
	Office Equipment	Skylight shades- Accounting area	5,700
	Computer Electronic	Microphone Master Control Suite & Zoom upgrades	22,000
FIELD DIVISIONS	Vehicles, Light & Heavy Equipment	TBD	4,000,000
COCHITI DIVISION	Buildings & Structures	Plumbed eye wash station	10,000
BELEN DIVISION	Buildings & Structures	Welding Shop \$50,000 Plumbed eyewash station \$10,000	60,000
SOCORRO DIVISION	Bldg & Structures	Pump for Socorro pump ditch with fencing \$12,000 Plumbed eyewash station \$5,000	17,000
	Land Grounds Yards	Front yard landscaping	5,000
ER&T	Office Equipment	Updated scanner book	5,000
WATER DISTRIBUTION	Engineer/Radio Equipment	FlowTracker 2 Water measurement device with pressure sensor option	16,000
HUMAN RESOURCES	Computer Software	Tyler Time & Attendance implementation	59,182
Total Capital Expenditures-General Fund			\$ 4,228,882

Grant Fund

Division/Department	Equipment Type	Description	Amount
ENGINEERING	Infrastructure	Corrales Siphon Replacement	\$ 10,120,000
	Infrastructure	Feeder 3	2,000,000
	Infrastructure	Loretta Road Intersection	1,000,000
	Infrastructure	Water Measurement Check 13	250,000
	Infrastructure	Canal Infrastructure Improvement	25,000
	Infrastructure	Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining Phase 2	7,539,708
CONSERVATION	Infrastructure	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - Phase 2	425,000
	Capital Equipment	Traffic Control Devices	75,000
	Capital Equipment	New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission	500,000
Total Capital Expenditures-Grant Fund*			\$ 21,934,708
* the grant match is funded through the Capital Investment Fund			
Total Capital Expenditures			\$ 26,163,590

Other Detailed Schedules

Projects

General Fund

Division/Department	Project	Amount	Recurring	Non-Recurring
ENGINEERING	Corrales Siphon Pump Electricity	\$ 81,000		\$ 81,000
	Corrales Siphon Pump Rental	250,000		250,000
	Total Projects	\$ 331,000		\$ 331,000

Capital Investment Fund

Division/Department	Project	Amount	Recurring	Non-Recurring
ENGINEERING	Corrales Siphon Pump Rental	\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000
	Total Projects	\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000

Professional Services

General Fund

Division/Department	Project	Amount	Recurring	Non-Recurring
GENERAL OFFICE	Lobbyist	\$ 52,250	\$ 52,250	\$ -
	Claims Investigator	25,000	25,000	
	Federal Programs Coordination	120,000	120,000	
	AI Expert Consultation	50,000	50,000	
	Security Services	21,800	1,800	20,000
	Total General Office Professional Services	269,050	249,050	20,000
FINANCE	Korn Ferry - Actuarial Study	9,120	9,120	
	Audit	50,115	50,115	
	Maximus (Indirect Cost Analysis)	3,000	3,000	
	Virescent, Inc. - Shredding	3,200	3,200	
	Total Finance Professional Services	65,435	65,435	-
LANDS & LICENSING	Appraisal Disputes	25,000	25,000	-
	Total Lands & Licensing Professional Services	25,000	25,000	-
WATER DISTRIBUTION	Maintenance on Socorro Pump	10,000	10,000	-
	Total Water Distribution Professional Services	10,000	10,000	-
ENGINEERING	San Acacia levee certification	25,000		25,000
	Emergency On-Call Engineering	150,000	150,000	
	On-Call Surveying	50,000	50,000	
	Total Engineering Professional Services	225,000	200,000	25,000
Total Professional Services		\$ 594,485	\$ 549,485	\$ 45,000

Insurance and Legal Services

General Fund

Category	Description	Amount	Recurring	Non-Recurring
WORKERS COMPENSATION		\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	-
GENERAL INSURANCE	Comprehensive	390,404	390,404	
	Business Auto	330,001	330,001	
	Excess Liability	65,000	65,000	
	Pollution	53,000	53,000	
	Total General Insurance	838,405	838,405	-
LEGAL SERVICES		515,000	515,000	-
Total Insurance & Legal Services		\$ 1,503,405	\$ 1,503,405	-

