



# **Agenda**

**For Presentation at the  
2,226<sup>th</sup> 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. 13<sup>th</sup> 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



### FY25-26 MRGCD Capital Infrastructure Project List

In channel construction period: November 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

UPDATED: 08/06/2025

Project Title	Funding Source	Design Start	Design Complete	Construction Start	Construction Complete	Update
Phase 2: Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining	WTB	4/30/2024	8/14/2024	10/2/2024	July of 2025	In the warranty period.
Phase 2B: Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining	WTB	In progress	TBD	TBD	TBD	Currently working toward 90% Design
Phase 2: Belen Highline Overflow Structure	MRGCD	In progress	TBD	TBD	TBD	Received 60%. Tentative 90% end of August 2025
Phase 2: Low Flow Conveyance Channel Rehabilitaion	ARPA	NA	NA	7/8/2025	TBD	Construction in progress
Feeder 3 Pump Station	WTB/Water SMART	8/3/2024	August of 2025	TBD	TBD	100% Plans for Phase 1 ongoing. Permits ongoing (BNSF, NMDOT)
Corrales Siphon Replacement	WTB	12/14/2023	10/6/2024	TBD	TBD	Currently in ROW negotiations
Alameda - Loretta Improvements	NM DFA and Capital	3/4/2024	1/20/2025	TBD	TBD	Current coordination with BERNCO and NMDOT. Plan to be out to bid in Fall 2025



## MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: DeAnna Philips, Board Liaison

Date: August 11, 2025

Re: Consideration/Approval of the Consent Agenda.

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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, both General and Water Counsel's second year contract renewal 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.

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Warrant	Vendor Name	Amount	Description	Location
EFT	NEW MEXICO TAXATION & REVENUE DEPARTMENT	23,774.98 898.70	JUNE 2025 WITHHOLDING TAX WORKERS' COMPENSATION FEE - QTR. 2	
EFT	STATE OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	109.20	2025 WITHHOLDING TAX - QTR. 2 2025 UNEMPLOYEMENT FEE - QTR. 2	
EFT	DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS	9,222.32	2025 UNEMPLOYMENT FEE - QTR. 2	
EFT	PAYROLL	370,404.57	PAY PERIOD 14	
EFT	PERA	127,655.59	PAY PERIOD 14	
EFT	IRS	53,820.41	PAY PERIOD 14	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	8,990.16	PAY PERIOD 14	
EFT	PAYROLL	357,689.21	PAY PERIOD 15	
EFT	PERA	134,379.92	PAY PERIOD 15	
EFT	IRS	49,960.29	PAY PERIOD 15	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	9,029.16	PAY PERIOD 15	
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>		<b>1,145,934.51</b>		

<b>Checks</b>				
155101	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	87.98	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		463.72	STARTER	SOCORRO DIVISION
		232.82	SWITCH	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155102	ACTION HOSE INC.	195.47	HYDRAULIC HOSE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155103	ACUITY INSURANCE	119,823.75	FY26 INSURANCE	GENERAL FUND
155104	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	4,349.00	ROBINAIR R134A A/C MACHINE	SOCORRO DIVISION
155105	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHT	1,820.66	PARTS & SUPPLIES - UNIT 444190	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155106	AMAZON CAPITAL	27.41	OUTDOOR SIGNS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155107	BEMP	15,000.00	FY25 PROGRAM SUPPORT	GENERAL FUND
155108	BOHANNAN HUSTON	13,815.34	BELEN HIGHLINE	BELEN DIVISION
155109	BOOT BARN	174.24	BOOT VOUCHERS	BELEN DIVISION
		144.49	BOOT VOUCHERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
155110	CHASE MECHANICAL LLC	651.80	SERVICE A/C MACHINE	BELEN DIVISION
155111	GENUINE NAPA	114.35	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
155112	GEOTEL CORPORATION	1,065.54	PRESS CLIPPING SERVICE	ADMINISTRATION
155113	IRON HORSE WELDING	2,860.49	DIAGNOSE & REPAIR - UNIT 44412	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,443.63	EXCAVATOR PARTS - UNIT 47309	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,876.25	FORWARD/REVERSE SWITCH - UNIT 57306	BELEN DIVISION
155114	IRSC	895.00	RADIATOR	BELEN DIVISION
155115	LINDE GAS	131.02	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155116	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	36.99	NATURAL GAS	BELEN DIVISION
155117	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	97.89	NATURAL GAS	COCHITI DIVISION
155118	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	78.57	EMPLOYEE SCREENING	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		386.37	EMPLOYEE SCREENING	BELEN DIVISION
		74.26	EMPLOYEE SCREENING	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155119	PENA BLANCA SANIT	96.19	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	COCHITI DIVISION
155120	PNM	390.32	ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155121	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	978.63	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155122	RAIN FOR RENT	46,830.73	CORRALES PUMP RENTAL	CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND
155123	REAL TIME SOLUTIONS	618.84	APPLICATION SUPPORT	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
155124	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	1,664.41	ACTUATOR & HOSE	BELEN DIVISION
155125	RUSSELL, JIM	415.72	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
155126	SELECTROW	200.00	REFUND-CANCELLED LICENSE	GENERAL FUND
155127	SNELLING	1,360.88	TEMP STAFFING	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
155128	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTION	40.10	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
155129	SOUTHWEST LANDFILL	6,158.21	LANDFILL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		706.95	LANDFILL	BELEN DIVISION
155130	UNICOR	260.52	SHRED BINS PICKUP	ACCOUNTING
155131	UNIFIRST CORP	65.88	UNIFORM & MAT RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
155132	UNIFORMS & MORE LLC	97.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	ACCOUNTING
		840.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		115.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	COCHITI DIVISION

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		336.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		189.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	EXEC TEAM
		79.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	HUMAN RESOURCES
		246.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	PURCHASING
		127.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
		336.00	MRGCD HATS	GENERAL FUND
155133	AFSCME COUNCIL 18	2,189.75	PAYROLL UNION DUES	GENERAL FUND
155134	BERNALILLO COUNTY CL	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
155135	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	1,110.94	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
155136	HOME DEPOT CREDIT	503.57	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		19.93	DOOR STOP	GENERAL OFFICE
		516.39	SINK	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		239.90	SOLAR LIGHTS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155137	PITTS, TIMOTHY	320.00	ESRI CONFERENCE - SAN DIEGO	GIS/MAPPING
155138	SOCORRO COUNTY CLERK	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
155139	STRECH, DOUG	320.00	ESRI CONFERENCE - SAN DIEGO	DATA INTEGRATION
155140	VITAL CONSULTING	614,377.56	SOCORRO CHANEL LINING PHASE 2	GRANTS FUND SOC
155141	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	676.46	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
155142	ABCWUA	952.57	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		358.85	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		750.70	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	GENERAL FUND
155143	ACTION HOSE INC.	152.70	HYDRAULIC HOSE	BELEN DIVISION
155144	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	436.80	ABQ JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND
155145	ALL AROUND AUTO	21.00	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
155146	BOR UC REGION: UPPER	164,497.75	EL VADO RESERVED WORKS O&M	CONTRACT PAYMENTS
155147	BUSTED STEM	170.82	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155148	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	157.32	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
155149	CENTURY LINK	96.56	VOIP/INTERNET	BELEN DIVISION
155150	CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE	6,680.00	CABQ INTERAGENCY FEE	GENERAL FUND
155151	CITY OF BELEN	3,656.15	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	BELEN DIVISION
155152	CITY OF SOCORRO	132.79	NATURAL GAS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		249.55	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	SOCORRO DIVISION
155153	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	81.08	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		27.77	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
155154	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	75.00	OIL CHANGE	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
155155	DESERT GREENS EQUIPMENT	53.99	CLUTCH	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,398.33	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		1,993.75	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 47025	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155156	DOUBLE H AUTO INC.	213.90	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
155157	ENDEAN SIGN COMPANY	2,670.00	FOYER WINDOWS	GENERAL OFFICE
155158	FINANCE AUTHORITY	60,874.25	JUL25 PAYMENTS	DEBT SERVICE
155159	FLYER PRESS LLC	282.96	BOOKLETS FOR EXAM	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		282.96	BOOKLETS FOR EXAM	BELEN DIVISION
		282.96	BOOKLETS FOR EXAM	COCHITI DIVISION
		35.37	BOOKLETS FOR EXAM	EXEC TEAM
		176.85	BOOKLETS FOR EXAM	SOCORRO DIVISION
155160	GPS, LLC	126.92	OIL CHANGE	SOCORRO DIVISION
155161	HIGH DESERT INDUSTRIAL	47.81	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
155162	IDEAL PLUMBING	215.25	BACK FLOW TEST	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155163	INTRAWORKS, INC.	148.79	QUARTERLY MONITORING	SOCORRO DIVISION
155164	JOHN THOMPSON CONSUL	12,318.75	LOBBYIST SERVICES Q3 2025	GENERAL FUND
155165	KRONOS SAASHR, INC.	1,371.34	JUN25 - SUBSCRIPTION	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
155166	MAINTENANCE SERVICE	414.10	JANITORIAL SERVICE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		2,036.03	JANITORIAL SERVICE	GENERAL OFFICE
155167	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	369.46	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		197.03	TARP REPLACEMENT-82" X 18'	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155168	NAPA AUTO PARTS	38.68	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		39.56	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
155169	NED'S PIPE & STEEL	60.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
155170	NM STATE UNIVERSITY	500.00	NMSU AG SCIENCE DAY CONTRIBUTION	GENERAL FUND
155171	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	200.97	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
155172	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	78.57	EMPLOYEE SCREENING	BELEN DIVISION

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155173	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTO	232.36	COPIER LEASE FY26	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		143.84	COPIER LEASE FY26	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		730.25	COPIER LEASE FY26	GENERAL OFFICE
155174	PNM	913.78	ELECTRICITY	BELÉN DIVISION
155175	POWER FORD	109.51	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
155176	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	207.96	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		27.37	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
155177	RED SHOVEL LLC	843.63	LANDSCAPE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	GENERAL OFFICE
155178	SOCORRO ELECTRIC	724.61	ELECTRICITY	SOCORRO DIVISION
		3,552.83	SOCORRO PUMP ELECTRICITY	SOCORRO DIVISION
155179	SPENCER FANE LLP	10,854.73	LEGAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND
155180	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	8.00	FOLDERS / BADGE REELS	GENERAL OFFICE
		68.13	FOLDERS / BADGE REELS	HUMAN RESOURCES
		473.75	INK	GENERAL OFFICE
155181	SWCA	241.73	2025 EGG MONITORING	GENERAL FUND
155182	TAS SECURITY SYSTEMS	123.85	SECURITY SYSTEM	GENERAL OFFICE
		37.61	SECURITY SYSTEMS	BELÉN DIVISION
155183	THE PRINTERS PRESS	495.00	PRINT LETTERS	GENERAL FUND
155184	THOMPSON SECURITY	96.70	SECURITY SERVICES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155185	TOTAL BLINDS	5,223.91	SKYLIGHT BLINDS	GENERAL OFFICE
155186	UNIFIRST CORP	65.88	UNIFORM & MAT RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
155187	VANRIPER, PETER J.	100.00	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	SOCORRO DIVISION
155188	VERIZON CONNECT	5,354.88	JUL25 VERIZON CONNECT-GPS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		5,354.88	JUN25 VERIZON CONNECT - GPS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155189	WEX BANK	83,738.73	UNL \$25,006 DIESEL \$58,663 FEES \$70	MULTIPLE DEPTS/DIVISIONS
155190	WIGGINS, WILLIAMS	21,042.84	LEGAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND
155191	WILSON & COMPANY	16,505.42	BELÉN WATERSHED DOCUMENTS	GRANTS FUND
155192	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	2,212.49	FUEL INJECTION PUMP - UNIT 47023	SOCORRO DIVISION
155193	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	251.88	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		193.74	FLUIDS/FILTERS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		373.19	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		16.84	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
155194	ACTION HOSE INC.	338.65	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		67.68	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		27.90	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155195	ALBUQUERQUE BOLT	62.00	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155196	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHT	203.98	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELÉN DIVISION
155197	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	1,251.93	R&R HYDRAULIC CYLINDER - UNIT 57310	BELÉN DIVISION
155198	AMAZON CAPITAL	42.99	COMPUTER SUPPLIES	ACCOUNTING
		4,605.75	MISC. COMPUTER PARTS	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		28.99	OFFICE SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		155.96	SAFETY SUPPLIES	BELÉN DIVISION
		397.50	TRIMMER CHAPS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155199	AUTOZONE, INC	75.99	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155200	BENAVIDEZ, CAROL	344.72	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
155201	BOBCAT OF ALBUQUERQUE	470.31	BLADE KIT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155202	BOOT BARN	1,734.93	BOOT VOUCHERS	BELÉN DIVISION
155203	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	221.72	A/C HOSE ASSEMBLY	COCHITI DIVISION
		282.21	ROCKER SWITCH	BELÉN DIVISION
155204	CHASE MECHANICAL LLC	414.38	SERVICE CALL GATE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155205	CHOICE STEEL COMPANY	4,158.18	STEEL -SHADE STRUCTURE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155206	CINTAS FIRST AID	165.00	F.Y. WATER COOLER RENTAL-BELÉN DIVISION	BELÉN DIVISION
		45.00	FY 25 - WATER COOLER RENTAL	COCHITI DIVISION
		45.00	WATER COOLER RENTAL ENCUMBRANCE-FY25	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		45.00	WATER COOLER RENTAL FY25	SOCORRO DIVISION
155207	CONSERVANCY OIL CO	3,174.60	DEF FLUID	GENERAL FUND
155208	CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	230.46	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155209	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	166.56	BATTERIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		111.67	BATTERIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		160.70	BATTERIES	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
155210	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	428.20	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELÉN DIVISION
155211	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	375.00	OIL CHANGE	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV

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155212	DOUBLE H AUTO INC.	490.88	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		62.15	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
155213	EXPRESS AUTO GLASS	200.00	TINT	WATER OPERATIONS
		300.00	TINT & TINT REMOVAL	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		800.00	TINT & WINDSHIELD	WATER OPERATIONS
155214	GENUINE NAPA	75.96	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		1,307.96	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		216.30	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
155215	GOMEZ, RAY	1,773.90	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
155216	GPS, LLC	48.46	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
155217	GREENWOOD, JEFFREY C	277.14	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
155218	HEIGHTS SECURITY	3,471.17	UPDATE BRIVO SYSTEM	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155219	HUB INTERNATIONAL	100,688.52	INSURANCE PREMIUM	GENERAL FUND
155220	INLAND KENWORTH INC.	258.44	TEMP SENSOR	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155221	INTERSTATE BATTERIES	90.00	BATTERIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		45.00	BATTERIES	BELEN DIVISION
155222	IRON HORSE WELDING	936.25	IDLER WHEEL	BELEN DIVISION
155223	IRSC	2,507.70	RADIATOR - UNIT 57205	BELEN DIVISION
155224	JARAMILLO, DANNY A.	1,442.46	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
155225	JIFFY LUBE	184.68	OIL CHANGE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		72.07	OIL CHANGE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		149.88	OIL CHANGE	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		253.51	OIL CHANGE	WATER OPERATIONS
		141.44	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155226	JIVE COMMUNICATIONS,	2,496.73	VOIP/INTERNET	GENERAL OFFICE
155227	LINDE GAS	352.57	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155228	MARQUEZ, DENNIS M	1,311.10	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
155229	MESA OIL, INC	150.00	WASTE MANAGEMENT	BELEN DIVISION
		68.23	WASTE MANAGEMENT	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155230	MORA, RUBEN	469.73	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
155231	MT PRIVATE UTILITY	269.06	LINE SPOT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155232	NAPA AUTO PARTS	217.33	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		124.46	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		37.12	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		18.47	SAFETY SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		102.72	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		191.25	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		226.17	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155233	NEW MEXICO MUTUAL	33,146.00	POLICY 25-26 WORKERS COMP	GENERAL FUND
155234	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	162.27	FLUIDS/FILTERS	COCHITI DIVISION
		161.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		160.39	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER OPERATIONS
		1,103.89	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 80007	WATER OPERATIONS
155235	OLGUIN TAMMY	257.94	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
155236	ONERAIN INCORPORATED	28,008.00	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
155237	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTO	139.03	COPIER LEASE FY26 - OVERAGES	GENERAL OFFICE
155238	PNM	12,212.82	CORRALES PUMP ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		260.80	ELECTRICITY	COCHITI DIVISION
155239	POWER EQUIPMENT	49.75	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155240	PREVENTIVE PEST	117.53	PEST CONTROL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155241	PRINT EXPRESS	51.00	BUSINESS CARDS	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
155242	PRUDENTIAL OVERALL S	50.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		154.54	UNIFORM & MAT RENTAL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155243	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	627.71	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155244	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	300.73	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
155245	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	18.49	MAGNUM COVERED PADLOCKS	BELEN DIVISION
155246	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	41.30	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		1.39	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
155247	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	1,301.17	PARTS & REPAIRS- UNIT 44412	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155248	SNELLING	816.53	TEMP STAFFING	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
155249	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	95.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		342.10	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION



