



# **Agenda**

For Presentation at the  
**2,227<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District**  
**September 8, 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 – September 8, 2025
  - b. Consideration/Approval of August 2025 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg, PC
  - c. Consideration/Approval of August 2025 Invoices for Spencer Fane LLP
  - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – August 11, 2025
  - e. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for August 2025 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Discussion/Approval of the October and November 2025 Board Meeting Schedule** – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
- 3:15 5. **Reports from the Election Director** – Tim Smith, Automated Election Services
  - a. Update on the 2025 MRGCD Board of Directors Election
  - b. Report on the Election Committee Meeting, August 27, 2025 – Chairman Kelly, Directors Russo Baca and Jiron
  - c. Discussion/Approval of Early Voting and Election Day Polling Locations
- 3:45 6. **Notice of Phase 2 Title Transfer with the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation** – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Doug Strech, Systems and Data Integration
- 3:55 7. **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
- 4:15 8. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes)**
- 4:30 9. **Report(s) from the Department of the Interior**
  - a. Bureau of Indian Affairs – Patrick Taber, Acting Designated Engineer
- 4:45 10. **Report(s) from the Human Resources Department** – Christine L. Nardi, MBA
  - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
- 4:50 11. **Report(s) from the Technical Services Director** – Eric Zamora, PE
  - a. Consideration/Approval of Corrales Siphon Project Contract – Wilson & Company
  - b. Consideration/Approval of Feeder 3 Booster Station Bidding & Construction Phase Services – Bohannon Huston Inc.
  - c. Report on Meeting with Senator Martin Heinrich's Office Chrystal Romero, August 26, 2025
- 5:10 12. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO** – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
  - a. Consideration/Approval of Resolution No. M-09-08-25-228 Updating License and Application Fees & Services – Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation

- b. Report on Finance Committee Meeting, August 27, 2025 – Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation, Chairman Kelly, Directors Dunning and Russo Baca
- c. Consideration/Approval of Resolution No. M-09-08-25-227 Rule No. 21 Rules and Procedures Governing Disposition of District Real Property (Land Sales Policy) David Stang – Mike Padilla, Right-of-Way Supervisor
- d. Consideration/Approval of Resolution No. M-09-08-25-226 Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority
- e. Consideration/Approval of Resolution BA-09-08-25-106 Adoption of Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (07-01-25 – 06-30-26)

5:30 **13. Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**

- a. Report on Middle Rio Grande Reinitiated Consultation Discussion with Bureau of Reclamation, August 12, 2025 - Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation, Anne Marken, River Operations & Telemetry Manager
- b. Report on Water and Natural Resources Legislative Committee Meeting, August 18-19, 2025 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist
- c. Report on San-Juan Chama Project Contractor Association Annual Fieldtrip & Workshop, August 26-29, 2025 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Anne Marken, River Operations & Telemetry Manager, and Amelia Barrow, Water Resources Specialist
- d. Information on Upcoming Events
  - 1. NM Water Law 32nd Annual Conference, Sept 11-12, 2025: Santa Fe, NM
  - 2. CESOSS' Los Padilla Acequia Walk & Talk, September 27, 2025: Albuquerque, NM
  - 3. Coalition of Rio Grande Water Users Conference, Sept 30 to Oct 2, 2025: Santa Fe, NM
  - 4. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Water Law Super Conference, Oct 16 – 17, 2025: Isleta Resort & Casino
  - 5. CESOSS' Arenal & Atrisco Acequia Walk & Talk, October 18, 2025: Albuquerque, NM
  - 6. Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) 2025 Conference, Dec 16-18, 2025: Las Vegas, NV

5:40 **14. Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**

5:50 **15. Report(s) from the Board**

- a. Report on the Los Lunas Boulevard Corridor Project Groundbreaking, August 14, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
- b. Report on the Basin Study Agriculture Committee, August 19, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
- c. Report on the Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting/MRGCD Presentation, August 21, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
- d. Report on Meeting with Speaker of the House, Representative Javier Martinez, August 25, 2025 – Vice Chair Baugh
- e. Report on Urban Issues Committee, August 27, 2025 - Chairman Kelly, Vice Chairman Baugh, Director Dunning
- f. Report on the NMSU Chile Field Day, August 28, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
- g. Report on the CESSOS' Pajarito Acequia Walk, August 30, 2025 – Director Russo Baca
- h. Report on the Centennial Committee Meeting, September 2, 2025 – Vice Chair Baugh, Directors Russo Baca and Dunning

6:00 **16. 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