Agreements and Community Outreach

General Fund

	Project	Amount	Recurring	Non-Recurring
GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS	AMAFCA - Ditch Safety Programs	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
	City of Albuquerque - Insurance Interagency Agreement	8,000	8,000	
	Audubon	15,880	15,880	
	Bernalillo County - Regional Digital Orthophotography	15,000	15,000	
	Isleta Reach Management Plan	200,000		200,000
	BOR - Basin Study	40,000	-	40,000
	Total Governmental Agreements	293,880	53,880	240,000
ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS	Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust	50,000	50,000	
	Center for Social Sustainable Systems	25,000	25,000	
	Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program	15,000	15,000	
	NM Riparian Council	25,000	25,000	
	Save Our Bosque Task Force	25,000	25,000	
	Total Association Agreements	140,000	140,000	-
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	Family Farm Alliance	1,000	1,000	
	Valencia Soil & Water summer camp	500	500	
	National Water Resources Association Conference	2,000	2,000	
	National Latino & Farm Congress	375	375	
	NM Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition	400	400	
	NMSU Ag Science Day	600	600	
	NM Chile Association	2,500	2,500	
	CESOSS Annual Acequia Celebration	1,000	1,000	
	RGALT Harvest Event	2,500	2,500	
	Coalition of Rio Grande	2,000	2,000	
	Misc. Community Outreach	2,000	2,000	
	Total Community Outreach	14,875	14,875	-
	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS & COMMUNITY OUTREACH	\$ 448,755	\$ 208,755	\$ 240,000
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT	Nature Conservancy	100,000	100,000	-
		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	-

Summary of Key Financial Policies

<u>Policy Area</u>	<u>Policy Summary</u>
Balanced Budget	The District prepares a structurally balanced budget, where recurring revenues meet or exceed recurring expenditures to ensure compliance with the New Mexico requirement that local public bodies cannot spend more than their available fund balance.
Budgetary Control	<p>The District adopts the general fund budget using a modified accrual basis of accounting. General fund expenditures must not exceed the approved budget, with legal budgetary control maintained at the fund level. Budgets are created on a Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) basis, ensuring that open purchase orders at year-end are carried forward as part of the new year's budget through a budget adjustment.</p> <p>Budget amendments require Board approval; budget-to-actual reports are reviewed monthly by management and quarterly by the Board.</p>
Fund Balance	Maintain a 1/12 cash reserve of the budgeted expenditures in the General Fund; monitor and manage fund balances across all funds.
Capital Planning	The Multi-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is reviewed and updated annually; projects are prioritized based on condition, funding, and alignment with District goals. The Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plans (ICIP) are required to be submitted to the State annually in order to qualify for State funding.
Debt Management	Debt is issued only for capital equipment or capital projects. The District aims to expand its investment in critical infrastructure by leveraging a combination of grant funding, targeted use of the Capital Investment Fund for required grant matches, and debt service support. This strategic approach increases the District's overall capacity to fund high-priority capital improvements.
Investments	Follows New Mexico statutes and internal policies prioritizing safety, liquidity, and yield; overseen by the CFO and external advisors. The Investment Policy is updated every two years and approved by the Board of Directors.

Statistical Information

Revenue Trends

Description	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
General Fund										
Ad Valorem Revenues & Interest	16,367,087	17,172,724	18,513,577	19,325,373	20,055,781	20,789,295	21,768,375	22,927,235	23,164,500	24,234,820
Increase from prior year	1,081,274	805,637	1,340,853	811,796	730,408	733,514	979,080	1,158,860	237,265	1,070,320
Mill Rate (Residential/Non-Residential)	4.598/5.7446	4.8729/6.0318	5.0693/6.3334	5.0693/6.3334	5.0693/6.3334	5.0693/6.3334	5.0693/6.3334	6.0693/7.3334	6.0693/7.3334	6.0693/7.3334
Water Service Charges										
Water Service Charges	1,831,912	1,962,647	2,147,345	2,299,642	2,446,634	2,282,470	2,489,207	2,360,199	2,725,449	3,150,885
Increase from prior year	8,670	130,735	184,698	152,297	146,992	(164,164)	206,737	(129,008)	365,250	425,436
Water Service Charge per Acre	37.00	40.00	43.00	43.82	43.82	43.82	43.82	43.82	51.25	59.25
Water Service Charge Acres	49,511	49,066	49,938	52,479	55,834	52,087	56,805	53,861	53,179	53,179
Capital Investment Fund										
Ad Valorem Revenues								4,058,195	4,274,794	4,397,500
Increase from prior year								N/A	216,599	122,706
Mill Rate (Residential/Non-Residential)								1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0

