



MRGCD

2025 Irrigation Season Wrap-Up



FLOODING IN SOCORRO

HISTORIC HIGHS & LOWS



ABQ RIVER REACH DRYING

From River Drying to Severe Storms

This year's irrigation season brought a mix of extremes, from historic low river levels that dried parts of the Albuquerque reach to late-season storms that replenished water supplies but also damaged farms and MRGCD infrastructure. Take a look at our [Delivery & Operational Updates](#) page for an overview of how quickly conditions can change within the Middle Valley.

IRRIGATION & HYDROLOGY

The MRGCD water operations and communications team publishes a [monthly Irrigation and Hydrology Update](#) following each board meeting. These updates provide the latest information on water storage, the Rio Grande Compact, water supply conditions, and other key hydrology topics.



WATER STORAGE

While El Vado Dam continues to be assessed by the Bureau of Reclamation under their Safety of Dams Program, ABQ Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority and the MRGCD reached an agreement to allow storage of Native Rio Grande water in the Water Authority's allotted space in Abiquiu Reservoir for up to 10 years. Native Rio Grande water storage was NOT available in 2025 due to Rio Grande Compact debt status.

[For current irrigation and hydrology updates, visit our YouTube page to review our monthly board meeting reports](#)

WATER LEASING PROGRAM

MRGCD plans to offer the Water Leasing Program to irrigators in 2026, however, funding has not yet been awarded for the program. MRGCD hopes to open enrollment for the 2026 Water Leasing Program in early January. If you would like to be notified once enrollment opens, please fill out an Interest Form [here](#). For more information or questions, please contact Amelia Barrow, Water Resources Specialist, at 505-317-5425 or abarrow@mrgcd.us.

CENTENNIAL COMES TO A CLOSE



As we wrap up our centennial year, we're reminded of our deep roots and shared purpose. It's been an honor to celebrate our history and look toward the future together. Take a moment to view [our historic photos](#) and the [community efforts](#) we've been proud to support this year.

FARMERS MEETINGS FAQs



To review the frequently asked questions and answers gathered from MRGCD's Farmers meetings, [visit our website](#) or scan the QR code.



Save the Date: 2026 Farmers & Irrigators Meetings

Join the MRGCD board and staff to discuss this past irrigation season and what's ahead for 2026. There will be a meeting held in all four counties within the District.

Click on the flyer for more information.



SAVE THE DATE

MRGCD FARMERS & IRRIGATORS INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Upcoming 2026 Off-Season Meetings:

- **Sandoval County: January 8, 9-noon**
Martha Liebert Public Library: 124 Calle Malinche, Bernalillo
- **Bernalillo County: January 15, 9-noon**
Los Duranes Community Center: 2920 Leopoldo Rd, NW, ABQ
- **Valencia County: January 22, 9-noon**
Belen Community Center: 305 Eagle Ln, Belen
- **Socorro County: January 29, 9-noon**
Socorro Convention Center, 1220 US-60, Socorro



Valle Vista Outdoor Acequia Classroom



Mission

Build APS's first outdoor acequia classroom at Valle Vista Elementary School. Creating a growing space where students will learn the value of water, culture and community through hands-on education.

Support

The MRGCD and our partners at Explora and Valle Vista are asking industry and community partners to join us in bringing this vision to life!

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