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		799.78	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		802.22	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
155250	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTION	30.66	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		245.94	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
155251	SPENCER FANE LLP	3,094.17	LEGAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND
155252	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	68.15	OFFICE SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		171.23	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
155253	TECHNA GLASS	243.08	WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155254	TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION	2,245.83	DATTO INFINITE CLOUD SERVICE	GENERAL FUND
155255	THOMPSON SAFETY LLC	86.50	EAR PLUGS, LENS WIPES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		43.25	EAR PLUGS, LENS WIPES	BELEN DIVISION
		43.25	EAR PLUGS, LENS WIPES	COCHITI DIVISION
		18.00	EAR PLUGS, LENS WIPES	GENERAL OFFICE
		43.25	EAR PLUGS, LENS WIPES	SOCORRO DIVISION
155256	TOTAL BLINDS	6,849.26	BOARD ROOM BLINDS	GENERAL OFFICE
155257	TRUEPOINT SOLUTIONS	462.50	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND
155258	V-VARGAS, ERMELINDA	245.44	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
155259	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	85.96	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		86.37	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		474.11	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
155260	WASTE MANAGEMENT	315.87	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	COCHITI DIVISION
155261	WATER STRATEGIES	10,000.00	FEDERAL CONSULTING	GENERAL FUND
155262	WIGGINS, WILLIAMS	15,945.44	LEGAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND
155263	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	107.68	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
155264	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	114.40	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		98.36	FUEL CAP	SOCORRO DIVISION
		1,698.98	LINK	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		27.39	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		189.73	SENSOR	BELEN DIVISION
		911.76	SPRINGS & PINS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155265	ACTION HOSE INC.	226.28	HYDRAULIC HOSE ASSEMBLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		92.34	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		26.27	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155266	ALBUQUERQUE BOLT	112.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
155267	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHT	126.61	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155268	ALBUQUERQUE SEWING	385.00	TARP & SEAT REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155269	AMAZON CAPITAL	112.86	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		389.00	HP PRINTER	COCHITI DIVISION
		428.00	LAPTOP	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
155270	AMERICAN CLAIMS	10,000.00	CLAIM DEDUCTIBLE	GENERAL FUND
155271	ANM, INC.	3,928.74	ANM - CISCO DUO RENEWAL	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
155272	ATMAX EQUIPMENT CO	334.76	SKID SHOES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155273	AWARDS ETC	7.50	NAME PLATE	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
		12.00	NAME PLATE & TITLE PLATE	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
155274	BCBS	10,582.70	BLUECARE DENTAL - FY2026	GENERAL FUND
155275	BJW VENTURES, LLC	305.00	SEAT COVERS	BELEN DIVISION
155276	BOOT BARN	5,017.76	BOOT VOUCHERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		200.00	BOOT VOUCHERS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		152.99	BOOT VOUCHERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
155277	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	2,884.22	PUMP - UNIT 47018	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155278	CENTURY LINK	197.14	VOIP/INTERNET	SOCORRO DIVISION
155279	CHASE MECHANICAL LLC	1,125.00	REWIRE CUBICLE	GENERAL OFFICE
		602.50	SERVICE CALL	GENERAL OFFICE
155280	CHOICE STEEL COMPANY	675.04	48"X48"-1" A572 HR PLATE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		3,615.40	INVENTORY REPLENISHMENT - METAL	GENERAL FUND
155281	CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE	190,377.02	CABQ BCBS & UHC MEDICAL INVOICING FY2026	GENERAL FUND
155282	COFFEETIME	55.80	SUGAR & CREAMER	GENERAL OFFICE
155283	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	169.00	BATTERIES	BELEN DIVISION
155284	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	252.44	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		81.19	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
155285	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	75.00	OIL CHANGE	BELEN DIVISION
155286	DESERT GREENS EQUIPMENT	1,190.84	DEF DOSING PUMP ASSEMBLY - UNIT 57025	BELEN DIVISION

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		85.89	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		431.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		1,022.08	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		1,590.41	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 37012	COCHITI DIVISION
155287	DMC LOGISTICS	296.04	DELIVERY BOARD MEETING PACKETS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
155288	DOUBLE H AUTO INC.	788.80	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		10.99	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
155289	EXPRESS AUTO GLASS	466.00	DOOR GLASS & TINT REMOVAL	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		150.00	TINT	COCHITI DIVISION
155290	FRANK'S SUPPLY CO	253.15	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		25.90	SAFETY SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		330.45	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	BELEN DIVISION
155291	GENSLER, DAVID	565.26	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
155292	GENUINE NAPA	20.39	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		286.99	HYDRAULIC HOSE REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		145.33	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		75.20	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
155293	GPS, LLC	253.84	OIL CHANGE	SOCORRO DIVISION
		101.23	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
155294	HEIGHTS SECURITY	1,304.68	MAINTENANCE DIVISION GATE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		41.60	RE-KEY DEAD BOLT LOCK & KEYS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155295	HM LIFE INSURANCE	1,484.82	DAVIS VISION - FY2026	GENERAL FUND
155296	IDEAL PLUMBING	1,937.25	MAIN WATERLINE REPAIR	GENERAL OFFICE
155297	INTERSTATE BATTERIES	180.00	BATTERIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
155298	IRON HORSE WELDING	1,443.63	EXCAVATOR PARTS - UNIT 57308	BELEN DIVISION
155299	J & B AUTOMOTIVE	214.80	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155300	JIFFY LUBE	89.10	OIL CHANGE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		185.62	OIL CHANGE	COCHITI DIVISION
		75.67	OIL CHANGE	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
155301	LEGALSHIELD	605.50	LEGALSHIELD FY2026	GENERAL FUND
155302	LEVEL 3 FINANCING IN	263.87	VOIP/INTERNET	BELEN DIVISION
		1,414.39	VOIP/INTERNET	COCHITI DIVISION
		1,552.45	VOIP/INTERNET	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		263.87	VOIP/INTERNET	SOCORRO DIVISION
155303	LINDE GAS	32.46	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155304	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	774.08	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155305	NAJMI, YASMEEN	676.36	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
155306	NAPA AUTO PARTS	37.54	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		208.51	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
155307	NAPA AUTO PARTS	290.89	HUB BEARING & KNIFE	COCHITI DIVISION
		131.38	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		69.28	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		11.51	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		48.00	SAFETY GLASSES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		96.30	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		27.20	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		298.43	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		249.00	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		132.43	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155308	NED'S PIPE & STEEL	152.00	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
155309	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	40.66	NATURAL GAS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		42.15	NATURAL GAS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		37.14	NATURAL GAS	GENERAL OFFICE
155310	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	130.42	BATTERIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		1.99	BATTERY/GREASE	SOCORRO DIVISION
		19.90	DOOR ACTUATOR	BELEN DIVISION
		29.99	FLOOR MATS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		107.97	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		302.61	FUEL PUMP	COCHITI DIVISION
		3.53	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		34.98	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
155311	PARTS AUTHORITY	1,266.92	BALDWIN AIR FILTERS	GENERAL FUND

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155312	PNM	1,643.15	ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		104.40	ELECTRICITY	BELEN DIVISION
		2,607.32	ELECTRICITY	GENERAL OFFICE
155313	POWER EQUIPMENT	89.08	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		2,994.02	INVENTORY REPLENISHMENT - VOLVO FILTERS	GENERAL FUND
155314	POWER FORD	66.55	4X4 VACUUM TUBE	COCHITI DIVISION
		199.95	DIAGNOSE & REPAIR	BELEN DIVISION
155315	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	230.97	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
155316	RANCHERO BUILDERS	43.95	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		21.77	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
155317	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	6.41	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		92.51	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
155318	RED SHOVEL LLC	2,259.36	FIX IRRIGATION SYSTEM	GENERAL OFFICE
155319	RELIANCE STEEL #12	6,000.00	STEEL PLATE	GENERAL FUND
155320	RIO GRANDE COMMUNITY FARMS	1,500.00	SPONSORSHIP	ADMINISTRATION
155321	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	1,817.10	FLYWHEEL & BOLTS - UNIT 65104	SOCORRO DIVISION
155322	RUSSELL, JIM	215.72	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
155323	SNELLING	2,177.40	TEMP STAFFING	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
155324	SOCORRO ELECTRIC	134.97	ELECTRICITY	SOCORRO DIVISION
155325	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	894.59	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,462.60	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		645.83	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		445.26	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
155326	SOUTHWEST SEWER SERV	4,331.64	VACTOR TRUCK SERVICES	BELEN DIVISION
155327	SPECIALTY COMMUNICATIONS	161.44	MONTHLY RADIO REPEATER	WATER OPERATIONS
155328	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	6.57	OFFICE SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		118.96	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
155329	UNIFIRST CORP	92.92	UNIFORM & MAT RENTAL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
155330	UNIFORMS & MORE LLC	46.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	ACCOUNTING
		81.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
		27.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	EXEC TEAM
		48.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
155331	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE	9,621.80	UNUM INSURANCES FY2026	GENERAL FUND
155332	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	691.39	COMPRESSOR	SOCORRO DIVISION
155333	AFSCME COUNCIL 18	2,212.80	PAYROLL UNION DUES	GENERAL FUND
155334	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	1,110.94	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	GENERAL FUND
155335	LOPEZ PRECISION, LLC	45,000.21	ALGAA LATERAL	GRANTS FUND GO
155336	MRGCD PETTY CASH	5.00	PARKING METER COINS	GENERAL OFFICE
		31.40	POSTAGE	GENERAL OFFICE
		2.71	FOAM CUPS - FARMERS MEETING	ADMINISTRATION
155337	SANDOVAL COUNTY CLERK	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
155338	VALENCIA COUNTY CLERK	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
<b>Credit Card Payment</b>				
900022	WELLS FARGO BANK	120.00	CANVA RENEWAL & HR ACCOUNT	HUMAN RESOURCES
		2,172.24	DROPBOX RENEWAL	GENERAL FUND
		989.94	FLOOR JACKS & PARTS CART	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		39.95	JUN25 - INTERMEDIA ANNUAL	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		1.09	JUN25 ZENDESK	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		387.46	MICROSOFT 365 PROJECT	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		30.00	NATIONAL NOTARY ASSOCIATION	ACCOUNTING
		252.73	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		2,190.00	PE CIVIL TRAINING COURSE	ENGINEERING
		451.30	PRESSURE SENSORS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		485.70	PUBLIC AFFAIRS & GOVERNMENT SUMMIT	ADMINISTRATION
		224.40	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		1,813.00	SYNERGY MICRO SOLUTIONS	INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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		1,145,934.51	TOTAL PAYROLL	
		1,112,172.50	TOTAL CHECKS/EFT - GENERAL FUND	
		60,874.25	TOTAL CHECKS - DEBT SERVICE FUND	
		675,883.19	TOTAL CHECKS - GRANT FUND	
		46,830.73	TOTAL CHECKS - CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND	
		<u>\$ 3,041,695.18</u>	GRAND TOTAL	
<p>_____  Pamela S. Fanelli, CMA, CGFM  Secretary-Treasurer/CFO</p>		<p>_____  John P. Kelly, Chairman  MRGCD Board of Directors</p>		

**MINUTES OF THE  
2,225th REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**JULY 14, 2025 - 3:00 PM**

Directors having been duly notified; Chairman Kelly called the regular meeting to order at 3:02 pm. The following Directors and Staff were present:

**DIRECTORS**

John P. 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  
Absent  
Present  
Present

Jason Casuga  
Lorna Wiggins  
Jeff Wechsler  
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

Jennifer Faler, BOR  
Tim Smith, AES  
Annalise Porter  
Patrick Taber, BIA  
Chris Perea, Wilson & Co  
Rudy Perea, Corrales  
Amelia Barrow, MRGCD  
Marta Moerch, MRGCD  
Ray Hartwell  
Amy Erickson  
Anthony Wagner

John Fleck, UNM  
Ernie Marquez, AES  
Margarita Sanchez, Belen  
Tony Tafoya, Corrales  
Vincent Sanchez  
Marcus de Cruz  
Joanna Strange, MRGCD  
Estella Gamboa, MRGCD  
Rebecca Thompson, MRGCD  
Casey Ish, MRGCD  
Elaine Hebard

Christine Nardi, MRGCD  
Jimmie Rogers, MRGCD  
Julian Avalos, MRGCD  
Steve Kinberger, MRGCD  
Derek Jarner, MRGCD  
Tarah Jaramillo, MRGCD  
Tim Bradley, MRGCD  
Joseph Halvey  
Amanda Molina, MRGCD  
Josh Hind, MRGCD  
Mike Padilla, MRGCD

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Annalise Porter led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting.

Chairman Kelly declared a quorum, and the meeting was publicly noticed. This meeting was a hybrid meeting with Vice Chairman Baugh attending virtually; Directors Jiron and Duggins were not present at today's meeting.

Chairman Kelly expressed that the board's thoughts were with all of the victims of the floods on the Guadalupe River and Texas and in Ruidoso, and they hope recovery and rehab efforts go well.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.2 - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Kelly shared that the La Joya Acequia Association requested removal of Item 10(b), Consideration/Approval of Resolution Adoption of the Special Water Service Charge for the 2026 Irrigation Season, as they have a newly created subcommittee to negotiate with MRGCD on the fee and will visit once the meeting has occurred.

Mr. Casuga asked to swap Item 9(a) and 9(c) in order of discussion.

Director Russo Baca added Item 13(m) for her report on the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) meeting.

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

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

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – July 14, 2025**
- b. **Consideration/Approval of June 2025 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins**
- c. **Consideration/Approval of June 2025 Invoices for Spencer Fane LLP**
- d. **Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – June 9, 2025**
- e. **Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for June 2025 (For Informational Purposes Only)**

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

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

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF 2025 MRGCD ELECTION ITEMS**

- a. **Report from the Election Committee Meeting, July 14, 2025 - Chairman Kelly and Directors Russo Baca**

Chairman Kelly voiced that they had an Election Committee Meeting where they approved early voting and the day of election voting locations. He said they approved Sandoval County, Bernalillo County, and Socorro County. He stated that they struck the Harrison Middle School location due to poor turnout and troubling schedules during school session. He shared that early voting locations in Bernalillo County will be held at the Los Ranchos Villa and the District Office. For Sandoval County, they have Cochiti Pueblo and the Village of Bernalillo Public Library, and at the Electric Co-op in Socorro County.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE POLLING SITES**. Seconded by Director Sandoval. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

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



Director Kelly expressed that the Election Committee also looked at signage on MRGCD rights-of-way after being asked by a board member. He explained that they passed a resolution two years ago regarding election signage, which stated that yard sized signs are okay, it has to be removed within 10 days, and they do not want them hanging on MRGCD property and facilities for operation and maintenance activities, and they found no reason to modify that.