Mill Rate & Water Service Charge History

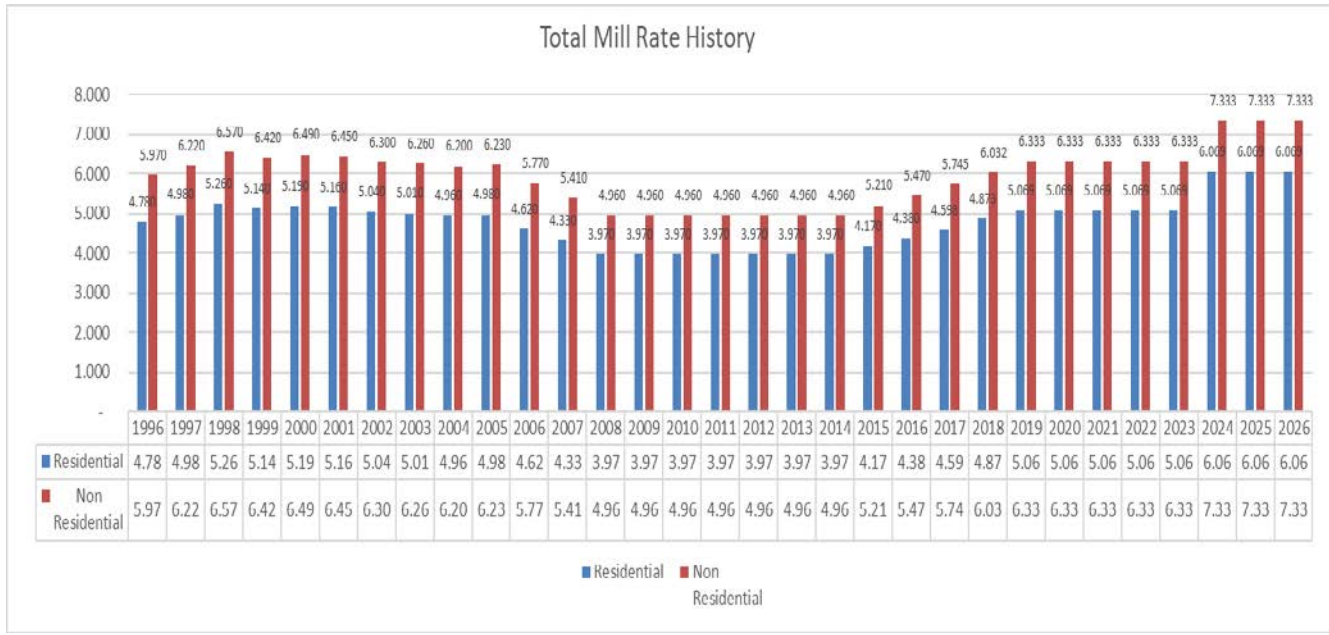
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Fiscal Year	Non		WSC
	Residential Mill Rate	Residential Mill Rate	
1996	4.780	5.970	\$ 28.00
1997	4.980	6.220	\$ 28.00
1998	5.260	6.570	\$ 28.00
1999	5.140	6.420	\$ 28.00
2000	5.190	6.490	\$ 28.00
2001	5.160	6.450	\$ 28.00
2002	5.040	6.300	\$ 28.00
2003	5.010	6.260	\$ 28.00
2004	4.960	6.200	\$ 28.00
2005	4.980	6.230	\$ 28.00
2006	4.620	5.770	\$ 28.00
2007	4.330	5.410	\$ 28.00
2008	3.970	4.960	\$ 28.00
2009	3.970	4.960	\$ 28.00
2010	3.970	4.960	\$ 28.00
2011	3.970	4.960	\$ 28.00
2012	3.970	4.960	\$ 28.00
2013	3.970	4.960	\$ 28.00
2014	3.970	4.960	\$ 28.00
2015	4.170	5.210	\$ 31.00
2016	4.380	5.470	\$ 34.00
2017	4.598	5.745	\$ 37.00
2018	4.873	6.032	\$ 40.00
2019	5.069	6.333	\$ 43.00
2020	5.069	6.333	\$ 43.82
2021	5.069	6.333	\$ 43.82
2022	5.069	6.333	\$ 43.82
2023	5.069	6.333	\$ 43.82
2024	5.069	6.333	\$ 43.82
2025	5.069	6.333	\$ 51.25
2026	5.069	6.333	\$ 59.25

