



Agenda

For Presentation at the 2,231st Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District



January 12, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:

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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. **Consideration/Approval of the 2026 Open Meetings Act Resolution BD-01-12-26-60** - Pamela Fanelli, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

3:10 4. **Reorganization of the Board** – Joe Holvey, Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg, MRGCD General Counsel

3:20 5. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – December 2025
- b. Consideration/Approval of December 2025 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg, PC
- c. Consideration/Approval of December 2025 Invoices for Spencer Fane LLP
- d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – December 8, 2025
- e. Consideration/Approval of Per Diem, Mileage & Expense Reimbursement regarding New Mileage Rates as of January 1, 2026
- f. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for December 2025 (For Informational Purposes Only)

3:25 6. **Report(s) from the Water Operations**

- a. Report on Water Supply Conditions – Anne Marken, River Operations & Telemetry Manager

3:45 7. **Update from the Office of State Engineer** – Elizabeth Anderson, State Engineer and Hannah Riseley-White, Interstate Stream Commission Director

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 Reclamation – John Irizarry-Nazario, Deputy Area Manager
- b. Bureau of Indian Affairs – Patrick Taber, Acting Designated Engineer

5:10 10. **Report(s) from the Chief Procurement Officer** – Richard DeLoia

- a. Consideration/Approval of the Pajarito Acequia - Durand Open Space Tree Removal
- b. Consideration/Approval for Compact Wheel Loader
- c. Consideration/Approval for Schmittie Road Pipeline Project

5:25 11. **Report(s) from the Director of Lands & Conservation** – Casey Ish

- a. 2026 Work Plan for Center for Social Sustainable Systems - Jorge Garcia, Executive Director, CESOSS
- b. Update on Active Bosque Maintenance Projects – Jo Strange, Bosque Management Coordinator
- c. Consideration/Approval of Urban Issues Advisory Committee Charter - Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation, and Amanda Molina, Director of Communications

5:45 12. **Report(s) from the Director of Technical Services** – Eric Zamora, PE

- a. Update on Off Season Operations and Maintenance Projects

- b. Update on Capital Outlay Projects – Engineering Staff

6:05 13. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**

- a. Presentation/Approval of the 2nd Quarter Financial Statements for FY2026 and Report from the Finance Committee Meeting, January 12, 2025 – Chair Kelly, Directors Russo Baca and Dunning
- b. Consideration/Approval of Resolution BA-01-12-26-110 Adoption of Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (07-01-25 to 06-30-26) Grant Fund

6:15 14. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**

- a. Report on the 2025 Colorado River Water Users Association Annual Conference, December 16-18, 2025, Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Eric Zamora, Director of Technical Services, and Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation
- b. Report on Bureau of Reclamation Public Comment Meetings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Lower San Acacia Reach Improvements Project (LSARI) January 7th and 8th, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation, Chair Kelly, Directors Russo Baca, Dunning, and Lopez
- c. Report on MRGCD's Sandoval County Farmers & Irrigators Informational Meeting, January 8, 2026, Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chair Kelly, Vice Chair Baugh, and Directors Russo Baca, Sandoval, Dunning, Jiron and Lopez
- d. Information on Upcoming Events:
 - 1. National Water Resources Association Policy Conference, April 27-29, 2026: Washington, D.C.
 - 2. MRGCD's Farmers and Irrigators Informational Meetings 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
 - a. January 15, 2026 Bernalillo County – Los Duranes Community Center
 - b. January 22, 2026 Valencia County – Belen Community Center
 - c. January 29, 2026 Socorro County – City of Socorro Convention Center

6:25 15. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**

6:30 16. **Report(s) from the Board**

- a. Report on MRGCD, Office of State Engineer, and the Interstate Stream Commission Compact Discussion, December 10, 2025 – Vice Chair Baugh, Directors Dunning and Russo Baca
- b. Report on New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission Meeting, December 11, 2025- Director Russo Baca
- c. Report on the Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meetings, December 18 and 31, 2025 - Director Russo Baca
- d. Report on Meeting with Constituent Regarding Damage Claim, December 31, 2025 – Director Jiron
- e. Report on the South Valley Regional Association of Acequias Comisionado Meeting, January 5, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- f. Report on the Valencia County Commissioners Meeting, January 7, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- g. Report on Farmers for Future Farmers Meetings, December 9, 2025, January 6 & 9, 2026 – Directors Russo Baca and Lopez

6:35 17. **Executive Session**

- a. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)
 - 1. Limited Personnel Matters
- b. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)7
 - 1. Threatened or Pending Litigation