**b. Discussion/Approval of Polling Locations - Tim Smith, Election Director**

Tim Smith, Election Director at AES, gave a quick update on the election calendar. He stated that candidate packets were available for pickup, with the deadline to turn in the required signatures is August 8th, and absentee voting begins on August 15th.

Director Dunning asked how they are handling applications for absentee ballots.

Mr. Smith responded they are currently available for pickup at their office, but they can also make copies and have them available here as well. He added they will also be available on the website.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - REPORT(S) FROM THE WATER OPERATIONS**

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

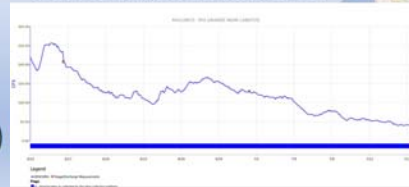
Anne Marken reported on water supply conditions. She expressed that it has been several weeks since the basin has received meaningful river inflow from rain events and conditions are currently very dry. She said that today Colorado is sending about 40 CFS of native Rio Grande water at the Rio Grande at Lobatos Gage, the La Puente Gage is at 25 CFS on the Rio Chama, the Otowi Gage is at 360 CFS, with approximately 60 CFS of that being San Juan Chama water being released for municipal use and environmental releases, and another 50 CFS were released from stored prior and paramount water to meet the needs of the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos. She stated that MRGCD has received 23% of a full San Juan Chama allocation to date this year, and they are expecting another one on July 15th, but it will not be enough to release. She added that MRGCD began releasing San Juan Chama water from storage on June 16th, and since July 6th, MRGCD has been operating as a run of the river system. She noted that drying in the Albuquerque Reach was observed last night and this morning there was a mile of dry riverbed. She said MRGCD is working with water management partners to strategize how to best use the limited resources available to mitigate the environmental impacts, but they do not have many tools in their toolbox right now. A. Marken reported that temperatures should ease slightly this week with promising chances for widespread rain events, and the seasonal outlooks through September is predicting above average temperatures and equal chances for above or below average precipitation. She shared that if rain brings water supply, MRGCD will divert and deliver when and where they are able; however, farmers should expect extended periods between irrigation deliveries. She stated that north of Isleta Pueblo are in prior and paramount operations, so they are currently curtailed. She expressed that she understood how difficult these conditions are and gave her sincere sympathy for all facing hardships due to limited water supply. She mentioned they observed some rain inflow into the Socorro Division last night, but those inflows showed up in the river downstream of San Acacia Diversion, so they were not able to divert.

## Water Supply Update

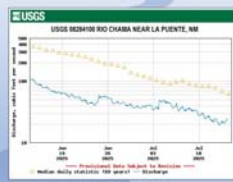
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Rio Grande at Lobatos Gage-  
Colorado Department of Water Resources



USGS Rio Chama Near La Puente



USGS Rio Grande at Otowi Bridge, NM



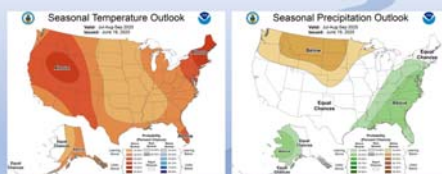
Rio Grande at Rio Bravo Bridge Looking South  
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National Weather Service NM Temperature

Location	Maximum Temperature										Probability of Precipitation									
	07/14	07/15	07/16	07/17	07/18	07/19	07/20	07/21	07/22	07/23	07/14	07/15	07/16	07/17	07/18	07/19	07/20	07/21	07/22	07/23
Albuquerque	88	85	82	81	80	79	78	77	76	75	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Santa Fe	85	82	79	78	77	76	75	74	73	72	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Farmington	82	79	76	75	74	73	72	71	70	69	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Gallup	80	77	74	73	72	71	70	69	68	67	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Grants	78	75	72	71	70	69	68	67	66	65	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Clayton	76	73	70	69	68	67	66	65	64	63	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Hobbs	74	71	68	67	66	65	64	63	62	61	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Las Vegas	72	69	66	65	64	63	62	61	60	59	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Moriarty	70	67	64	63	62	61	60	59	58	57	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Tucuman	68	65	62	61	60	59	58	57	56	55	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Lordsburg	66	63	60	59	58	57	56	55	54	53	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Roswell	64	61	58	57	56	55	54	53	52	51	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Socorro	62	59	56	55	54	53	52	51	50	49	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Chambo	60	57	54	53	52	51	50	49	48	47	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Tular	58	55	52	51	50	49	48	47	46	45	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Angel Fire	56	53	50	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Los Alamos	54	51	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Redondo	52	49	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
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National Weather Service 90 Day Outlook



Director Dunning asked if the Water Authority was anticipating switching to wells and not releasing from Heron.

Ms. Marken responded that the Utility Authority switched to groundwater and will likely be on that for the foreseeable future. She added that Santa Fe released a small chunk of San Juan Chama water, and they were able to divert that downstream of Otowi.

Chairman Kelly shared that he was notified that Christ of Desert Monastery on the Chama has been evacuated due to the Laguna Fire. He said a fire through that canyon would be devastating for natural resources there and conveyance through the canyon, so they should all pay attention to what is going on north of them.

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

Mr. Martinez reported on water distribution. He expressed they have entered another period of severe shortage where only rain can help them now. He said early June

brought much needed rain runoff that extended their ability to meet irrigation demand without supplemental storage, but the flows diminished by June 16th, which prompted the release of San Juan Chama Water that sustained them for three weeks. He stated that storm events on June 24th and July 3rd helped stretch their supply but caused significant damage to the Belen Highline Canal and San Juan Main Canal. He voiced that a concerted effort was made to catch up on deliveries in disadvantaged areas before conditions declined and they made the most of what they had. On June 26th, low river levels and mechanical issues forced them to shut down the Corrales pumping operations, but most irrigators across the service area had received seven deliveries beforehand. He noted that the pumps have since been fixed and are ready to be used once conditions improve. On July 10th, BIA declared prior and paramount operations, which triggered the curtailment of non-pueblo deliveries upstream of Isleta Pueblo, and they are working together to coordinate a rotational schedule and distributing water in accordance with P&P needs. Irrigators downstream of Isleta Pueblos are still able to work with limited flows passing below the pueblo, which tend to favor the east side of Belen Division. He assured that they are committed to managing the available water supply as equitably as possible, and they remain hopeful for rainfall in the days and weeks ahead. He urged irrigators to be ready to accept water on short notice and to not pass up water when their ISO offers it, as opportunities may be brief.

Director Russo Baca asked Mr. Martinez to elaborate on saying that some irrigators got around seven deliveries, and if Corrales would be turned back on if they are able to get out of P&P operations.

Mr. Martinez answered that according to the ISO logbook application irrigation records, the majority of parcels in Corrales Service Area received seven deliveries. In regard to the pumps, he believed it would take sustained inflows likely from the Cochiti release to turn them back on.

Mr. Casuga inquired about the anticipated flow rate needed to turn the pumps back on.

Mr. Martinez responded probably about 600 cubic feet per second, as they have to be mindful not to be too aggressive.

Mr. Casuga noted that oftentimes short term bursts of rain that does not happen in the mountains and or produce significant runoff through the system have to be released out, and short-term bursts from arroyos may only last a couple of hours. So, to be able to turn the pumps on, get the system charged, and getting water delivered before that pulse passes is not really realistic. It would need to be volumes coming down from the mountains that would prop up the river for days before being able to turn the pumps on.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes)**

##### **Margarita Sanchez**

Ms. Sanchez stated that on the west side of Belen is where most of the water is needed, as there are many small parcel owners like herself who are not getting water due to the streets that have been put in and the loss of their canals, but they are still having to pay the Conservancy for water service and nobody cares about it. She commented that the Conservancy has a lot of equipment, personnel, and ability to do things for them, but felt that they are not representing them. She explained that the resolution where their duct was taken out by the Conservancy is for next year and nothing for this year, not a refund, not a sorry, and not an answer on where

their duct went missing. She explained that she talked to Ms. (Estella) Gamboa about this and was still given another bill. She suggested the lease program going down to a quarter acre so small parcels could have some kind of relationship with the Conservancy. She added that a big organization like this, with all this money, should have empathy and an ability to help service small plot holders that have hung onto their plots through generations.

#### **Tony Tafoya**

Mr. Tafoya first apologized to Director Duggins for interrupting him when he was doing his three-minute rebuttal at the last meeting and said that will not happen again. He said with respect to Mr. Martinez's report, he has only had four irrigations on the Sandoval Lateral through the whole year that were 21 days apart, which is a little too long. He felt the water was being wasted, as the ditches are running 7 to 8 days and most of the water at night is going back into the system after they have pumped it. He mentioned that last year, the debris cages around the intakes of the pumps in Corrales were still pumping when they were halfway exposed, and last week they were still completely under water. He did not understand why they had to turn them off.

Director Russo Baca expressed that she also had only four irrigations in Valencia County, and she felt his pain, and she said she understands this is a frustrating year for everyone.

#### **Vincent Sanchez**

Mr. Sanchez, Los Ranchos resident, talked about the issues he is having in his area. He first shared that they have had a lot of different ISOs and he felt the ISOs do not get enough support in enforcing what they see, as in individuals watering when they are not supposed to. He said they have all seemed to have that complaint, which directly affects him. He explained that he is almost at the end of the Pueblo Acequia in Los Ranchos, and there is a land dispute in that corner where there is fencing that goes across the Pueblo Lateral, and that whole corner is an absolute disaster. He said his neighbors keep putting up fences that either obstruct or encroach onto his personal easement, as well as MRGCD's easement. He stated that he gets no help from the Village of Los Ranchos about this, and MRGCD feels that they do not have the power or ability to fight anyone about encroachment or obstruction. He noted that he is dealing with three fences that neighbors have put across his prescriptive easement and an improperly sloped irrigation channel. He added that his application granted for a turnout upgrade is hinging on a pipe he did not install, and even though he is the dominant estate in this, people have obstructed his water access and the walking access to it. He shared this has been an ongoing fight with MRGCD and the Village, which he found ridiculous when the state statutes are quite clear on all of this, and he has also had struggles trying to figure out historic land uses and water rights for his property, which seems to be the best way to alleviate the problem by getting wells on his property without suing his neighbors.

Chairman Kelly responded that they have resources here to help with some of the historical information. He stated that the Pueblo Acequia has a checkered past, and he understood his concerns.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - REPORT(S) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**

#### **a. Bureau of Reclamation - Jennifer Faler, Area Manager**

Ms. Faler expressed that she has had more time lately to interact with stakeholders, but their capacities of the area office are decreasing. She explained that Congress allows the Albuquerque Area Office 200 full-time staff people, but they are currently at 117. She noted that they are in a hiring freeze that was just extended to October. She stated that they have had a lot of discussion on shared services, and a lot of projects are in jeopardy due to not being able to do the cultural clearances. She shared that they just

253 did a market analysis down at Elephant Butte Historic District to do a concessionaire  
254 contract, but they do not have any realty people left that can do it, so the market analysis  
255 will expire. Therefore, they are looking across Reclamation for a realty person with  
256 concessionaire experience. Ms. Faler voiced they are doing risk assessments mostly on  
257 construction projects to make sure they are done safely with the levels of staffing they  
258 have. She said she has heard that some facilities may be closing, but all of that takes  
259 approval from above, and they are doing their best to keep things moving, like contracts,  
260 financial assistance water operations, facility operations, the river maintenance program,  
261 Indian Water Right settlements. She mentioned that they only lost one person in the  
262 Chama office, a roving mechanic, but no impacts for San Juan Chama Project so far.

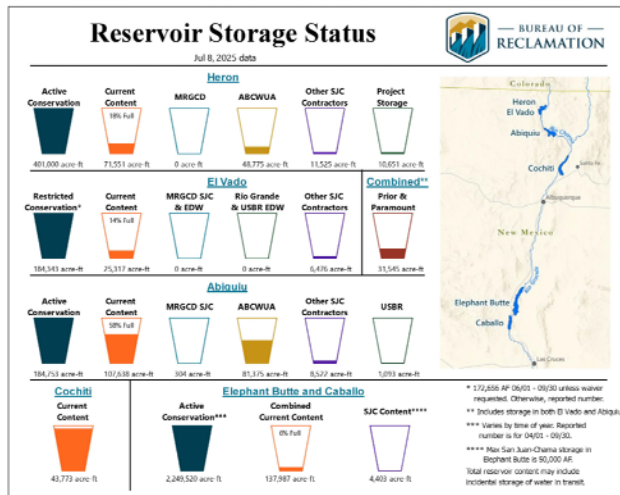
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264 Ms. Faler gave an update on El Vado. She said they have had drilling going on for  
265 several weeks that is scheduled to be wrapped up in the next couple months. The  
266 appraisal collective action study is scheduled for next month, with feasibility study in two  
267 years, which they need to get approval from OMB on which alternative they can select.  
268 She stated that the alternatives they are looking at are the tear down alternative and the  
269 breach alternative, but they are looking at adding a couple of alternatives that MRGCD  
270 would be brought in on, so they are looking forward to their input on that. She shared  
271 that they have had several meetings with the Fish and Wildlife Service and are hoping to  
272 get approvals to reach out to the District and others about their consultation strategy.  
273 She added that the Lower San Acacia Reach Improvement Project is continuing to move  
274 forward and EIS is basically wrapped up. They are looking to finalize the EIS, but they  
275 got a new NEPA handbook that they need to review first.

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277 Director Dunning asked if they have a commissioner yet.

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279 Ms. Faler answered that they do not, but there is a nominee so they will see how that  
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282 Chairman Kelly stated that their issues right now are compliance with the Compact and  
283 they need to evaluate the best options, so he would support adding in a couple more in  
284 there and a very deliberate look at the best holistic options they have for not only El  
285 Vado Dam, but the entire quarter all the way from Heron down to Abiquiu.

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287 Ms. Faler responded that they want to make sure they end up with an alternative that  
288 can get through O&M. She said that running through the schedule, there was some  
289 cushion in time to be able to store water in El Vado even if construction was not  
290 complete. She said that was at the forefront of their mind.



**MRGCD BOARD MEETING (7-9-2025)**

- Heron Summary**

Content:	71,551 ac-ft (7/9/2025)
Avista tunnel:	0 cfs
Total S/C inflow in 2025:	35,207 ac-ft
Currently releasing:	0 cfs
Current MRGCD storage:	0 ac-ft
- El Vado Summary**

Total storage (all contractors and natural):	25,317 ac-ft (7/9/2025)
Native in El Vado:	18,841 ac-ft
MRGCD's S/C storage in El Vado:	0 ac-ft
P&P:	18,841 ac-ft
Other S/C contractors:	6,476 ac-ft
Current release in:	100 cfs RO inflow is 35 - 165 cfs
- Storage in Abiquiu**

Content:	107,638 ac-ft (7/9/2025)
MRGCD's S/C storage:	304 ac-ft
P&P:	12,704 ac-ft

Total supplemental water released in 2025: 3,214 ac-ft

Total Precipitation YTD as of Date at Selected Sites as of 7/9/2025 (% of median)

Rio Chama Basin:	75%
Upper Rio Grande Basin:	76%
Sangre de Cristo Basin:	95%
Jemez Basin:	75%
San Juan River Basin:	74%

\* Multiple storm pulses throughout the Middle Rio Grande valley reconnected flows intermittently through June. The seventh drying event for the year began today with approximately 32 river miles dry in the San Juan reach and 1.2 river miles dry in the Jemez reach.

\*\* A July allocation of 8,000 ac-ft will bring the 2025 San Juan-Chama total allocation to 30,000 ac-ft (-31% of full).