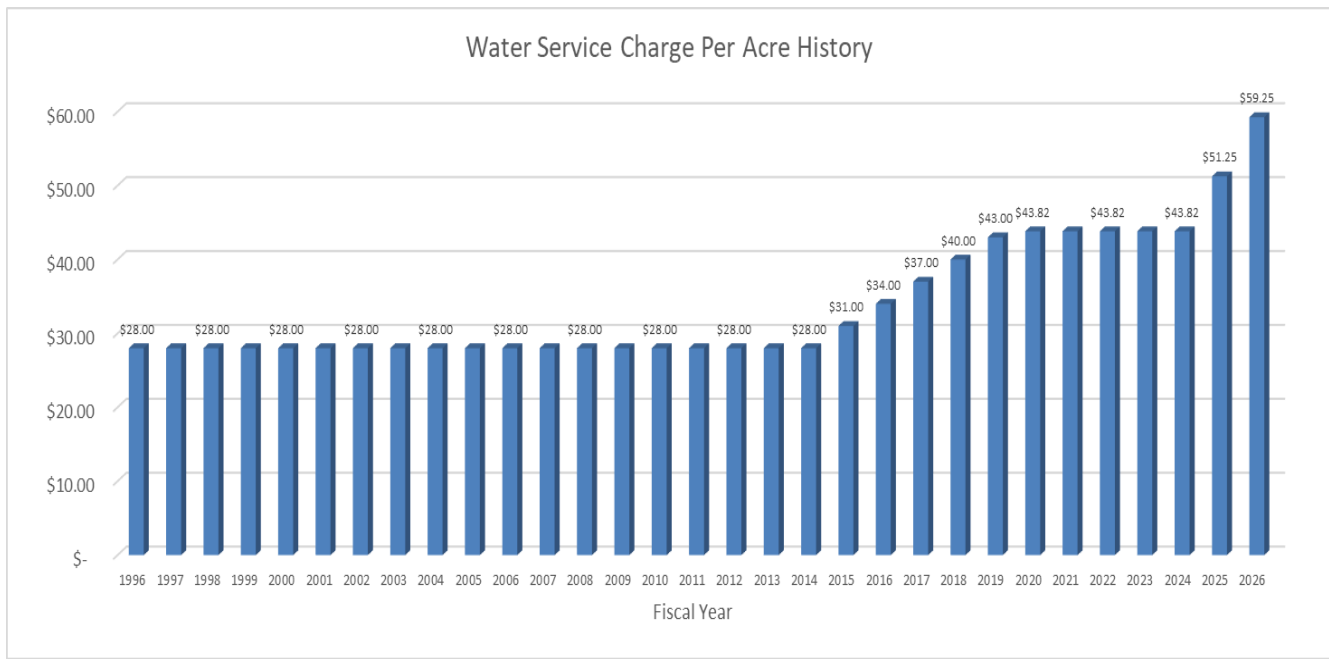
Capital Investment Fund

Fiscal Year	Non	
	Residential Mill Rate	Residential Mill Rate
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2023		
2024	1.000	1.000
2025	1.000	1.000
2026	1.000	1.000

Mill Rate History Graph



Water Service Charge History Graph



Glossary of Terms

Ad Valorem Tax	Tax based on the assessed valuation of property.
Appropriation	An authorization granted by a legislative body to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes.
Constituent	A citizen or group of citizens within a specific area (like a district or state) who are represented by an elected official.
Debt Service	The obligation to pay the principal and interest of outstanding debt over a specified period.
Encumbrance	A commitment to spend money for a future purchase, contract, or other obligation.
Endangered Species	Any species which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range. (i.e., Rio Grande Silvery Minnow)
Fund Balance	The Difference between assets and liabilities in a fund.
Infrastructure	Large-scale physical assets that are essential for public services and economic development.
Irrigation	The supply of water to land or crops to help growth.
Levee	An embankment built to prevent the overflow of a river.
Mill Rate	The amount of tax payable per dollar of the assessed value of a property.
Modified Accrual	Accounting method that recognizes revenues when basis is measurable and available, and expenditures when incurred.
Transfers-In/Out	Budgeted movement of funds between internal accounts (e.g., Capital Fund to Debt Service Fund)
Water Service Charges	Fees charged to water users for irrigation service, based on acreage.

