



Agenda

**For Presentation at the
2,232nd Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District**



February 9, 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. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – January 2026
 - b. Consideration/Approval of January 2026 Invoices for Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg, PC
 - c. Consideration/Approval of January 2026 Invoices for Spencer Fane LLP
 - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special and Regular Board Meetings – January 12, 2026
 - e. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for January 2026 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Assignment of Board Committees – Chair Kelly**
- 3:15 5. **Report(s) from the Water Operations**
 - a. Report on Water Supply Conditions – Anne Marken, River Operations & Telemetry Manager
- 3:30 6. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes)**
- 3:45 7. **Report on Historical Maps and Surveys from Ross Howard Surveying Company – Doug Strech, Systems and Data Integration Program Manager**
- 4:10 8. **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
- 4:30 9. **Report(s) from the Chief Procurement Officer – Richard DeLoia**
 - a. Consideration/Approval of the Atrisco Acequia Madre Project Phase I
 - b. Consideration/Approval of the New Belen Invasive Species Material Handling Project
- 4:40 10. **Report(s) from the Director of Human Resources – Christine L. Nardi, MBA**
 - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
 - b. Update on Pending Staff Changes
- 4:45 11. **Report(s) from the Director of Lands & Conservation – Casey Ish**
 - a. Update on Request for Proposal for Habitat Conservation Plan – Casey Ish
- 4:55 12. **Report(s) from the Director of Technical Services – Eric Zamora, PE**
 - a. Off Season Maintenance and Construction Updates
- 5:20 13. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**
 - a. Consideration/Approval of Resolution BA-02-09-26-111 Adoption of Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (07-01-25 to 06-30-26)

- b. Consideration/Approval of Resolution M-02-09-26-234 Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Equipment Loan with New Mexico Finance Authority for \$4,407,773
- c. Consideration/Approval of Resolution M-02-09-26-235 Disposal of Obsolete Items
- d. Report on Finance Committee Meeting, February 9, 2026 – Chair Kelly, Vice Chair Baugh, and Director Russo Baca

5:35 **14. Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**

- a. Consideration/Approval of Resolution BD-02-09-26-61 Repealing Resolution BD-03-25-13-40.5 Regarding the Length of Time for Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors
- b. Report on MRGCD's Bernalillo County Farmers & Irrigators Informational Meeting, January 15, 2026, Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chair Kelly, Vice Chair Baugh, and Directors Russo Baca, Sandoval, Dunning, Jiron and Lopez
- c. Report on MRGCD's Valencia County Farmers & Irrigators Informational Meeting, January 22, 2026, Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chair Kelly, Directors Russo Baca, Dunning, Jiron and Lopez
- d. Report on MRGCD's Socorro County Farmers & Irrigators Informational Meeting, January 29, 2026, Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chair Kelly, Directors Russo Baca and Lopez
- e. Information on Upcoming Events:
 - 1. National Water Resources Association Policy Conference, April 27-29, 2026: Washington, D.C.
 - 2. 2026 Land and Water Summit, March 4-6, 2026: Albuquerque, NM 87104

5:55 **15. Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**

6:05 **16. Report(s) from the Board**

- a. Report on Meeting with Constituents on Harwood Lateral, January 13, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
- b. Report on the NMAC 20.7.10 Proposed Amendment Stakeholder Meeting, January 14, 2026 – Directors Russo Baca
- c. Report on MRGCD's FY2025 Audit Exit Conference, January 16, 2026 – Directors Russo Baca and Dunning
- d. Report on Legislative Committee Meeting, January 16, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh and Directors Russo Baca and Dunning
- e. Report on SVRAA Comisionados Meeting, January 18 and February 2, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- f. Report on Tour of Corrales Siphon Project, January 20, 2026 – Director Lopez
- g. Report on Opening Day Ceremony for NM Legislative Session, January 20, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
- h. Report on Meeting with Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, January 21, 2026 – Director Sandoval
- i. Report on Site Visit to Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining Project – January 23, 2026 – Director Lopez
- j. Report on Meeting with constituent at intersection of Green Valley Road and Rio Grande Blvd., January 23, 2026 – Director Dunning
- k. Report on the NMISC Water Planning Meeting, January 23 and 28, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- l. Report on the World's Largest Matanza, January 24, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- m. Report on the House Local Government, Land Grants, and Cultural Affairs Committee Hearing, HB21 and SB 59, January 27, 2026 - Director Russo Baca
- n. Report on the Food and Farms Day at the NM Legislature, January 30, 2026 - Director Russo Baca
- o. Report on CESOSS Seed Blessing Celebration, February 3, 2026 – Director Dunning
- p. Report on the Rio Grande 6-Pueblo Coalition Meeting, February 5, 2026 - Directors Russo Baca and Jiron

6:30 **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