On June 26, substantial debris flows from Pinta Creek within the Black Flys burn scar area discharged into Caballo Reservoir. Surface debris were largely captured by a buoy line and subsequently removed through manual operations by the Elephant Butte Division, though some churning of the outlet works occurred and will continue to be monitored. Churning of the lower intake structure will be completed at the end of the irrigation season. Release plans for the remainder of the year have been adjusted to minimize further churning.

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

Mr. Taber briefed MRGCD on Bureau of Indian Affairs. He gave a shoutout to Ms. Marken and Mr. Martinez on their presentations, as they did a good job of going through some of the situations that have occurred in the past couple weeks with water supply and distribution. He stated that he recently visited the Pueblo of San Felipe, and in reviewing some of their O&M contracts, there were a couple facilities that transitioned off some of the Schedule A items and were on previous maintenance agreements. He noted that he is looking into that but has not been able to complete a full review of the project, but the Pueblo does have limited distribution for some of their prior and paramount waters, so it is possibly worth reevaluating and discussing. He pointed out that water levels within the Rio Grande have been decreasing rapidly, and he has been keeping an eye on that and having weekly calls with the pueblos for thresholds to release P&P waters. He shared that they got saved by rainstorms in late June that presented a good amount of rain up above Otowi, so they were able to maintain but it never really gave them much additional supply in the hydrographs. He expressed that they crossed the threshold on July 8th, and after the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition Meeting on July 10th, they requested release of P&P operations. He mentioned that when they go into P&P operations many non-pueblo user are affected, but many pueblos users are also affected. Since that time, he has been keeping in touch with most of their agency to make sure they are as transparent as possible. Mr. Taber stated this was going to be a challenging year and he would be reviewing with some other agencies actions and activities that have occurred over the course of the year, and he wanted to include MRGCD in that.

Mr. Casuga commented that MRGCD also attended the meeting with San Felipe, and one of the things they talked about was that the current contract with BIA allows an amendment process to add facilities back to Schedule A, which are facilities governed in the agreement. He explained that somewhere between 2004 and 2016, facilities on Schedule A for San Felipe fell off the list, as well as every pueblo. At the meeting, they agreed to work with BIA to look for any documentation identifying why that happened. He said that regardless, some of those facilities need to go back on that list and they need to find a way to review that. He made a commitment to San Felipe that he will present a path for the Board forward on how they want to do that, and offered two paths forward, which are MRGCD staff making a recommendation to the Board or the Board



reconstituting the BIA Negotiating Committee to look at it and review it with MRGCD staff and delegations of the pueblos. He suggested tabling this discussion for a month and he and Mr. Taber can report back in August about what documentation they found.

Chairman Kelly voiced that his first impression was that this was a list of facilities that were attachment to an agreement that the Board focused on with the Committee, but chasing down why a facility fell off Schedule A was not something the Board should deal with. He suggested taking a recommendation from the CEO and staff on what to do here and bringing that back for a vote.

Director Russo Baca pointed out that we have a BIA Committee that could also help with that unless that committee only met when the contact was renewed, and if so, we could make sure we are doing a better job at reviewing it where we notice these things.

Mr. Casuga said it was brought up that it was really important for the community to know that there are newly reclaimed lands that are in parity with non-tribal lands, and this year more than ever may be more important to be able to document that parity. He commented that it has been a while since prior and paramount has operated to this degree, so he recommended monitoring that and having a report on being able to document that to the degree that prior and paramount releases did not disproportionately benefit newly reclaimed lands of the pueblos, and be transparent with the public that acreage beyond prior and paramount volume is not disproportionately benefit the tribes that non-travel irrigators do not get access to.

Mr. Taber added that out of respect for the government to government relationship with the pueblos, he would not provide any specifics, but he already had a meeting request to go over those kinds of situations that will happen this week.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - REPORT(S) FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT - Christine L. Nardi, MBA**

### **a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires**

Ms. Nardi introduced MRGCD's new hires, which their new safety program manager, Timothy Bradley.

#### **General Office**

TIMOTHY	BRADLEY	SAFETY PROGRAM MANAGER	06/23/2025
DOMINICK	CHAVEZ	IRRIGATION SYSTEMS OPERATOR	06/23/2025

#### **Albuquerque Division**

KAYDEN	MCDANIEL	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	07/07/2025
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#### **Belen Division**

ALFONSO	PADILLA	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	07/07/2025
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Chairman Kelly asked Mr. Bradley to give a brief description of his background and how he will keep the modifier down where it is.

Mr. Bradley responded that he has been in safety for 10 years, and mostly worked in construction, residential, data centers, and a variety of other things. He expressed that Ms. Corwin did a good job of setting of the program and he did not see any major changes that needed to be made. He said he plans to do ride alongs, attend safety

meetings with all division directors on a routine basis, and push forward the idea that safety is each individual's responsibility and to watch out for each other.

## **b. Employee Recognitions**

Ms. Nardi recognized Rebecca Thompson, Junior Accountant, in the Finance and Accounting Division, as she was awarded the Excellence Award for providing expertise and support while performing additional critical duties.



L to R: Pam Fanelli, Rebecca Thompson & Jason Casuga

Chairman Kelly congratulated Ms. Thompson on her award and thanked her for her hard work and dedication.

Mr. Casuga introduced another new hire, Joanna "Jo" Strange, Bosque Management Coordinator. He explained that when Yasmeen retired as the planner, her focus was in multiple hats, and she did quite a bit of work that our right of way group does now and she also did the Bosque work. He stated that this is not a new FTE (fulltime employee), but they adjusted the role to focus primarily on the Bosque.

Director Dunning congratulated Ms. Strange and invited her to the Neighborhood Association and Los Ranchos meetings to get to know the people in the communities that she will be serving.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - REPORT(S) FROM THE TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR - Eric Zamora, PE**

### **a. Updates from the Albuquerque Division Manager, Derek Jarner**

Mr. Jarner gave an update on the Albuquerque Division with some of the things that happened over the last year and challenges they are facing. He said they started off the year really well, but constant high winds blew in a lot of weeds that took two months to fix and get the whole system going again. He discussed projects they have done this year, including taking down five trees Pajarito Lateral that they contracted out, rehab checking, replacing the heading of the Ruby Lateral, replacing turnouts, repairing the

check, doing erosion control, and replacing turnout at Pueblo Acequia. He voiced that Albuquerque Division's new vegetation rig they got for the drains has been a gamechanger and a really nice asset. Other projects consisted of improving a gaging station catwalk at the bank on the northside of the Albuquerque Riverside Drain, putting in a new turnout, new headwall, and new concrete apron at the Rice and Chamisal Wasteway, and getting rid of 20 to 30 dead trees near the Bosque School. He talked about the field maintenance techs dealing with encampments, including a major one in Bernalillo County, where they removed 26 dump truck loads full of stuff from. Mr. Jarner highlighted the field maintenance crews, sawyer crew, construction crew, clerks, and crew supervisors. He voiced that their equipment needs right now are dump trucks, as all nine of theirs are aging and ditch banks take a toll on them.





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Pueblo Acequia Rehab



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Rice and Chamisal WW  
Heading rehab



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Encampments



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Vegetation Rake



Game changer in drains.



ABQ Riverside Drain Gauging station/Bank Rehab



Prompted by request to improve the gauging station catwalk and turned into a complete bank rehab to improve overall maintenance access.

Corrales Pedestrian Bridge



Vegetation Removal  
Lower Corrales Drain



Long time squatter on MRGCD property off Coors and Arenal.

Over two days, in coordination with BernCo, we removed 26 dump truck loads of "stuff".



Team Introduction



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### Sawyer Crew



Crew lead: Will Garcia,  
Crew: Joe Lucero, Jorge Mezanegros, and Erin Morel

### Crew Supervisors

**Mike Gonzales:** Field Maintenance Supervisor - 128 Year Veteran

**Donald Montoya:** Construction Supervisor

**Jake Jaramillo:** Equipment and Maintenance Supervisor



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### Construction Crew



Crew Supervisor: Donald Montoya

Crew: Jose Vasquez, Patrick Chavez (Offyears+), Henry Sanchez, and Gregory Herrera



### Clerks

**Danielle Yonnie:** Clerk II  
**Pricilla Rodriguez:** Clerk



### ABQ Division



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### Equipment Needs

ABQ Division Priority List	
1	7 yard dump trucks 8.2 (automatic)
2	Tandem dump truck (automatic)
3	Volvo FM130 E - Wheelsteer Ex
4	Large equipment transport trailer
5	Crew Cab 8.2
6	1 ton trash truck
7	Flat Street
8	1 ton single cab pickup w/ trailer for snow or
9	2nd ton wheelsteer cab for Diesel
10	2 ton for new CDS drivers
11	Wood chopper - 18" diameter trees
12	Orange backhoe for old street
13	Trucks attachment for 725 Backhoe

Dump trucks are the main priority.

ABQ Division has 9, all of which are over 100,000 miles.  
6 are over 200,000 miles.  
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Ms. Fanelli noted that they have \$4 million available in the FY26 budget reserved for equipment, and as soon as an equipment list comes in, they will apply for a loan.

Director Russo Baca mentioned that they sometimes have to rent some of the small equipment, and they can look at that in the Finance Committee of purchasing outright versus rental cost.

Director Dunning asked if there was any way to put what projects they are doing on the website so people know what is coming down the pipe.

Ms. Molina added that the team was wonderful about sharing that information with her and those public notices do go out on social media and the website, and states when the projects start, expected completion, the project contact, and how it impacts the community around it.

*NOTE: Director Sandoval left the meeting at 4:30pm*

**b. Monsoon Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Response**

Mr. Casuga expressed that as they bring division managers forward and we see photos, this one is uniquely different than the other three counties in density and urbanization. He said that Bernalillo County is urbanized and Valencia County is urbanizing, and it is O&M and lessons learned about losing access as urbanization happens around them and fighting to maintain the O&M access they need to continue delivering irrigation water. However, he stated that they have the right person for the job who is doing an excellent job in Albuquerque.

Chairman Kelly mentioned that he took a ride out there on his mountain bike and noticed a lot of work being done out there and felt the quality of the construction is top notch.

**c. Valencia County Fire Updates**

**1. Discussion on Fire Mitigation Pilot Project(s)**

Mr. Zamora discussed the Kid Fire, Cotton Fire, and Cotton 2 Fires. He explained that the Kid Fire was reported on June 18th, around 1:30 a.m., south of Main Street in Los Lunas, where approximately 25 acres burned, and Belen Division responded with a dozer to the scene. On June 21st, around 2:50 p.m., the Cotton Fire was reported, and it impacted around 100 acres and 12 homes were lost. They also responded to that fire with the dozer. On June 22nd, at 9:15 a.m., the Cotton 2 Fire was reported north of Highway 6 and on the east side of the river. It was responded to with two dozers and a water truck, and approximately 160 acres were burned and 12 homes were lost. He also displayed the areas that were impacted by fire retardant drops.

Vice Chair Baugh opened a discussion on fire mitigation pilot projects. He said he was happy to have a Bosque manager and this conservation of what to do with our precious resource. However, we are behind the ball in terms of having conservation and taking a hard look at what they consider their conservation approach, as catastrophic mitigation is the conversation now. He stated that we need to understand what we are facing when we have a number of resources that are sometimes our treasure and other times our nightmare. He voiced that we need to take the lead on educating and guiding reintroductions of what a sacred and beautiful place the Bosque is, what it needs to be, and how we need to manage it. He shared that he has been talking with constituents and agencies that are looking for the District to take the lead. He said we are already doing a lot in this regard, but we are not doing the best we can in terms of educating constituents on all the efforts we are doing. He proposed coming together in an exploratory meeting of the minds to reimagine the future with our different agencies. Vice Chair Baugh shared that he has been talking about this with people and they are excited about it. He said that if we want to save the Bosque they need to reduce the fuel load, which is going to take heavy equipment and taking out big trees and wild things that we love, but it has to change so they are not such an easy target. He expressed that he does not want to be susceptible to arson anymore and laws need to change on how they push for more strict and enforceable means of holding arsonists accountable.

Ms. Wiggins agreed that an analysis of the risk and fire mitigation has been an ongoing effort by the District, but the current focus seems to result from people's personal experiences, which makes them far more interested. She did not want



502 to minimize the attention that has been given to this in the past, so she did not  
503 want anyone to think this is something new.

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505 Director Russo Baca recognized how devastating these fires are to the  
506 community and MRGCD taking a lot of effort to make sure we are fire wise.

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508 Mr. Casuga appreciated what Vice Chair Baugh said. He stated that fire  
509 oftentimes falls into the same category as flooding, where people do not worry  
510 about it until it happens to them. He expressed that there has been an ongoing  
511 conversation about the Bosque and fire risk, but now was an opportunity to be  
512 able to advance forward. He explained how they can do that, as a Board and  
513 organization, is having Ms. Strange and the conservation team interact to do  
514 what Vice Chair Baugh was talking about by attending these meetings to talk  
515 about steps they are taking, development of mitigation plans, post-mitigation  
516 efforts, and pre-fire mitigation. He talked about advocating for funding, and  
517 shared that he would be attending a meeting tomorrow to speak with lobbyists  
518 about preparing and getting an idea of what funding would look like. He added  
519 that there is also a public meeting later this week in Valencia County where there  
520 will be a discussion on fire. He said these fires are happening because of  
521 humans, and humans are not going away, so they have to find a path forward in  
522 how they do this. He expressed that Vice Chair Baugh's energy was in the right  
523 spot and they have to capitalize on facing this issue.

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525 Vice Chair Baugh stated that he enjoys highlighting all the things the District has  
526 done, but that it is on us to highlight that better by communicating, educating,  
527 capitalizing on the timing, and leaning into these moments where they can  
528 progress towards bringing all these agencies together and collaborating more,  
529 because everyone wants to do more.

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531 Chairman Kelly agreed and said we need to put the right people together on staff  
532 with Vice Chair Baugh to have that discussion and start his process.

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534 Mr. Zamora continued his presentation. He talked about storm damage they  
535 received from a quick moving storm that came through Valencia County in the  
536 Belen area on June 24th, that resulted in flooding. He also spoke about one of  
537 the future ponds that Belen was planning to construct, where a consultant had  
538 already performed some preliminary design and analysis on the site and are  
539 currently working on right of way issues. He noted that it would intercept a  
540 significant amount of flows that cross I-25 on the west side of Belen and just  
541 north of Camino del Llano. He talked about sediment that DOT was removing  
542 from Highway 304 from arroyos going over the pavement. He noted that they are  
543 also working through some issues with Socorro County on some maintenance  
544 issues regarding culverts.

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546 Mr. Casuga shared that he had a conversation with one of the landowners along  
547 the highline, who said it was a good spot that MRGCD got to on there, as there  
548 are sentiments that had the work there not been done, this storm event would  
549 have broken the Belen Highline Canal.

July 2025 Technical Services Update

A DAY IN THE LIFE.....