Acronyms

BOR	Bureau of Reclamation
CIP	Capital Improvement Plan
ER&T	Equipment Repair and Transportation
MRGCD	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
NFWF	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
NMFA	New Mexico Finance Authority
NPL	Net Pension Liability
O&M	Operations & Maintenance
OPEB	Other Post-Employment Benefits
PERA	Public Employees Retirement Association
RGSM	Rio Grande Silvery Minnow
WSC	Water Service Charge
WTB	Water Trust Board

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BUDGET ADOPTION FISCAL YEAR 07-01-25 TO 06-30-26**

No. BA-05-12-25-103

WHEREAS, staff of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, State of New Mexico ("MRGCD"), has prepared a budget for the fiscal year 2025/2026 (FY26); and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2026 budget was developed based on need following consultation with all departments, department supervisors, relevant federal, state, and local agencies, and the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, MRGCD Ad Valorem Taxes can be increased no more frequently than once every five years under Section 73-18-7.1 NMSA 1978, and

WHEREAS, the property tax mill rate will remain unchanged for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget, and

WHEREAS, the Water Service Charge provided under Section 73-18-1 (C) NMSA 1978 provides for the District to increase the Water Service Charge by a parity index or an appropriate inflation index, and the Water Service Charge was increased to \$59.25 per Resolution M-02-10-25-216, dated February 10, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the General Fund budget is balanced with revenues equal to expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Long-term Assets Fund has budgeted revenue from interest on investments, and

WHEREAS, the Debt Service Fund has budgeted for interest on investments and transfers-in from the General Fund and Capital Investment Fund equal to the debt service payment for principal and interest, and

WHEREAS, the Grants Fund has budgeted grant revenue, loan proceeds, and grant match equal to the grant expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Capital Investment Fund is a life-to-date fund and its budgeted revenues are developed using available fund balance plus the FY2026 revenues with expenditures for projects, transfers to the debt service fund for principal and interest payments, and to the Grant Fund for grant matches, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, being the Governing Body of the MRGCD, hereby adopts the Fiscal Year 2026 budget as presented, with the assessed property tax mill rates remaining as 5.0693 for residential and 6.3334 for non-residential for the General Operating Fund and 1.0000 for residential and non-residential for the Capital Investment Fund, for a total assessment of 6.0693 mills for the residential properties

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

DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE ITEMS

M-05-12-25-222

WHEREAS, the inventory items listed in the attached spreadsheet totaling \$7,851.60 are obsolete and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) no longer owns the crane for which these inventory items were intended; and

WHEREAS, the MRGCD may dispose of any item of tangible value and delete items from its inventory if such items are:

1. of a current resale value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less; or
2. having a current resale value of more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000); that has DFA approval; and

WHEREAS, the MRGCD has complied with State of New Mexico Office of the State Auditor Rule 2.2.2.18, regarding the disposition of fixed assets,

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board of Directors hereby approves the proper disposal the inventory items in accordance with Sections 13-6-1 and 13-6-2 NMSA 1978.

DATED AND RESOLVED THIS 12th Day of May 2025.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

John P. Kelly, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

INVENTORY ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
HE0100	TOOTH BACKHOE	21	3.75	78.75
HE0130	TOOTH BACKHOE	4	7.18	28.73
HE0135	PIN TOOTH FOR BACKHOE	15	2.22	33.30
HE0140	INK CONNECTING - 3/4" PITCH	8	0.64	5.12
HE1000	BLOCK DUMP 1/2 YD 8DB	1	711.21	711.21
HE1150	CHAIN HOIST BOTTOM	5	74.23	371.15
HE1200	CUP HITCH PLATE PROTECTOR	10	14.25	142.50
HE1300	HITCH 3 WAY DRAG 1/2 YD 10	3	153.75	461.25
HE1400	LINK END DRAG CHAIN 1/2 YD	9	9.85	88.65
HE1700	SOCKET ARCH DUMP 1/2 YD 38	3	22.55	67.65
HE1705	SOCKET DUMP ROPE 1/2 YD 16	3	29.45	88.35
HE1710	SOCKET HOIST ROPE 1/2 YD 8HRS	2	67.92	135.84
HE1800	TOOTH 1/2 YD	10	38.18	381.80
HE1805	WEDGE 2	24	5.80	139.20
HE1900	WEDGE 1/2 YD 40	3	10.36	31.08
HE1905	WEDGE 3 WAY DRAG HITCH 12	11	5.65	62.15
HE3200	CUP HITCH PLATE PROTECTOR C-1	7	12.50	87.50
HE9500	BUSHING 4167593	15	100.62	1,509.30
HE9510	BUSHING 4057477	14	58.22	815.08
HE9520	BUSHING 457906	11	40.25	442.75
HE9530	PIN 3030940	1	124.32	124.32
HE9535	PIN 3030939	2	165.20	330.40
HE9540	SEAL DUST 4082194	1	12.30	12.30
HE9545	PIN 3030938	2	170.00	340.00
HE9550	PIN	3	72.80	218.40
HE9555	SLEEVE FOR CRANE	2	68.28	136.56
HE9560	SPACER	4	60.21	240.84
HE9565	BUSHING	4	166.03	664.12
HE3205	TOOTH BASE	2	26.10	52.20
HE3405	LINK REPAIR, DRAG CHAIN,78RL	1	51.11	51.11
				7,851.60

