



Agenda

**For Presentation at the
2,226th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District**



August 11, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:

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

Meeting ID: 276 506 9278 and Passcode: 504470

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

- 3:00 1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3:01 2. **Approval of the Agenda**
- 3:03 3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – August 11, 2025
 - b. Consideration/Approval of July 2025 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg, PC
 - c. Consideration/Approval of July 2025 Invoices for Spencer Fane LLP
 - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – July 14, 2025
 - e. Consideration/Approval of Professional Services Agreements Second Year for
 - 1. Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg, General Counsel
 - 2. Spencer Fane LLP, Water Counsel
 - f. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for July 2025 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Report(s) from the Election Director** – Tim Smith, Automated Election Services
 - a. Announcement of Certified Candidates (excluding Write-ins)
 - b. Election Calendar Overview
- 3:15 5. **Viewing of the Centennial Documentary Trailer** – Aracely “Arcie” Chapa
- 3:30 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, Irrigation Distribution Manager
- 3:45 7. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes)**
- 3:55 8. **Report(s) from the Department of the Interior**
 - a. Bureau of Indian Affairs – Patrick Taber, Acting Designated Engineer
- 4:05 9. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department** – Christine L. Nardi, MBA
 - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
- 4:10 10. **Report(s) from the Technical Services Director** – Eric Zamora, PE
 - a. Report from the Belen Division Manager, Tyler Otero
- 4:20 11. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO** – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
 - a. Report on the La Joya Acequia Subcommittee/MRGCD Meeting, July 21, 2025
 - b. Consideration/Approval of the Resolution M-08-11-25-225 Adoption of Special Water Service Charge for La Joya for the 2026 Irrigation Season
 - c. Notification/Discussion of the 2025 MRGCD Water Service Charge Reclassification (Protest) Hearing per NMSA §73-18-8.1; hearing scheduled for September 8, 2025

- 4:35 12. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**
- a. Staff recommendation for revising MRGCD License Fee Schedule – Casey Ish, Director of Land & Conservation
 - b. Report on the Informational Meetings
 - 1. Valencia County Informational Meeting, July 17, 2025 – Jason Casuga, CE/CEO, Amanda Molina, PIO, Eric Zamora, Technical Services Director, Chairman Kelly, Vice Chairman Baugh, Directors Russo Baca, Dunning, Jiron, Sandoval and Duggins
 - 2. Sandoval County Informational Meeting, July 24, 2025 – Jason Casuga, CE/CEO, Amanda Molina, PIO, Eric Zamora, Technical Services Director, Chairman Kelly and Directors Sandoval and Dunning
 - 3. Bernalillo County Informational Meeting, July 31, 2025 – Jason Casuga, CE/CEO, Amanda Molina, PIO, Eric Zamora, Technical Services Director, Derek Jarner, Albuquerque Division Manager, Directors Russo Baca and Dunning
 - c. Report on the NM Drought Task Force Meeting, July 22, 2025 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
 - d. Report on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition Meeting, August 7, 2025 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
 - e. Report on the Hispano Chamber of Valencia County Installation Banquet, August 9, 2025 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Director Russo Baca
 - f. Information on Upcoming Events
 - 1. NM Water Law 32nd Annual Conference, Sept 11-12, 2025: Santa Fe, NM
 - 2. Coalition of Rio Grande Water Users Conference, Sept 30 to Oct 2, 2025: Santa Fe, NM
 - 3. 13th Annual Tribal Water Law Super Conference, Oct 16 – 17, 2025: Isleta Resort & Casino
 - 4. Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference, Oct 30-31, 2025: Reno, NV (*August 30 deadline*)
 - 5. Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) 2025 Conference, Dec 16-18, 2025: Las Vegas, NV
- 5:05 13. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**
- 5:15 14. **Report(s) from the Board**
- a. Report on the Meeting with the Bernalillo County Manager, Cindy Chavez, July 15, 2025 – Vice Chairman Baugh
 - b. Report on the Meeting with Village of Los Ranchos Mayor, Lawrence Rael, July 16, 2025 – Vice Chairman Baugh
 - c. Report on the Centennial Committee Meeting, July 22, 2025 – Vice Chairman Baugh and Director Russo Baca
 - d. Report on the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District Board meeting, July 24, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
 - e. Report on the Lavendar in the Village Festival, July 26, 2025 – Vice Chairman Baugh
 - f. Report on the Audit Entrance Conference, July 31, 2025 – Directors Russo Baca and Dunning
 - g. Report on the Western States Water Council (WSWC) and Native American Rights Fund (NARF) Biennial Symposium, August 6, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
 - h. Report on the Coalition of Six Middle Rio Grande Basin Pueblos, August 7, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
 - i. Report on Safeguarding Water in Conservation: A Land Trust Collaboration on Water Rights in New Mexico Meeting, August 8, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
- 6:00 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
 - 2. Threatened or Pending Litigation