June 24, 2025  
10:00 am

**COTTON FIRE**  
(video 1)  
(video 2)



June 24, 2025  
6:00 pm

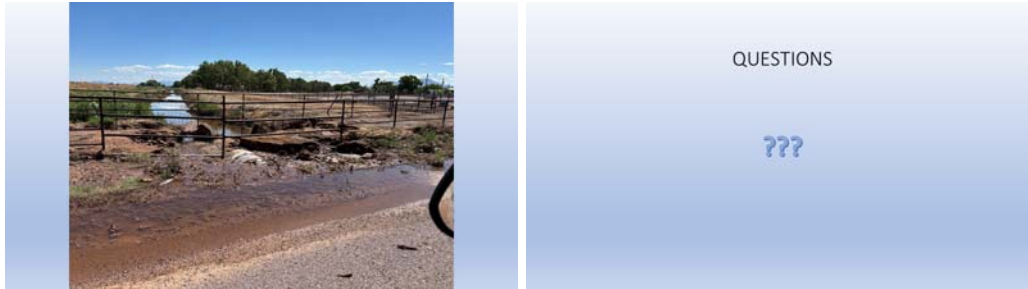
**Valencia County Storm**  
(video 3)



July 3, 2025

**SOCORRO COUNTY STORM**  
(video 5)





## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - REPORT(S) FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER/CFO**

### **a. Consideration/Approval of Resolution M-07-14-25-224 Authorizing Acceptance of WTB Project WPF-6591 Funding Offer: Water Storage Conveyance and Delivery Project - Feeder 3 Pump Station from the NMFA**

Ms. Fanelli reported that the District received an award letter from the Water Trust Board for the Feeder 3 Pump Station in June for an award amount of \$5.4 million. She said the loan amount was \$600,000 and the required match was \$3,091,000, with the total construction cost being \$9.1 million. She stated that the District will use the Water Smart Grant in the amount of \$2.5 million as a portion of that grant match of the \$3,000,000 grant match, and the remaining match is \$591,000. She commented that this would come from the Capital Investment Fund, and they are also constructing a \$9.1 million pumpstation for \$1.2 million. She expressed that the interest on the loan is 0%, with an admin fee of .25%. She noted this is another great example of how they are using the Capital Investment Fund to secure grants, and turning a \$1.2 million investment into a \$9.1 million project.

Chairman Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION M-07-14-25-224 TO AUTHORIZE WTB PROJECT WPF-6591 FUNDING OFFER**. Seconded by Director Russo Baca. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chairman Kelly  
Director Dunning

Yes  
Yes

Vice Chair Baugh  
Director Russo Baca

Yes  
Yes

### **b. Review of End of Fiscal year 2025 and Fourth Quarter Financials**

Ms. Fanelli gave a review of the end of FY25 and fourth quarter financials. She noted that these numbers are not final, as they are waiting for additional information to make final adjustments for the audit, which is due December 15th. For the General Fund, revenues and expenditures were \$28.2 million, and they brought \$1,042,000 in from FY24 encumbrances. She stated they made two budget adjustments to increase expenditures for the Belen Highline Project and reduction of expenses from the Army Corps of Engineers for the San Acacia Levy Project, which reduced expenditures and resulted increased expenditures by \$970,000. She reported that actual revenues year to date are \$29.4 million and actual expenditure is \$27.8. She said they currently have 943 additional expenditures and encumbrances to bring to next year's budget, and the projected surplus for the General Fund is \$1 million, primarily due to projected surpluses in ad valorem revenues. She said they budgeted for a 3% increase in valuations and have seen 5% increases in valuations, especially from Bernalillo County. For the Grant Fund, revenues and expenditures equal their year to date and total \$14,525,000, and the District did not spend approximately \$20 million of their budgeted revenues and expenditures due to delays in certain projects, and they have been budgeted again in

FY26. They brought \$862,000 in from the Capital Investment Fund into the Grant Fund for FY25 and incurred \$461,000 in loan proceeds. The Capital Investment Fund year to date revenue totals \$4.4 million and expenditures total \$3.2. She added that the surplus will be rolled into FY26 and budgeted to be spent on grant match, and they expect to have spent everything in their fund balance in the Capital Investment Fund at the end of FY26.

**c. Consideration/Approval of Resolution BA-07-14-25-105 for FY2025 Fourth Quarter Unaudited Financial Report and Unaudited Cash Balance Review as of July 14, 2025**

Ms. Fanelli asked for approval of the fourth quarter financial statements and cash balances.

Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION BA-07-14-25-105**. Seconded by Director Dunning. Rollicall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chairman Kelly  
Director Dunning

Yes  
Yes

Vice Chair Baugh  
Director Russo Baca

Yes  
Yes

**d. Report on the Finance Committee Meeting, July 14, 2025 - Chairman Kelly and Directors Dunning and Russo Baca**

Prior to the motion to approve, Chairman Kelly voiced that the Finance Committee went through the resolution in detail and accepted the end of year fourth quarter report.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER/CEO**– Jason M. Casuga, PE

**a. Report on the Socorro County Informational Meeting, July 9, 2025 - Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Eric Zamora, Director of Technical Services, Chairman Kelly, Director Duggins, Jiron, and Russo Baca**

Refer to the board's written reports in the appendices.

**b. Report on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition Meeting, July 10, 2025 - Casey Ish, Director of Lands and Conservation, Anne Marken, River Ops & Telemetry Mgr. and Directors Russo Baca and Sandoval**

Refer to the board's written reports in the appendices.

**c. Information on Upcoming Events**

1. Valencia County Informational Meeting, July 17, 2025, 9 a.m. - noon, Tome Dominguez Hall, 2933 Hwy 47, Tome, NM
2. Sandoval County Informational Meeting, July 24, 2025, 9 a.m. - noon, Black Mesa Casino Auditorium, 25 Hagen Rd, Algodones, NM
3. Bernalillo County Informational Meeting, July 31, 2025, 9 a.m. - noon, South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center, 2008 Larrazolo Rd SW, Albuquerque, NM
4. NM Water Law 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, September 11-12, 2025 - Santa Fe, NM
5. Coalition of Rio Grande Water Users Conference, September 30 to October 2, 2025 - Santa Fe, NM

- 6. **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Water Law Super Conference, October 16-17, 2025 - Isleta Resort & Casino**
- 7. **Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference, October 30-31, 2025 - Reno, NV (August 30 deadline)**

The chair asked that the board be notified of the upcoming events and when to sign up.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD ATTORNEY(S) - Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**

Mr. Wechsler had nothing to report during the open session.

Lorna Wiggins updated the Board on the case with Adriana Villar. She expressed that they recently asked the court to lift the stay to entertain a motion to show cause, as Ms. Villar has again cut into the ditch, which is contrary to the terms of the injunction entered by the court. She explained that Ms. Villar failed to timely respond to their filings, so they filed a notice today to the court that briefing is complete, and the court with either set a hearing or make a decision on the matter. She also added that on July 2nd, Ms. Villar, her mother, and her daughter filed a TRO (temporary restraining order) against her neighbors who were walking on the ditch bank on the west side of their property and on MRGCD's easement. She stated that they sprayed them with a garden hose and then law enforcement was called, where law enforcement emphasized that it was public access and declined to arrest the neighbors. As a result, Ms. Villar filed a request for a temporary restraining order asking to restrict access to the right of way behind her property. Ms. Wiggins voiced that she would keep the Board informed on that.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 REPORT(S) FROM THE BOARD**

- a. **Report on the City of Albuquerque Open Space Meeting, June 10, 2025 - Vice Chair Baugh**
- b. **Report on the Farmers for Future Farmers Meeting, June 10, 2025 - Director Russo Baca**
- c. **Report on the River Mile 60 Tour with Office of Rep. Gabe Vasquez, June 11, 2025**
- d. **Report on the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) Board Meeting, June 12, 2025 - Director Russo Baca**
- e. **Report on the TOTAL NM (Teacher Outdoors to ALL Learners) Teaching Beyond the Walls Conference, June 13, 2025 - Vice Chair Baugh**
- f. **Report on the Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting, June 13 & June 26, 2025 - Director Russo Baca**
- g. **Report on the Tierra Viva Neighborhood Association, June 20, 2025 - Vice Chair Baugh**
- h. **Report on the Valencia County Emergency Commission Meeting, June 23, 2025 - Director Russo Baca**
- i. **Report on the Interview for the MRGCD Documentary, June 24, 2025 - Director Russo Baca**

j. **Report on the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) Environmental Science Program, June 24, 2025 - Vice Chair Baugh**

k. **Report on a Constituent Meeting off the Harwood Lateral, June 25, 2025 - Vice Chair Baugh**

l. **Report on the NM Water Resources Research Institute (WRRI) Agricultural Water Resilience Program Webinar, July 1, 2025 - Director Russo Baca**

m. **Report on the ISC Meeting, June 18, 2025 - Director Russo Baca**

The chair stated that board reports were submitted. *Refer to the written reports within the appendices.*

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

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

The chair requested a motion to go into the closed session at 5:22 pm.

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

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

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 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 requested a motion to go back into the regular session at 6:03 pm.

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

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

With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting at 6:03 pm.

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

747 **ATTESTED:**

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751 Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM

752 Secretary/Treasurer

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John Kelly, Chairman  
MRGCD Board of Directors

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**APPENDIX I**

**Vice Chair Colin T. Baugh Board Reports July 2025**

**a) Report on the City of Albuquerque Open Space Meeting, June 10, 2025**

Attended a great meeting with Albuquerque Open Space and design firm addressing the Harwood Lateral linear park design with the neighborhood. Great turn out and a lot of important topics were discussed with the overall consensus being that the neighborhood is very excited and the city and District are dedicated to including the neighborhood throughout the entire process.

**b) Report on the TOTAL NM (Teaching Outdoors to ALL Learners) Teaching Beyond the Walls Conference, June 13, 2025,**

Spoke at this teachers event at Valle Vista helping highlight the unique approach of the outdoor acequia classroom and the overall trend that APS, community, and district are creating around more ways to engage teachers and students in better understanding places through cultural lessons around better use of water and agricultural stewardship.

**c) Report on the Tierra Viva Neighborhood Association, June 20, 2025,**

Walked this acequia with a concerned constituent regarding the upkeep that the neighborhood has inquired since its inception. The idea is that the neighborhood would like to pay the District to maintain their section of the ditch. I would like to have this discussed in detail with staff at an urban issues committee in the near future.

**d) Report on the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) Environmental Science Program, June 24, 2025,**

I spoke to a group of students from SIPI regarding the efforts that the District is taking towards empowering local ownership of unique issues, with support and guidance from the District in deep collaboration with the experts of the community. This occurred at the Gutiérrez-Hubble house and was following a beautiful monsoon rainfall!

**e) Report on a Constituent Meeting off the Harwood Lateral, June 25, 2025,**

This meeting took place following the meeting with Albuquerque Open Space and the District regarding the Harwood Lateral. I met with several interested constituents that irrigate at the end of the Harwood who are very interested in making their lateral work better and ways to address decades of neglect.



## *APPENDIX II*

### **Director Russo Baca Board Reports July 2025**

#### **Report on the Farmers for Future Farmers Meeting, June 10, 2025**

This meeting was well attended with various farmers from the district. There were questions about the water outlook as well as water enforcement issues. I provided an overview of the water outlook, along with a brief update on the storage situation and SJC.

#### **Report on the River Mile 60 Tour with Office of Rep. Gabe Vasquez, June 11, 2025**

Jason Casuga, Casey Ish, Anne Marken, and I met with Eli Baca from Rep. Gabe Vasquez's office to show the current situation at River Mile 60.

#### **Report on the MRCOG Board meeting, June 12, 2025**

The board reviewed the FY2026 Proposed Budget, which includes regional transportation planning, Rio Metro Operations, economic development, Regional and Local Planning, Workforce Development Programs, and the general fund. The full agenda and proposed budget can be found on <https://www.mrcog-nm.gov/449/MRCOG-Board-of-Directors>

#### **Report on the VCSWCD Board meeting, June 13 & June 26, 2025**

The Valencia County Soil and Water Conservation District Board met twice in June, and I was able to attend both meetings virtually. During these meetings, I provided updates on water and emergency responses, as well as shared information about the public meetings that MRGCD is hosting in July in Socorro and Valencia counties, since the VCSWCD spans both counties.

#### **Report on the MRGCD Election Committee Meeting, July 14, 2025**

Declaration of Candidacy and Petition Forms will be available beginning Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at the General Office of the MRGCD, 1931 Second Street SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The deadline to file a Declaration of Candidacy with the required petition signatures (75) is no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, August 8, 2025. <https://www.mrgcd.com/board-election-information/>.

#### **Report on the ISC Meeting, June 18, 2025**

##### **RIO GRANDE BASIN KEY UPDATES**

2025 Rio Grande Compact Status – New Mexico's cumulative Compact status is 124,000 acre-feet, and Article VII restrictions remain in effect. Usable Water in Project Storage was about 242,000 acre-feet as of June 8.

**El Vado Reservoir Operations** – Reclamation is currently storing about 32,000 acre-feet of San Juan Chama Project (SJCP) and Prior and Paramount (P&P) water. Reclamation's reassessment regarding construction to rehabilitate the Dam is ongoing.

**Abiquiu Reservoir and Dam Operations** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Bureau of Reclamation are continuing to evaluate the best storage options for P&P water in 2025. Releases from Abiquiu Dam are being monitored to evaluate downstream channel capacity.

#### WORK AREA OVERVIEWS

#### INTERSTATE COMPACTS

Article VII restrictions remain in effect, and the only native water stored in 2025 will be for P&P needs. There will be no additional 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, approximately 5,800 acre-feet of San Juan-Chama Project (SJCP) water and 19,000 acre-feet of P&P water are being stored in the reservoir, totaling around 24,800 acre-feet of storage in El Vado. The maximum volume that Reclamation plans to store in El Vado is 25,200 acre-feet.

**Abiquiu Operations** – Very low water supply conditions in 2025 have resulted in an above-average storage requirement for P&P purposes. Based on the May forecast, the final P&P storage requirement is approximately 32,000 acre-feet. In addition to the 19,000 acre-feet of P&P water stored in El Vado, Reclamation is storing about 12,800 acre-feet of P&P water in Abiquiu under a temporary emergency permit. Due to sedimentation in the Rio Chama, the USACE plans to make incremental releases from Abiquiu Dam during high runoff to test the channel capacity downstream of the Dam.

**Rio Chama Plug Updates** – So far, no flooding or saturation issues have been reported in the lower Rio Chama this spring. The NMISC is continuing to collaborate with partners at the USACE, Reclamation, and the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority 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)** – Models are predicting that the allocation for all SJCP contractors will be between 35 and 40 percent of a full allocation.

**River Mile 60** – Reclamation has reduced flows to the west at the bottom of the Low-Flow Conveyance Channel. It continues to collect and analyze data from these experimental operations, evaluating the impacts on bird habitat. These reduced flows will continue through October, and flows will be reduced to 0 cfs from November through January 2026. Reclamation is reviewing the 2024 data, and it will be shared with the NMISC once their evaluation is completed. NMISC continues to express concern related to increased depletions associated with these flows to the west.

**Elephant Butte Reservoir and Usable Water** – Models indicate that storage in Elephant Butte Reservoir could fall below 30,000 acre-feet by the end of July; levels this low haven't been seen since the severe drought of the 1950s. Without a significant monsoon season, Usable Water in Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs is not expected to rise above 115,000 acre-feet by the end of 2025. The full agenda can be found at [https://www.ose.nm.gov/ISC/isc\\_meetings.php](https://www.ose.nm.gov/ISC/isc_meetings.php).

#### **Report on the Valencia Board of County Commissioners Emergency Meeting June 23, 2025**

This was an emergency meeting held by the Board of County Commissioners regarding the devastating Desert Willow Complex fire, which originated from two separate fires: the "Cotton 1 Fire" and the "Cotton 2 Fire." The fires started on Saturday, June 21, near the Main Street bridge, impacting areas on both sides of the Rio Grande.

#### **Report on the Interview for MRGCD documentary, June 24, 2025**

Arcie Chapa conducted interviews with Cecilia Rosacker, Gina DelloRusso, and me at Cecilia Rosacker's farm. These interviews were conducted for the film and to gain a few different perspectives for the upcoming MRGCD Centennial documentary.