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2027-2031**

INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ICIP)

M-05-12-25-223

WHEREAS the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District ("District") met at the regular session at 1931 Second Street SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 at 3:00 p.m. on May 12, 2025, which meeting was duly called as required by law; and

WHEREAS the District recognizes that the financing of public capital projects has become a concern in New Mexico and nationally; and

WHEREAS, in times of scarce resources, it is necessary to find new financing mechanisms and maximize the use of existing resources; and

WHEREAS, systematic capital improvement planning is an effective tool for communities to define their development needs, establish priorities, and pursue concrete actions and strategies to achieve necessary project development; and

WHEREAS, the process contributes to local, state, and regional efforts in project identification and selection of short and long-range capital planning efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that;

1. The District adopts the attached Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan, and
2. It is intended that the Plan be a working document and is a part of its effort to improve rational, long-range capital planning and budgeting for New Mexico's infrastructure.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the MRGCD at its meeting on May 12, 2025

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

John P. Kelly, Chair of the Board

ATTEST:

Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO

Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan FY 2027-2031

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Project Summary

ID	Year	Rank	Project Title	Category	Funded to date	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total Project Cost	Amount Not Yet Funded	Phases?
39956	2027	001	Corrales Siphon Project	Water - Other	10,795,000	0	0	0	0	0	10,795,000	0	No
39977	2027	002	Feeder 3 Pump Station	Water - Other	8,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	8,500,000	0	No
41183	2027	003	LFCC/San Lorenzo Arroyo Culvert Crossing	Water - Storm/Surface Water Control	10,000,000	4,500,000	0	0	0	0	14,500,000	4,500,000	No
41178	2027	004	Automatic Water Control Gates	Water - Storm/Surface Water Control	250,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	1,000,000	750,000	No
41189	2027	005	Irrigation Turnout Upgrade Project	Water - Storm/Surface Water Control	700,000	7,500,000	6,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	29,200,000	28,500,000	Yes
41197	2027	006	San Acacia Dam Gate Automation	Water - Storm/Surface Water Control	0	1,500,000	0	0	0	0	1,500,000	1,500,000	No
39558	2027	007	Loretta Road Improvements	Water - Other	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	0	Yes
39983	2028	001	ABQ Main Canal Channel Lining (South)	Water - Other	0	0	10,650,000	15,500,000	15,500,000	0	41,650,000	41,650,000	Yes
39986	2028	002	Arenal Main Canal Channel Lining	Water - Other	0	0	16,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	0	48,000,000	48,000,000	Yes
41186	2028	003	Atrisco Siphon	Water - Storm/Surface Water Control	0	0	500,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	4,000,000	10,500,000	10,500,000	No
39207	2028	004	Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining Project	Water - Other	17,227,750	0	14,000,000	20,470,556	20,470,556	20,470,556	92,639,416	75,411,664	Yes
39985	2028	005	Corrales Main Canal Channel Lining	Water - Other	0	0	13,000,000	13,000,000	13,000,000	0	39,000,000	39,000,000	Yes
39202	2028	006	Bernalillo to Belen Levee Project	Facilities - Other	1,400,000	0	29,600,000	28,800,000	28,800,000	28,800,000	117,400,000	116,000,000	Yes