#### **Report on the NM WRRI Agricultural Water Resilience Program Webinar, July 1, 2025**

The NM WRRI Agricultural Water Resilience Program funds projects to incentivize agricultural water conservation and resilience. The program is administered by the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute (NM WRRI) at New Mexico State University. The New Mexico Legislature appropriated Fiscal Year 2026 funds for the program. \$4.5 million will be made available for individual projects, with a maximum award of \$250,000 per project. Project funds must be expended from September 15, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Applications are due July 28, 2025. Eligible applicants include Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Irrigation and Conservancy Districts, Acequia and Community Ditch Associations, Watershed Districts, local governments, and tribal governments. Eligible applicants will partner with ranchers and farmers to develop and propose projects that improve the ability to manage, conserve, and efficiently apply limited water resources for agricultural production—total funding pool of \$4.5 million, with a maximum award of \$250,000. Eligible applicants are not required to contribute to the project costs; however, a 25% match is desirable. Examples of Potential Projects Are Provided Below. Funded activities can be summarized as projects that Improve Water use efficiency and enhance water management and resilience, improving stock water management. Improving water use efficiency in Irrigation. Agricultural Water Management Improvement. Technologies such as mulching and other enhancements to efficiency and resilience, including the Multi-Depth Soil Moisture Sensor, Smart Float Valve, and Automated Irrigation Gates. If an applicant is uncertain about whether their proposed project or technology aligns with these goals, they are encouraged to submit questions to [nmwrri@nmsu.edu](mailto:nmwrri@nmsu.edu). Submit questions with the subject Line: "FY26 Agricultural Water Resilience Application Questions." Answers will be posted in the FAQs on the NM WRRI AgWRP website. To see the complete Request for Applications, including the entire program description, further eligible applicant criteria, application templates, and other helpful information, click the link: <https://nmwrri.nmsu.edu/nmwrri-agwrp/nmwrri-agwrp.html>.

#### **Report on the Socorro Farmers Meeting, July 9, 2025**

The meeting was well attended by both MRGCD staff and community members. Topics of discussion included the water outlook, water enforcement practices and policies, and field drains. The audience was given time to ask questions based on these topics.

**Report on the Coalition of Six Middle Rio Grande Basin Pueblos, July 10, 2025**

Anne Marken provided the water update to the coalition members, and I announced the NM WRRRI Agricultural Water Resilience Program funds. Eric Zamora and Casey Ish were also present.

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: Richard DeLoia, Chief Procurement Officer

Date: July 30, 2025

Re: Consideration/Approval – General Counsel & Water Counsel Contract Renewals

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**Summary:** MRGCD staff is requesting approval of the second year General Counsel and Water Counsel Contract Renewals.

**Staff Recommendation:** MRGCD Staff is recommending renewal of the second (2) year Contracts for Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg P.C. and Spencer Fane LLP, obtained through the Request for Proposals process. Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg P.C. RFP was approved at the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 MRGCD Board of Directors meeting and Spencer Fane LLP RFP was approved at the July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Special Meeting. In accordance with Section 13-1-150 NMSA 1978, no contract term for a Professional Services Contract shall exceed four (4) years.

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
SECOND YEAR**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered on this 3rd day of June 2025, by and between the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (hereinafter referred to as “MRGCD”) and Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg P.C.. (Hereinafter referred to as “W W & W”).

**IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES:**

**1. SCOPE OF WORK:**

W W & W shall be General Counsel and shall be the exclusive provider of legal services for the MRGCD relating to items referenced in the Request for Proposals (RFP) for General Counsel. W W & W will handle all of the legal business of the MRGCD and shall be performed under the direction of the Board of Directors and Chief Engineer of the MRGCD. This Agreement incorporates all agreements, covenants and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter. These services may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Shall be responsible for drafting intergovernmental agreements related to joint management of the Bosque, levee construction and maintenance, maintenance of irrigation works on Pueblo lands, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain issues. Assist in drafting State and US legislation and testify as requested by the Board of Directors and Chief Engineer.
- Shall be responsible for drafting contracts, leases, agreements, construction contracts, deeds resolutions, material leases, easements, rights of way and other legal documents.
- Shall respond to lawsuits pertaining to flooding, drowning and other tort matters, and quiet title and condemnation suits.
- Shall institute legal proceedings whenever requested to do so by the Board of Directors and accept services of process for an and entering the appearance of MRGCD in legal proceedings instituted against it, and representing MRGCD, the Board of Directors, and the officers and employees of MRGCD for acts performed in their official capacity, in any trial in which any of them is a party.
- Shall provide legal services associated with employee/employer related issues, human resources, and employment law issues.
- Shall provide legal assistance in drafting responses, providing advice and direction to the Board and staff for all issues related to FEMA, other local governments, contracts, rights of way and

licensing issues etc.

- Shall attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings at the discretion of the Board and/or special emergency meetings as scheduled. Oral opinions may be requested during meetings.
- Shall be responsible for providing written legal opinions upon request.
- Shall represent the MRGCD in all legal matters normally performed by General Counsel for a corporation or political subdivision.
- Shall be familiar with MRGCD, State and Federal Statutes.
- Shall work with other counsel retained by MRGCD, and as appropriate, make joint or independent recommendations and reports to the Board of Directors and Chief Engineer.
- May retain/hire sub-consultants to assist on other matters as deemed necessary, with Board approval.
- Shall provide other legal services as requested.

## **2. COMPENSATION:**

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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
John P. Kelly, Chair of the MRGCD Board

**CONTRACTOR:**

**WIGGINS, WILLIAMS & WESENBERG P.C.**

**BY:**  \_\_\_\_\_  
Lorna Wiggins

**ATTEST:**

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Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM  
MRGCD CFO

**EXHIBIT A  
FEE SCHEDULE**

DESCRIPTION	NAME	HOURLY
<b>ATTORNEYS:</b>		
Lead Attorney	Lorna M. Wiggins	\$220.00
Attorney	Patricia G. Williams	\$220.00
Attorney	Paula I. Forney	\$220.00
Attorney	Natasha Martinez - Wesenberg	\$220.00
<b>PARALEGALS:</b>		
Paralegal	Christie Griego	\$90.00
Paralegal	Jessica Brumfield	\$90.00
Paralegal	Kim Kraft	\$90.00
Paralegal	Trevor Wiggins	\$90.00
<b>LAW CLERKS:</b>		
Law Clerk	Alexandria Dabney	\$100.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE COSTS:</b>		
Courier	Per Run	\$ Actual Cost
Photocopies	Per Page	\$.10 - B/W & \$.15/Color
Facsimile Transmission and Receipts	Per Page Transmitted	No Charge
Long Distance Calls	Per Conference Call	\$ Actual Cost
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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
SECOND YEAR**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered on this 3rd day of July 2025, by and between the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (hereinafter referred to as “MRGCD”) and Spencer Fane LLP.

**IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES:**

**1. SCOPE OF WORK:**

Spencer Fane LLP shall be the Water Counsel and shall provide legal services for the MRGCD relating to items referenced in the Request for Proposals for Water Counsel (RFP), including matters relating to New Mexico Water Law and Administration, Endangered Species Act and Related Issues including the jurisdictional bases for the application of the Act to the MRGCD, Water Quality, and Inter-Governmental Affairs relating to the control, allocation and distribution of water including Contracts and Agreements relating to water. Tasks relating to these subject matters shall be performed under the direction of the Board of Directors and/or CEO/Chief Engineer of the District. This Agreement incorporates all agreements, covenants and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter. These services may include, but are not limited to the following:

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- Shall provide legal assistance in drafting responses, providing advice and direction to the Board and staff for all issues related to water rights administration, transfers, Endangered Species Act compliance, etc.
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**CONTRACTOR:**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Spencer Fane LLP**



**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**  
**MRGCD CFO**

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<b>ATTORNEYS:</b>		
Shareholder Attorney	Jeffrey J. Wechsler, Kaleb W. Brooks, Kari E. Olson, Shelly L. Dalrymple, Suzanne C. Odom, and Joe Dworak	\$325.00
Associate Attorney	Angela Harris	\$200.00
<b>PARALEGALS:</b>		
Paralegal	Yolanda Sandoval, Teresa Pacheco	\$100.00
<b>LAW CLERKS:</b>		
Law Clerk	TBD	\$100.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE COSTS:</b>		
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Photocopies	As needed	No Charge
Facsimile Transmission	As needed	No Charge
Long Distance Calls	As needed	No Charge
Filing Fees	As needed	Actual Cost
Computer assisted research	As needed	No Charge
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Nextpoint Litigation Evidence System	As needed	Based on size and demands of case
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# MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: Casey Ish, Director of Lands and Conservation

Date: August 6, 2025

Re: Consideration/Approval of Executed Licenses for July 2025

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

1. **008-2022\_AMD1(2-093-2020) – License to Install and Maintain a 72” Ø x 171’ culvert extension and associated access improvements to serve tract B-2-B in the care of current owner(s) Lamonica Shops, LLC, within the Alameda Interior Drain right-of-way, amended to transfer ownership to Wolmort N. 20<sup>th</sup> Dr. Phoenix, LLC.**
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3. **001-2025 – License with New Mexico Department of Transportation to install and maintain a bridge and culvert crossings within the Rio Bravo Corridor (NM 500 CNA301001 & PCNA3011002) crossing the rights-of-way of the Barr Main Canal, Albuquerque Riverside Drain, Rio Grande Floodway, Atrisco Riverside drain and Atrisco Acequia.**
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10. **090-2025 – License to install and maintain a 48” Ø x 40’ culvert crossing within the Pajarito Acequia right-of-way to serve MRGCD Map 51, tract 10a, Tract B, and Tract D, in the care of current owner(s) and its successors and/or assigns.**



11. 104-2025 – License with Public Service Company of New Mexico, to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Alameda Interior Drain right-of-way.
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13. 108-2025 – License with Public Service Company of New Mexico, to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Hell Canyon Lateral right-of-way.
14. 110-2025 – License with Comcast of New Mexico, LLC. to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Alameda Lateral right-of-way.
15. 111-2025 – License with Public Service Company of New Mexico, to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Corrales Acequia right-of-way.
16. 124-2025 – License with Comcast of New Mexico, LLC. to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Hell Canyon Lateral right-of-way.
17. 125-2025 – License to maintain and existing 60" Ø x 30' culvert crossing within the Los Padillas Acequia right-of-way to serve MRGCD Map 55, Tracts 22-B1B and Tract 22-A3 in the care of current owner(s) and their successors and/or assigns.
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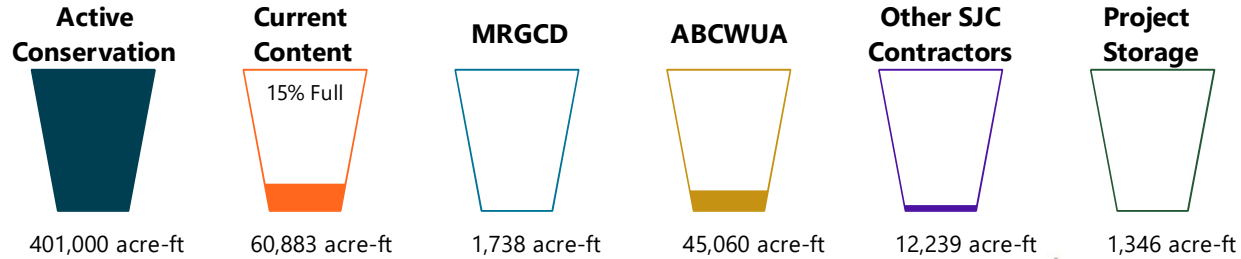
# Reservoir Storage Status

Aug 5, 2025 data

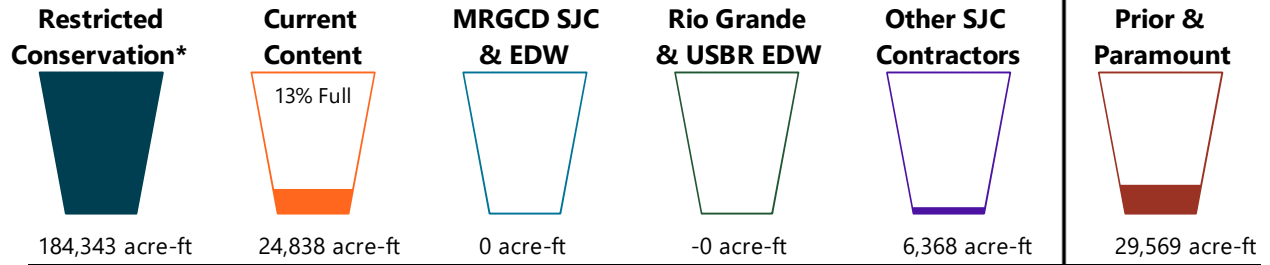


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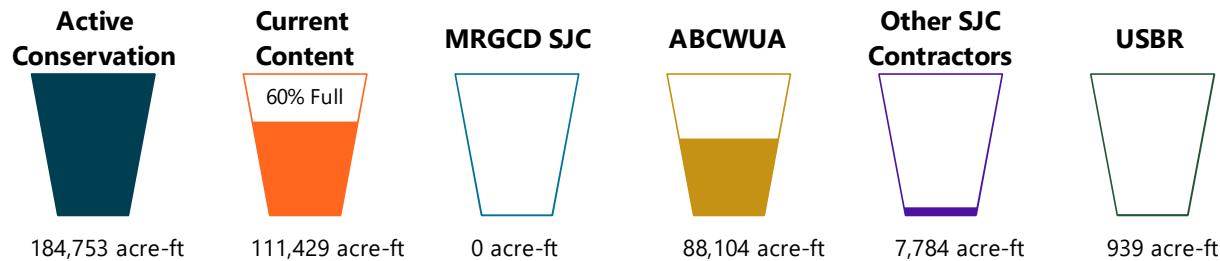
## Heron



## El Vado



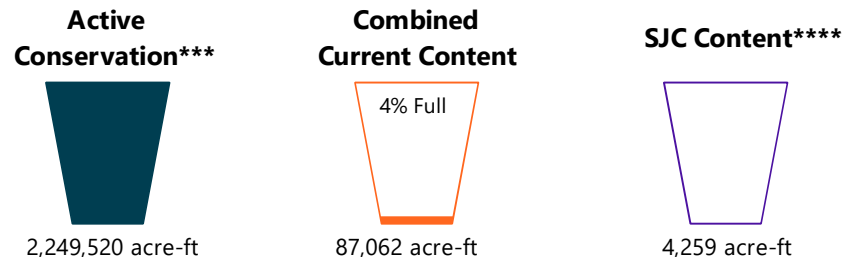
## Abiquiu



## 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 (8-6-2025)**

#### **1. Heron Summary**

Content:	60,883	ac-ft	(8/6/2025)
Azotea Tunnel:	0	cfs	
Total SJ-C Inflow (2025):	35,224	ac-ft	
Currently Releasing:	100	cfs	
Current MRGCD Storage:	1,738	ac-ft	

#### **2. El Vado Summary**

Content:	24,838	ac-ft	(8/6/2025)
Rio Grande Storage:	18,470	ac-ft	
MRGCD SJ-C Storage:	0	ac-ft	
P&P:	18,470	ac-ft	
Other SJ-C Contractors:	6,368	ac-ft	
Current Release:	100	cfs	RG Inflow: 17 - 49 cfs

#### **3. Abiquiu Summary**

Content:	110,221	ac-ft	(8/6/2025)
MRGCD SJ-C Storage:	0	ac-ft	
P&P:	11,099	ac-ft	

Total Supplemental Water Released (2025): 4,880 ac-ft

#### **Total Precipitation for Water Year 2025 to 8/6 (% Median; NRCS SNOTEL)**

Rio Chama Basin.....	78%
Upper Rio Grande Basin.....	74%
Sangre de Cristo Basin.....	93%
Jemez Basin.....	77%
San Juan River Basin.....	72%

- Multiple storm pulses throughout the Middle Rio Grande valley continue to reconnect and separate flows intermittently in the Isleta and San Acacia reaches. The Albuquerque reach has experienced two drying events beginning in July totaling 23 days, with a current dry length of 1.4 river miles.
- PnP operations began on July 11 with intermittent releases of up to 68 cfs daily to meet irrigation demand.
- Elephant Butte releases ended on July 27 to begin drawdown of Caballo Reservoir for end-of-season cleaning operations of the lower intake structure, following June 26 debris flows from Percha Creek within the Black Fire burn scar area that caused temporary clogging of outlet works.



# MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors  
 Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer  
 From: Human Resources  
 Date: August 11, 2025  
 Re: Introduction of New Hires and Job/Title Changes

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## Albuquerque Division

JOSE	CARO	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	07/21/2025 PROMOTION
CHRISTOPHER	WIECLAW	MEDIUM EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	07/21/2025
JACOB	MARTINEZ	MEDIUM EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	08/04/2025

## Belen Office

SAMUEL	MEDRANO	MECHANIC	08/04/2025
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## Cochiti Office

JERRY	SMITH	MECHANIC	08/04/2025
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## General Office

MATTHEW	FIELDS	HYDROLOGY TECHNICIAN I	08/18/2025
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Report from Belen  
Division  
Tyler Otero

MRGCD Board Meeting

August 11, 2025



# High Lighted Project





































# Rain Events













































# Wild Fires





















# The Good Things





























































**RESOLUTION SETTING RATE  
FOR WATER DELIVERED TO THE LA JOYA ACEQUIA**

**M-07-14-25-225**

**WHEREAS**, in 1935, the La Joya Acequia petitioned the Court to be removed from the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 27, 1935, the Conservancy Court issued an order removing La Joya Acequia from the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, but specified that any future contract for the use of water would include a cost for construction and interest of El Vado Dam, stating that the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District should “furnish water . . . to the La Joya Acequia for the service of all lands thereunder . . . for such annual charge per acre as shall be set . . . , including pro rata construction and interest charges on the Dam.” (emphasis added); and

**WHEREAS**, on February 28, 1936, the La Joya Acequia and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District entered into an agreement stating that the rate charged to La Joya Acequia would be “on parity” with the rates paid by other Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District water users, noting, “it being understood that lands in the La Joya . . . areas . . . shall be considered to be on a parity with all other District lands in the use of water”; and

**WHEREAS**, the La Joya Acequia water users have no right to receive water under the San Juan–Chama Project, as they did not contribute to the costs of that project, which was completed in 1976 and provides water to those within the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District who did pay for it; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 27, 1977, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and the La Joya Acequia entered into a new water supply agreement that did not alter the status of La Joya Acequia, which had been removed from the District pursuant to the 1935 order, nor did it change the terms of the 1936 Memorandum of Agreement. That 1977 agreement expressly stated that “the parties do not intend to, by this agreement, abridge or impede or change the present status of the agreement heretofore made by and between the parties on the 28th day of February 1936.” It further specified that the rate would be evaluated annually, stating, “said water charges shall be re-negotiated on a year to year basis,” and outlined a methodology for calculating the rate “conducive with the present day operations and expenses of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and in a manner consistent with the practices of [the District].” The 1977 agreement also did not alter the obligation to pay construction and pro rata interest charges related to El Vado Dam; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 23, 2017, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board passed resolution M-01-23-17-146 affirming that the 1977 agreement, including the requirement for annual rate renegotiation, remained in effect and set the rate for that year at \$6.00 per acre and for year 2019 and beyond the fee shall be 25% of the current MRGCD Water Service Charge per acre of land irrigated; and



**WHEREAS**, on April 11, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District agreed that the rate to be charged to La Joya Acequia for the 2022 water year would be \$8.00 per irrigated acre; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 12, 2024, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and the La Joya Acequia entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) titled *Defining Areas of Cooperation for the Consideration of the La Joya Acequia Rejoining the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District* and which specific states that MRGCD resolution M-01-23-17-146 “shall remain in full force and effect.”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and the La Joya Acequia continue to work jointly on the items identified in the 2024 Memorandum of Understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 10, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District passed Resolution M-02-10-25-216, increasing the Water Service Charge for the Benefited Area by \$8.00 to a total of \$59.25 per acre; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the rate charged to the La Joya Acequia for the 2026 water year shall be \$14.81 per acre as required by MRGCD resolution M-01-23-17-146.

**DATED AND RESOLVED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

## MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

John P. Kelly, Chairman of the Board

**ATTEST:**

Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CFGM  
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO





## MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer & Pamela Fanelli, CFO

From: Casey Ish, Director, Land and Conservation Department

Date: August 5, 2025

Re: Staff Recommendation for MRGCD Right-of-Way License Fee Schedule Update

### Summary:

Through its vast network of canals, laterals, drains, and floodplain, MRGCD provides an efficient route for utility providers, and municipalities to connect their respective services to consumers and communities. In 2024 alone, MRGCD issued 195 licenses to various utility providers for gas, electric, fiber optic, water, and road crossings. As the land surrounding the MRGCD's infrastructure continues to develop, the cost to maintain, protect, and enforce MRGCD's Right-of-Way (ROW) is continuing to rise.

Currently, the issuance of licenses within the District's ROW does not pay for the cost of removing hazardous trees, clearing dangerous fuel loads, or fully funding critical staff positions within the Right-of-Way Group. In 2024 for example, revenues from licenses were \$85,990. Current financial estimates suggest the annual operating budget needed just to remove hazardous trees and cover the cost of department staff is around \$750,000 (*based on financial analysis performed by CFO P. Fanelli*). This hypothetical operating budget, however, does not contemplate funds needed to proactively maintain extensive sections of riverside drains for unwanted vegetation which has the potential to carry bosque wildfires into the urban interface, impede the flow of water, and impact emergency response agencies (*Total Riverside Drain ROW through the MRG is estimated to be between 4,300-4,700 acres in size based on MRGCD Mapping Dept. Analysis*). The **per acre cost** to treat/remove vegetation within our riverside drains levee-adjacent bosque is between \$28,000-\$60,000 depending on the density, size, and site conditions associated with the work (*based on contractor estimates included in MRGCD's 2025 Community Wildfire Defense Grant – Wildland Fire Threat Reduction Project Proposal for Valencia County*).

**To frame the funding shortfall more succinctly, MRGCD staff estimates that license fees currently pay for 3% (\$90,000) of what is realistically needed every year (\$3,000,000) to support staff, pursue riverside drain and levee-adjacent vegetation removal/management, and remove hazardous trees from canals and laterals at a sustainable and proactive rate.**

### Staff Recommendation: Revised License Fee Schedule

**Staff are recommending the Board consider and approve the adoption of a new License Fee Schedule.** This new schedule is intended to reflect the value and privilege of accessing MRGCD's ROW for various infrastructure and utility projects, as well as MRGCD's commitment to improve and maintain these facilities into the future. The below fee schedule will allow MRGCD to pursue significant state and federal grant dollars to meet the proposed minimum operating budget of \$3,000,000 annually. These funds would also assist MRGCD in mitigating fire risk against the levees within the Bosque, which is a growing concern for the District, and communities along the Rio Grande. With this funding, MRGCD would plan for a minimum of 40-60 acres of riverside drain and adjacent levee vegetation treatments annually with larger acreage treatments scheduled as grant funding is awarded. A recurring maintenance protocol for acres treated would be established to limit the need for expensive retreatments in the future.

This revised schedule also streamlines the licensing process by removing the requirement for damage deposits for special use licenses and instead requires a licensee to provide MRGCD with a Certificate of Insurance (COI) before



certain licenses are issued. The current system of accepting and then returning damage deposits is a strain on limited administrative resources.

**Turnout Application** – The application fee to request a new turnout is unchanged under this proposed revision.

**Bosque Access Key** – The application fee to obtain a Bosque Access Key is unchanged under this proposed revision.

### **Unauthorized Use Fee**

This fee is being introduced to incentivize compliance with MRGCD's ROW Policy. There are several recent examples of MRGCD mowers striking power lines and other utilities that were installed without a license within our facilities. This type of unauthorized use of our ROW is dangerous and will hopefully be reduced as a result of this potential fee.

### **Revenue Generation Estimate**

It is difficult to forecast what the annual revenues from the proposed License Fee Schedule would be. Revenues would depend on the number of licenses issued, the size of the facility being crossed, along with other site-specific variables. If we were to apply the proposed fee schedule to all utility licenses that were approved in 2024 (195), a very conservative estimate of license fee revenues would be approximately \$641,940.00. For simplicity, this estimate assumes that all utility licenses crossed our smaller laterals with a narrower ROW (60'). If we instead assume that all utility licenses from 2024 crossed our main canals and/or riverside drains with a wider ROW (120'), we can estimate that the upper limit of revenues generated might be \$1,774,500.00. Taking a middle of the road approach where we assume 60% of utility licenses cross smaller facilities and the remaining 40% cross main canals and or drains, we would expect \$989,430.00 in license fee revenues using 2024 license data.

Assumptions:

- **Low-End Revenue Estimate** - Staff assumed a total fee for a utility license across a typical 60' wide lateral to be \$3,700.
- **Upper-End Revenue Estimate** - Staff assumed a total fee for a utility license across a typical cross section of main canal or drain (120') to be \$10,300.00.

Specials licenses, turnout applications, bosque keys, and other licenses issued by MRGCD are not analyzed here as they are not assumed to represent a significant percentage of total revenues.

### **Research**

Staff reviewed license fee policies from regional irrigation districts including Carlsbad (CID), and Elephant Butte (EBID). These Districts have drastically different approaches to how they value their ROW. Ultimately, staff pursued a hybrid of these policies, with the intent of matching regional expectations for using irrigation infrastructure ROW and properly valuing the access and ease that our ROW provides for utilities and municipalities. A copy of CID and EBID's respective policies is provided at the end of this memo.

### **Statutory Authority**

MRGCD has broad statutory authority to take any action that "benefit[s] the general public or inhabitants" or that enables it to "fulfill the purposes" of the Conservancy Act, including, for example, tax and imposes assessments. See, e.g., NMSA sections 73-14-3 (P), 73-14-4, 73-14-13 (B) and 73-14-48 (1978).

Respectfully,



Casey Ish  
Director of Lands and Conservation  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District



Proposed License Fee Schedule							
Fee Schedule	Application Fee	Base License Fee	Unauthorized Use	Linear Foot Fee	Daily Fee	Associated Water Fee	Notes
MRGCD Utility License (Lateral)	\$ 100.00	\$3,000 / 50' (pro-rated between 50' increments)	\$750 / 30 Days from Notice	\$50 / LF if Paralleling	\$ -	\$ -	COI Req.
MRGCD Utility License (Main Canal or Drain)	\$ 100.00	\$4,500 / 50' (pro-rated between 50' increments)	\$750 / 30 Days from Notice	\$50 / LF if Paralleling	\$ -	\$ -	COI Req.
MRGCD/BOR Project License	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$750 / 30 Days from Notice	\$50 / LF if Paralleling	\$ -	\$ -	COI Req.
License Amendment	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Culvert Crossing (Public)	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$750 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	COI Req.
Culvert Crossing (Private)	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00	\$25 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	COI Req.
Special Use License	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	COI Req.
Pumping Out (Temporary)	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	\$ -	\$2.50/1000 Gallons	COI Req.
Pumping (Dewatering/Discharge)	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	\$ -	\$1.00/AF Discharge	COI Req.
Commercial Filming/Staging	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	COI Req.
Commercial Boating	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	COI Req.
Property / Gate Access	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00	\$25 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Research Activities	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Special Events	\$ 100.00	Negotiated	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	COI Req.
Turnout Application	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	unchanged
Bosque Access Key	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	COI Req.
Encroachment	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Land Sale Application Fee	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

Current License Fee Schedule						
Fee Schedule	License Fee Amou	Security Deposit	Land Use Fee	Annual Fee	Additional Fee Note	
MRGCD License	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
MRGCD/BOR Project License	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Amendment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Unauthorized Use	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Transmission/Gas Mains	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Residential Utilities (Gas, Electric, Water)	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Culvert Crossing	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Special Use License	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,300 Deposit returned	
Pumping Out (Temporary)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$2.00 /1000 gallons	
Pumping (Dewatering)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,300 Deposit	
Filming/Staging	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	Per Day	
Commercial Boating	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	Plus Certificat of Insurance	
Research Activities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Special Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		



# **Middle Rio Grande Conservancy**

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## **NM Drought Task Force Meeting**

**July 22nd, 2025**

Presented by: Jason Casuga, PE, CEO/Chief Engineer





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# MRGCD, 100 Years of Service

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River Flood Control



Drainage (ground water)



Irrigation



Recreation  
(Partner Agreements)



# MRGCD's Centennial

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## *100 Years of Service in the Middle Rio Grande Valley*

- *Strengthening partnerships in the communities we serve, from Matanzas to County Fairs*
- *Valle Vista Elementary Outdoor Acequia Classroom*
- *October Board of Directors Election*





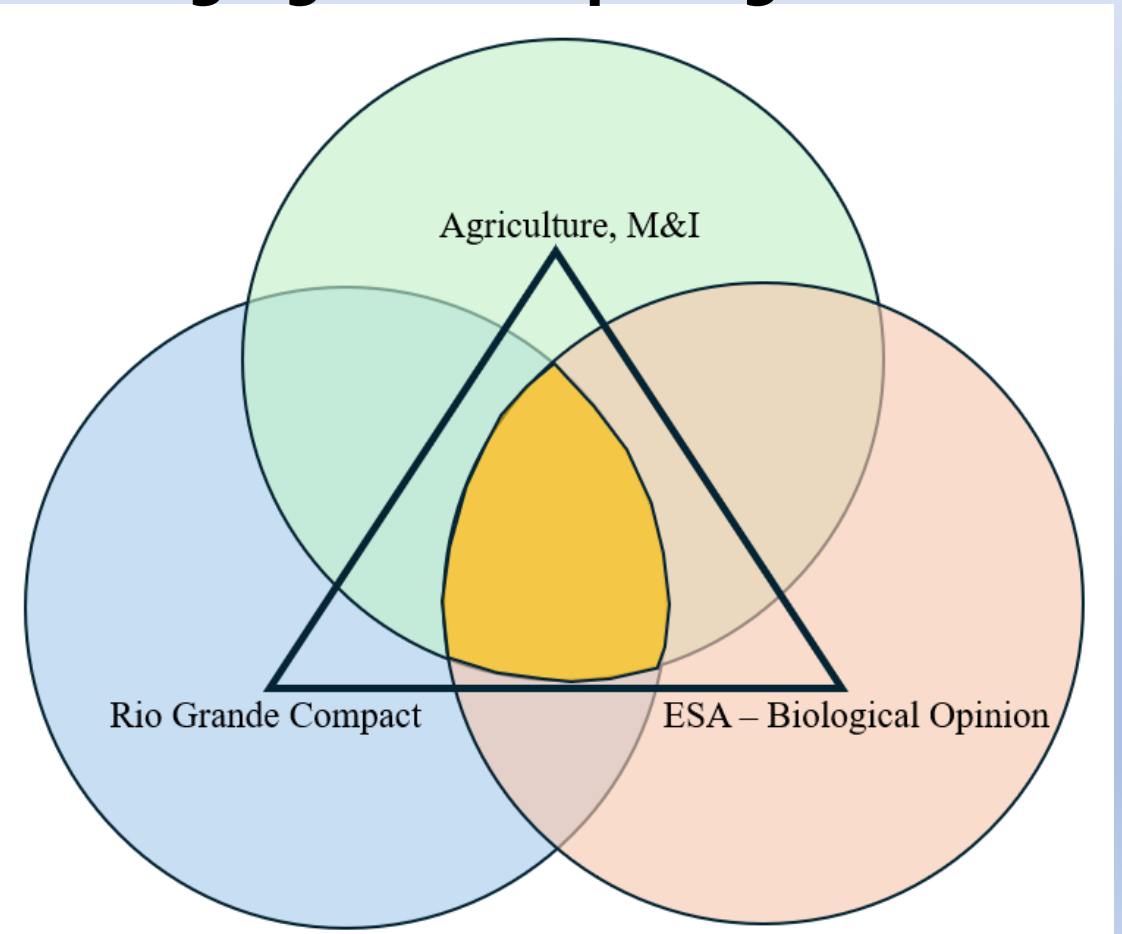
# What's Changed in 100 Years

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- Rio Grande Compact
- Dams & Levee construction
- Urbanization
- Bosque growth
- Endangered Species Law
- Agriculture decline
- “On & Off” Drought

## Managing for Competing Demands





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# Bosque Forest Fires (Cotton Fire)

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# Monsoon Flooding Events

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# Albuquerque River Channel Drying

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- River channel in the Albuquerque reach dried for the second time in 40 years on July 13, 2025.
- The last time the Albuquerque portion of the river dried was on July 22, 2022.
  - This drying event lasted 5 days
  - 10.74 dry river miles dry
  - Rewet and remained connected for the rest of the year because of rain inflows on July 26th



Looking South from Rio Bravo Bridge on 7/14/2025



# Prior & Paramount River Operations & Storage Releases

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- On July 9th, BIA informed the MRGCD that native flows in the Rio Grande were no longer sufficient to meet both non-tribal and tribal P&P Demands and instructed the MRGCD to begin P&P river operations.
- Non-tribal irrigators between Cochiti Reservoir and Isleta Diversion Dam were curtailed.
- On July 11<sup>th</sup> BIA began releasing native Rio Grande water from storage. P&P water stored this year was stored under Article VI and VII Rio Grande Compact restrictions.