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39982	2028	007	ABQ Main Canal Channel Lining (North)	Water - Other	35,650	0	6,964,350	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	21,000,000	20,964,350	Yes
39979	2028	008	Water Measurements	Water - Storm/Surface Water Control	250,000	0	1,230,000	1,230,000	1,230,000	1,230,000	5,170,000	4,920,000	No
39557	2028	009	Traffic Control Devices	Facilities - Other	235,000	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	635,000	400,000	No
41195	2028	010	Bar Main Channel Lining	Water - Other	0	0	6,300,000	6,215,000	6,215,000	0	18,730,000	18,730,000	Yes
41179	2028	011	Drain-Outfall Habitat Projects	Water - Storm/Surface Water Control	0	0	1,800,000	800,000	800,000	0	3,400,000	3,400,000	No
41196	2029	001	San Acacia Fish Passage	Water - Storm/Surface Water Control	0	0	0	2,000,000	0	0	2,000,000	2,000,000	No
42611	2029	003	Los Lentes Drain Intersection Design	Water - Storm/Surface Water Control	0	0	0	950,000	750,000	0	1,700,000	1,700,000	No
39987	2029	004	Belen High Line Main Canal Channel Lining	Water - Other	0	0	0	51,000,000	51,000,000	0	102,000,000	102,000,000	Yes
39989	2029	005	San Juan Main Canal Channel Lining	Water - Other	0	0	0	35,000,000	35,000,000	0	70,000,000	70,000,000	Yes
39978	2029	006	Equipment Needs	Equipment - Other	0	0	0	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	No
39988	2029	007	Peralta Main Canal Channel Lining	Water - Other	0	0	0	21,000,000	42,000,000	0	63,000,000	63,000,000	Yes
39990	2030	001	Sili Main Canal Channel Lining	Water - Other	0	0	0	0	38,000,000	30,000,000	68,000,000	68,000,000	Yes
39991	2030	002	Cochiti East Side Main Canal Channel Lining	Water - Other	0	0	0	0	35,500,000	30,500,000	66,000,000	66,000,000	Yes
39980	2030	003	Belen Highline Canal Improvements	Water - Other	0	0	0	0	100,350,000	20,650,000	121,000,000	121,000,000	Yes
41174	2031	001	El Vado Stilling Basin	Water - Storm/Surface Water Control	0	0	0	0	0	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	No
41191	2031	002	El Vado Dam Rehabilitation(15% nonfederal share)	Water - Water Supply	0	0	0	0	0	22,500,000	22,500,000	22,500,000	No

Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan FY 2027-2031

Number of projects:	29							
	Funded to date:	Year 1:	Year 2:	Year 3:	Year 4:	Year 5:	Total Project Cost:	Total Not Yet Funded:
Grand Totals	50,393,400	13,650,000	106,294,352	229,215,552	421,865,536	168,900,560	990,319,360	939,926,016

APPENDIX I***Director Dunning's written report*****Report on the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) Conference, April 28 – 30, 2025**

Some very important connections were made, and the Board will hear about one of them in future meetings. The most meaningful conversations occur outside the meeting rooms in breaks and socializing.

The meeting with federal partners did not have a lot of details because they are in the midst of a major reorganization. The staff person from the administration side of the BOR is from Denver and was formerly a staff person for Senator Loomis of Wyoming. It's helpful to have someone in that position who is from the West and should understand the issues the West faces with drought, agriculture, ranching and Indian sovereignty. The administration has still not nominated a Commissioner. We were told that several names have been put forward, but all have been turned down. The administration is looking into turning more O & M activities over to the local authorities.

We were able to meet with all of the actual elected officials except for Representative Ledger Fernandez. This time we felt heard and especially by Senator Lujan who is an irrigator and understands on a personal level the challenges we are facing. We may get help from our delegation on the WOTUS decision, funding for Valle Vista Elementary and help with the Low Flow Conveyance channel. The delegation was updated on what is happening at the Corrales siphon and our concerns with BIA were expressed.

Speakers at the conference were very good, it was well organized, and Water Strategies did an excellent job of coordinating all of our visits.

Director Russo Baca Board Reports May 2025

Report on the Water Leaders Workshop, Silver City, April 14-16, 2025

This was a three-day workshop in Grant County hosted in Silver City. Although it was hosted in Silver City, there were presentations on statewide perspectives including those that affect MRGCD. Notably the State Engineer, Elizabeth Anderson, presented on the State of Water in New Mexico, ISC Director Hannah Riseley-White presented on Interstate Stream Commission Updates. Further Rebecca Roose gave a Water and Infrastructure Update from the Governor's Office—Rebecca Roose, and OSE General Counsel Nat Chakeres gave a presentation on Legal Updates and Ongoing Indian Water Rights Settlements. One of the most interesting presentations was on Farming and Agricultural Water Use in the Cliff–Gila Valley: Past, Present, and Future from Wendel Hann a local agricultural producer.