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# MRGCD Drought Contingency Plan

## Improve Water Delivery

- Invest in technology for both reporting & scheduling irrigation deliveries

## Boost Canal Operations

- Install additional water control & measurement structures

## Manage Flow Fluctuations

- Build small regulating reservoirs

## Enhance Measurement & Control

- Expand automation

## Control River Discharges

- Upgrade flow regulation at diversion dams
- Use canal-drain connections to manage excess

## Expand Water Supply Options

- Rehab/build groundwater wells
- Launch voluntary water leasing program

## Increase System Efficiency

- Pipe canals where feasible
- Use pumps and siphons to redirect flows
- Promote on-farm water-saving practices

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

Drought Contingency Plan



Prepared by the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District with WEST Consultants and Davids Engineering

June 2019





# On-Farm Efficiency

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Farmers receive financial and technical assistance to increase irrigation efficiency.

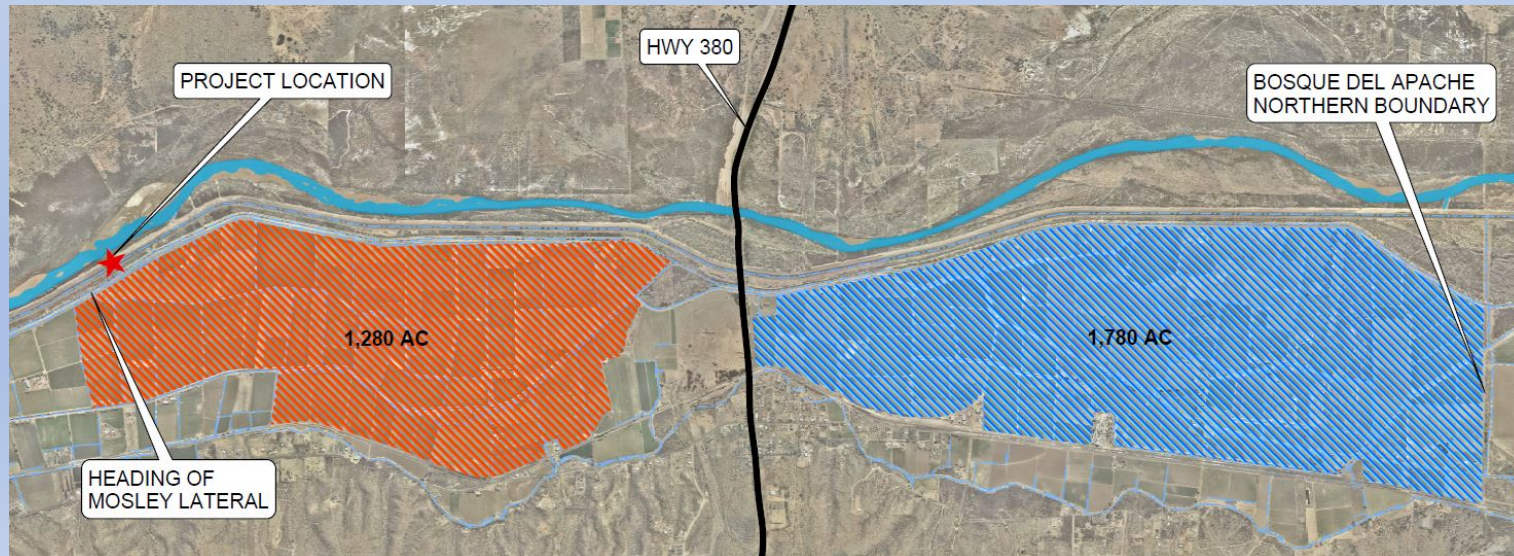
Water conserved through these projects is made available for compact deliveries and/or habitat and species support.

WIN-WIN Outcome





# Socorro Hub Pump Station





# Canal Structure Automatization & Measurement



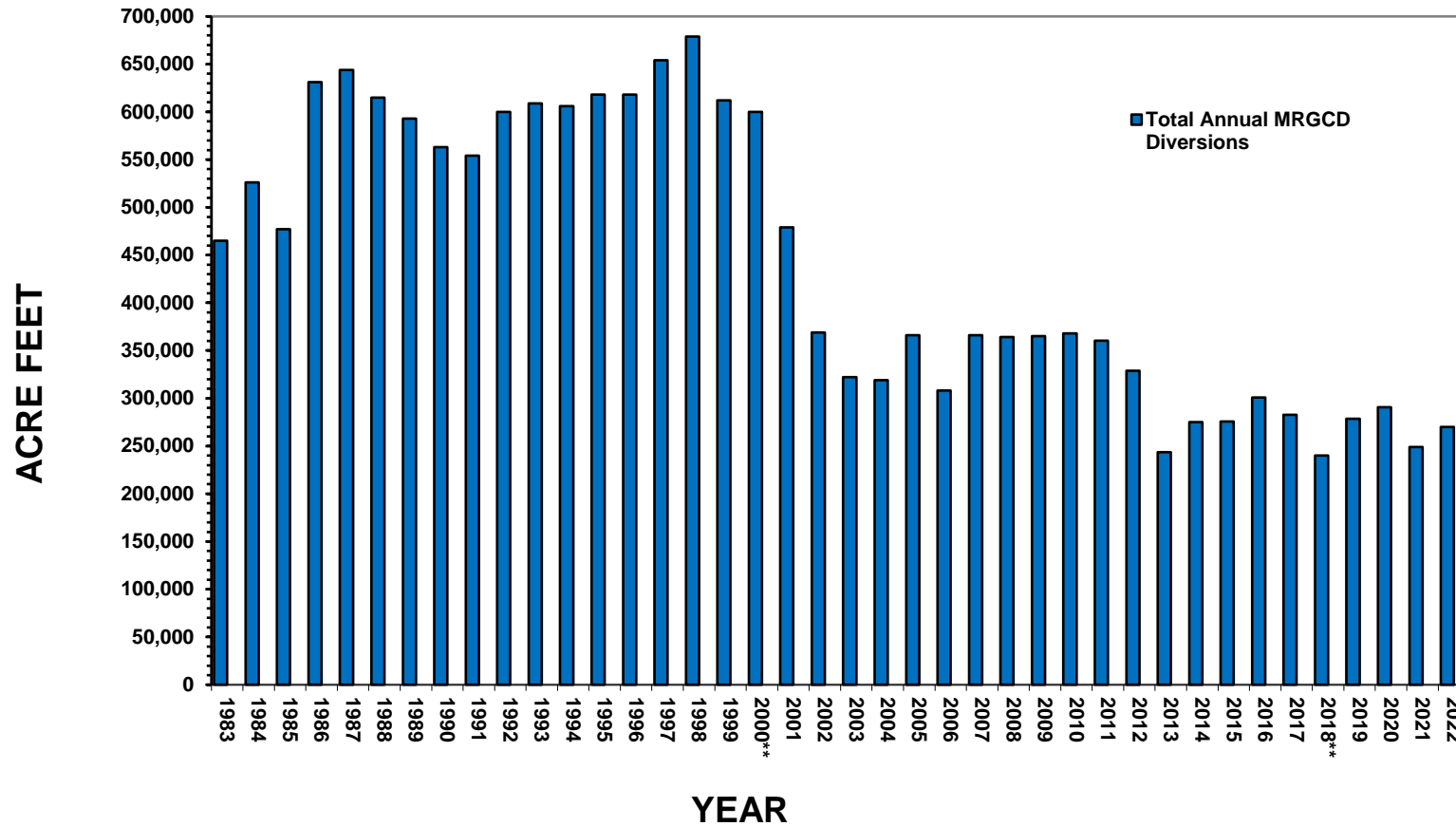


# Socorro Main Channel Lining





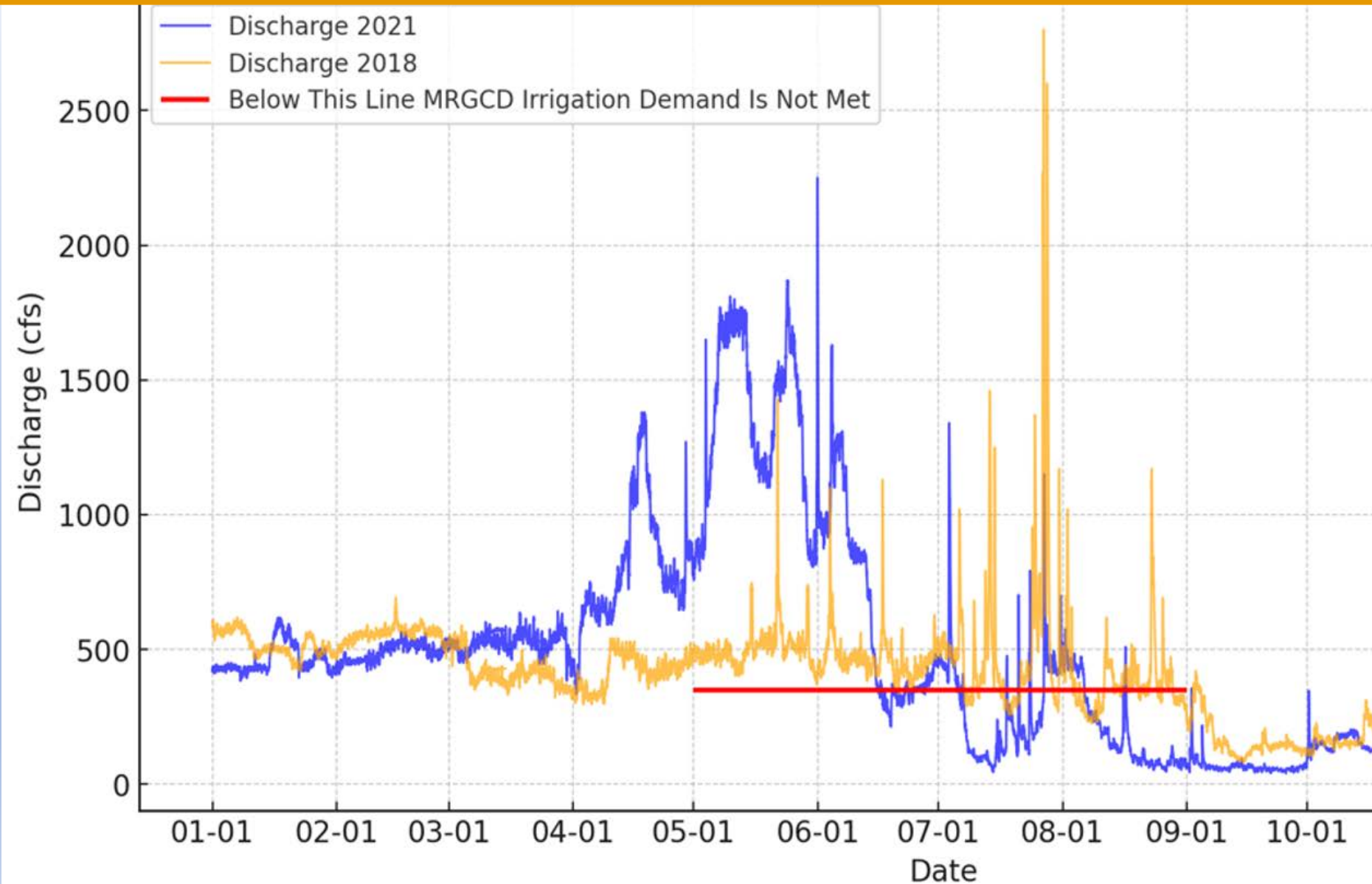
# MRGCD River Diversions 1983-2022



- 1 acre-foot = 325,851 gallons
- 3,068 acre-feet = 1 *billion* gallons
- In the period of 2013-2022 MRGCD annual diversions ranged from:
  - 240,000 acre-feet to 300,000 thousand acre-feet or;
  - 78 billion to 97 billion gallons per year



# Impact of Storage-USGS Central Gage (2018 & 2021)





A wide river flows from the left towards the right, its surface reflecting the light from a dramatic sky filled with large, white and grey clouds. The far bank is lined with a dense row of trees and shrubs, with blue mountains visible in the distance. The foreground shows the river's edge with some reeds and a muddy bank. A semi-transparent orange banner is positioned across the lower half of the image.

QUESTIONS?



## **Director Russo Baca Board Reports August 2025**

### **Report on the Valencia County Informational Meeting, July 17, 2025**

This was a well-attended meeting with over 50 individuals in attendance at the Tome Dominguez Hall in Tome. Some of the topics discussed included the current water situation, P&P operations, the Rio Grande Compact, and field drains.

### **Report on the Centennial Committee Meeting, July 22, 2025**

MRGCD has celebrated its centennial by attending various community events each month and preparing for the video screening. At today's board meeting, there will be a preview of the video.

### **VCSWCD Board meeting, July 24, 2025**

The Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District met to discuss business. We thank the representatives from the VSWCD for attending the MRGCD informational meetings and for continuing our positive relationship. The VCSWCD covers the Pueblo of Isleta, Valencia, and part of Socorro County.

### **Report on the Bernalillo County Informational Meeting, July 31, 2025**

This was another well-attended meeting with over 50 individuals in attendance in the South Valley. Some of the topics discussed included the current water situation, P&P operations, the Rio Grande Compact, and field drains. Many farmers were in attendance and voiced their concerns about water operations due to the drought and RG compact restrictions.

### **Report on the WSWC/NARF Symposium, August 6, 2025**

This symposium discussed tribal water rights settlements and issues in general. There were experts and participants from Tribal Nations, State governments, the Federal government, and other parties and addressed topics regarding completed and ongoing negotiated water rights settlements. This is an important topic as the 6 Middle Rio Grande Pueblos have started the settlement process.

### **Report on the Coalition of Six Middle Rio Grande Basin Pueblos, August 7, 2025**

This month's coalition meeting was hosted at the Pueblo of San Felipe. Jason Casuga and Anne Marken provided the water update to the coalition members and mentioned the upcoming coalition of Rio Grande Water users meeting. Casey Ish was also present. We want to thank Governor Ortiz for hosting lunch at his home.

### **Report on Safeguarding Water in Conservation: A Land Trust Collaboration on Water Rights in New Mexico Meeting, August 8, 2025**

This meeting was a gathering of various conservation groups in New Mexico, specifically for land trusts, and there was lively discussion about how to preserve critical lands, including farmland in New Mexico, as well as how MRGCD can help support land conservation and water conservation.

### **Report on the Hispano Chamber of Valencia County Banquet. August 9, 2025**

The MRGCD was recognized as a sponsor helping with the World's Largest Matanza, helping to fund scholarships for local Valencia County youth, and preserving the cultural heritage of farming in the valley.