Report on the Interstate Stream Commission Meeting, April 17, 2025

RIO GRANDE BASIN KEY UPDATES

2025 Rio Grande Compact Status – New Mexico's cumulative Compact status will be 124,000 acre-feet for all of 2025 and Article VII restrictions continue to be in effect.

Abiquiu Reservoir and Dam Operations – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Reclamation are considering the best storage options for Prior and Paramount (P&P) water in 2025. Releases from Abiquiu Dam will be monitored during spring runoff.

El Vado Reservoir Operations – Reclamation is currently storing approximately 16,600 acre feet of San Juan Chama Project and P&P water. Reclamation's reassessment regarding construction to rehabilitate the dam is ongoing.

WORK AREA OVERVIEWS

INTERSTATE COMPACTS Article VII restrictions remain in effect and only water stored for P&P needs may be stored in 2025. There will be no native storage in post-1929 reservoirs this year.

WATER OPERATIONS

El Vado Operations – Reclamation is continuing to test the safe water storage capacity at El Vado while they study new alternatives to rehabilitate the dam. Currently, about 6,300 acre feet of San Juan-Chama Project (SJCP) and 10,300 acre-feet of P&P water are being stored in the reservoir, for a total of 16,600 acre-feet of storage in El Vado. Reclamation plans to increase the storage up to 25,000 acre-feet in the spring.

Abiquiu Operations – New Mexico is expecting very low water supply conditions in 2025, which will result in an above average storage requirement for P&P purposes. Based on the March forecast, the updated draft P&P storage requirement increased to approximately 38,000 acre-feet, but this volume will be extremely difficult to store given the low snowpack conditions. The Bureau of Indian Affairs will determine the final P&P volume to store in May. P&P water is now stored in El Vado, and Reclamation and the Corps are considering the best storage options for P&P water in 2025. Releases from Abiquiu are not expected to exceed 700 cfs during runoff, and due to sedimentation in the Rio Chama, the Corps plans to make incremental releases from the dam to test the channel capacity.

Rio Chama Plug Updates – The NMISC is continuing to collaborate with partners at the Corps, Reclamation, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) to find solutions and further increase channel capacity. The NMISC is also exploring various programs to provide technical and/or planning assistance, as well as educational opportunities for local communities in the Rio Chama basin.

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) – The MRGCD began charging their conveyance system on February 24th, and active irrigation began in mid-March. Current models are predicting the allocation for all SJCP contractors will be about 36% of a full allocation.

River Mile 60 – Reclamation is still collecting and analyzing data from its experimental operations at River Mile 60 (south of San Marcial) for the bird habitat to the west. These data will likely help determine minimum flow thresholds out of the Low Flow Conveyance Channel to the west to avoid or minimize negative impacts to habitat, while reducing consumptive losses and improving river efficiency. For 2025, Reclamation is reducing the operation flows used in 2024. These reduced flows will continue through October and will discontinue from November through January 2026. Reclamation is reviewing the 2024 data, and the data will be shared with the NMISC when their evaluation is completed.

Report on the Earth Day Celebration, VCSWCD, Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area, April 18, 2025

Despite the wind and much needed rain throughout the day, this was a wonderful event bringing the community together. There were many groups present at the event and also a group presented about the history of camels in the Rio Grande in 1857.

Report on the Election Committee Meeting, April 21, 2025 & May 8, 2025

Review of the 2025 Election Calendar, revising MRGCD Rule No. 20, and MRGCD notice of election. Both meetings were review and editing / drafting of the documents to reflect NMSA 1978, Section 73-14-62, Laws 2025, ch.21, section 10, chaptered March 21, 2025 (“Removing conservancy districts from the Local Election Act”) which requires that the members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at an election held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025.

Report on the Finance Committee Meeting, April 23, 2025

The committee members went over the MRGCD balanced budget and the 3Q FY2025 revenues and expenditures and changes in fund balance with a comparison of 3Q FY2024.

Report on the Rio Grande Compact Commission Annual Meeting, April 25, 2025

This was the 86th Annual Meeting (110th Meeting) of the Rio Grande Compact Commission of Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas.

https://www.ose.nm.gov/Compacts/RioGrande/isc_RioGrande.php The Agenda, and 2025 Report of the Engineer Advisers can be found by following the link above. MRGCD staff were recognized in attendance at the meeting and although the Texas Compact Commissioner recognized and introduced EBID, the NM Compact Commissioner, Elizabeth Anderson, also recognized all of the New Mexico districts as well.